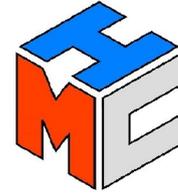




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**Next month – June 2020 – Another Say At Home Night???**



**A view from the Hill...**

## SMALL AIR FORCES

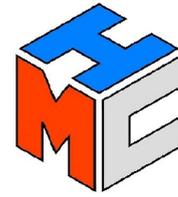
Here's a question for you all. Have you ever wanted to model an entire air force?

The **USAF** with their 2,657 aircraft of all types too much like hard work? The 733 **RAF**, **Army Air Corps** and **Royal Navy** aircraft beyond your budget? Is even the Yemen Arab Republic Air Force too large at a massive 169 aircraft? And then there is the nightmare of all that display space and storage space! Well panic no more because now you can build and display an ENTIRE Air Force! and be the envy of all your fellow modellers! For with these micro air forces your dreams (or nightmares) can come true.

By thinking small you can now have something truly different in your collection to thrill and amaze all those who gaze in wonder at your Belize Defense Force Air Wing Britten Norman Islander, your Luxembourg Airbus A400M Atlas or even a Gambian Air Force SU 25. Which, by the way, is Gambia's entire air force!



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The **24** Air forces (listed below) are limited to those with Nations with a total of 10 or less aircraft (including helicopters). So, no excuses and let's see something different on display. Come on, you know you want to.

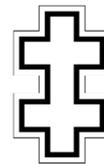
Unfortunately, the Irish Air Corps with a huge 22 aircraft falls outside this list. Sorry John.

This list was compiled from **Flight International world Air forces 2020** ([www.flightglobal.com](http://www.flightglobal.com))

## 10 AIRCRAFT

### 1. Lithuanian Air Force

Transport	Alenia C27J Spartan	3
	Let L-410 Turbojet	2
Helicopter	Euro Copter AS365 Dauphin	3
	Mil Mi-8	2



### 2. Armed Forces of Malta Air Wing

Special Mission	Britten Norman Islander BN2 (MPA)	1
	King Air 200 (MPA)	3
Helicopter	AgustaWestland AW139	3
	Alouette III SA316	3



## 9 AIRCRAFT

### 3. Guyana defence Force

Transport	Britten Norman Islander BN-2	2
	Short C7 Skyvan	3
	Harbin Y-12 (Chinese Twin Engine Turboprop)	1
Helicopter	Bell 206	2
	Bell 412	1



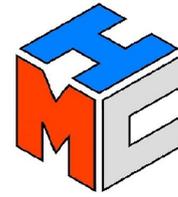
### 4. Mongolian Air Force

Transport	AntonovAN26	3
Helicopter	Mil Mi8/171	6





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## 5. Montenegro Air Force

Helicopter  
Bell 412  
Gazelle SA341/342

3  
6



## 8 AIRCRAFT

## 6. Ivory Coast Air Force

Transport  
Antonov AN-26  
Beech 1900  
EADS CASAC295/CN235

2  
1  
1

Helicopter  
Mil Mi-17  
Mil Mi-24

1  
3



## 7 AIRCRAFT

## 7. Estonian Airforce

Transport  
Antonov AM-28/M28

2

Training  
Aero L-39

1

Helicopter  
Robinson R44

4



## 6 AIRCRAFT

## 8. Madagascar Air Force

Helicopter  
MBB Kawasaki BK117  
Eurocopter H125M/AS350 Fennec  
Alouette II SA318

1  
3  
2



## 5 AIRCRAFT

## 9. Kyrgyz Air Force

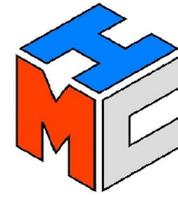
Helicopter  
Mil Mi-8  
Mil Mi-24

3  
2





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## 10. Latvian Air Force

Helicopter	Mil Mi-2	1
	Mil Mi-8/17	4



4 AIRCRAFT

## 11. Belize Defense Force Air Wing

Transport	Britten Norman Islander BN-2	1
Training	Slingsby T67/M260	1
Helicopter	Bell UH-1H	2



3 AIRCRAFT

## 12. Central African Republic Airforce

Transport	Britten Norman Islander BN-2	2
Helicopter	Eurocopter H125M/AS350 Fennec	1



## 13. Surinam Air Force

Helicopter	Alouette III SA316	3
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## 14. Umboto Swaziland Defence Force

Helicopter	Alouette III SA316	3
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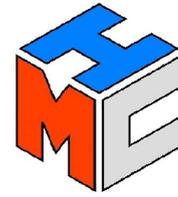
## 15. Royal Bahamas Defence Forces

Special Mission	King Air 350 (MPA)	1
Transport	Cessna 208	1





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## 16. Royal Bhutan Army

Helicopter Mil Mi-8 2



## 17. Maldives National Defense Force Air Wing

Helicopter HAL Dhruv ALH (*Indian Design*) 2



## 18. Transnistrian Air Force

Helicopter Mil Mi-2 1  
Mil Mi-8 1



## 19. Papua New Guinea Defence Force

Transport CASA CN235 1  
PAC P-750 (*US Light aircraft*) 1



## 20. Trinidad & Tobago Air Guard

Special Mission Merlin IV/Metro (MPA) 2



## 1 AIRCRAFT

*Let's be honest, if your air force has only 1 aeroplane, it's an aeroplane not an air force.*

## 21. Benin Air Force

Combat Aircraft DHC-6 Twin Otter 1



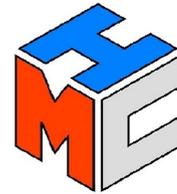
## 22. Gambia Air Force

Combat Aircraft Sukhoi SU-25 1





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## 23. Luxembourg Air Force +

Transport

Airbus A-400M Atlas

1



+ 14 707 (E-3A) (AEW) AWACS aircraft carry Luxembourg Air Force markings but they operate under NATO command.

## 24. Moldova Air Force

Transport

Antonov AN26

1



Some pictures to whet your appetite



Belize - Britten Norman Islander BN-2



The entire Gambian Air Force !



Latvian Air Force Mil Mi-17



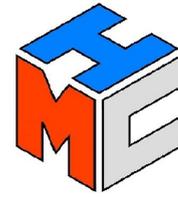
Papua New Guinea CASA CN235

Hope you have enjoyed this whistle stop tour of the world's smallest Air Forces!

**Graham Hill**



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## Robin's Ruminations

Well we're all now entering the third month of lockdown / social distancing / being aware and something else by the time you all get to read this article. I'm still working from home and will be for a fair bit longer now believe. Apparently a "project team" have been assembled at the Head Office to liaise with H&S, unions and staff to ensure a safe and orderly return to our workplace, believe me that means lots of talk, meetings and very little else, situation normal, I guess. Still at least as modellers we have been preparing for this lockdown for years, we were just ahead of the curve! Our stash of kits should now be seen for what it is, sensible anticipation and forward planning for just such an event. It's strange though, my wife just doesn't seem to understand this, when I try to make her understand this train of thought, all I get is a sigh and a shake of her head, I've come to the conclusion that women are really strange.

The time that I haven't spent in commuting Adele has kindly filled with extra time spent doing the gardening, as you all know this is my favourite pastime but even I must admit to the garden does look nice after a few years of neglect. However, salvation is now at hand, the American golf ruling body has restarted the golf tour this weekend, 10 hours of live golf for four days, hurrah!!!! I have suddenly become an unnecessary encumbrance, as long as I keep up a fairly regular supply of tea and an occasional Rich Tea biscuit, I am released from gardening duties. I can now slide into the modelling room unnoticed and hopefully get cracking with the K-4 now. Although Adele has certainly not stopped me working on the model, I somehow feel that I should spend the evenings with her because of the strange situation of working at home in the back bedroom and yet having to "ignore" her all day. It's a weird world out there at the moment, very weird.

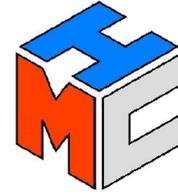
Still enough of boring you with Bellamy homelife, back to modelling I guess, or something like that anyway. The Me. 109 K-4 is at the moment sitting in wire and polystyrene painting cradle fully built except for the canopy, which I still have to mask. I have already managed to paint the undersides light blue/grey 76, I have painted the tail and rudder 75 grey violet and stencilled 82 dark green over it. However, things have not always gone according to plan, during my research I found out the aircraft I am building could well have had defence of the Reich bands applied the day / evening before its last flight on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1945. So, I duly painted the bands on the aircraft but something just kept nagging at me looking at the model. I checked a decal sheet of JG.77 that I had in a folder and it agreed with my model so I put it out of my mind and continued with the build, but the doubts just kept on surfacing. I did what I should have in the first place and delved into my reference books and after five minutes I had the answer, the decal sheet was wrong, JG.77 defence bands were white and green, not green and white. So, I stripped the bands off and repainted them in the correct order this time, good thing I trusted my feelings because it could have been very embarrassing to put it on the table and somebody say "You know that those bands are the wrong way round don't you?" In the next Sticky Fingers, I hope to include an image or two of the finished model.

I can't end this article without mentioning the recent sad loss of Ralph Hebron. Always a good natured and staunch supporter of the club, unfortunately he suffered with bouts of ill health and recently had a large number of family commitments that forced him to step back from the club. I was saddened to hear of his death but given the late notice of his passing and the restrictions on funerals in the current situation the club could not unfortunately pay our respects in any way.

**Robin.**



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## John's Jottings...

Hi Guys, I don't know about you lot but the initial flurry of model building when we entered lockdown has slowed down a wee bit... I have now been working from home since end of March and was informed last week that it is unlikely we will be returning to our office before the end of July (regardless of what other companies are doing) so will continue to have the extra time normally reserved for commuting to spend in my shed... speaking of which I have decided to shelve my 3 Italian Job mini's (temporarily) while I finish a few older started builds.... (I think they are known as KUTA builds). I have been good and not started any new kits and once these two (or 3) KUTA projects get done I'll be back onto the Mini's... I promise. But before I can do that I have decided one job that I've been trying to do is re-jig my shed to better organise my tools and working areas (building, spraying, display etc...) and so to this end I have purchased a table saw and have been drawing up in CAD my shed and will be doing a bit of wood working/DIY... now this may involve taking EVERYTHING out of the shed and starting again.... What could possibly go wrong... roll on Summer.

Finally, as you will be painfully aware, model show season has not returned and does not look like it will for another few months, Billericay show will be decided in two weeks... and Telford is still a go... at this time.

**John Huston**

## A Mini History of Mr. Bean's Mini...

Now this may come as a bit of surprise to many of you guys but I have had a bit of a soft spot for the venerable old Mini, for many, many, years now... It is not something I like to talk about much.

The Original Mini, known affectionately these days as the 'Classic' Mini was officially announced to the public on the **26<sup>th</sup> August 1959**. On that day 2,000 cars were already shipped and on display in dealerships in almost 100 countries around the world... That I am sure you will agree was quite a feat for its day. The Classic remained in continuous production until the very last Mini (a Chilli Red Cooper Sport with silver roof and bonnet stripes and full leather interior) rolled off the production line at Longbridge on **4<sup>th</sup> October 2000** driven by that other 60's Icon **LuLu**... The car was presented to the British Motor Industry Heritage Trust in December of that year and is on display in Gaydon to this day, alongside the First Mini. Although at first glance they might look the same there are very few parts interchangeable between the Mk.1 and the Mk.7.

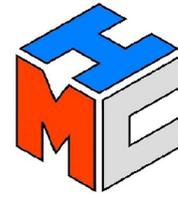


A total of **5,387,862** cars had been manufactured in that time. Although the Parent Company changed names/ownership many times from its inception as the **British Motor Corporation (1959-1968)**, **British Leyland (1969-1986)**, and finally **Rover Group (1986-2000)**.

*And so here endeth the history lesson...*



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With so many Mini models produced over its 41-year production run there are more than a few Mini's that have become truly iconic... The 3 **Italian Job** Mini's top the list for most people but also the 3 **Monte-Carlo Rallye** winners must also rank highly... but while these fabulous Mini's would spring to mind for your typical petrolhead the Mini that the general public of all ages would say would be Mr. Beans classic Green Mini with its black bonnet and a padlock on the door... Although the TV series only ran for 5 years (1990-1995) and 15 episodes. The Mini makes an appearance in all but two of the episodes... (no.2 and no.12).

But did you know that there have been 5 different Mr. Bean Mini's over that time... and NOT all of the were Yellow/Green with a Black bonnet....NO?... then read on.

## #1: Registration: **RNT 996H** – Orange with one Yellow Wing



The very first Mini we see Mr. Bean driving is an orange **1969 BMC Mini MK II** (with the registration RNT 996H) This version only appears in the first episode "Mr. Bean" where we see our hero run a **Reliant Regal Supervan III** off the road in what was to become a long running battle between the two Marques. This is also where we see Mr. Bean first use a bolt-latch and padlock attached to the driver's side door to lock the car... a symbolism that has come to define his Mini. In the

closing credits we see a frantic Mr. Bean speeding around a housing estate he takes a turn into a Cul-De-Sac. off camera we hear a crashing sound and just as the Reliant Van drives by the Mini's wheel comes crashing down from the sky just missing it... it was an all to brief appearance for this orange car and one that many people forget but it cemented the relationship between both man and machine...

## #2: Registration: **SLW 287R** – Citron Green with Black bonnet.



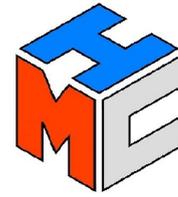
The second Mini, a 1977 **British Leyland Mini 1000** make an appearance in the 3<sup>rd</sup> episode of the series and was an Austin colour 'Citron Green' with a matte Black bonnet and has the registration number SLW 287R. This is the most commonly know Mini used by Mr. Bean appearing in every episode from no.3 "The Curse of Mr. Bean" right up until episode no.11 "Back to School,

Mr. Bean".

In episode no.9 "Do-It-Yourself Mr. Bean" we see the Mini in arguably it's most iconic scene and the most recognisable version of the Mini... It is New Year's Day, Mr. Bean takes full advantage of the January sales... Having purchased too many items, including an armchair. After strapping the armchair to the roof, and squeezing everything else inside of his Mini, there is no room left for himself. However, constructs a way of driving the Mini while sitting on the armchair strapped to the roof. Placing a brick attached to a string in front of the front wheel to hold the Mini he releases the handbrake. He uses a tin of paint attached to another string



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to operate the clutch, further strings for the gear stick and steering wheel, and joins his mop and broom together to form a long rod with which to operate the accelerator and footbrake.

All goes well, at first, but he ends up on a steep hill after swerving to avoid roadworks. He desperately tries to keep the Mini under control as it picks up speed, and things get worse when the head accidentally comes off the broom. Now with no way to stop the Mini, his only braking method is to drive it into a parked lorry delivering mattresses, creating an explosion of pillow feathers.

In this now classic episode, no.11 "Back to School, Mr. Bean". we see

Mr. Bean as he attends an open day at a school and unleashes his usual brand of chaos in the various classes he visits. Despite all his fun, Mr. Bean's day takes a sombre turn when he discovers that his cherished Mini is not where he left it. Mr. Bean changed parking spaces with an identical mini (registration ACW 497V) unfortunately the identical Mini was set to be used for a demonstration of an army tank (I believe it was a Challenger II for those interested in such things), and his car was crushed in its place with the padlock on the side being the only surviving part.



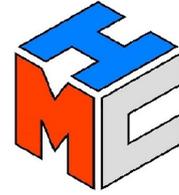
## #3: Registration: **ACW 497V** - Citron Green with Black bonnet.... Take 2



As I mentioned above the Mini failed to appear in only two episodes, first in episode no.2 when the original Orange one was destroyed (off camera) in episode no.1 and then again in episode no.12. However despite the Mini being crushed by the Tank, it reappears in episode no.13 in "Goodnight, Mr. Bean". This is where it gets a little confusing as this Mini was also an Austin colour 'Citron Green' with a matte Black bonnet and has the registration number SLW 287R. It is possible that this Mini was the one (registration **ACW 497V**) that was supposed to have been crushed by the Tank in episode no.11 and that Mr. Bean was given that one as was destroyed by the tank... why or how it was given the original registration number is not made clear... but DVLA rules mean that you can put an older registration on a newer vehicle so for the remaining episodes the car has the registration SLW 287R...



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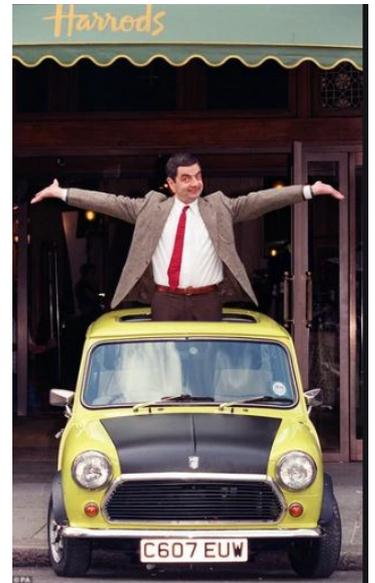


## #4: Registration: **C607 EUW** - The Film Car

For the feature film *Bean* (1997), we have a sequence where Mr. Bean is seen driving to work in the Mini (registration C607 EUW) This also includes driving through **Harrods Department Store**. It was shot, but was not included in the final cut of the film. It can however be found on the DVD.

In June 2018 Mr. Bean's **British Leyland Mini 1000** from the film *Bean* was for \$60,000 (£45k) as part of the Icons & Legends of Hollywood.. also sold in the same auction was

The description read: 'Vintage Mini 1000 painted Austin Citron Green with matte black bonnet (registration number C607 EUW), featuring Bean's signature padlock hardware mounted on the driver's door. 'Engine and gas tank have been removed for display (original engine comes with the car, but all mechanicals are untested).



## #5 Registration: **YGL 572T** - #6 Registration: **STE 952R** - #7 Registration: **DRW221T** - The One Offs



The Mini also appeared in another film *Mr. Bean's Holiday*, but now with the registration YGL 572T. Differently to all previous Bean Minis before (which use the colour Austin Citron green) this Mini is painted in 'Nissan Amarillo Yellow'.

The sixth Mini, a 1979 Austin Morris Mini, in 2015, Mr. Bean returned in a sketch for Comic Relief to celebrate his 25th anniversary. In the sketch Mr. Bean drives the Mini (colour Austin Citron green), with registration STE 952R (same registration that would be used in the animated series) to attend a funeral.

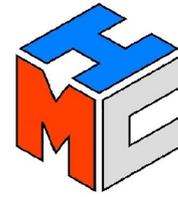
The last Mini used for Mr. Bean's was a promotional Mini used to promote the new children's animated series in 2002, a Mini with registration DRW221T was used for all promotions and events even though the registration in the cartoon series was from the Comic Relief version. This Mini is now on display at National Motor Museum, Beaulieu.



Finally, an honorable mention must go to the Mini seen in the seen in the 2007 movie *Mr. Bean's Holiday*. Although not his car It is a left-hand drive version of his Mini, owned by the character of Sabine a French actress (played by Emma de Caunes), who stops to pick up a hitch-hiking Mr. Bean on her way to Cannes Film Festival.



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## Provisional Meeting Schedule for 2020 - 2021

March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-Southern Expo
April 20 <sup>h</sup>	Show What You Bought Modelling Night
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Competition Night – TBC
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Video Night hosted by John Bennet
July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Competition Night – The Covid Builds???
August 15 <sup>th</sup>	RFC Talk
September 21 <sup>st</sup>	Competition Night
October 21 <sup>st</sup>	Open Night Lucky Dip Starter Kits
November 19 <sup>th</sup>	Competition Night
December 14 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz and Nibbles
January 18 <sup>th</sup>	Competition: Modeller of the Year
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	AGM + Lucky Dip Competition