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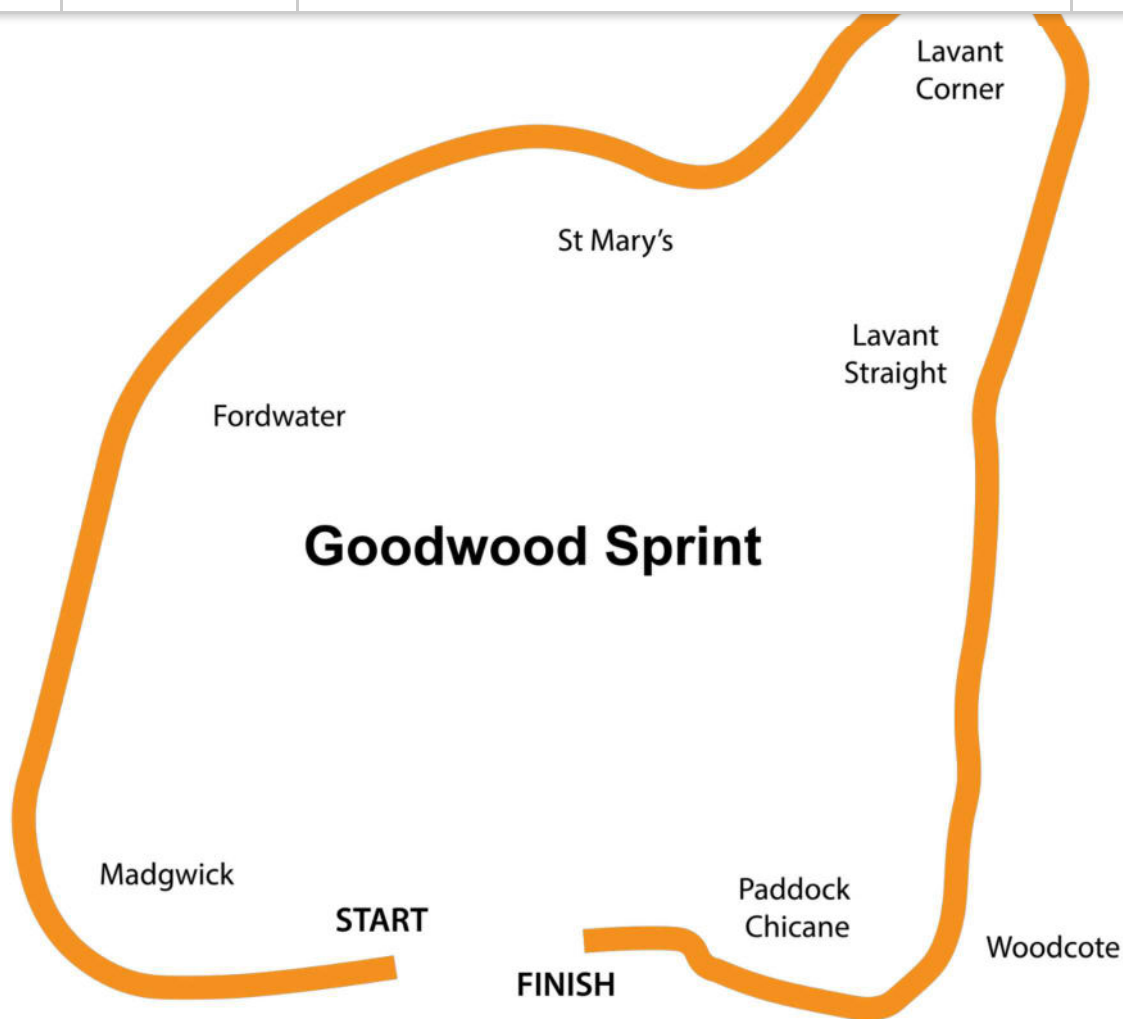
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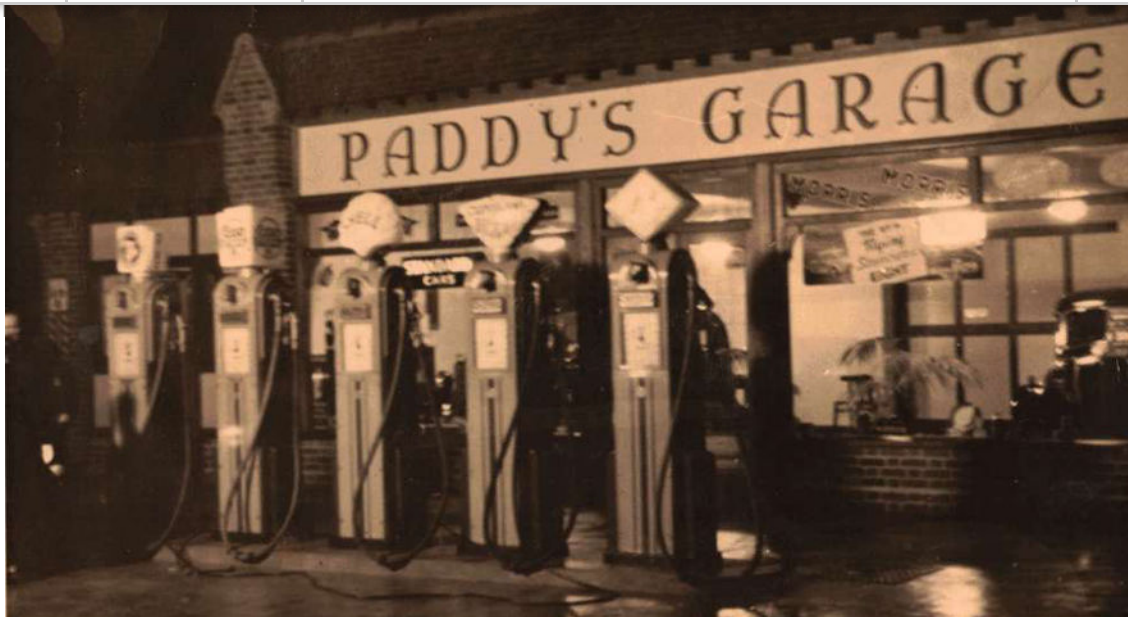


Goodwood Race Circuit

Spring Sprint Race - April 2024

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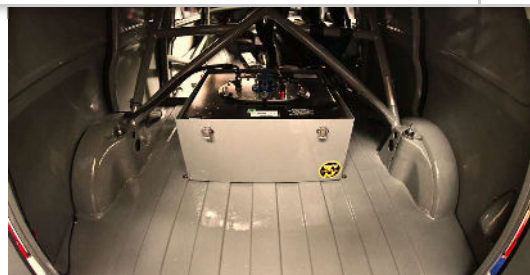
*A bit of Playmini history hitting the tarmac at Goodwood for the sprint race.....
Many moons ago Nick's grandfather owned and ran Paddy's Garage, a car
repair shop and fuel station*



The opportunity came along to purchase a 1962 Morris Mini Van, and we thought this would make a great homage to Nick's grandfather, with fuel in the blood as Graham, Nick's father was of course a Downton Engineering mechanic back in the day who also had a Mini van - so in true Playmini style it was rebuilt to a concourse level, sporting 135 of Swiftune's finest horses, this little Mini van can certainly DELIVER the goods !

Panel work completed with an FIA roll cage from Endaf Owens, Ian over at Dustys Auto Clinic did his usual impeccable job on the paint then everyone's favourite driver / mechanic, Bill Sollis set to work installing all the necessary "race" mods and completing the build for us



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Monday, 1st April, Team Tweed headed off to the Goodwood Motor Circuit with the Race Van.... The sprint being an interesting event as there is no tyre warming allowed and the dry tyres on the historic's really don't play well when cold, so Mini 7 wets were selected for this event, they still need warming but not to the same extent as the drys.

Nick headed out on his first practice lap, tentatively pushing the van round each corner - the weather not helping being it was still wet so getting heat into the tyres was near impossible.



The sprint race offers three separate single laps after the practice to get your best time in...

LAP-1

Nick headed out on a dry track and put the van 1st in class, a good start

LAP-2

This was more interesting, the track conditions had changed and it was now very wet ! Nick shot off but unfortunately was a bit too quick and caught up the car in front so was given a second go at lap 2. Again, the van was 1st in class

LAP-3

Now this one is Nicks favourite lap. The track had dried out and he just went hell for leather - pushing the van to its limits drifting round most corners on his



The end result of all the hard work, was 1st in class and 32nd overall out of around 97 cars More impressively was this little 1962 Morris Mini Van put in times that shamed some big muscle, Lotus Exige, Lotus Elise ,Mitsubishi Evo 4 and 6, Porsche 911, Porsche 991 GTS, Audi RS6 Performance, Caterham 310R, Porsche GT3, Toyota GR Yaris, Nissan GTR to name but a few. The Mini Van is pretty quick in a straight line but round the corners is where it excels on skinny ten inch wheels and powered by a 60 year old 1293cc engine



A big thanks goes out to Bill Sollis for an impeccable bit of car preparation, Swiftune Engineering on the power front, Endaf Owens (Owens Fabrication) on panelwork and roll cage and Ian over at Dusty's Auto Clinic for the light

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In car video as normal on Youtube along with some footage from the 360 degree camera



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

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channel, [playmini1959](#) with many other videos.

Links below for video from this weekend and some 360 degree in car video footage

- [Race video](#)
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Engine and gearbox supplied and built by [Swiftune Engineering](#)

Car setup by Bill Sollis



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