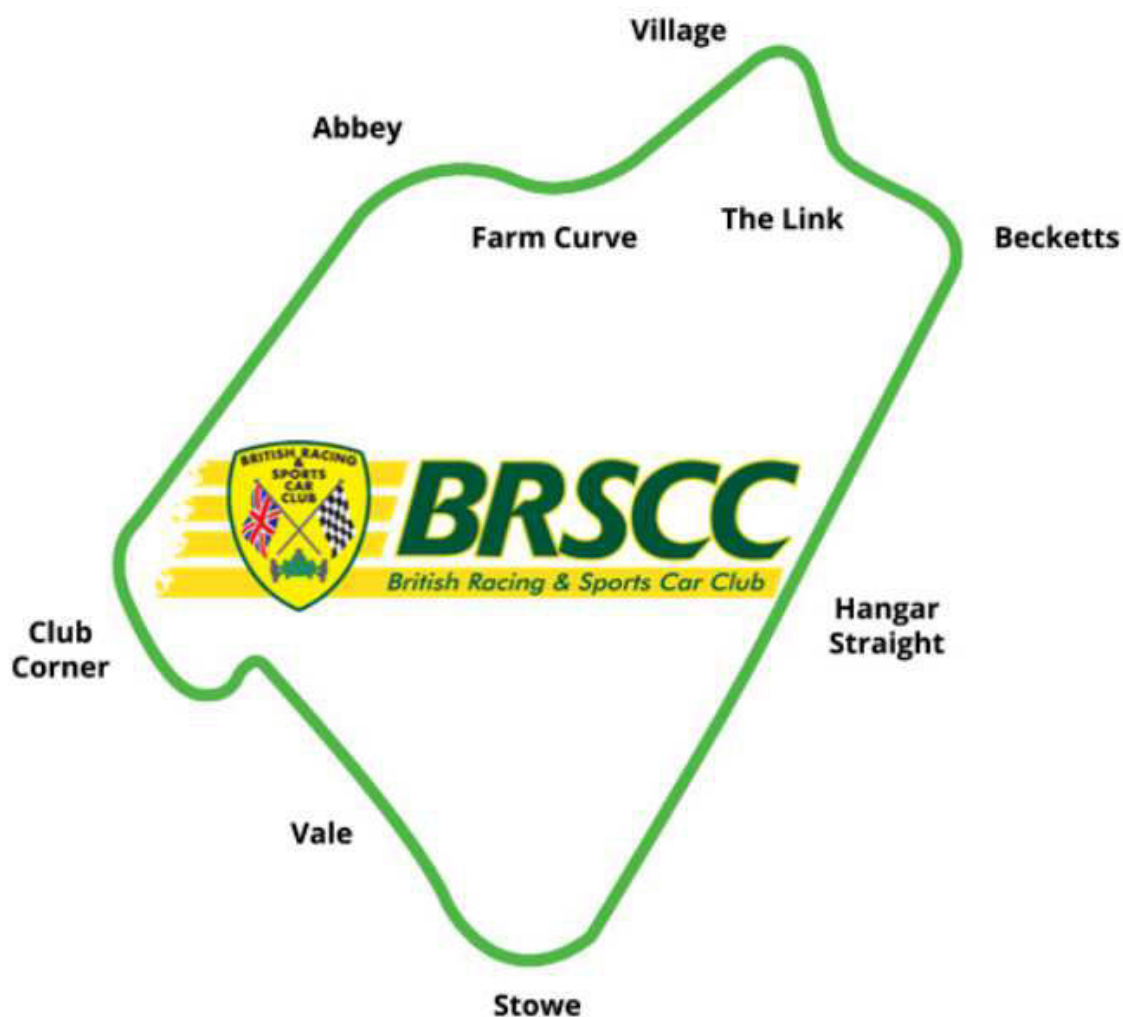




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BRSCC Finals Race Weekend

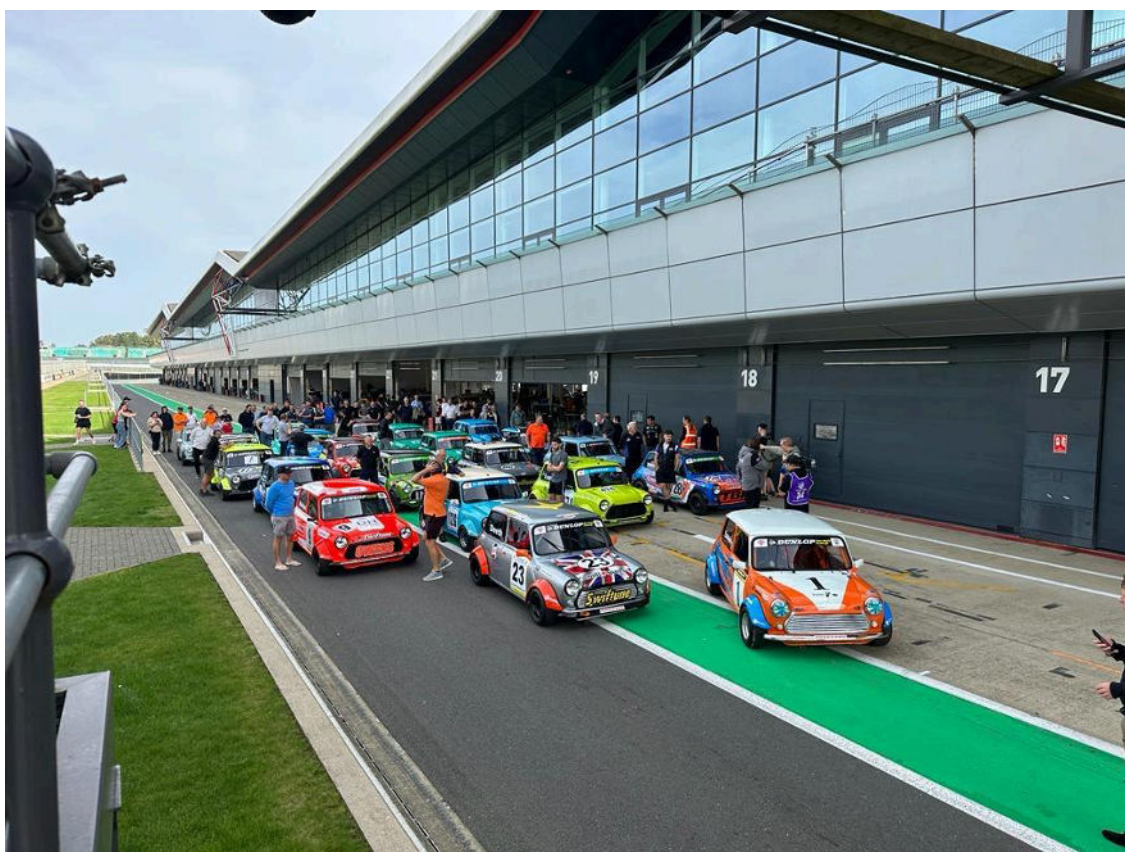


Luckily we had a half test day booked on Friday as at the previous race at Brands Hatch we were "tapped" by another car bending what we thought was just the radius arm, this was replaced and the rear end aligned.

Within a couple of laps it was clear that there was more damage than we had initially thought (rear subframe)

Steve got to work adjusting the rear alignment which was not an easy task as the frame is solid mounted so the radius arms were adjusted, albeit a compromise had to be made as there was not enough adjustment available to get correct toe due to the subframe being out of alignment.

Much better, but not perfect the Miglia was out again and Nick's lap times were getting better



Qualifying out the way - Nick was 12th on the grid for what was looking like the start of a superb weekend of racing, the sun was out, track grip perfect.

Well, it looked like it was the start of a good weekend, then along came Abbey corner !

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Coming into Abbey at nearly 110mph, slowing down a touch then Steve Youle has a massive spin ... at 90mph Nicks only choice was to dive left but Steve also ended up shooting left where Nick collected him down the right hand side of the Miglia putting him on the gravel... race one over !

Considering it was a glancing blow down one side a fair amount of damage was sustained. Two wheel rims, steering rack, wheel arches and yet another radius arm.

Now this is where our race team excels ... at this point you think the weekend is over then Sir Bill of Sollis says... " WE CAN FIX THAT" and the magic begins !

At this point we really do need to mention some awesome guys on the spanners. Steve Lyons-Davis, Bill Sollis and Shaun Kings mechanic Lee Welch. They pulled together until the small hours rebuilding the Miglia, Bill gave us a new steering rack and Lee a radius arm. While the engine was out the boys from Swiftune came over and gave the top end of our engine a check over adjusting tappets and ensuring it was in tip top Swiftune state.

After rebuilding the car Lee brought over the wheel alignment gear and set up the tracking, camber, caster and probably re-tuned the radio while he was at it !



Race 2 - Sunday ... With a rebuilt Mig Nick headed out to race. The rear was toeing out too much as a few issues with the rear subframe that could not be fixed in the pits meant the handling was good but not perfect - but good enough to have some fun !

Nick had a great race, swapping places back and fourth in his battle with James Colburn, finishing in one piece and very happy.



Something to take home from the weekend is what an amazing bunch of guys all those involved with the Mini Seven club are ... We used to race a Mini Seven twenty years ago and the camaraderie has not diminished at all since then.

Professionalism has increased with engine builders like Swiftune giving us power plants and drive trains that just don't miss a beat. Mechanics with superb knowledge and all the equipment needed to fix what you think is a dead Mini ...

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between Saturday and Sundays races in the pits !

*The crash was not ideal however made for an interesting and fulfilling weekend
for all in the team.*

*A big thanks goes out to Clare Welch and Nicola Paddy our motorsport catering
department ! Keeping the whole team fed and watered at the envy of the rest of
the paddock*

Bring on 2024 !



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*Big thanks again to Bill Sollis, Steve Lyons-Davis, and of course Nick Swift from
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