

May

The Plains Rally proves to be as successful as everyone hopes. The team bounce back with an amazing second in class finish.

Not content with this Terry then does his bit for the Sporting Bears at the International Classic Car Show the following day. Despite the Ferraris and Porsches offering rides, the Mini proves to be popular and raises a fair amount of cash.

Three weeks later it's back to Wales for the Red Dragon Rally. May's definitely a good month as the car behaves itself and romps home fourth in class.

Terry also scoops the Mintex award at this event for his performance on the plains rally and is presented with a Mintex voucher by Howard Wilcock.

Only a few hours later Terry and his son Ben drive the car to Minimag's display at the British Mini Club day at The Vineyards, Bobbington.



August

A big month for the team and the rally car. Starring at Mini In The Park, the car gives a whole host of paying public the ride of their lives. Kidderminster Motor Club have done a great job of revising the rally stage and have worked in a number of delights such as a chicane.

Terry brings a set of slicks along for extra fun and puts them to good use sliding through the course and scaring his passengers senseless, not least of all Paddy Hopkirk, who is strapped in and then treated to a run which culminates in a handbrake turn on the startline. Poser. Despite the hard use the car runs faultlessly and even the constant stop-starting can't upset it.

Next stop for the crew is Mini 40 at Silverstone. They'd secured an entry on the rallysprint and came up against the might of rally legend Tony Fall in the semi-final. Into the final bend it was neck and neck, but a missed shift allowed Tony to take the win. A massive trophy for third place makes it all worthwhile, and the circuit experience will pay dividends when it comes to competing on the same track in the Network Q Rally.



June

The Dukeries Rally in Sherwood Forest is the next round and the team have high hopes for a solid finish. Duke Video have also installed a video camera in the car to gain footage for a forthcoming production and there's a general air of excitement.

It's this though which proves to be Terry's downfall. Getting a bit carried away he has a bit of an off and very nearly rolls it or goes 'agricultural' as he refers to it. What later turns out to be simple damage sidelines the car and it's loaded back on the trailer. Still, the video's going to make interesting viewing...

September

The summer's over but the rallying continues with the famous Woodpecker stages in Ludlow. There's a real group effort going on and they team up with Trevor Godwin's saloon and Alan Brown's Mintex Mini.

Things are looking good but fate lends a cruel hand with suspension failure. The car's sadly out of the rally but the team are now looking forward to securing an entry on the Network Q Rally in November. The car's had a hard season and West Midlands Motorsport set to with a comprehensive rebuild to ensure it can handle the torturous terrain.



October

The rebuild's still ongoing, but the car's making waves on the official Mini 40 video. There's plenty of action footage of the Mini competing on the incredibly fast rallysprint and the Duke Video camera has recorded a driver's-eye view of the fun straight from the cockpit.

It now looks likely that the Mini will run in the Network Q Rally along with Trevor Godwin's Mini and a couple of Japanese-entered Minis. If the car is definitely accepted it will be the team's biggest event ever. The only problem they'll then have to face are the editorial team who are insisting on braving the cold and tagging along. It's going to be memorable for sure...

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The Mini Magazine 40th Anniversary Video Diary features loads of footage of Terry and the team on a number of this year's rally outings. Professionally produced by Duke Video, it's a must-have for all Mini fans. For ordering details see page 87.