

TEAM BOND - PLANS FOR 2012

2011 was incredibly successful for Team Bond:

Bond 2 hit the tracks.

Lead driver, Andrew Tart, won the FIA Lurani Trophy for front-engined historic Formula Juniors.

Support driver, Gil Duffy, maintained Bond 1's winning ways, finishing second in his first Lurani Trophy race at the Algarve Historic Festival.

To cap it all, Team Bond won the Spirit of Formula Junior award, our greatest achievement to date.

So, plans for 2012?

Owner Jon Goddard-Watts recalled that, when designing and building the cars back in 1960, he and Lawrence Bond had a dream of winning the British FJ Championship.

So, fifty-two years later the plan is to make an assault on the Millers Oils UK Series, coupled with the Front-Engined Championship.

Add in a couple of non-championship special events, the Silverstone Classic and hopefully, Goodwood Revival and the season takes shape. **[See Calendar below].**

Again, thinking back to 1960, Jon was keen to put Bond 1 back to its original spec. with a 1000cc engine.

Over the winter months, Andrew, Chris and Andy Maggs set to, preparing the cars for 2012. Bond 2, with only three races under its belt, was checked over. The rolling-road showed the engine was running well, so only basic checks have been made.

Bond 1's engine was stripped and checked. It had stood up remarkably well to a long hard season. Cylinder liners have been fitted to reduce the engine size to 1000cc, special pistons have been made with a raised crown to maintain the 12:1 compression and an alternative camshaft has been fitted. It is hoped that little power will be lost with this smaller engine. Both gearboxes have been refreshed with new bearings and seals.

Everything should be completed by Saturday, 10th March – a week before the first race! The rolling-road is booked for Monday, 12th March.

Andrew has been training with a rapid drive to Lands End in his 911 during a rare weekend off and Gil has been revving up his rowing machine.

So, everything should be ready for the first race at Donington on Saturday, 17th March.

Gil Duffy
8th March, 2012

CALENDAR 2012

MILLERS OILS UK CHAMPIONSHIP FRONT-ENGINEED SERIES NON-CHAMPIONSHIP

Millers Oils Round	Front-engined Round		
1	1	17-18 MARCH	DONINGTON
2	2	21-22 APRIL	CADWELL PARK
3		19-20 MAY	SILVERSTONE
	3	5 JUNE	BRANDS HATCH
4+5		9-10 JUNE	SNETTERTON
	4	24 JUNE	MALLORY PARK
6		14-15 JULY	BRANDS HATCH
		20-22 JULY	SILVERSTONE CLASSIC
7+8		4-5 AUGUST	CROFT
9+10		18-19 AUGUST	THRUXTON
11	5	25-27 AUGUST	OULTON PARK
		14-16 SEPTEMBER	GOODWOOD REVIVAL
12+13		21-23 SEPTEMBER	SPA 6-HOURS
14		20 OCTOBER	SILVERSTONE FINALS