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### DORSET BRANCH



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#### **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 note subscriptions will increase to £10 and £12.50 for next year – but with discount for early payment)

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

#### **FRONT COVER**

**This photo was taken at the National Rally in June and features Dave and Pam Holton's (slightly modded) 1970 Brooklands Green Traveller which answers to the name 'Molly'**

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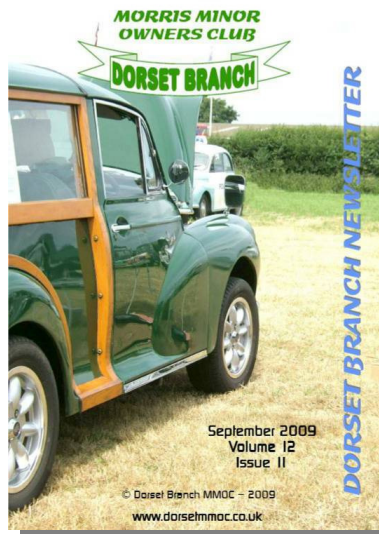
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## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Good evening and welcome to September's Clubnight. The Committee nominee sheet for 2009-10 is on the notice board tonight for the members to select the names for the new Committee. Proposals and seconds for names to be put on there please if you will. I hope you all enjoy Phil's presentation on Antiques tonight. Names are coming in fast for the Wimborne Run including Shaftesbury Carnival on Saturday 3rd October. Ann, Brian, Jacky and I had a good time at the Bournemouth Air Festival on Saturday. It was great to see the Vulcan Bomber and the Red Arrows and of course, the Typhoon Eurofighter. The weather was also kind to us on the day. On the Sunday following we went to the Purbeck Rally with Richard, Charlie and a friend of mine called Rob who is going to join the club. We saw some old friends, Keith Young and family with his Autojumble stall and also many Club members with their Morris Minors. The Wessex Car Club is arranging a day trip to the NEC, Classic Car Show in Birmingham on November 13th - 15th with a coach. If you are interested, ring Doug Cronk on 01202 894713. He will confirm the day and prices. If the same committee get re-elected for next year, I am hoping to change a few things so if you have any ideas, please let me or other committee members know. For example, new clubnight speakers, ideas for clubnights and new runs. So put on your thinking caps please.

Good motoring, John.

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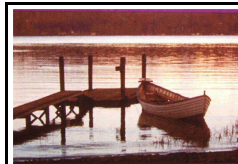
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- Clubnight activity: Antiques Evening with Phil Traves



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## Next clubnight – Annual General Meeting

*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.*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Laurie, I am sending this in the hope that someone out there may be able to help me. I live in Canada and am currently restoring a 49 lowlight, unfortunatley I have no headlights only two empty spaces, I need everything for both sides, I also need a windscreen surround, If anyone can help in any way it would be very much appreciated. Horst Baumguer-tel

Hi, I am a Morris Minor enthusiast from Malta and own a 1952 Morris Minor Series MM. My car is currently fitted with a 1275cc Marina engine. I am looking for a 918cc Morris Minor Side valve engine and gearbox to convert my car back to its original running gear. I am after the USHM3 type engine. Do you have one or know of anyone who may have one for sale? P.S. I will be in the UK in three weeks time for the Beaulieu Autojumble and will be able to arrange shipping.

Kind regards,  
Stuart stu075@onvol.net

## 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 Medical 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 to include the packed lunch.



## THIS MONTH'S NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to new members:

Marcus Christo, Philip and Julie Lord-Hale and re-joined members Paul Hale and Charlotte Tiley

## WHAT'S ON?

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

### 2009

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

- 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

### 2010

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

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## 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)

I've been told it is better – does anyone know? The Traveller has had silicon fluid in it for years and that never seems to have any brake problems no matter how long you leave it in the garage. I'm afraid the engines still not done for Victoria, the Austin 12/4 Ascot. It has gone off again, this time to be line bored (I think!) as the crank won't turn. She will get back on the road eventually – I promise!

I think that's about all from me for this month – short and sweet!

See you all at the AGM, Happy Minorng, Laurie.

## 2010 SIDMOUTH WEEKEND

Plans are coming together nicely for the return visit to the Royal Glen Hotel in Sidmouth for a weekend next Spring (16-18th April). The minimum number of rooms have now been booked and further bookings are at the hotel's discretion. 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). All those who wish to join us are required to pay a £10 per person deposit by December clubnight. Final payment due by February Clubnight please.



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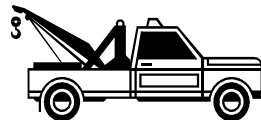
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## EDITORIAL

Hello and welcome to the September issue. We had a good day at the Lymington show (see centre pages and website for photos). The Branch put on a good display with about 18 Minors reporting for duty and we won the award for best Club stand! Well done to all who turned up and we were rewarded with a brilliant show with a good and varied display of classic cars from 100 years ago up to the present. Good show, that – one for the diary next year.

The saloon started to play up earlier last month, overheating on short trips, mysterious green puddles underneath. I eventually found it necessary to open the bonnet and no prizes for guessing the problem. The bottom hose had split – again! The 'old' one was only a few years old. Does anyone know where one can get the moulded ones – like the later 1098cc ones but without the heater take off. The radiator cap looked a bit manky also – so I ordered a new 4 pounder. I thought I had a spare hose, but this could not be found in the heat of the moment, so I performed



a professional 'bodge' to last a few days until I could get a proper replacement. It consisted of two top hoses, a short length of the plain bit off the old hose and a 15mm copper bend. Yes it looked a mess, but it worked. Worry not, though, I have now replaced it with a proper 'Kevlar Reinforced' one from ESM and returned the two top hoses to the safety of the garage!

See you next month, Brian.

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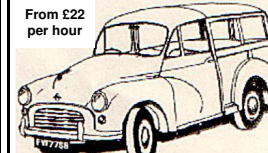
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**HOWEVER... We have also agreed that we will offer a discount of £1 (on both membership classes) if the renewal form is returned to the club with payment by 31st October 2009. So, if you renew by the end of October it won't cost you any more.**

**Now that is pretty good value and we hope that you all decided to renew your membership (and save a bit of cash as well!)**

Personalised Membership renewal forms for existing members will be distributed with this Newsletter which you will receive on Wednesday 2nd (or after a few days if posted). So you will still have a full 8 weeks before the full renewal rate is applied.

Please note that current members will only receive the newsletter for October. November and subsequent newsletters will only be distributed to paid up members. Notice of increase originally posted on p. 2 of August newsletter and posted on website as of 1st Aug

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Good evening and welcome to September clubnight. I hope you all enjoyed last month's annual visit from Reverend Stuart Timbrell – I'm hoping to book him again for the same time next year. Tonight we have Phil Traves giving us an antiques roadshow style evening. I wonder if any of you have a valuable masterpiece you were unaware of. Please remember that next month is the AGM. You'll find a nomination sheet up on the noticeboard, which we would like you to complete.

This year we didn't seem to have many rallies to attend during August. We did however make a visit to Breamore House to do a boot sale as we have accumulated so much stuff since Louise was born and she has grown out of so many things already. What other car boot sale do you know of where a knight of the realm greets you? I had the Traveler parked on our stall and I could have sold her a dozen times or more! As I write this we have just returned from the Purbeck Rally. We had a very enjoyable day and despite there being a good number of stalls and quite a large boot sale I'm pleased to say that I didn't buy very much junk at all - in fact I only spent £3! Bank holiday weekend will be a busy one for us as we will be attending the annual Frogham Fayre on Saturday, Wimborne St Giles on Sunday and, of course, Verwood on Monday. I'll report back more on these next time. We are off to the Isle of Wight this weekend for 4 days and we're taking both Minors across. If you haven't been to the rally over on the Island before I can thoroughly recommend it.

Don't forget to get your entry in to John as soon as you can for the 3 in 1 Run. You should all have received a form with last month's newsletter but more are available.

Booking forms are now available for the Christmas Dinner and Dance and should be available from tonight.

Bookings are still being taken for the Devon weekend at The Royal Glen Hotel in Sidmouth. Don't forget you can pay by instalments with Jacky to make the cost easier if you would like.

Very little to report on the fleet this month. The Lowligh has been given another clean bill of health – she flew through the MOT once again. She had only done about 600 miles since the last one though! I do keep getting a sticky brake cylinder though caused, no doubt, by lack of use. I'm thinking of changing the brake fluid to silicon fluid as

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## BOURNEMOUTH AIR FESTIVAL



I hope you all (or at least those in the Bournemouth Area) went to see the Air Show, now in its second year on Bournemouth Seafront (between the Piers). It was on for 4 days this year and we went along on the Saturday and thought it was excellent. The weather was good, which always helps and I managed to get a bit sunburnt. Jacky and I went with John and Anne and John, wearing sunglasses, managed to get 'Panda Eyes' - white spots in a sea of red!

I took some photos, but I miss my telephoto

lens on the Minolta SLR (with ordinary film) so most of my shots were a bit blurry and many backs of peoples heads. As a challenge, and if you are handy with the interweb, see if you can find my upload of a bit of Vulcan Bomber footage on U-Tube. The displays were very good with the Red Arrows in fine form as usual. The Eurofighter was very loud and did some impressive stunts, the power of that aircraft is just amazing. Must do it again next year. We were so sunburnt, we had to give ourselves the day off from the Purbeck Rally on Sunday (excuses, excuses.. I know!). Brian.



## ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

Your Club needs your support for this event

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 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. – Full Menu is shown below:



### Starters:

*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, seasoning, 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*

*Caramelised red onion and goats cheese tart with roasted mediterranean vegetables and a balsamic reduction*

*(all main courses are served with seasonal vegetables and potatoes)*

### Puddings:

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