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## 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition



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## **Editors Bit**

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As you can see from the blank pages, I have had very little input of articles from club members.

Remember, I am the editor not an author, I put together the articles you submit into a readable magazine. It is hard to believe that with over 400 members only one of you could be bothered to write something for the gazette. I am not prepared to waste my time and the club's money until I have sufficient material to produce a reasonable gazette. Rant over.

We are looking forward to the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally at Mallory Park in July, it should be a good event. All members are welcome to attend, with or without a car, join us if you can.

Please be aware dogs are not permitted.

## **Ian Parris**

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## **Chairman's Chat**

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I understand that members have registered 25 cars to take part in the Mallory Park Bonanza weekend and a total of 60 people will attend.

Thank you for supporting the event to celebrate to 70<sup>th</sup> birthday of our beloved cars. There will be lots going on. Elsewhere in this Gazette you will find full details of the events planned for the weekend.

Can I give you advanced warning of the Annual General Meeting of the Club which will take place on a Sunday in late September or October. It's usually held around the Leicester area which is convenient for all the committee members. As usual can I ask for more members for the committee, especially the younger element, to ensure the continuity of our Club and the care and existence of our cars well into the future.

## **Jeff Todd**

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## **Last Call:- The Isetta is 70 years old !!**

2025 is the 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the BMW Isetta and the IOC GB Ltd is celebrating this very special Birthday with a very special event !!!!!

Per our previous notices in the Gazette, you should all be aware that on the weekend of the 11/12/13<sup>th</sup> July we will be having a sizzling birthday party to honour our favourite marque of 3 wheeler.

Our friends at Mallory Park Race circuit have offered us every facility for a Birthday Celebration as part of their Bonanza weekend and we will all have a couple of chances on each of the Saturday and Sunday to take our cars around the circuit. Mallory Park has full camping, camper and caravanning facilities and these will be available to all Isetta visitors.

We are now in the process of issuing tickets to those folk who took advantage of free pre-entry for the weekend. This arrangement is now closed, so if you do come along without tickets (and you would be very welcome), there will be a charge of £15 for the day or £ 28 for the weekend.

Any IOC Member with a running car is welcome to partake in at least 2 laps of the famous Mallory Park circuit and those with running or unfinished cars can make use of all of the facilities.

We are organising a Club Quiz and a Club BBQ on Saturday evening and bringing along some free one-off memorabilia and mementos of the event (i.e. Baseball Caps and special 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary booklet) as well as running our usual Best in Show and Longest Distance competitions, there are also other attractions being put on by Mallory Park.

Even if you cannot finish your car by the date, bring it along and it will help the Club to understand how many cars are running and how many are being restored.

Thanks to Rob Wainwright we will have access to a 40 ft hospitality trailer with tea/coffee (and probably Biscuits !!) with an excellent view of the race track.

We look forward to seeing you all there on July 11/12/13<sup>th</sup>!!!

PS I am sorry to say that dogs are not allowed at Mallory Park (fast, noisy motorcycles and dogs not a good mix)

# 50th National MicroCar

## Rally

18 - 21 SEPTEMBER 2025

Camping at Far Peak Camping, Northleach, GL54 3JL  
Sunday 21 September 2025 - Cotswold Wildlife Park  
Burford where it all started on this day in 1975



Early arrivals from 17th and  
departures until 22nd  
Road runs on Thursday afternoon,  
Friday and Saturday



Sunday - Cotswold Wildlife Park, Burford  
the traditional show day. 50 years to the day  
of the first event. Drivers of microcars/tow  
vehicles with microcars free admittance. All  
other passengers £13.50 Concessions &  
Children £9 which gives full access to the  
park and amenities.



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# Isetta World

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( to the tune of Bob Dylan's "The Times They Are A-Changing " ...)

*"Come gather 'round people wherever you roam,  
And admit that the waters around you have grown,  
And accept it that soon you'll be drenched to the bone,  
If your time to you is worth savin',  
Then you'd better start swimming or you'll sink like a stone,  
For the times they are a-changing "*

Me and 'er indoors have been going through a change – no, I don't mean either of us were growing warts and a moustache ( those came later for both of us ). I don't even mean she's was going through my trouser pockets looking for 50p's and trolley coins – she's been doing that for years so no change there (sic).

No, I mean that the aspects of my life which I didn't anticipate would ever change have been conspiring to abandon me, their places being usurped by evolving circumstances. Let me explain ...

I bought my Isetta in 1978 when it was 19 years old ( it seemed like a very old car at the time ) and the following year we joined the East Yorkshire Thoroughbred Car Club and palled-up with Allan Evans ( who went on to produce Bamby Microcars – but that's another story ) and a few other like-minded fans of tiny cars. Together in convoy we drove down to Burford for early National Microcar Rallies, our Isetta and their Bond and 'Schmitt and Scootacar packed with tents and camping necessities. In those days almost everyone at the NMCR weekendend in tents. We even ventured overseas, Isetta crammed with camping necessities. And then ...

After our son Michael was born in the early 1980s my Isetta by now slept in a custom-built wooden shed erected where our greenhouse used to be situated... and it occurred to me that if I could mount my shed on a small trailer we could carry our Isetta in/on it and when we arrived at a Rally venue we could take out the Isetta and use all our camping equipment for eating and sleeping. But with the likelihood of the shed lozenging and

collapsing I decided against that plan. We then moved home, to a bungalow where there was room alongside for a caravan... and surely our Isetta would fit in a caravan ... so I bought a caravan and modified it so the furniture would fold up and Isetta would fit inside

My Chevette wasn't up to towing the combined weight so it was traded for a Volvo which handled the task well. With this outfit over many years we drove to countless rallies in UK and even overseas and I used to say that I could not imagine the circumstances which would make me change. Then Mrs Contrary decided that since our lad had left home to go to Uni she'd like a campervan instead of the caravan. Doh !



This change of fate prompted me into finding a new solution. Not needing a big car to drag the caravan, and because a campervan was cheaper than a car-and-caravan on North Sea Ferries, and with only two of us at home it became apparent that a Volvo Estate Car was no longer a necessity, so I needed a solution to our sleeping and cooking accommodation while transporting our Isetta ...

*"The line it is drawn, the curse it is cast,  
The slow one now will later be fast,  
And the present one now will later be past,  
The order is rapidly fading,  
And the first one now will later be last,  
For the times they are a-changing."*

So research of suitable vehicles determined that we needed a high roof van which allowed us to stand up inside, with a long wheelbase, 54 inches minimum between the rear wheel arches and eventually we found an ex-school minibus which was ideal as it was low-ish mileage, already fitted with windows, a towbar, a wind-out awning and fully insulated floor, ceiling and walls. This was an excellent basis for what I had in mind, and saved me from a heap of work.

So I stripped the seats and hand-rails out, and the floor which for some reason which I never understood had a change of level toward its rear. With the empty space before me the stainless sink/cooker was taken from

the caravan and installed along with a fridge and an Aquaroll cupboard, wardrobes and shelves were made from scratch and the seats hinged so they would fold down to make a bed, and fold up to allow access for our Isetta. I even made a folding Portapotti compartment. Job done.



*“ Come Bubblers and Micronauts throughout the land,  
And don't take on jobs that you haven't pre-planned,  
The wife's whims and fancies are beyond your command,  
She's starting to sound like Old Fagin,  
So drive down the lanes in your soft campervan,  
For the times they are a-changing”*

So, for the time being at least, we are sorted for Event accommodation.

Conversely, for our drives to Monaco and the French Riviera, and our frequent trips to the Dutch DWAC Rally in Holland , and our Spanish excursion via The Pyrenees Rally to the excellent Spanish International Microcar Events we dusted off our tent and the camping trailer I'd built and our ever-faithful Isetta conquered whatever it found beneath our wheels.



But it's nice to have options ...

Terry Parkin

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## How to repair a broken carburettor choke tube top/thread using the club supplied repair section.

Step 1: Place/hold the repair section next to the damaged choke tube top on the target carburettor and mark on the main body of the carburettor, the top.

Step 2: Mark on the choke tube and carburettor body, the position of where the bottom of the repair section will be, once it is fitted.

Step 3: Also mark on the choke tube and carburettor, the position of where the top of the cut slot in the repair section will be.

See picture #1 for where my marks ended up.



Using a fine hacksaw or a Dremel-like cutter, cut off the damaged choke tube top at the position where the top of the cut slot, (on the repair section), will be (as marked in Step 3).

File the carburettor body so that the cut slot on the repair section can slide down to the desired point/position, as marked in Step 2.

Mix up some strong composite glue (Araldite?) and very lightly smear the outside areas of both the repair section and carburettor body that will end up touching.

Using a suitable drift, press the repair section home.

Clean-out the carburettor choke tube, inside, of all debris and check that no glue has found its way into any of the choke tube top threads.

Leave to dry = job done.

See picture #3 for final / target result.





Note: Where refitting the choke plunger and cable, check for a distance of at least 47 mm from the top thread of the choke tube CAP and the bottom of the choke plunger/seal/bottom. (when removed from the carburettor and not under tension)

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Chess Ferrier

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# **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

## **Isetta 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**

To be held on July 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> 2025 at Mallory Park in conjunction with their big motorcycle racing event of the year.

Weekend visitors can arrive on Friday with a buffet, quiz and social in the evening.

Saturday will hold a Technical Forum, Track Runs and Barbecue/Slide Show/Social/Music/Drinks in the evening.

Sunday further Technical Forum and Track Runs.

### **The Club is pleased to welcome:-**

Jason Clare	Bolton	Stephen Bennett	Southampton-
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# 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



*The BMW Isetta will be 70 years old this year and the IOC intends to celebrate this special Birthday with a very special event !!!!!*

The celebration will take place at Mallory Park Racing Circuit on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> 2025 in conjunction with Mallory Park Motorcycle Bonanza Weekend.



The event is open to all Club members. Come and join us to celebrate this anniversary and enjoy a weekend of motorcycle racing at its best.



During the weekend here will be opportunities to take your cars round the track.

Mallory Park has full camping and caravanning facilities and these will be available to all Isetta visitors.

We will have access to a 40 ft hospitality trailer with tea/coffee and biscuits over the weekend.

In addition, as a Club, we are intending to have a Club Quiz, a Club BBQ, and bring along some free one-off memorabilia and mementos of the event.



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