

## Rear View

Yes, I know it's a bit tenuous, but here are the 'rear views' of some of the cars at the (rather chilly) Bournemouth Aviation Museum meeting earlier last month. Looks like (left to right) Club Van, Woodmobile, Albert, The Blewler Traveller, the brothers Ware (Traveller and Convertible) and the Pateman Convertible.

### 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 Des Waller (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.



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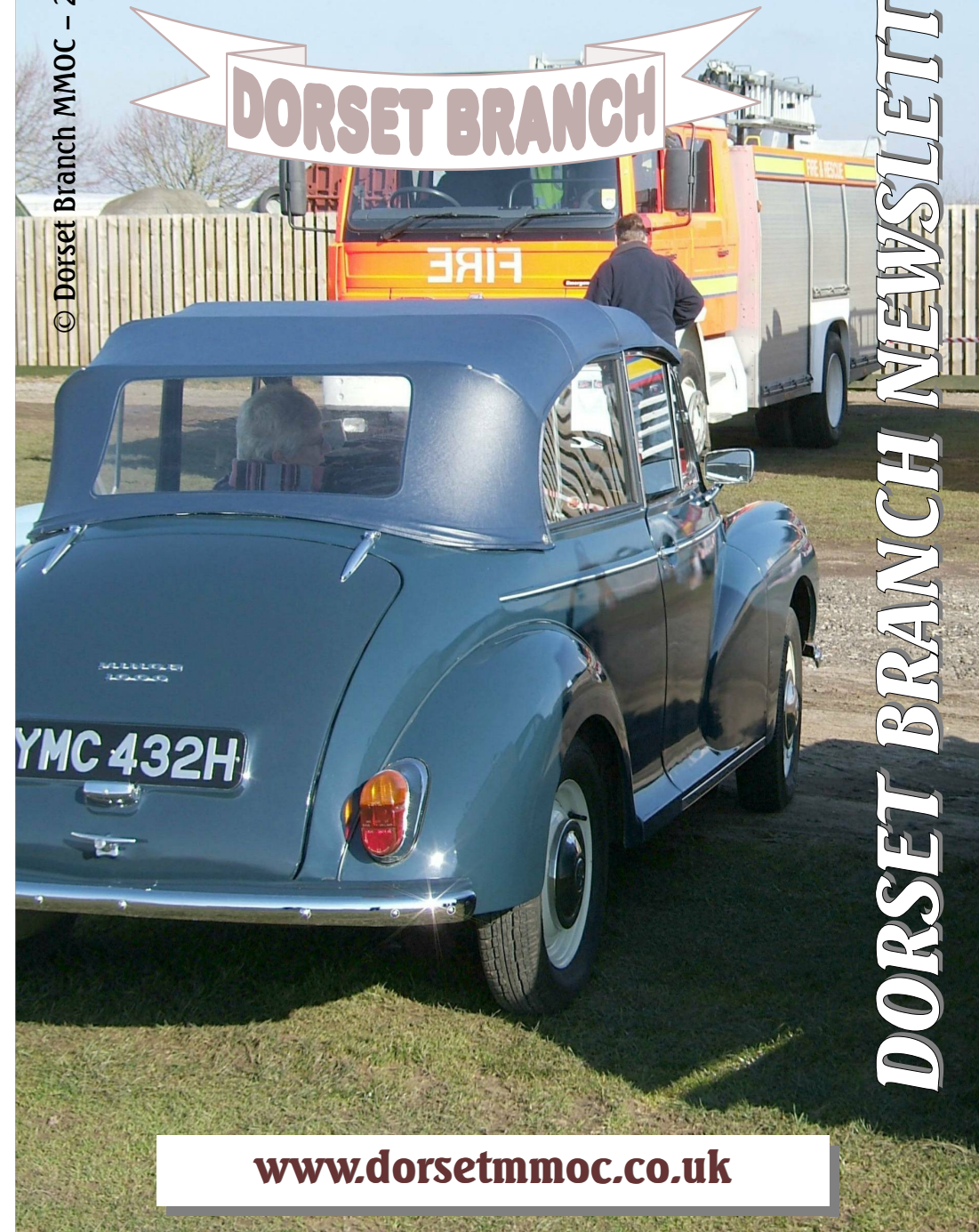
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*Many Minors came out of winter hibernation for the Bournemouth Airport Museum Vintage Transport Day on 7th March. Lovely, sunny day but a bit chilly around the hubcaps. Margaret Pateman wisely choosing to stay in the car!*

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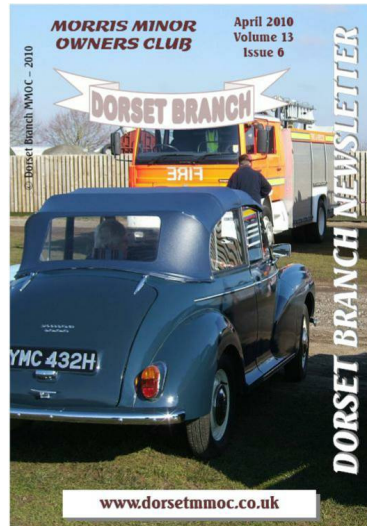
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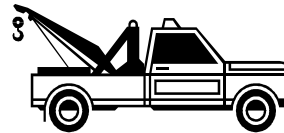
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- Clubnight activity:
- Charity Mock Auction

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**next clubnight:**

Clubnight – Driver Awareness Presentation – Dorset Police

*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

Morning Brian

Website looks great - well done to all who are involved in it! It looks fresh, clear, informative and my Monty is on it as well - can't be bad! Look forward to viewing the photo gallery.

See you soon. Best wishes, Helena & Kate, (Lymington.)

## Editorial

Hello everyone. We had a pretty good turnout at the Bournemouth Aviation Museum show on Sunday 7th March with around 20 cars from the Branch. Well done to those who came along and braved the sunny, but rather chilly March wind. The Museum is worth a visit, but does not have quite so much to look at now it is off the Airport itself. For this month's feature, we have, courtesy of our members in Sunny Silverstone, Dave and Pam Holton - a story about their 'new' van, **Rupert** and its first (post restoration) outing to Morris Day at Brooklands. It's a great little story and many thanks to Dave and Pam for that. Let's have a few more tales from you members out there, particularly those of you who have finished winter restorations on your cars. I can always come round and pester you with my camera and notebook if you aren't very good with a keyboard. Let me know. I hope you are inspired by the efforts of those who have already put pen to paper to make the newsletter a bit more interesting! Looking forward to those contributions. Work on the 'German' is still progressing slowly, with the offside sill repairs now done. I just have the remaining repairs to the various minor rust patches on the other panels which need to be sorted prior to the respray. We have the article on repairing your boot lid this month, which I know may not be everyone's cup of tea, but hopefully it will be of some interest and may inspire you to have a go yourself if you are handy with the welder.

Anyway, looking forward to the rally season, to get the Traveller out and about, not sure about Devon again, this time, however, but we shall see?

Cheers for now Brian.

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### 2010

- 7th April - Clubnight - Charity Blind Auction (posponed from Feb)
- 16-18th April - Sidmouth Weekend - Royal Glen Hotel
- 5th May - Clubnight - Driver Awareness Presentation - Dorset Police
- 9th May - Aubrey Batt Run - (Breamore House 'Steam-Up')
- 15-16th May - Beaulieu Spring Autojumble
- 2nd June - Clubnight
- 13th June - Classics at Kingston Lacey (Midget/Sprite club - Charity)
- 19-20th June - BPPC - Vehicle & Steam Show Canford Arena
- 20th June - HAMMOC Rally - Fort Nelson, Portsmouth
- 7th July - Clubnight - Rally preparation
- 9-11th July - Dorset Branch Rally
- 18th July - Muscliffe Charity Show
- 1st August - Lymington Show - Club Stand
- 4th August - Talk by Reverend Timbrell
- 7-8 August - By-Gone Days, Brooklands Farm, S.Gorley (nr Fordingbridge)
- 8th August - Mid-Summer Saunter (more info later...)
- 20-21-22 - August - Purbeck Rally & Autojumble
- 1st September - Clubnight- Talk by Peter Vince - recording engineer Abbey Road
- 5th September - Wessex Classic Car Show - Bovington
- 5th September - Isle of Wight Rally
- 25-26th September - Kempton Park Juke Box Madness Show
- 26th September - Breamore House End of Season Steam up
- 2nd October - Shaftesbury Carnival Display
- 6th October - Annual General Meeting
- 3rd November - Call My Bluff Quiz
- 28th December - Mistletoe Meander - W.Moors Bowls Club



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## Secretarys report

Good evening and welcome to the April clubnight. Thank you to Norman for organising last month's Theory Test quiz. I thought that some of the questions were very strange and I'm not surprised it takes a lot of learner drivers several attempts to pass. Tonight, of course, is our Blind Auction, which was postponed from February. We haven't decided on a charity yet for this year so please give this some thought.

The vintage vehicle gathering at The Aviation Museum was very well attended by the Morris Minor Club if not by anybody else! I think the organising left a lot to be desired though, and I'm sorry to say that we made our way back home at 11:00. It was just too cold and windy! I'm afraid that the Inter Branch Skittles match between Hampshire branch, Surrey/Hants branch and us was another event that proved to be a non-starter. Plenty of members were willing to make the trip to Paultons Park but the price of £12 per head was just too much. Perhaps if it can be arranged at a cheaper venue we will try again. Whilst on the subject of skittles we have been challenged by the Bloxworth Car Club to a match on 20<sup>th</sup> April. Please try to support this event and if you need any more details please see Norman or Arthur.

The Devon weekend is rapidly approaching now. Please make sure you have all got your packs from Nev. Plans for the Aubrey Batt Memorial Run are now well underway with just the route left to finalise. We will not be going straight there and there will probably be some questions to answer along the route. If you've not been to a Breamore Steam Up before I think you will enjoy your day.

Plans for the new branch feather flag have now been finalised and hopefully we will be able to show off the finished article very soon. Plans for the new grill badges are taking slightly longer as this is a more complex and expensive thing to design and manufacture. We hope to have some news for you on these soon.

The recent spell of fine weather encouraged me to bring the Traveller out of hibernation and use her occasionally for shopping etc. I'm hoping to take her down to Devon this month so some gentle exercise was in order to loosen everything up again after her winter slumber. The Lowlight has yet to make an appearance from underneath her dust covers but hopefully with spring approaching her turn will soon come. Victoria is not yet back on the road but the engine has finally returned is now up on the bench for re-assembly. All the parts have been ordered so hopefully a few weekends should see her up and running again – at last! It's now been almost 2 years since she left her garage!

I'm afraid that's all from me for this month, but with the rally season rapidly approaching we should soon have plenty of news to write up.

Happy Minorng,  
Laurie.

## Photos from the Aviation museum run





# from Church magazines (FROM THERESA)

The following have all appeared in church magazines, so let us thank God for church ladies with typewriters

Next weekend's Fasting & Prayer Conference includes all meals in Whitby.

Sunday morning sermon: 'Jesus Walks on the Water'

Sunday evening sermon: 'Searching for Jesus. "

Ladies, do not forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community.

Smile at someone who is hard to love.

Say 'Hell' (!) To someone who does not care much about you.

Do not let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation .

For those of you who have children and do not know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' " Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hospitality.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 pm. Please use the back door.

The school drama group will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church hall on Friday at 7 pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours! "

## 2010 branch rally



MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB  
**DORSET BRANCH**  
**RALLY**  
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 (NR. RINGWOOD)

Rally forms have been distributed and you can get them and other info from the web site Rally page at [www.dorsetmmoc.co.uk](http://www.dorsetmmoc.co.uk)

## bootlid repair



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5



Photo 6

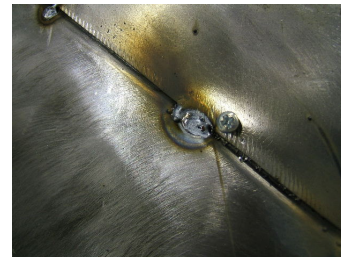


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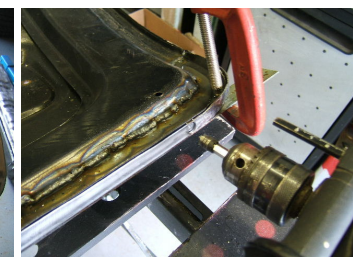


Photo 9



Photo 10



Photo 11



Photo 12



## bootlid repair

Having previously had a go at repairing doors using the standard repair kits, I thought I would have a go at a boot lid. Laurie kindly donated an old (early) type boot lid some while ago which was now surplus to requirements and I had bought a repair kit a few years back. It struck me as being a bit difficult looking since the boot lid curves in two directions. What actually spurred me on to do the job was the need to practice a bit of body soldering for work the Porsche. I bought a solder kit from Frosts, which was a bit pricey, but the quality was pretty good, and everything worked as planned. All you can ask for really?

The repair kit comes in two parts, the lower outer 100mm or so, of the lid and the inside strip. The outer panel (handily) comes with a step or 'joggle' along the top edge – which saves a lot of work (Photo 1).

The first job on the bootlid is to mark out the cut line by carefully clamping the new bit on top of the old one so that the bottom edges line up (more or less). (Photo 2). You then make the cut approximately 12mm lower so that there is an overlap. The scrap bottom bit is then cut off. Photo 3 shows the new section being fitted and Photo 4 shows the exposed internal bootlid cavity. Next clean up the internal rust as best you can. I used a rotary wire brush on the angle grinder and sprayed the inside with zinc rich, weld-through primer. Photo 5 shows trial fitting of the inner strip and the outer repair section being tapped into place. This is where your Morris Minor Saloon comes in handy to make sure you have the new bit in the right place. Note the new section temporarily taped on to the bootlid with Gaffer tape and being checked for fit by my slightly balding twin brother (Photo 6). Having got the outer bit in the right place, put a couple of tack welds on just to hold it in place. (Photo 7). The inner strip now needs to go in and this takes a bit of hammering, grinding and welding to achieve. You should find that the outer repair section starts to assume the correct curvature both vertically and horizontally. (Photo 8). The lower lip of the outer panel where it bends over the inner strip is 'plug' welded in about 4 positions. I used my trusty spot weld cutter to make the holes (Photo 9) or you can use a 'proper' spot welder (if you have one- which I don't).. Photo 10 shows the boot lid cleaned and ready for body soldering and the 'tinning' of the areas to be soldered and Photo 11 shows the solder being applied. Photo 12 shows the finished article. Just needs a light application of filler, removal of the rest of the old paint, prep and paint. Job done. Easy!! (perhaps not!) (Incidentally, it is now for sale, so if anyone is interested??)

Brian Wood.

## 2010 devon weekend



The Devon Weekend is coming up fast, the date is 16-18 April

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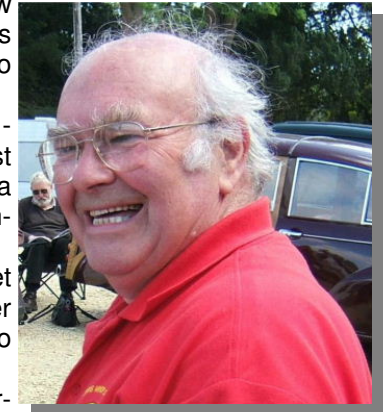
## Chairmans Report

Good evening and welcome to April Clubnight. Anne and myself had a good holiday in Torquay. The bowls were good as was the weather for the time of year. I am thinking of arranging another trip to London to see the Lord Mayor's Show in November – 12,13 & 14th. So if you would like to go, please let me know so that I can plan the number of coaches needed. It is important to gain an expression of interest from you so that we can ensure we have enough transport.

The two Lauries and I had a good day at the first Wimborne Market Autoumble last Sunday Week (21st March). I think all the traders did well and there were a lot of people about and the Market organisers are considering arranging another one later in the year. The Aubrey Batt Run in May is filling up fast so get your entries in as soon as possible indicating whether you want to join us for breakfast as well as the trip to Breamore House.

Don't forget to put on your thinking caps for our Charity of the Year at this clubnight which is the Mock Auction. The day at the Aviation Museum was OK but very cold and the organisation was questionable, but I would like to thank all our members who turned up, we had 20 cars out of a total of only 25 classics.

We have had some Rally forms returned already so that is looking good for this year's show. By the way, we are looking for someone to run the Bric-a-Brac stall this year, so please let the committee know. Have a happy time at the Sidmouth weekend, happy motoring, John Jenkinson.



## Rupert goes to Brooklands



Having bought Rupert in a half tidy condition from near Taunton, Somerset 12 months ago, I had set myself a target date for his first proper show appearance at the Austin & Morris day at Brooklands on 7<sup>th</sup> March. As is always the case when you start restoration work, small jobs turn into BIG jobs. That

together with the prolonged cold winter weather meant that progress was not as speedy as hoped and somewhat behind schedule. However all welding is completed and the chassis fully rust proofed and protected. Interior is finished and all that remains to be done is old engine and gearbox out and then a paint job on the 'engine house'. You would call it the engine compartment but friends from Denmark call it the engine house which we thought was rather a nice description. Next fit the new engine and gearbox, clutch, alternator, water pump, electronic ignition, and halogen headlights all which were purchased some 5 months ago ! Where would we be without Bull Motif? (*other Morris Minor specialist are available – Ed*). So by the beginning of March it was painfully obvious that Rupert was not ready for Brooklands ! Not to be beaten I decided that Rupert 'would go to the Ball' on our trailer - not quite Cinderella's coach but good as. Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup> arrived and after a few more last minute jobs including a hastily rebuilt front grill we loaded him onto the trailer, secured him tightly and he was ready for a 7am start the next day from Silverstone to Brooklands. Having attended the show last year (without a Morris) and thoroughly enjoyed it I was really looking forward to it. Arrived at 9.20am and having explained that Rupert would have to remain on the trailer the parking attendant found us a place on the end of a line. This was ideal as it meant that people could bend down and have a really good view of Rupert's magnificent underside. Lots of appreciative comments on how tidy he looked.

There was an excellent turnout of the Austin and Morris range especially the Minors, the only one missing I think was the Austin Allegro. Brooklands is a fantastic place to visit, especially for me as having lived in Silverstone all my life the racing connections are of great interest. Silverstone started its racing life after the Second World War and at present is undergoing major changes

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to bring it into line with the other Grand Prix circuits around the world. But the Brooklands Motor Course was constructed in 1907 and a wonder of its age. Much of the track and many of its original buildings and features survive to this day. The first official race was held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 1907 and in August 1926 the RAC organised the first-ever British Grand Prix constructing sand chicanes along the finishing straight. The museum displays a wide range of Brooklands related motoring and aviation exhibits ranging from giant racing cars such as the 24 litre Napier-Railton to a unique collection of Vickers BAC-built aircraft including the Second World War Wellington Bomber, Viking, Varsity, Vanguard, VC10, BAC One Eleven and of course Concorde. Brooklands can be found just off J 10 of the M25 south of Weybridge.

I was lucky enough to be parked next to Jay Le-Huray from Southampton and his 'Mildred' (with the 1275cc engine and 5 speed gearbox) complete with his self built caravan. You can see from the picture that it has all the home comforts and I enjoyed a welcome cup of tea. Roll on next March and the next Brooklands Austin & Morris day. I shall be there. But long before that Rupert will be all ready and able to attend the rallies under his own steam. See you at the National Rally in June.

DAVID HOLTON

PS. Pam had to stay at home and look after the dogs !

