

REAR VIEW

Alec Issy – who? No. Sorry mate never heard of him. I was just on my way to get a free cuppa.



Test Valley (Insurances) Ltd., Independent Insurance Consultants

23, Market Place,
Romsey,
Hants, SO51 8NA

Telephone: (01794) 512034
515718
Fax: (01794) 830231
E-mail: test.valley@btconnect.com

Photo courtesy of Ron Tickner



All aspects of Restoration, Modification & Customising undertaken including crash repair

www.kustomkolors.co.uk
Unit 15, 7 Airfield Road, Christchurch, Dorset BH23 3TQ
Tel/Fax: 01202 480801

P & A
Diesel Services



Diagnostics and repairs – all makes.
Workshop:
01202 877700
Mobile: 07836 629027

1B Telford Road,
Ferndown Industrial Estate, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 7QN

MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB

DORSET BRANCH



November 2008 Volume 12 Issue 1

© Dorset Branch MMOC – 2008

www.dorsetmmoc.co.uk

DORSET BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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

Or <http://homepage.ntlworld.com/brian.wood13/index.html>

Dorset Branch of the Morris Minor Owners Club

Helping to preserve the post war Morris Minor in the Dorset area and beyond

The MMOC Dorset Branch

was founded in 1977 by Graham Melly and chaired in the early days by Aubrey Batt. It is a Branch of the National Morris Minor Owners Club but has its own accounts and organisation (see Constitution for further details) **We meet on the first Wednesday of every month (7:30 for 8:00)** at the Bournemouth Electric Club, Broadway Lane, BH8 0AA. We have an active calendar of events throughout the year – particularly in the Summer months when we attend many rallies and other shows. The monthly Clubnight is an opportunity to meet the other enthusiasts and enjoy a presentation or other activity organised by the Committee.

Membership currently costs £9 per year, £11.50 for joint membership.

Please ask Branch Secretary if you require a copy of the Dorset Branch Constitution. For more details contact Laurie Blewer on 01202 522673 or John Jenkinson on 01202 576690

Advertising: Cars or spares for sale or wanted £5 per entry (Free to members). Traders advertisements: £30 per year.



Printed by: **Adding Value Solutions**, Unit 66, Alloa Business Centre, Whins Road, Alloa, FK10 3SA.
And Laurel Bank, Harts Lane, Burghclere, Newbury, RG20 9JN.

M : 07768 653017 T : 0870 360 7000 F : 0870 360 7001

E : stephen@addingvaluesolutions.co.uk - W : www.addingvaluesolutions.co.uk

Committee Members 2008-09:

President: Graham Jarvis (07914 637429)

Chairman: John Jenkinson (01202 576690)

Secretary: Laurie Blewer (01202 522673, 07947 525884)

Treasurer: Jacky Wood (01202 573501).

Membership Secretary – Des Waller 01202 573403

Events Organiser/H&S Supervisor – Neville Gerry (01202 747687)

Newsletter /Website Editor: Brian Wood (01202 573501)
(brian@dorsetmmoc.co.uk)

Non Committee posts:

Raffle Coordinators: Chris Tilley and Val Palmer

Spares Manager: John Bainbridge (01258 458749)

Regalia Manager: Richard Cyster – (01202 526660)

Catering Executives: -Sue Blewer, Lyn Gerry



FRONT COVER

We hope you like the new magazine format with a colour picture on the front. Steve Ford holds the honour of having his lovely convertible being the first to be featured. (Picture taken at Beaulieu in March 2008)

THE LAWS OF MECHANICAL REPAIR

After your hands become coated with grease your nose will begin to itch or you'll have to pee.

Law of the Workshop: Any tool, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

Law of probability: The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

Law of the Telephone: When you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal.

Law of the Alibi: If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, the very next morning you will have a flat tire.

Variation Law: If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will start to move faster than the one you are in now. (works every time)

Bath Theorem: When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.

Law of Close Encounters: The probability of meeting someone you know increases when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

Law of the Result: When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.

Law of Bio mechanics: The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

Theatre Rule: At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle arrive last.

Law of Coffee: As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

Murphy's Law of Lockers: If there are only two people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.

Law of Dirty Rugs/Carpets: The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor covering are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet/rug.

Law of Location: No matter where you go, there you are.

Law of Logical Argument: Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

Brown's Law: If the shoe fits, it's ugly.

Oliver's Law: A closed mouth gathers no feet.

Wilson's Law: As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.

FOR SALE & WANTED & CLUB NOTICES

FOR SALE

1969 Traveller Snowberry white with black trim. Taxed and M.O.T. History and M.O.Ts back to 1983. New S.T.Forman wood, reconditioned unleaded engine and clutch, steering rack, dynamo etc. Car has a servo and remote master cylinder reservoir. apart from that and a trashy radio cassette player it's standard. Car supplied new by Morris Garages so it may have been a "staff purchase". Probably condition 2+

£3750

Dave or Jackie Walker 01202 877972 or mobile 07810 124039 (11/08)



WANTED

Indicator switch for 1961 saloon (with green light on the end of stalk)
Phone Theresa on 01202 533878 (10/08)

FOR SALE

1955 Morris Minor 4 door. Clarendon Grey, MoT, History, Low Mileage, Good Interior, some restoration required, new bumpers and wheels - £1,195 ono, or swap classic bike or project.
Phone Phil 07737 537578 (10/08)

FOR SALE

1963 2-door saloon in grey with red duotone interior. 58000 miles. Very good condition throughout. MOT Sept 2009.
£2500. 01202 694828(11/08)



MORRIS MINOR SPARES - DORSET BRANCH

Please order from; **-John Bainbridge**, 334 Bournemouth Road, Charlton Marshall Blandford, Dorset DT11 9NJ Tel (01258) 458749. Or see at Club Meetings. (The stock list is shown on the website www.dorsetmmoc.co.uk)

BRANCH REBATE SCHEME

You may be aware that the branch receives a financial rebate according to the numbers of national MMOC members who attend the monthly clubnights. We therefore need to update our records so that we can take advantage of this scheme. Please would you advise Graham Jarvis (or any Committee Member) of your MMOC membership number and renewal date and make sure that you sign the attendance sheet at the clubnights. Thank you.

MMOC Dorset Branch Newsletter

November 2008

Volume 12 Issue 1

• Clubnight activity:

• Talk on the Life of Patrick Campbell

Inside....



<i>This Month's New Members/MOT 2009</i>	4
<i>Editorial</i>	5
<i>Wimborne Market Photos</i>	6
<i>Dinner & Dance Preview</i>	7
<i>Goodwood Revival Meeting</i>	8
<i>Misteltoe Meander Preview</i>	9
<i>Hobbies Night Preview</i>	10
<i>Plowman's 'Train Set'</i>	11
<i>Secretary's Report</i>	12
<i>What's On?</i>	13
<i>For Sale and Wanted (etc)</i>	14
<i>The Laws of Mechanical Repair</i>	15

Next clubnight 'Noggin & Natter evening'

The Dorset Branch Newsletter is published on the first Wednesday of the month and sent by post to paid-up members. It is also available for free download from the Internet

THIS MONTH'S NEW MEMBERS

Morris Minor owners who have joined in October are:

Mr W. Ellis from Ryde, Isle of Wight who owns a '64 Traveller,
Mr O. Harding from Tisbury, Wiltshire who has a 1962 Convertible.
A warm welcome to them from the Branch and we hope to meet
them soon.

MoT 2009

Just a quick update about Minors On Tour 2009 which we would appreciate you circulating around your Branch. MOT 2009 will be in the Vendée in France. The article about MOT 2009 will appear in the November copy of Minor Matters, unfortunately it is delayed as we did not go to France to find a campsite until the beginning of September because of our work commitments.

There is a magazine article, about MOT 2009 and an application form; we have been able to reserve plenty of accommodation until Christmas and so it is not necessary for everyone to receive the information on the same day. Please pass on this information to people who may be interested, we distributed information at the birthday party on 20th Sept, will email/write to people who applied for MOT 2008 and others who have expressed interest. Also information is going on the MOT website. If you are planning to come on MOT 2009 then please print and fill in the application form and return to us with the registration fee.

Looking forward to hearing from everyone.

Pam and Ash Holmes, Orchard End, The Street, Castle Eaton, Swindon, SN6 6JZ, telephone 01285 810524

Stop Press. Information about Minors On Tour 2009 to the Vendée in France is now available on the MOT website: www.minors-on-tour.org.uk

DAVID SMITH MOTORS

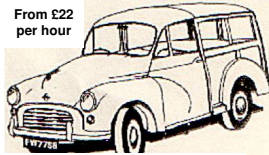
Est 1978

21 TELFORD ROAD, FERNDOWN, INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, WIMBORNE, DORSET
BH21 7QS. TEL: 01202 871858

MoTs Cars & Motorcycles
ALL CLASSIC VEHICLES WELCOME



From £22
per hour



01202 881499 07713 948631
Welding - All Types Threads Repaired
Brake Improvements Engine Rebuilds

O.H.V. Engineering Wimborne

Only Historic Vehicles- Austin,
Ford, Morris, MG, Riley, Rover,
Sunbeam, Triumph, VW Beetle,
Wolsley
+ BSA, Indian, and Matchless
Motorcycles

Parts Made, Fabricated,
Milled or Turned

WHAT'S ON?

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

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

2008

5th November – Clubnight– Talk on the life of Patrick Campbell
7-9th November – Lord Mayor's Show – London (See John)
23rd November – Arfur's Autumn Leaves Run – 01929 554890 **NOT DMMOC**
29th November – DMMOC Dinner & Dance – Quality Hotel.
3rd December – Clubnight – Noggin and Natter
28th December – Mistletoe Meander (NOTE **NOT USUAL DAY**)

2009

7th January – Clubnight – Hobbies Evening
4th February – Clubnight – Mock Auction
3rd June – Clubnight – Autojumble
25-28th June – National MMOC Rally
10-12th July Dorset Branch Rally – Avon Heath
5th August – Clubnight – Reverend Timbrell (TBC)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Good evening and welcome to the November Clubnight. I thought the AGM went well and I would like to pass my thanks to club members for voting for myself and the rest of the committee. Also to Des for taking on the Membership position. The Christmas dinner is filling up nicely – unfortunately, Anne and myself will not be going this year due to other family commitments – so I hope you will all enjoy the evening. Don't forget to hand in your slips for the Mistletoe Meander on Sunday 28th December at West Moors Bowls club at 10:00am. For the December clubnight we are having the usual 'Noggin and Natter' evening so why not come along and have a glass of wine with your fellow club members. Advertisements for the club magazine are now being taken at the same price as last year. Thanks for the support who have advertised in the past and the revenue goes toward the cost of producing the newsletter. Congratulations to Laurie and Vicki on the arrival of their new 'member' Louise Margueritte born on 25th October.

Don't forget to let us have any new ideas for events, clubnights, places to go, etc. We would still like to receive ideas for a spring break next year so please let us know or put your ideas on the notice board.

That's all for now, John.

PS all those going on the Lord Mayor's trip to London please meet at my house at about 3:30pm on Friday 7th since the coach is leaving Pelhams at 4:00 sharp

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Good evening all and welcome to November clubnight. I hope you all like the new look colour front cover on this months newsletter. Tonight we will be having a talk by Nick Thomas on Patrick Campbell. Next month will be the usual Christmas Noggin and Natter and card swap night. January sees the return of the popular hobbies night. Just bring along examples of your other hobbies apart from Morris Minors.

I hope all those who came on the 3 in 1 Run had a good time. In all we had 52 cars take part. Nev and myself were the first to arrive at Wimborne Market just after 8am. It was a very foggy and chilly start but the fog soon lifted to leave a bright and sunny day. The public was very interested in the cars and we sold some regalia along the way. Nev, John, Ann and I set off for Shaftesbury at about 12 to get ready to welcome the remaining cars. Once there most of us ate our packed lunch before we took part in the carnival procession. The public and the organisers enjoyed the procession, as did all of the entrants. Many thanks to our walkers who took the lead with the charity buckets and managed to raise a very impressive amount. After watching the afternoon children's carnival procession we had afternoon tea at Shaftesbury Abbey which was very good – many thanks to the WI ladies. Nev and I left before the evening procession, as Albert's lights aren't too bright. I understand from those who did stay on that it was very impressive. So, all in all, a very enjoyable day out.

The following day I had a stall at the St Leonards Autojumble where I managed to sell off a load of old junk. Its amazing what you can sell at 50p a time!

Please remember to get your membership renewals in now if you haven't done so already. This will be the last newsletter you'll receive if you don't renew.

Bookings for this years Dinner and Dance on Saturday 29th November are disappointingly low so far. Don't forget that tonight is your last opportunity to book in. Could I ask those of you who are coming to bring along a raffle prize for the evening.

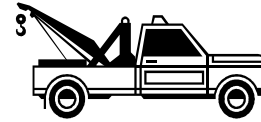
By the time you read this I should have been to The Restoration Show at The Bath and West Showground on 1st November and I hope to get up to the NEC for the International Classic Car Show this month. The MMOC stand has borrowed our Beaulieu display posters, as they had none of their own to use.

Finally, I hope all of you who are going on the Lord Mayors Show trip have a good time.

So, until next month Happy Minorring – Laurie.

WELDONE & A1 RECOVERY

Mobile Car welding service and cars collected and delivered. Contact: **Terry House** 07889 380760 or evenings after 6pm 01929 480260



Ringwood Town and Country Experience

Ringwood Museum

Gouldings Farm, Blashford, Ringwood, Hants BH24 3PA. Tel: 01425 472746

The Museum is open from 10 am, last admissions 4.30pm and you can enjoy refreshments all day in our cafe.
Prices: Adult: £4.50; Children (over 3, under 15): £3.00; Family (2 + 2) £12; Senior Citizen: £3.75; Concessions £3



EDITORIAL



Firstly - Congratulations from the Branch to Laurie and Vic on their new family arrival (see page 7 for the details.) Also a very big welcome from the Committee to our other new 'arrival', Des Waller. He has bravely volunteered to step into the role of Membership Secretary. So from now on, membership renewals and new membership applications will be handled by Des. Des' Morris Minor credentials are sound and he has been in the Branch since about 2005. Des and Tina have owned the Traveller (bought from another Branch member) since about the same time.

The inaugural message from Des is a reminder to get your renewals in to him (if you have not already done so) as soon as possible. Those who have not renewed by next month will not receive the December newsletter. Many thanks to Phil for his write up about the Goodwood Festival. Lots of good photos too. (*more photos on the website www.dorsetmmoc.co.uk*).

I have been doing a bit of work on the 4 door over the last few weeks. The near-side rear door has been replaced with a refurbished one. I always dread working on doors, especially the rear ones since you always seem to end up with grazed knuckles and lost vital bits in the base of the door. This job went fairly well, however, and the door actually fitted quite well first time (apart from a bit of sticking over the wheel arch panel). I bought a rubber 'lip' type window seal for the driver's door some time ago as a trial. It seems to work very well– so I have just bought another 3 sets for the rest of the doors. The only trouble is, they are a little difficult to fit with the drop glass in place. The fronts are not too bad, but I think I am going to have to lower the glass in the rears to get them in. Looking at the rubbish in the bottom of the old door, I think this has caused the retention of moisture encouraging the rust which has led to its demise. The old type window seals aren't so good at keeping out the detritus. Just the front nearside wing to sort out now and the respray will be next on the horizon. – Perhaps next year – who knows?

Cheers for now – Brian

WIMBORNE MARKET RUN 27TH SEPT.



The run kicked off at Wimborne Market in accordance with tradition and the weather was kind with warm sunshine all day. The display at the Market was well attended with lots of different classics showing up and a great deal



of interest from the shoppers as usual. The activity then proceeded to Shaftesbury for lunch and an afternoon display. This was followed by a pro-



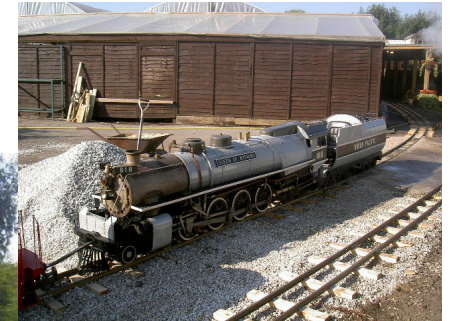
cession through the town for the Shaftesbury Carnival which took place in the evening. Some had a bit of a late finish

as a result. It looked like the participants had put a lot of effort into the floats in the Carnival.

Thanks to those who sent me the photos (Laurie, Eddie and John)

PLOWMAN'S 'TRAIN SET'

Speaking of hobbies, how many of you have 'model railway' layouts in the loft or spare bedroom? John Jenks advises that Vic Plowman has now disposed of most of the classic car collection and acquired a substantial collection of working American model railway engines – both steam and diesel. The 'models' are substantially sized and run on 10" gauge (which is quite big!). I would say that this is definitely worth a look. (Photos courtesy of John Jenkinson.)



HOBBIES NIGHT – JANUARY 2009



For those who have joined relatively recently, we are reviving a winter clubnight activity which we last did a few years ago. Many of us have hobbies other than Morris Minors (yes I know, difficult to believe!!). So, for the January club-night, we would like you to bring along any collections or other material you may have that would be of interest to other members of the club. The sort of things that people have brought in the past have ranged from photos, model collections, genealogy, astronomy, antiques, classic radios, model aircraft and compacts. Let's have a good display in January.



MINOR MONTHLY

Subscription hotline: 01305 266360

www.minormonthly.co.uk

THE BEST SELLING MORRIS MINOR MAGAZINE

BULL MOTIF SPARES
 TEL/FAX:01386 831755 FAX/ TEL:01386 831716
 Email: bullmotif@btconnect.com
Reardene Workshops, Cleeve Road, Middle Littleton, Worcs, WR11 5JR
 Mail order – same day despatch. Mention MMOC number

Radio Sales, Repairs & Servicing
 J. Fred Greenwood, MSc,
 MIM, C.Eng, NMTF

91, Keyhaven Road,
 Milford on Sea
 Lymington,
 Hampshire
 SO41 0TF
 Email: jfg@tesco.net
 Tel: 01590 645872

G3ZJY

The Old Trim Shop

Phone: 07824 377373,
 fax: 01264 810408
 Email: theoldtrimshop@gmail.com
 www.theoldtrimshop.com

Motor Trimmers
 Marine & Light Aircraft Seating
 Wynrush, London Road, Stockbridge,
 Hants SO20 6EN

Over 35 years experience in traditional coach trimming.
 Specialising in classic and vintage cars.
 Individual requirements delivered to the highest standard.

	POWER WASHERS All types of KARCHER power washers, Steamers and accessories. At Wimborne Market Hall 5 (Fri/Sat/Sun) Contact Sonny: 07761 277380, email: karcherpower@yahoo.co.uk	
	MAIN AGENT upgrades, repairs, parts & accessories	

3, Telford Road,
 Ferndown Industrial Estate,
 Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 7QN.
 Tel: 01202 871143
 Fax: 01202 897045

NEW ARRIVALS



Congratulations to Laurie and Vic on the arrival of Louise Marguerite BLEWER on Saturday 25th October at 17:51 weighing in at 6lb 5oz. Both Mother and Baby (and Dad) are doing fine (More photos on the Website www.dorsetmmoc.co.uk)

DINNER & DANCE

The arrangements for this year's Dinner Dance have now been finalised and it will be held on 29th November at 7:00 for 7:30 at the Quality Hotel in Bournemouth and according to their website "The Quality Hotel is a three star AA hotel situated on Bournemouth's stunning East Cliff just two roads back from the cliff top with its breathtaking views of the bay and several miles of golden sandy beaches". The address is 47 Gervis Road, Eastcliff, Bournemouth, BH1 3DD. Some of you may have been there for Laurie and Vic's wedding last year.

The cost is £19.50 per head for club members (and partners) and £22.00 for non-members. This includes the meal, wine on the table and live entertainment. The menu choices will be required at the time of booking and the forms are now available from Jacky or Laurie. **Final numbers and payment will be required by the November clubnight please.**

Accommodation is available at £28 pp B&B per night, please book direct and mention that you are with the Morris Minor D & D (tel. 01202 316316)

GOODWOOD REVIVAL MEETING

19-21 SEPT BY PHIL TRAVES

If you get the chance to go to the Goodwood revival meeting then do so! I first went four years ago when a work colleague, Angela said she was racing her 1955 AC Ace, which raced at Goodwood in the 1950's. I met her at Goodwood, and I was amazed at what I saw.

It is best described as walking on to the set in a "Heartbeat" episode; a good 50% of people are dressed up in period clothing dating from the 1940's to 1966 when motor racing finished at Goodwood. Angela was "invited" to race her car that year, and had a collection of passes which enabled a behind-the-scenes poke around the pits – *strictly pre 66 clothes, gentlemen to wear ties at all times!* I have been every year since, and this

year I went for two days, there is so much to see! I wore my 1945 De-Mob suit, complete with gas mask, trilby hat and accessories, I parked in the pre -1966 car park at about 8am and managed a space in the front row. There were 1000's of cars, I counted 8 pre war racing Bentleys each worth the price of a small house! There were quite a few Morrisses, but the quality and quantity of cars was astounding, it was better than any car show I have been to. When you order your tickets,



Goodwood send you a pre-'66 car park pass for no extra charge!

From the car park you enter the revival circuit; you are greeted by a display of vintage Police cars and drivers including a Dr Who Tardis police box. To the right was a recreated "Glam Cabs" set from "Carry on Cabby" All the girls are there in their outfits, complete with Mk1 Ford Cortinas and lit up 'Glam Cab' signs, even the old Taxis were there including PEG 1 (See photo of me with the girls Ding Dong!!!) There are so

many set pieces to see, a complete Dad's Army was there, lots of vintage vans, buses, a recreation of the 1948 Motor Show (but no Morris!!!) and a representation of the original Porsche dealership in the UK (AFN – Isleworth) and lots more. The displays vary each year. The main thing you are there for is the



S.G.A MOTORS
Minor Restoration
for the Central Southern Area

- Welding • Body & Spray Work •
- Servicing & Mechanical Repairs •
- Traveller Woodwork Fitted •
- Convertible Conversions •

Ringwood, Hants.
01425 461241 (Workshop)
01425 479117 (Home)

Norman J. Kimber

D.S.A. Approved Driving Instructor
Full theory training given
Pass Plus Scheme Available
Discounts for MMOC Club members
Tel 01202 779092 Mobile 07889 461262

Interested in using your car for weddings? You just tell us when your car is, and is not, available. Quite literally, you are in the driving seat!

Superwed Cars

www.superwed.co.uk

Tel: 01202 423866

From Vintage to Modern
Largest Selection of Cars in the Area
Friendly & Helpful - Established over 25 years

GOODWOOD REVIVAL (CONTD)



racing, and my God they do race! For the age of the cars it is amazing to watch. The St Mary's Trophy is for production saloon cars produced from 1950-1959. They are all tuned to the limit and they go so fast! There was a 1949 Morris Minor Low Light entered by Ian Kellett, which had a later 1098 engine and a 1958 Morris 1000 saloon entered by Russell Martin. (Both Pictured).

Other cars included A35's, A50's, Wolseley 1500, Jaguar Mk 1, Standard 10 and a 1956

Austin A95 Westminster which rolled on the Saturday race, bashed into an A35, was repaired and won on the Sunday!

If you go under the circuit you can walk around the pits and see some of the cars being tested & tuned, I can not believe, with health and safety you are still allowed to do so. There is Vintage bike racing, which is thrilling to watch.

Overhead there are displays by Spitfires, Hurricanes and other vintage aircraft.

All around there are jazz bands, vintage stalls, dancing and some fantastic period clothing, it is a family day out, so much to see and stare at!

My ticket this year for the three days was £100, this sounds a bit steep, but you do get a lot for it, there are 8 races on the Saturday alone. My advice, if you have a birthday coming up ask for tickets, as it sells out quite quickly, mine were for my 40th and I had the time of my life! Phil Traves.

2008 MISTLETOE MEANDER

This year's Mistletoe Meander has been booked for Sunday 28th December meeting once again at the West Moors Bowls Club for coffee prior to the road run. This will be swiftly followed by lunch back at the Bowls Club of sausages and mash, with a pudding and drink. We are hoping for a good turnout out again for the post-Christmas Winter gathering. Booking slips available now and in with the newsletter.

Cost is £5 per head. Kick off at 10:00

