REAR VIEW



This car was spotted in the 'Red Hall' at the Sparkford Musuem when we went to the National Rally this year. That looks like an 'MM' grille, doesn't it? The car is, I believe, a Turner- chassis number 003 with a Lea-Francis engine. The car was built for Ken Rose, son of the owner of the Lea Francis car company, using one of the 8 early larger Turner chassis. (Amazing what you can find out on the interweb isn't it?)





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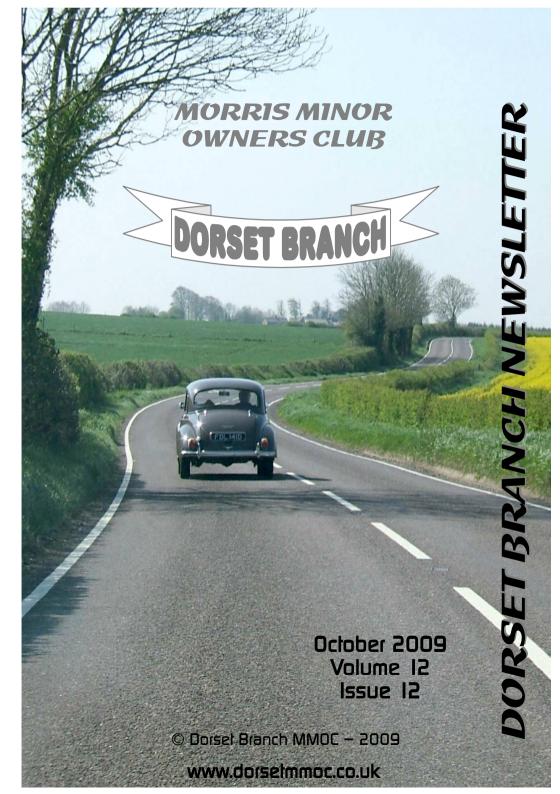
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FRONT COVER

Chairman, John, heading off towards our Aubrey Batt Run destination in early summer in the Taupe 2 door FDL 141D (which is, incidentally, on the market again due to timewasters.)

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Secretary: Laurie Blewer (01202 522673, 07947 525884)

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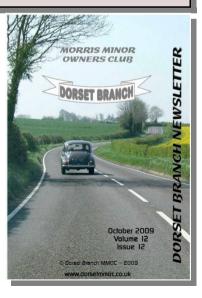
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Good evening and welcome to clubnight. Another year gone and the AGM is here again. I would like to thank all my committee for all their support and the members for their help over the past year. I think the year has gone well with a good rally, general run and clubnight activities — the membership reached an all-time high of 181 members (inc. family members). I hope you all enjoyed the clubnight with Phil Traves on antiques last month. There were some good and interesting items brought along. Don't forget to book your christmas dinner and dance tickets with Jacky for 28th November. Also let us have your names for the Mistletoe Meander at the West Moors Bowls club on the 27th December. Put you names on the list tonight if you are interested. Booking slips available next month.

In 2010 I am looking for new ideas for stalls at the Rally and also for speakers at clubnight. Also lets have club run and activity ideas please. Please let me or the committee know. We are sorry about the delay in issuing the newsletter last month, this was due to postal problems. We are grateful for



the support of the adverisers in the branch newsletter. We would like some new advertisers since some existing ones have ceased trading, so if anyone has a business or knows of a company who may be interested please let us know. The costs is £30 for one year (November – October) and includes entries on the website and rally booklet. The Wessex Car Club is arranging a day trip to the NEC Classic Car Show in Birmingham on 13-15th November on a coach. Anyone interested, please ring Doug Cronk on 01202 894713 . Good Motoring, John.

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- Annual General Meeting

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Next clubnight — Call My Bluff type Quiz

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 usually about 10 days before the clubnight.

2009 DINNER AND DANCE

The arrangements for this year's Dinner Dance have now been finalised and it will be held on 28th November at 7:00 for 7:30 at the Quality Hotel in Bournemouth. Rooms are available for £28 per person per night for bed and breakfast. Please make your arrangements yourself and mention the Morris Minor function. The address is 47 Gervis Road, Eastcliff, Bournemouth, BH1 3DD. Phone 01202 316316 The cost is £20.00 per head for club members (and partners) and £22.00 for nonmembers. 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. - Full Menu is shown below, this time in a more readable font!

Starter:

Home made parsnip soup served with a chestnut cream and croutons Prawn and smoked salmon linguine

Breaded brie with redcurrant and orange sauce

Smooth chicken liver pate

Mains:

Traditional Roast Turkey - served with chipolatas, wrapped in bacon, season-

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ing, cranberry sauce and gravy.

Beef stroganoff with wild rice - steak cooked in a mushroom and paprika, onion and mushroom cream sauce

Baked salmon with a pesto and parmesan crust served on a bed of tomato and lime salsa

Carmelised red onion and goats cheese tart with roasted mediterranean vegetables and a balsamic reduction (all main courses are served with seasonal vegetables and potatoes)

Puddinas:

Traditional Christmas Pudding, Irish cream Cheesecake, Festive apple and mixed berry Crumble, Home made Chocolate Fudgecake

Cheese platter

Followed by: Freshly brewed coffee and after dinner mints.



Neville, being assertive

WHAT'S ON?

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

2009

http://www.dorsetmmoc.co.uk

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

2010

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



FRONT COVERS

Can I make a general plea for your digital Morris Minor photo shots for the front cover of future newsletters. I am beginning to run out and I am sure you would like to see some of your own work on our newsletter. They should be (preferably) Morris Minor related, be 'portrait' orientation and of reasonably good resolution. Thanks. Brian

SECRETARY'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

Classics Monthly are going to do an article on him – so keep your eyes open for that. We went back and forth for the three days of the show in the Traveller knocking up almost 200 miles in the process! On the Sunday the Traveller also went onto the Classics Monthly stand and was used all day to demonstrate some new hydraulic ramps that have just come onto the market. She was going up and down all day long. Gary from Classics Monthly also had his Minor 4 door on the stand and we managed to find him a few of the bits he was looking for over the weekend. I managed to buy one or two bits and bobs for the Austin engine whilst there amongst various other vitally important purchases that I made over the 3 days we were there! I'm hoping to have the Austin on the Classics Monthly stand next year providing we have

an engine in her by then, of course! I took along a bit of Dorset Branch regalia which I managed to sell as well as giving out guite a lot of Dorset Branch newsletters. Our friend Peter from Germany was there and was proudly wearing his Dorset Branch polo shirt! He needs a drivers side rear sliding front glass for his Traveller. If you have got one that is surplus to your requirements please could you let me know - thanks.

By the time you read this we will have taken part in the 3 in 1 run and the Shaftesbury Carnival so I hope you all enjoyed it. Don't forget

to get your booking slips in for The Christmas Dinner and Dance and if you want to come along on the Devon weekend but haven't got your name down yet I'm sure we can still squeeze you in.

That's about all from me for this month, so until next time,

Happy Minoring

Laurie.



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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the last newsletter in 'Volume 12'. I hope you have enjoyed the first 12 issues with colour photos on the front page. This was introduced last November for the first time, with the full-colour newsletter being introduced the previous January. I must thank all the sponsors whose continued support for the club is much appreciated. Also, thanks again to our printer 'Adding Value Solutions' in Scotland, who always do an excellent, reliable (and economic) job for us.

Apologies to you all for the lateness of the September newsletter. We thought we had done a good job getting if off to print before we went away on holiday on the bank-holiday weekend. The intention was to get the prints delivered to Des, but there were postal problems which delayed the whole process.

I am grateful to a 'policyholder' whose insurance claim I investigated recently for allowing me to copy an interesting black and white framed photo hanging in his hall way. It is on the centre pages and see if you can have a stab at the location before reading the text at the bottom of the page.

We have had further developments on the MOT front, following the slightly embarrassing discovery of loose nuts on the front suspension of our 4-door Minor, revealed in the July Editorial. Further anguish was caused in July by the discovery of a bit of corrosion on the sills of the 911, which was tucked up between the 'bolt-on' outer sills. The tin worm had been active for a while, but it was pointed out that it had got a bit worse than I thought. I had been putting off sorting out the rest of the bodywork which has a few bits of damage and rust to deal with. This was, however, the catalyst needed for this work to be commenced. I sent off the tax disc which had about 4 months to run and declared it 'Off Road' to the DVLA. The rust had got hold of the 'boxing sill' which is similar to that on the Morris and is hidden under both the bolted sill and the outer sill (which is welded). The current state of play is that I am now starting to replace the sills on the nearside. Still guite a long way to go - the other side is as bad and is complicated by the presence of the oil cooler pipe which run between the outer and inner sills.

Cheers for now, Brian.

Apologies: Jacky Wood, Ian Evans, Ray Driver, Des and Tina Waller, Steve and Michelle Brown. Steve and Carole Ford. Heather and Colin Curtis

Minutes of Last Meeting. These had been printed in the current newsletter.

President's Opening Remarks

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the 2008 AGM and saying that the AGM was all about looking backward over the previous year and forwards to the new one He then handed over to the committee members for their reports.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary gave a brief summary of the past year's events and said that we started with the Christmas D & D closely followed by the Mistletoe Meander and the Plowman's Lunch event in January which was a new event this year. Another 'new' event was the Sidmouth Weekend which, whilst being affected by the weather was enjoyable. Suggestions for venues next year are welcomed. Other events this year were the Aubrey Batt Run, IoW Rally, and the very successful '3 in 1' Run last weekend. He congratulated Vicki, Lyn, Chris and Margaret for taking part in the Race For Life in Poole. The National Rally excursion attended by a group of members was mentioned. Our own big events this year were the Beaulieu Spring Autojumble which achieved the goal of 60 cars to commemorate the 60th year of the Morris Minor. He gave his thanks to the Beaulieu Events team for their help and generosity in the planning of the event. Nick Palmer's car was featured in the literature and on the day. He also thanked Dave Daniels for the loan of the 'Mosquito' model for the display. The Branch Rally was a success despite the problems caused by the Gypsies and we had 130 cars attending. The decision to hold the Saturday night party in the café proved to be a good one. Also thanks were given to Bull Motif for the sponsorship this year. The Classics Monthly photoshoot was mentioned and this had brought valuable publicity to the Branch. He praised everyone who had won a prize with their car at events - in particular, Roger and Tony Ware. Also it was good to see Nick and Val Palmer's car used in connection with the Dorset Air Ambulance. He mentioned the sad loss of our friend and committee member Ron who was missed. There was a letter of thanks from his daughter, Lindsay in the current newsletter. Looking ahead to next year, the Lord Mayor's Show preparations are well advanced and the D&D is planned for the 29th November, with the Mistletoe Meander just after Christmas.

Treasurers Report

Brian Wood was standing in for Jacky due to her recuperation from a recent operation. The summary accounts were printed in the current newsletter. The Spring Autojumble was our first major gathering of the year and we are awaiting the reimbursement of some of our expenses from the MMOC. The hospitality (tea/coffee) in the marquee was almost self supporting and the marketing materials and gifts were generously provided by Beaulieu. The Branch Rally was at risk of cancellation just prior to the weekend and we had incurred various costs in relation to the bags, trophies, guide books etc. Had it been cancelled, we would have had to refund the entry fees and this would have incurred a significant loss. On the day, the event broke even (excluding the surplus of $\mathfrak{L}573.83$ from cakes, bric a brac and raffle tickets). The other events are self supporting and the only one which is deliberately subsidised is the D&D where the Branch pays for the wine on the tables. A new gazebo (£189.00) was purchased and Brian Tilley was thanked for his

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Nick Palmer enjoys the Verwood Rustic Fayre



Good evening and welcome to this years AGM. Its hard to believe that another year has gone and that this month we're celebrating Louise's first birthday already. I hope you all enjoyed last months Antiques Roadshow evening with Phil. Next month is going to be "Call my Bluff" hosted by your president, Graham Jarvis.

We have been busy over the last month. We at-

tended the annual Frogham Country Fayre on Bank Holiday Saturday followed by the Wimborne St Giles Fayre on the Sunday and, of course, Verwood Rustic Fayre on the Monday. All three events are well worth attending despite the fact that we had to eat our sandwiches in the rain again on the Sunday! Louise has taken a particular fancy to the Tweenies and we did manage to pick up a few bits over the weekend on various bric-a-brac stalls and car boots stalls.

The following weekend saw us all heading to the Isle of Wight for 4 days for the annual Isle of Wight branch rally. This would be Louise's first holiday! It's a good job we had decided to take both Morris's, as the amount of stuff we had to take wouldn't have fitted in 1 car. We managed to find a very nice bed and breakfast in Shanklin called the Appley Hotel who were very child friendly and had decent parking for both of the Minors. The hotel next door but one had seven Minors' on their driveway that turned out to be the contingent from the Surrey. Hants Border branch. On the Saturday we all met up at Havenstreet for the usual Saturday road run - this year to Sandown Zoo. The Sunday saw an excellent turnout of vehicles with well over 130 cars of all makes and models in attendance. Louise enjoyed her first ever train ride on the Isle of Wight steam railway from Havenstreet. They really do make a first class job at the restoration of the carriages. I made a couple of small purchases from the Autojumble stalls and won a new toaster in the raffle! We decided against visiting Osborne House on the Monday as it would have been too boring for Louise so we went to Godshill Model Village which she seemed to enjoy enormously. All in all a very nice weekend and one we look forward to every year. The Beaulieu Autojumble was the next event on the calendar. Nev and I went

2009 WIMBORNE 3 IN I RIIN

The Annual Wimborne and Shaftesbury Carnival Run will have taken place by the time you read this - so hopefully there will be some photographs in the next newsletter. I trust that it was the usually successful event.



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 has made a booking for those who have expressed interest. Additional entries still welcome, please let Neville or Jacky know as soon as possible so that your place can be confirmed. 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). Deposits of £10 per person need to be received by January Clubnight and final payments by February

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2008 AGM MINUTES (CONTINUED)

conversion job to make it fit inside the van. Other improvements were carried out to the Van including a new front wing, a roof sign and some refurbished 'van' wheels to replace the saloon ones currently fitted. Charitable donations made this year were, £173 to Marie Curie (£110 from blind auction and £63 from branch member. Helena Carr), £60 to Cancer Relief - Race for Life and £60 to 'Spring' Charity. There were breakdowns of the individual trading accounts for inspection if anyone wished to look. There were no questions.

Chairman's Report

John commenced his report by saying that most of the things about the year had already been said. He passed on sincere thanks for the support for all the events throughout the year and asked for new ideas for events and clubnights etc from the floor. The advertisements for the newsletter were now due for renewal

Committee Elections

Graham Jarvis (President) thanked the Committee for all their efforts over the past year.

The new Committee Nominations were as follows:

Chairman: John Jenkinson - prop Sue Blewer, sec Chris Tilley

Secretary: Laurie Blewer - prop Val Palmer, sec Mike Sheppard

Treasurer: Jacky Wood - prop Sue Blewer, sec Val Palmer

Membership Secretary: Des Waller - prop Margaret Pateman, sec Rosemary Bainbridge

Events/H & S – Neville Gerry – prop Val Palmer, sec Vernon Goodwin

Newsletter/Website Editor: Brian Wood - prop Vicki Blewer, sec Chris Tilley

All elections carried on a show of hands.

Any Other Business:

John Jenkinson thanked John and Rosemary for their efforts in running the parts operation and Richard Cyster for the regalia sales.

Sue Blewer proposed that the 07-08 accounts be accepted. Dave Walker seconded this and this was agreed on a show of hands.

Brian Tilley asked how many members there were (prior to renewal). There were currently 153 meaning that the majority do not attend the clubnights. Was there a reason for this? Brian Tilley asked if it would be worth polling the members who do not come to find out why not?. John and Brian gave the reply that the membership is spread fairly wide geographically and there are only a certain number within a reasonable travelling distance for an evening out. Also others have work commitments and other activities on a Wednesday.

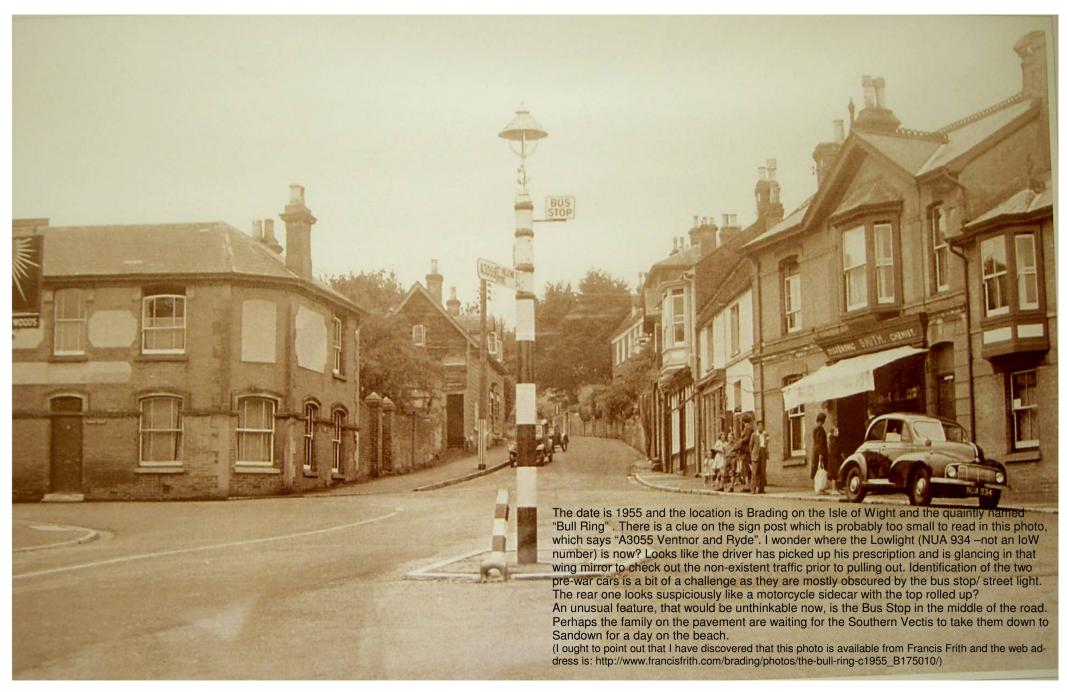
Dave Walker commented that he was aware that a National Classic Car Club has 'borrowed' some ideas from our web site.

AGM closed at 21:00pm.



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