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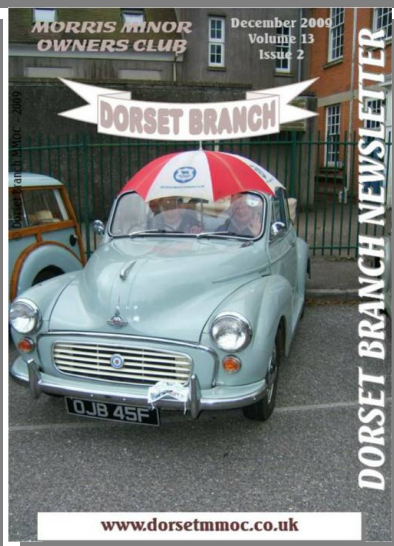
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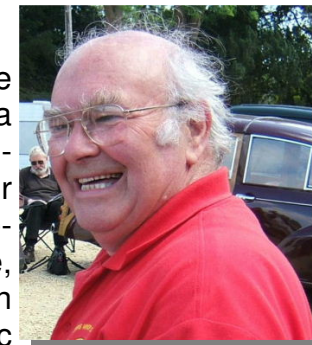
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Chairmans Report

It's here again, Good Old Christmas, so welcome to December's clubnight for a glass of wine and a natter and noggin with fellow members. The committee and I are putting together the calendar for 2010 with some new ideas and events. Bournemouth Aviation Museum, Wimborne Autojumble, Juke Box madness weekend show at Kempton Race Course on 25-26th September with a classic car show. I thought Graham's "Call My Bluff" quiz at Clubnight turned out to be a good event, so we would like him to do it again in 2010. The Club Dinner and Dance numbers are slightly down this year, so could the members please let us know any ideas for next year. I didn't think much of the Morris Million at the Charterhouse Auction at Shepton Mallet recently. The bidding only got to about £8,000 instead of the £30,000 – odd forecast. Charlie, Richard, Ann and myself went on the Santa Train Christmas ride at Plowmans on Sunday and it was very good.

Applications for the Mistletoe Meander should be in to Jacky by Saturday 12th December so that we can finalise the catering requirements. Should be a good day out – look forward to seeing you all there.
Good Motoring – John.



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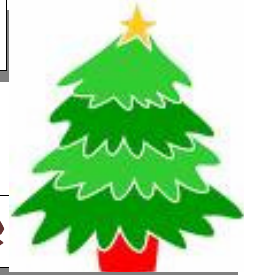
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- 'Noggin and Natter'



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next clubnight:
normans highway code quiz

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Letters to the editor

5 Capitals Run 24th July – 1st August 2010

This is being organised by the North Wiltshire Branch of the MMOC. We are sending Julian and Susie with it, to the Annual General Meeting on Saturday 31st October. You and some of your members might be interested in this event.

There is opportunity to drive round the 5 CAPITALS in a Morris Minor. Just let us know on this email address (marshallj@btinternet.com).

There is opportunity for hosting. We start from Malmesbury on Saturday 24th July 2010. The stopping places include Cardiff, St David's head, Dublin, Belfast, Edinburgh, Durham, St. Neot's and London. We could have a break at places in between if someone specially wanted us to stop for something. There is no need to be committed to it, just a matter of who is interested.

Hope to see Sue at the AGM Yours, On behalf of the North Wilts Branch Julian Marshall. If anyone is interested, there is a flyer on the website at:

<http://homepage.ntlworld.com/brian.wood13/pdf/5capitalsad.pdf>

From: Classic Service To: laurieblewer Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2009 8:58 PM Subject: Re: FAO - Peter Muller re Traveller glass

Dear Laurie, Many thanks for your help but I have found a sliding Glas in Germany last Month. I hope you are not worry (I bring you next year a bottle wine to Beaulieu for your delay)! I haven't your mail to contact you. Now I have your Mail! Include a Picture of my Traveller-Project.

Kind regards to you, your family and all of the Dorset Branch, Peter



Whats On?

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

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

2009

2nd December – Clubnight – Natter and Noggin.

27th December – Mistletoe Meander meet at 10:30 W.Moors Bowls Club

2010

6th January – Clubnight – Norman's Highway Code Quiz

3rd February – Clubnight– Charity Blind Auction

3rd March – Clubnight – (Speaker – details TBA)

7th March – Bournemouth Aviation Museum (Hurn)

21st March – Wimborne Autojumble (ring Liz on 01202 841212)

7th April – Clubnight – (Speaker – details TBA)

16-18th April – Sidmouth Weekend – Royal Glen Hotel

5th May – Clubnight – Quiz (TBC)

7th May – Aubrey Batt Run – (Destination TBA)

9-11th July – Dorset Branch Rally

4th August – Talk by Reverend Timbrell

5th September – Wessex Classic Car Show – Bovington

5th September – Isle of Wight Rally

25-26th September – Kempton Park Juke Box Madness Show

2nd October – Shaftesbury Carnival Display

3rd November – Call My Bluff Quiz

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Bruce's clutch pedal

Dear Brian.

Here is the story of my Minor clutch pedal. On October 19th, while driving back to Chobham from Weybridge it was getting increasingly difficult to change gear because the clutch was not fully disengaging.

Eventually the clutch would not release at all and I limped the last half mile to Chertsey Minors where Peter found that the weld had failed on the new clutch pedal. Over the next couple of days he removed it, I have rewelded it both sides and returned it for refitting. I emailed E.S.M @ 18.20 on October 19th, got a reply @ 09.25 on October 20th and a follow up phone call from Graham early that afternoon with appreciation for letting them know of the problem and since I had rectified it, giving me £ credit for it's value.

The moral of this story :- Have a look at your weld. In the unlikely event you have a problem with an ESM part, they are quick to look into the problem and provide a solution. A Company is only as good as it's after sales. (Usual disclaimer). Bruce Eggleton.



Mistletoe Meander 27th December

Don't miss the Mistletoe Meander on the day after Boxing Day, this year. The entry form was in last month's newsletter and is available on line on the website: www.dorsetmmoc.co.uk. We are meeting at 10:30 at the West Moors Bowls club with a choice of road runs returning back for lunch (Shepherd's Pie) at about 1pm.



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.

Editorial

Hi everyone and welcome to the December Newsletter. I hope you have survived the wet and windy weather recently and are looking forward to a few days off at Christmas. We are looking forward to the Mistletoe Meander which is the next event on the club calendar. The Annual Dinner and Dance was last weekend and has not happened yet (at the time of writing) so I hope that went well. We had another go at Tony's Minor project a few weeks ago (and a further visit last weekend) and got the brake cylinders and rear hub seals done. The plan was to fit the new brake pipes and the other bits and pieces gathered together. The main milestones are to get the brakes working and to get the engine started. The rest should fall into place (we hope). Not much time to get on with my own projects, the 911 has not moved much further forward since last month. The weekends seem to just go so quickly, and there are always lots of things going on all the time. The Classic Motor Show at the NEC in Birmingham happened a few weeks ago and there are some photos and a short write up on page 11. Thanks to Nev and Laurie for providing me with more material for the back page! Also, hope you like the front cover, showing Nick and Val Palmer, demonstrating the effectiveness of their MMOC umbrella. Actually, it fits quite well, doesn't it? Probably not quite so aerodynamic as the folding hood though.

Thanks for the response to the plea for more articles about your classic motoring experiences (Minor and otherwise). This month we have the article about 'Alice' the Minor by Tony Boddy (Thanks Tony). Bruce Eggleton is featured next month with an article about his thirties Austin.

Laurie has spotted some photos on the MMOC website which show the National MMOC this year at Sparkford. If you went, have a look, you might see yourself. Mr Gale is featured standing next to his van and there are many photos of the Mini Moke Challenge and persistence in searching through them will reward you with about 3 shots of 'Team Dorset' doing their stuff. (Unfortunately a combination of high cost for digital files and copyright do not permit any reproductions here). There is a link on the MMOC home page or you can go direct to <http://www.eyecatchpictures.co.uk/pages/events/mmoc-national-rally.php>

Cheers for now, see you at the Mistletoe Meander, Have a great Christmas and New Year break, Brian

The book club by derek shearman

Hello Everyone - Thank you for giving this idea such a positive response at the November meeting, as a result of which I will back at tonight's meeting with all 50+ books available for Members to browse through and to borrow.....

The latest addition to the Book Club is 'Morris Minor - the Biography', by Martin Wainwright. Published in 2008 to celebrate 60 years of MM motoring, it has 200 plus pages of light hearted yet relevant history of our favourite car to include a minimum of technical data / maximum of anecdotes. An ideal read of a couple of pages before you turn out the light for the night?

Please don't forget - we also have many non-fiction titles available which include biographies / autobiographies for W O Bentley, Parry Thomas, F W Lanchester, Damon Hill..... together with fiction & non-fiction motoring stories from James Bond to Stirling Moss.

Will you have grand-children to entertain over Christmas? How about one of our 'coffee table' books, which include - Classic British Cars, Classic Trucks, Automobile Record Breakers - from Rocket to Road Car?

Do you have a book or books (fiction or non-fiction) on the themes of motoring and transport which you may like to lend in to the Book Club for a limited period of time and which other Members may enjoy reading?

Please talk to me at the December meeting; I would welcome any suggestion for improving the current format. - should we extend to DVD's and Videos?

Derek Shearman



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Blind charity auction February Clubnight

The so called 'Blind Auction' is to be held on the February clubnight, so put 3rd Feb in your new year diary and lets have a good turnout with everyone armed with wrapped gifts for auction by our resident Auctioneer, Mr Roy Gale. You will also be asked to suggest your chosen charity for the year for consideration as possible recipient for the money raised. We will take a vote on that to select the most popular charity.

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We made our annual pilgrimage up the A34 to Solihull for the Classic Motor Show recently. I thought it was very good. We checked out the MMOC stand (see

photos below) which was the usual high standard, as was the tea (thanks Rosie!). I managed to do a bit of shopping in the trade stands and stocked up on grinder discs and screws etc. Managed to get a few bargains (I think!).

It was a huge display and we probably didn't get to see a fair bit of it, but the photos below show some the highlights (to me anyway). Brian



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Alice the Morris Minor 🎱 by Alice 🎱



I was born in 1962 and was adopted by a Mrs Foot of Dorchester I lived at home with my sister; I was Mrs Foot's maid and she took me everywhere. I was treated very well. My sister went into the business and was servant to everybody. She had a very hard life, which really aged her. I, on the other hand had it easy. I even taught Mrs foot's son, An-

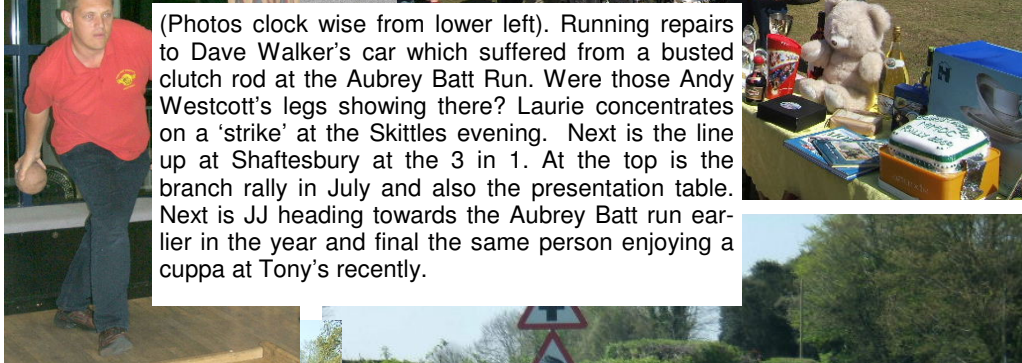
drew a thing or two. We both stayed with the Foots for thirty eight years but my sister was very poorly and I was tired so I went to live with Mr Hallett. He gave me a new lease of life, treating me so well, I felt young again. But alas, another girl came into his life and he was treating her the same as he had me. I must admit she does look beautiful, so I had to leave and went to live with Pauline. After a while she wanted me to have some kind of harness fitted to me ,well I was not happy about that but she explained it was so she could take her grand-children out. I don't fancy those sticky fingers and feet jumping all over me, so when we went to see the man who was going to do the operation, I batted my eyes at him and made me look extra beautiful. I think he fell in love with me or hated kids because he refused to do the op.

So I was taken home and locked in a big room for five years till one day I was put on the drive and a Tony and Ursula came and took me home with them. Tony gives me lots of presents and makes me feel loved again. As much as I love Ursula, she has tried twice to take me out to a show but I think I am afraid she might take me out to be fitted up for grand children. Well, I freeze at the thought, but also I don't want to be shut up for another five years as I am getting old now, but I know Tony will always try to make me feel young as I was in the sixties. I have two new friends now; Benji Frog and Betty frog, as I call him, is a scruffy lad that Tony has tried to tidy up but I think he is a country lad and just likes running around the country lanes with no frills. Now Betty, a little woman slightly older than me, has just had a make-over. Well you would think she was sixteen again chasing around looking for some friends from Cambridge or Westminster she certainly has a new lease of life.

Tony Boddy



MMOC review of 2009



(Photos clock wise from lower left). Running repairs to Dave Walker's car which suffered from a busted clutch rod at the Aubrey Batt Run. Were those Andy Westcott's legs showing there? Laurie concentrates on a 'strike' at the Skittles evening. Next is the line up at Shaftesbury at the 3 in 1. At the top is the branch rally in July and also the presentation table. Next is JJ heading towards the Aubrey Batt run earlier in the year and final the same person enjoying a cuppa at Tony's recently.



Secretarys Report

Good evening everyone and welcome to the December clubnight. Its almost impossible to believe that another year has gone by already and that we are about to enter the 2nd decade of the 21st century. It seems only yesterday that we were preparing to celebrate the beginning of the new millennium!

I hope you enjoyed last months Call My Bluff evening. Graham managed to find some very obscure words and meanings! We are planning to have another go at this at November clubnight next year. We have started to plan clubnights and events for 2010 so please let us know if you have any ideas – your committee is not a bottomless pit of fantastic ideas and your suggestions are always welcome.

I hope those of you who came along to this years Christmas Dinner and Dance had a very enjoyable evening. The annual club awards were presented to the following members:

Series MM – Me!

Series II – Brian Wood

1000 Saloon – Manina Trickett

1000 Convertible – Eddie Pateman

1000 Traveller – Des Waller

1000 LCV – Karl Payne

Best in club – Mike Sheppard

Well done to you all.

Please can I ask that you all get your entries in as soon as you can for this years Mistletoe Meander. We need to know the final numbers as soon as we can for catering purposes.

November was quite a busy month for us starting with the Autumn Restoration Show at The Bath and West Showground on 8th. Nev and I drove down in the Traveller and parked in the special classic car parking area. This proved to be extremely convenient for the show as we were parked right by the door! The show was quite good with a varied selection of autojumble and displays by various clubs. The Avon Branch of the MMOC were displaying a part restored Traveller along with Marcus and Sparky Wards now fully completed 3 door Traveller that was displayed at our 60th anniversary show at Beaulieu last year. The car park was full of a very good display of classic cars of all shapes and sizes. We managed to get into the auction where the millionth Morris Minor was being sold. I have to say though, that we were quite disappointed by the car which failed to reach anything like its £20,000 reserve only getting as far as £8,000!

Sunday 15th saw an early start as we headed up to Birmingham for the International Classic Car Show at the NEC. This really is a spectacular show and well worth making the effort to attend if you can. It attracted record crowds of 48,000 this year. Once again a good variety of stalls – though not so many of the dirty, greasy ones we like where you can have a good rummage! The club stands were very good and once again the MMOC put on an excellent display of Moggies.

As I write this we have just come back from Arthur's Autumn Leaves Road Run. An excellent Run starting at Crossways for tea and finishing up at Nothe Fort in Weymouth for an excellent meal. I'm thinking of organising a run of our own finishing there next year.

Well, I think that's about all from me for this month, so until next time –

Have a very Merry Minoring Christmas and a Happy New Year
Laurie.

