

The Clan Story

The Clan Crusader.

After I got my MG and Antony his mini, Antony developed an interest in classic cars, he had started a course at university to study Automotive Performance Engineering.

As a result he wanted to learn a bit about classic cars, I suggested we need a project and started to look for something suitable, that would not break the bank my income is limited due to my medical problem, as is the time I can safely work on it.

Antony wanted something sporty due to the nature of the course he was following at Uni. Having looked around it was not looking as if we would find a suitable project and have the funds to work on it.

I had always wanted to spend time with my own Dad working on a classic car. However I never had the opportunity. There is nothing more rewarding than passing your skills on to others especially your own kids.

Then one of our club members offered us an opportunity that was exceptional generous that would allow us to have a project to work on. The clan Crusader arrived on a trailer with a van full of bits. Where are you going to put that lot was my wife's response. Easy we can put it in the garden boxes that have the garden furniture in.

We also had to dig a flower bed up to fit it in, not an issue as the drive would eventually be widened.

We spent the next few months sorting through bits to see what we had. We then had to take a break for several months as we needed to complete the house as it was lacking a kitchen.

Apparently that takes priority.

We continued to do bits on the car over the next few years trying not to overdo it and end up in A & E. I was not always successful, hence the length of time it's taken.

Antony graduated with a 2:1 and is now following in my footsteps as a design engineer. We have had a lot of fun and scraped fingers working on the car. Special thanks go to Joe hopefully it won't be long now until she is back on the road, she won't be a concourse car but everything that has been done including paint has been done by us in our garage. We can improve things as we go.