

## 2010 and Upcoming Events

• For 2010 we are looking at a few new ideas to make the event more fun.

We are looking at expanding the event to a two spectacular with the Sunday still remaining our showcase day at Gunwharf Quays. The dates for next year are 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> September 2010, so mark the date in you diary now.

Full details will appear on the website as soon as dates and plans are confirmed, but it going to be something special.

## Help Needed

In our continued efforts and fundraising, we are looking for volunteers to help with the running of our events.

If you think you can help in any way, drop us a line via the website or email.

## Northern Mini and Retro Ride Show Manby Motorplex, Louth, Lincolnshire Fri 20th - Sun 22nd August 2010

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## Happy Birthday

What a year it has been for the Mini. It has reached a half century, but also the clubman hit 40. There was no sign of any midlife crisis!!

To celebrate the birthday, MINI released two new models. The Mayfair with its hot chocolate paint and Toffee Leather interior reflecting on the Mini and the Camden in White Silver Metallic and a Carbon black cloth and Leather Ray white trimmed interior looking to the future.

The classic Italian Job reached its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, an achievement for any movie. But sadly Troy Kennedy Martin, the writer of this much loved movie recently passed away at the age of 77. He was a much loved writer whose work included TV shows Z-cars and Edge of Darkness, and movies Kelly's Heroes and Red Heat.



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## Gunwharf Quays 2009

On a bright and sunny October 11<sup>th</sup> 2009, Minis4Kids kicked off its fundraising efforts at Gunwharf Quays, Portsmouth. Over 50 Minis of all ages came together to celebrate the Mini's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday. There was also the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Clubman and the classic The Italian Job movie.

The event was raising funds for regional radio station Wave 105 Cash for Kids and saw the procession of cars lead to the venue by Wave 105 Radio DJ, Andy Jackson. Andy drove in a brand new MINI Cooper S courtesy of Scotthall MINI Hampshire, who along with Snows MINI Portsmouth were both supporting the event with displays of cars including Works Coopers and the brand New Camden and Mayfair models. A cheeky classic Mayfair sneaked up next to its new brother and showed the public how much the car has evolved over the years.

The event was also supported by AVIVA insurance. They brought along Olympic 4x400m relay athlete Rob Tobin, through their support of UK Athletics. Rob helped with a meet and greets as well as autograph signing during the day.

The entrants enjoyed a number of discounts from stores and some great views from the Spinnaker Tower over looking the Solent.

The main part of the day ended with a meal courtesy of Gunwharf Quays at two restaurants before some of the cars left and the rest gathered in the central square in preparation for the evening.

The event then tied up with the Portsmouth Film Festival for a very special screening of The Italian Job. We were honoured to have Michael Deeley, producer of this classic movie join us and give his unique insight into the movie with a question and answer session and special introduction.



Wave 105 reporter Charlotte Butt lent a hand and interviewed Michael on the movie, the classic ending, and his life in movie producing. After the screening Michael Deeley and Matthew Field stayed on for a book signing of Michael's autobiography, "Blade runners, Deer hunters and blowing the Bloody Doors off" and The Making of The Italian Job.



All the same but different

Each event we attend or organise brings together Mini's of all ages, shapes and unique modifications.

This year at Gunwharf Quays was no exception. We have a whole range of colours from the classic red with white roof through to deep purple and gold.

We also had a wide range of roof graphics each as different as the cars themselves. Checks, Targets, Viper stripes and Union Jacks could all be seen, making a great show for both the public and Mini owners alike.

As part of the displays we had six classic Clubman saloons including three 1275 GT's. A great turn out for the cars 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the most we have had at Gunwharf Quays.



## Photographs from our day at Gunwharf Quays

The photos have been kindly supplied by Michelle Bean of Cherished Images Photography

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## News from Wave 105



We recently caught up with Wave 105 Breakfast presenter Steve Power. Steve wakes the south coast up from 5.30am weekdays. Steve is currently the proud owner of a new MINI Cooper. We asked him a few questions about his car and his show.

1. Hello Steve. You currently own a MINI, does it have a name?  
No, it doesn't have a name. I have never been big on giving my cars a name.
2. How many Minis' have you owned in the past?  
This is the first one although I had been giving it some thought for quite a while!

3. Have any of these brought you good or bad times?  
The one I have now has been great to drive. It's a modern Mini Cooper. I considered a Cooper S but decided a straight Cooper would be fast enough!

4. Have you ever taken part in one of the major Mini runs like the London to Brighton Mini run? No, I haven't been on anything like that! The only time I have been on a London to Brighton run recently was on my bike!

5. Do you prefer the original "The Italian Job" starring Michael Caine or the remake with Mark Wahlberg?  
That's an easy one! It will always be the original! Bit difficult to improve on perfection

6. Is there any scene from the movies you would love to recreate in your Mini?  
Not from the movies, but given half a chance I would love to have been in the cartoon Wacky Races up against Dick Dastardly and Muttley!

7. What is the worst car you have ever owned and what was the best?  
For sheer fun and pleasure, the Mini has to be up there with the best. As for worst, I owned an Alfa Romeo Alfasud years ago which literally rusted to pieces in front of me!

8. You ask your listeners on a Wednesday morning if they had sausages for tea the night before, what are your favourite sausages and how do you like them cooked?  
You can't beat a battered sausage from the chip shop but bangers and mash has to be my favourite! I love venison and apple ones!

9. What do you like best about doing the morning show?  
Certainly not getting up in winter! I do love the show and it all makes it worthwhile when listeners say that they have to be at a certain point in their journey by the time, for example, Universally Challenged comes on otherwise they are late! It really feels like you have become part of their routine!

10. And finally, what three items could you not live without?  
It would have to be my ipod, alarm clock and a bottle of red wine!

## Andy Jackson



Andy presents the evening show Monday to Thursday and on Friday it's the turn of the Glitz Mix. He also teams up with Kate Weston on Saturdays at midday.

On Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> of October I was pleased to be the lead car in the minis 4 kids' drive from Southsea to Gunwharf Quays.

Arriving at the D Day museum in Southsea I was amazed to see so many minis old and new, well used and lovingly cared for!

My first car at the age of 17 was one of the original shape minis, sadly I couldn't stretch to the much sought after mini cooper but I still remember it being huge fun to drive back then.

So imagine my delight at being offered a brand new MINI COOPER S from Scotthall for the procession, and the chance to play with it all weekend. It certainly had the mini feel, with the huge central Speedo providing a constant source of delight for the kids in the back - no chance of me creeping over 70 on the motorway when they were glued to it from the back seat.

I was amazed by the acceleration, I remember minis as being huge fun to drive but this was something else. For the first time in years I found myself going out for the sake of the drive over the weekend, driving just for the sheer fun of it.



## Thanks to our supporters

We would like to thank Gunwharf Quays, its management and staff for allowing us to invade for the first Minis4Kids fundraising day.

We would also like to thank the tenants for supplying donations and discounts.

Big thanks goes to both Scotthall MINI and Snows MINI for their support and their displays of the latest MINI's which attracted a lot of interest.

We also would like to thank everyone who attended for your continued support.

A special thank you goes to Wessex MOC for all their efforts as co organisers and event marshals, without whom we would not have been able to run this event.

