



A belated Happy New Year to you one and all ...

Well, Xmas and New Year are truly behind us and we hope you have all managed to relax over the holiday and are now looking forward to an exciting year full of Mini meetings, events and lots of fundraising in aid of Variety Club Children's Charity.



Our first event of 2012 is The Step into France which will take place on March 24th. We first did the STEP INTO FRANCE in May 1997 with the slogan "100 ways to get well and truly lost in France". Fast forward to today and you'll notice

from the entry form (online) that we're being coy about our final destination and neither have we told you what we'll do or where we'll be for our lunch stop.

You will discover all by following, understanding and solving a few really random clues and the driving direction we will give you in our own roadbook. And just in case you should really need help we will also provide with a phone number to call - but calling that number will cost you some penalty points!

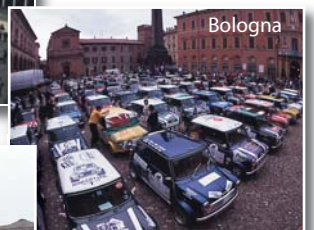
Travel will be by PO Ferries and new rules require full pre-payment 30 days prior to sailing, so we'd really appreciate receiving your entry form as soon as you possibly can.

The entry form is on line but should you prefer, you can always call us on 01273 418100 and we will take your details down over the phone. Or email us your name, full address, car registration, number of people

and then call 01273 418100 to give us your credit card payment over the phone.

As ever the STEP INTO FRANCE is a fundraiser and all teams are asked to do their very best to raise a minimum of £30.00 for Variety Club Children's Charity. We set the target low because we know it is an easily achieved amount. We will however encourage everyone to keep going and raise as much as they can.

We looked and looked in our photo archive, but alas we couldn't find any photos of the first 'STEP INTO FRANCE' of 15 years ago. What we did find though were some other IJ pics from the 90's. So we hope you enjoy them.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: The Italian Job is joining "the paper-less society" so from now on **Job News** will be posted on our website and will be sent electronically to anyone who wishes to receive it. If you don't think we have your correct email address please visit www.italianjob.com/newsletter and subscribe. Thank you

ROME prepares to welcome the mighty...

...Italian Job Minis

Final Dates are October 26th with a start line in the 'Eternal City' and ending on November 3rd in the beautiful lakeside town of Stresa, in Italy.

This is the first time in our history that we close the event in Italy. There will be an optional return route - which the service van will follow - for those of you who prefer the comfort and company of our crew. But for those of you who would prefer to do your own thing, this option affords you that opportunity.

Ferry travel will now be with P&O Ferries and to make matters easier we are proposing 2 group departures:

OPTION 1

October 23rd from Dover to Calais and returning November 5th from Calais to Dover. This is for those teams with less time available or who prefer an independent return. We will see you in Rome on October 26th.

OPTION 2

October 21st from Dover to Calais and returning November 6th for those teams who would prefer the service van route down to Rome and the return journey from Stresa. Here's an idea of our proposed route down:

October 21st travelling from Dover to Calais and then on to Namur in Belgium for an overnight at a preselected hotel.

October 22nd Drive up to Lake Titisee in the heart of Germany's Black Forest. Overnight.

October 23rd Drive 200 miles to Lugano in Switzerland through the most amazing landscape and take in the FURKA PASS (as in the James Bond movie, **GOLDFINGER**) along the way. Overnight in Lugano.

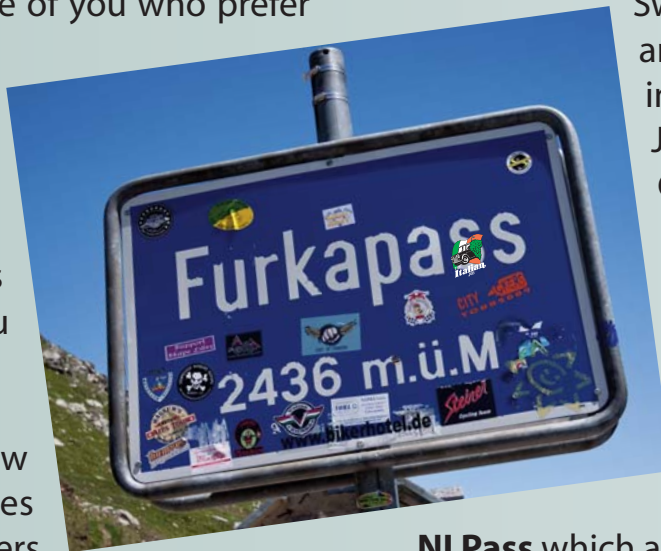
October 24th 240 miles today from Lugano to Monaco where we will overnight and along the way drive the **COL de TURI-**

NI Pass which as many of you know is a stage on the Monte Carlo Rally.

October 25th Drive from Monaco to the coastal town of Livorno in Italy and overnight.

October 26th Drive from Livorno to Rome, aiming to arrive at the Crowne Plaza Rome St. Peters mid morning for scrutineering.

Cost to include overnights, some dinners and service van and organisers escorting will of course depends on numbers so, should you be interested in taking this option please let us know, we will then negotiate rates and advise cost by April.



Check out our website at www.italianjob.com

ITALIAN JOB ITINERARY OUTLINE

October 26th

Arrive mid morning at the Crowne Plaza Rome St Peters for registration, control of vehicle documents, scrutineering & briefing.

Welcome Dinner. Spend the evening at the piano bar in the hotel, or exploring Rome or on an optional 'Rome by Night Tour'

October 27th 28th and 29th

Over the next 3 days, the Navigational Rally will see the first car flagged off at 8.30am each morning. Some things you can expect to experience are a visit to the Sistine Chapel, a lap or two on the hugely entertaining Vallelunga circuit, an introduction to the Rome of Caesars and lunch in Frascati, one of the most beautiful hill towns in this well known wine producing area. You will still have time to shop in Via del Corso, have a coffee in Via Veneto and throw a coin or two (might even be a lira) in the Trevi Fountain. Lunches will be en route and dinner at the Crowne Plaza.

October 30th

We leave Rome and head for Imola, stopping en route at Mugello for lunch and a few laps. Dinner will be at the Molino Rosso Hotel. For the next two days the Rally route will take us deeper than we've been before in to this beautiful Region. We will include a visit to the Ferrari circuit, the Galleria Ferrari in Maranello or the Panini collection in Modena.

November 2nd

We will leave Imola on for the Monza circuit and a spot of Lunch and then for the wonderful Regina Palace Hotel in Stresa.

November 3rd

The last leg of the rally will be up to the Mottarone mountain (1491 metres above sea level) driving on a toll road passing through mountain meadows, over rivers and up to the top for a wonderful scenic view of Lake Maggiore and 6 other lakes. Lunch. Closing dinner and presentation of awards will take place at the Regina Palace Hotel during our black tie closing dinner.

November 4th

Breakfast and departures of all teams.

We are presently negotiating with suppliers and will confirm the total cost by April. As usual numbers would assist us in negotiating best possible rates and would greatly appreciate receiving the entry form from Jobbers who have verbally confirmed their participation for 2012.

Homeward Journey

The service Van will leave Stresa early on Sunday 4th for Turin and then Mulhouse for overnight at the Mercure Sausheim Hotel.

November 5th

After a visit to the Schlumpf Car Collection Museum, they will drive to the Rheims Cathedral Hotel.

Tuesday 6th

Short trip down to Calais and the P&O ferry arriving @ 1pm in Dover

We will add more details regularly to our website.