

REAR VIEW



This is a 1960, Clipper Blue convertible which now lives on the Isle of Man snapped at the National Rally. (I don't think the dog was real!) That's the Haynes Motor Museum in the background. There was also a good display of Police Minors at the Rally.

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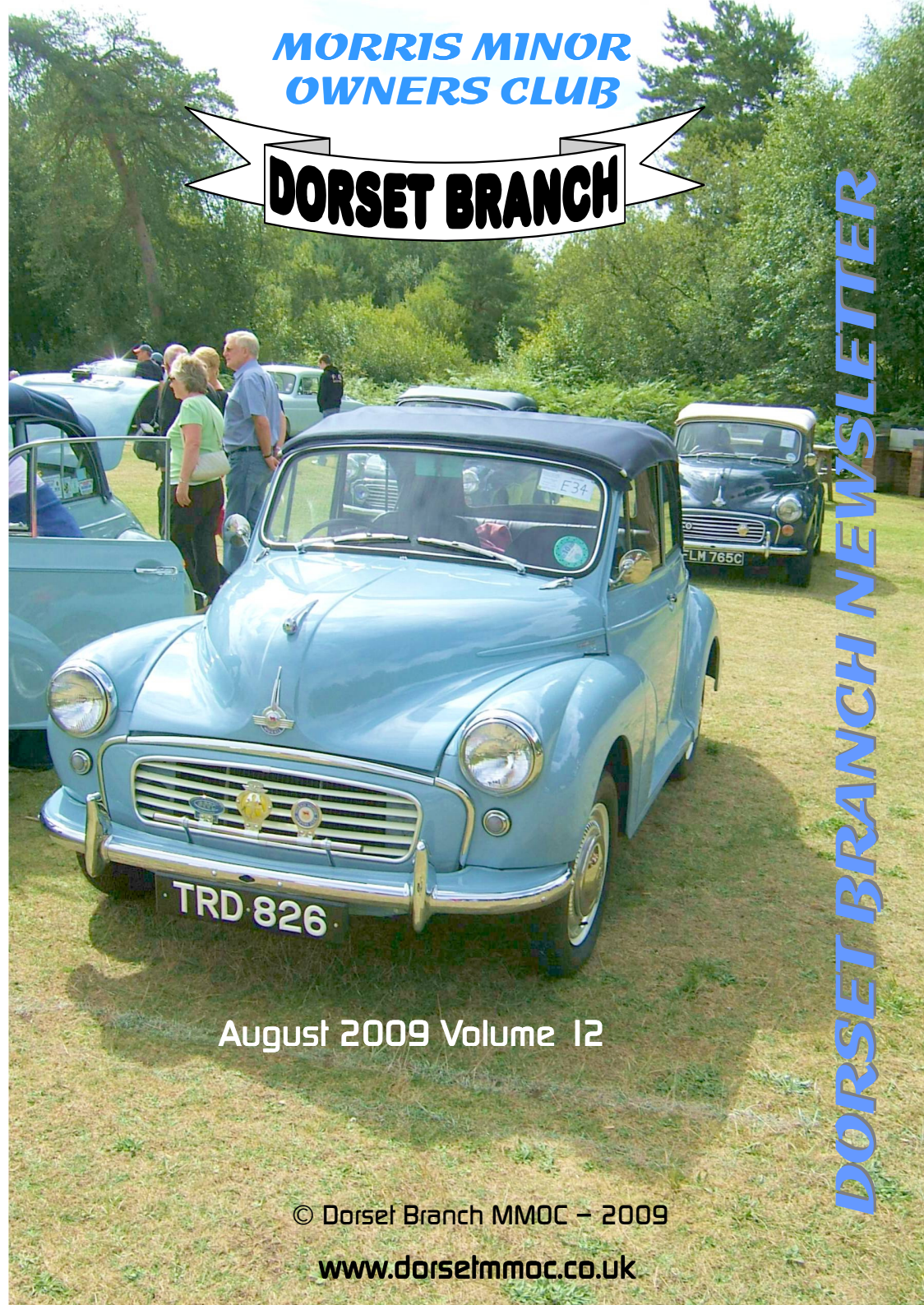
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FRONT COVER We had a good turn out of cars and other classics at our recent Rally at Avon Heath (109 according to the 'official counter of cars'). This is the newly restored convertible belonging to Roger Ware which won a 'gong' for Best Convertible.

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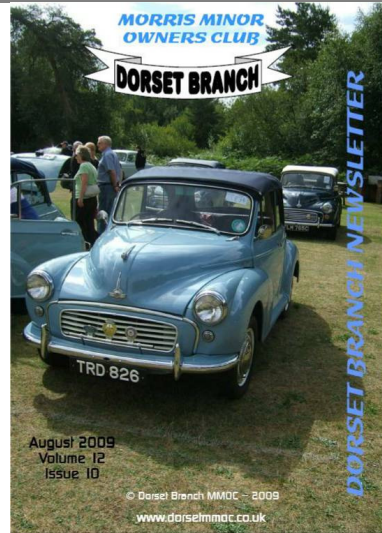
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Good evening everyone and welcome to the August Clubnight. I hope all of the members enjoyed the Rally this year. A big thanks to all the members that helped the committee and all the stall holders for a great rally this year. Also the Saturday meal and the 'pig' racing went down very well and, thanks again to Amelia and her staff at the café.

I hope everyone enjoys the talk by Reverend Timbrell at tonight's clubnight.

At the September clubnight, a list of nominees for the Committee at the forthcoming AGM will be required. So please nominate and second those whom you wish to see on the next Branch Committee.

The Shaftesbury Carnival Committee have invited us to drive through the town again this year and also park on Abbey Walk. As you know, this year, it is on Saturday 3rd October and we will be meeting at Wimborne Market as last year. The cost of the day (including a packed lunch) will be £5.00.

Also the Committee would like to support the BBC Children in Need (Pudsey Bear) charity in November, starting at Wimborne Market, passing through the village making collections and finishing at the Model Town for a meal. The date is Saturday 14th November. Anyway, that's all for now, see you all soon, John.

Thanks to Nev for the update on new locations for traffic light cameras in the area wef. 1st July. They also show where they have included the 'Speed on Green' facility to catch those exceeding the speed limit to get through the junction before the lights change! Don't know about you, but my Series II doesn't go that fast anyway.

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- Clubnight activity:
- Talk by Reverend Timbrell

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Next clubnight – Antiques Evening

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Morning! Please pass on our thanks to all those who made the rally possible, we know a lot of work goes into such an event to allow most of us just to turn up and relax! We thoroughly enjoyed it and we were so pleased the weather held out. Unfortunately we broke down on the way home in the New Forest (head gasket!), but so many other classic car owners stopped to help and identified the problem immediately - how lovely was that! AA rescued us and we got back safe and the car is due to be repaired this week hopefully by another enthusiast! See you all soon. Best wishes, Helena & Kate, Lymington.

Hi Laurie. Once again you had a well organised approach to the show (100% better than Sparkford show the other week, perhaps you could give them some tips). Eve and I had a really nice day catching up on old customers and new, Everyone was so friendly and that goes a long way in our eyes.

It was also nice to see John again as he was in fine form and Eve loved talking to him about the old days up in London etc.

Please pass on to all your members & committee a sincere thank you for inviting us once again and if we can help in any way supplying parts to your club we will do our best. Kind Regards Andy & Eve, Morris Minor Parts Bath.

2009 DINNER AND DANCE

This year's dinner and dance will be held on 28th November at the 'Quality Hotel' in Grove Road on the East Cliff, Bournemouth. The cost will be £20.00 per person for members (and partners) and £22.00 for non members. This includes wine on the table. Application slips will be available when the menu choices are known. So put the date in your diary and more details should be available soon.

See you all there!

Your Club needs your support for this event



THIS MONTH'S NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to new members:
Stacey Collis, Mr Ford and family and Nick and Trudy Jenkins

WHAT'S ON?

(Don't forget to check the website for latest updates to events)

2009

<http://www.dorsetmmoc.co.uk>

2nd August – Lymington Car Show
5th August – Clubnight – Reverend Timbrell
29th August – Frogham Country Fayre
30th August – Wimborne St Giles Open Day
31st August – Verwood Rustic Fayre
2nd September – Clubnight – Antiques Evening with Phil Traves
6th September – IOW Rally
21st September- 3 Counties Skittles Challenge 8pm Hamworthy Club
27th September – Area 6 Picnic at Watercress Line
3rd October – Wimborne/3 in 1 Run (Shaftesbury Carnival Day)
7th October – Clubnight – AGM
4th November – Clubnight -Call My Bluff type quiz
14th November – Children in Need Run – Wimborne
28th November – Dinner and Dance Quality Hotel, Bournemouth
2nd December – Clubnight – Natter and Noggin.
27th December – Mistletoe Meander

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16-18th April – Sidmouth Weekend – Royal Glen Hotel
9-11th July – Dorset Branch Rally

2010 SIDMOUTH WEEKEND

Plans are coming together nicely for a return visit to the Royal Glen Hotel in Sidmouth for a weekend next Spring (16-18th April). Nev is trying to establish how many would be interested before making a booking reservation. The cost will be £66 per person per night (two nights) for half board. Jacky will be collecting your savings so that you can spread the cost (again as per last time).

THREE COUNTIES SKITTLES MATCH

The annual challenge by the Three Counties Club is coming up. We usually put up a team against them at their September Clubnight. The date for your diary is 21st September at 8pm at the Hamworthy Club. Lets have a good turnout for the Branch.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

the Wimborne St Giles Village Open Day on the Sunday and Verwood Rustic Fayre on Monday. I don't know how many of you are going across to the Isle of Wight rally this year but if you are we'll see you there. Bookings are still coming in for the Devon Weekend so if you want to come get your name down before all the places are gone.

Nothing to report on the fleet this month. Work is progressing slowly on Victoria's new engine and the Lowlight is due her MOT this month but I can't foresee any problems that I know of – but you never know!

That's all from me for this month, so until next time – Happy Minorng, Laurie.

SWINE FLU UPDATE

I called the Swine Flu hotline? All I got was crackling.

I heard that the first symptom is that you come out in rashes. Another is that you get the trots. But, I woke up with pig tails this morning ... Should I be worried?

The doctor asked me how long I'd had the symptoms of Swine Flu. I said it must have been about a Weeeeeeeeeeeeeek! Apparently my mate's got Swine Flu, I think he's just telling porkpies, though. The only known cure for Swine Flu in humans has been found to be the liberal application of oinkment. I hear there's now a sine flu as well. Someone on the news was going off on a tangent about it.

Swine flu, however, is not a problem for the pigs because they're all going to be cured anyway.

News Flash This just in. The world's religious leaders have issued a joint declaration that the Swine Flu pandemic is the start of the aporkalypse.

Swine flu has now mixed with bird flu. Scientists say they will find a cure when pigs fly. I just heard on the news that, "Swine Flu could potentially be a threat to every single person in the world". Well it's a good thing I'm married then, isn't it? This is not a time for panic. It is no pig deal. It is a mild hamademic, don't believe the spam you're getting.

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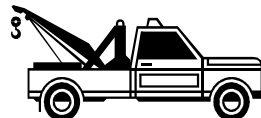
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EDITORIAL

Another busy month has gone by which has seen (amongst others) the National Rally at Yeovil and our own annual show at Avon Heath Country Park. Our journey to the Haynes Museum at Sparkford, near Yeovil was uneventful and was quicker than expected. (That doesn't happen very often!). The weather was one of those bright, but cloudy days, where you get burnt without realising it. We only went on the Sunday of the National Rally but the general consensus was that the Saturday was the better day of the two. Laurie, Lawrie and I attempted to uphold the Dorset Branch honour in the inter-branch challenge. This involved a time trial in a Mini Moke (4 up!) around a small track strewn with cones through which we had to carefully drive. We didn't win but it was great fun and we duly burnt our share of rubber off those 10 inch wheels. We had a leisurely stroll around the museum and nearly missed the prizegiving and speeches which started a bit early. The Dorset Branch did quite well and we took our share of the prizes. The Branch Rally was pretty good too and there are photos on the centre pages. There are some more on the web site: www.dorsetmmoc.co.uk Cheers for now, Brian.



The inter-branch challengers at the National Rally in June with Laurie doing his impression of Al Jolson!

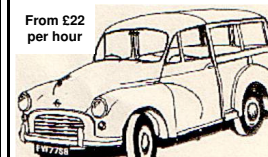
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MUSCLIFFE FUN DAY 19TH JULY

Laurie explains the intricate workings of pre-war side-valve technology to Bournemouth Mayor, Beryl Baxter at the Muscliffe Fun day. This event was supported by the Branch and including a Mini Panda car and a Wolseley 1500, there were about 10 or 11 classics. It looked like the event was a success with lots of people about; the weather held off all day, it was a bit windy though.



SECRETARY'S REPORT



Good evening all and welcome to August clubnight. Tonight, of course, we welcome back Reverend Stuart Timbrell for his, now annual, visit to us. Next month will be an antiques roadshow evening hosted by Phil Traves so don't forget to bring along all your priceless family heirlooms for him to value.

I hope you'll agree with me that this years branch rally was another roaring success. The sun shone down on us on Sunday again this year although it did look slightly doubtful that it would on Saturday! The evening in the Avon Heath café was very enjoyable and many thanks to Amelia and her staff for another excellent meal. We're not sure of the exact number of cars that turned up on the Sunday but it was at least 109 – a very impressive effort indeed. The judging this year was harder than ever with the quality of the restored cars going up each year. I was personally judging the

1000 Saloon section and this was particularly hard with the final scores coming in very close. After careful scrutinising by Graham and I, the final results were:

- Dorset Concours – David Grice, Series II Saloon
- Series MM – A1, Me!!
- Series II – B26, Brian Wood
- 1000 Convertible – E34, Roger Ware
- 1000 Saloon – 1st, C54, Mike Pope
2nd, C70, Tim Furnidge
- 1000 Traveller – 1st, D63, Colin Whiffen and
2nd, D62, Martin Chowne
- 1000 LCV - F43, Roy Gale
- Modified – H35, Andy Wescott
- Post Production Convertible – J18, Eddie Pateman
- Visitor – 1st, Dave Wischussen, Cadillac Eldorado and
2nd, John Marston, Austin 10/4
- Best Dorset Branch Car – H36, Tony Ware
- Best Restorations – C6, John Ayres, 1000 Saloon
Karl Payne, 1000 LCV
- Working Minor – B58, Phil Traves, Series II Traveller
- Furthest Distance Travelled – D10, David and Pam Holton at 135 miles.

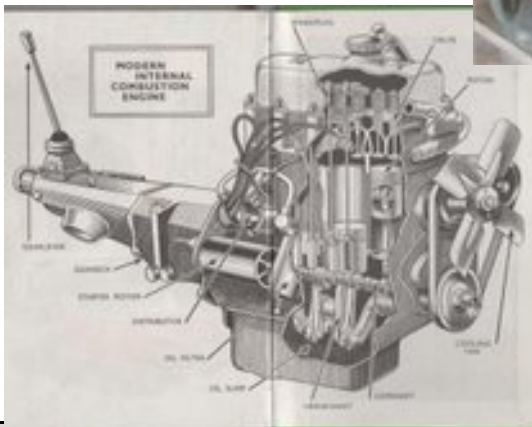
Well done to all of the above. John and I have been out to Avon Heath already and booked next years rally weekend which will be 9th, 10th and 11th July 2010 – let the planning commence!

Many thanks to those of you who brought your cars along to the Muscliffe Community Funday. It was a good display and I know our presence was very much appreciated. The next club event on the calendar is The Lymington Car Show where we have been asked to put on a club stand at the last minute. 16 of you have entered your vehicles so I will report back to you next time.

Don't forget the Frogham Country Fayre on August Bank Holiday Saturday followed by

2009 WIMBORNE 3 IN 1 RUN

3rd October is the date to put in your diaries for the Annual Wimborne Run this year. We are starting, as usual at Wimborne Market at about 9:00 am and will leave for Shaftesbury around midday for a packed lunch at Shaftesbury community centre. From there we will be again joining the Carnival procession about 2:45. The rest of the afternoon and evening can be spent as you wish. Those who stayed on last year will know that the evening carnival is quite spectacular. The cost is £5 per head.



Thanks to Phil Traves for the two nostalgic photos featuring what appears to be an 803 A series engine and a greeting card illustration.

ANTIQUES EVENING – SEPTEMBER CLUBNIGHT

Our friendly, neighbourhood, David Dickinson lookalike (alias Phil Traves) will be with us on the September Clubnight to host an antiques evening. This has proved to be quite a popular event in the past and involves a bit of audience participation.



Basically, we would like you to bring along any antiques (preferably portable and not the mother-in-law!) for Phil to talk about and analyse. It's a bit like 'Bargain Hunt' but without the 'Cuprinol tan'. Actually, its more like the 'Antiques Road show. Phil's special interests lie in furniture and china ware, but he has a good knowledge of most other types of antique also. He usually brings along some items from his own collection, but it would be good if you could all try to bring something along – it makes it a bit more interesting.



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2009 BRANCH RALLY PHOTOS



The Dorset Branch Rally in Pictures: Clockwise from Top left - Series II's, Roger Ware collecting the prize for convertible, Granddaughter Chloë (asleep) and Helen Driver on one of the bus tours; Tony's Buick, the Marching Band, the Renoufs and the Walkers at the Saturday party, the Rally trophies, a working Minor Van and (bottom) a panoramic view of the site.