

# DORSET BRANCH

## MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB

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*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 £10 per year, £12.50 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.

### **FRONT COVER**

*Only a few more days to go to the Annual Dorset Branch Rally at Avon Heath. This month's front cover shows some of the Series II cars at the 2009 Show.*

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next clubnight:  
talk by reverend timbrell

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.

Hi Morris Minor Fans... Only a few days to go until our annual rally at the Avon Heath Country Park. Fingers crossed for some decent weather. We have a good, pre-booked response with around 80 cars (Minors and other classics) from far and wide in the booklet. If you haven't booked, entry will be allowed at the gate but you may not get a programme or 'mystery' gift. Looking forward to seeing you all there on the day. Please try to support the various club activities on the day – these all help to sustain the branch finances throughout the year. Hope to see a good few of you there, Brian.

## Letters to the editor

To whom it may concern, I am writing to thank you for your kind donation to the charity 'Road Education for Schools, Colleges, Universities and Everyone else' through the Dorset Road Safe campaign. Melvin Vincent passed your details along to us so that we could tell you how much we appreciate your donation, it will go towards helping us to improve road safety and hopefully prevent incidents of dangerous driving. If you would like to know anymore about the charity please don't hesitate to contact us on this e-mail.  
( harrietshaw566@hotmail.com )

Thanks, Harriet Shaw (Secretary)

## Wanted

Sorry, but I am abusing my position as newsletter editor. I have been asked if I can source a quarterlight for an overseas enthusiast. Has anyone got a spare drivers side (RH) stainless steel quarterlight (glass and frame) in good condition with a working clip? I have a good left hand one but need a right hand one to make a pair. If you have one and would like to sell it please contact me. Thanks, Brian (01202 573501).



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## Mid Summer Saunter 8th August



We are planning a run to Arne (Isle of Purbeck) 'World of Toys' on the 8th August. A delightful place to visit and see what you would love to have had when you were kids, and how many toys that you actually had yourselves.

The toy museum has its own car park and refreshment facilities

We will meet up at Lytchett Matravers Craft Centre for a 10:30 am departure. Costing and further details to follow. Watch this space.

## Wimborne 3 in 1 Run 18th September

Arrangements have been made for this year's Wimborne Run. We have arranged for the usual visit to Wimborne Market in the morning, followed by lunch at the new restaurant at Plowman's (West Parley), followed by a trip to the Southern Electric Museum at Christchurch (with light refreshments included). Again, more details to follow...

## Student report cards

These are comments made on students' report cards by teachers in the New York City public school system.

All teachers were reprimanded (but, boy, are these funny!)

1. Since my last report, your child has reached rock bottom and has started to dig.
2. I would not allow this student to breed.
3. Your child has delusions of adequacy.
4. Your son is depriving a village somewhere of an idiot. (my favourite...)
5. Your son sets low personal standards and then consistently fails to achieve them.
6. The student has a 'full six-pack' but lacks the plastic thing to hold it all together.
7. This child has been working with glue too much.
8. When your daughter's IQ reaches 50, she should sell.
9. The gates are down, the lights are flashing, but the train isn't coming..
10. If this student were any more stupid, he'd have to be watered twice a week.
11. It's impossible to believe the sperm that created this child beat out 1,000,000 others.
12. The wheel is turning but the hamster is definitely dead.

## Auction at Branch Rally



Our resident chief Auctioneer, Roy Gale has kindly offered to host a Charity Auction at the July Rally. The idea is that you bring along suitable items to be auctioned and these will be sold off at about 2:00 on the day. Please bring along your stuff **ON THE DAY** (details below) and let Roy know, how much the 'reserve' will be and whether you wish to either:-

- (a) donate the proceeds to the nominated Branch Charity, or
- (b) keep the proceeds (less 10% (minimum) for the charity).

Items should be new or good quality second hand items, such as car parts or general household items etc.

This is a new idea and it would be appreciated if the members could be supportive. Thanks.



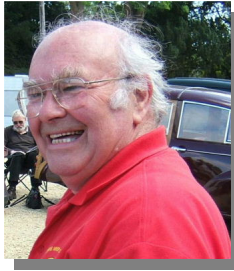
MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB  
**DORSET BRANCH**  
**RALLY**  
SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2010  
AVON HEATH COUNTRY PARK  
(NR. RINGWOOD)

No time left now to book so if you haven't, you can still come along and pay at the gage. Details are on the web site Rally page at [www.dorsetmmoc.co.uk](http://www.dorsetmmoc.co.uk)



## Chairmans Report

Good evening and welcome to clubnight at the Ringwood Town and Country Museum.



The reason that we have gone to the museum for clubnight is of course due to the World Cup Football (Come on England!) and also an excuse for a meal out. The rally this year is looking good with Roy's Auction so lets have some good quality lots for Roy to Auction off. I hope you ladies (and gents) have been busy baking lots of cakes for the stalls. We also need bric-a-brac and raffle prizes and would be grateful if you could all help. Andrew Eggleton will be there with a spares stand and also John Bainbridge with some of his trimming work. This is just a few of the attractions at this year's show. Ann and myself had a lovely day at the Royal Signals Museum on Saturday 19th June. It was their re-union day. In attendance was HRH Princess Anne who took the Royal Salute and stayed for about 3 hours.

On Father's day we went to the BPPC Steam Show at Canford Arena which was very good this year. Lots of bits and pieces there and then we went out to dinner at Wetherspoons.

Brian, Eddie, Graham and myself went around to finish Tony's Morris Minor ready for the club rally. Marion and Amelia have booked it in for the Rally, so we have had to finish the work and finally get it on the road.

Ann and myself have, at last, bought a Type 25 Volkswagen Camper Van 1982 air-cooled Devon Conversion with a lift up roof. I am hoping to stay at the Rally on Saturday night this year to keep an eye on the drunken branch members after the rally party.

The Club is still looking for a Minor Van, so if you hear of a suitable one please let us know. In the meantime we are looking for a modern diesel van to tide us over. Anyway, that's all for

## Low mileage Car for Sale..

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lay-off.  
Photo attached ---



Our nominated charity for this year is **Julia's House**. We managed to get the voting done and the results were as follows:

1. Julia's House – 9 votes
2. Air Ambulance – 7 votes
3. Others – 12 charities (no more than 2 each).

We supported this Charity a few years ago and had a talk by a representative. It seems a very worthwhile cause and we are glad to be helping this organisation again.

**Julia's House**  
The Dorset Children's Hospice

Every penny donated will make a valuable contribution to the care of life-limited children in Dorset and support for their families.

Julia's House receives no government funding and is reliant upon the generosity of Dorset people. The total cost of its service in 2007 is £1.2M.

To find out more visit [www.julias-house.org](http://www.julias-house.org)



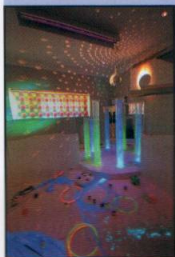
The story of Julia's House, the Dorset Children's Hospice, is a remarkable and moving one.

It was the brainchild of Julia Perks, a children's nurse who trained at Great Ormond Street and who worked at Poole General Hospital caring for life-limited children. Julia recognised the need for far greater support for these children and their families. Tragically, Julia died of cancer before she could take this vision much further and it was left to her friends and family to make her dream come true.

Today Julia's House provides a community respite service: trained Carers who visit the family home and look after the child, and now a wonderful home in Corfe Mullen too, known simply as Julia's House, offering further respite care to these children.

Sadly there will always be children who are unlikely to live into adulthood, and research indicates there are up to 200 Dorset families with such a child. Julia's House currently helps 70 of them. Their conditions include muscular dystrophy, severe cerebral palsy, spinal muscular atrophy, and brain tumours. The more funds the charity raises, the more care it can provide and the more families it can reach.

In just a few months the opening of Julia's House has resulted in a doubling of patient referral rates to the charity, and thirty children using the hospice regularly with tailored care packages for each child's medical condition.



**This beautiful home-from-home, together with the continuing work of the Julia's House Carers in families' own homes, is your local children's hospice service: a free service for every family in Dorset who should ever need it.**



To find out more about how you can help, phone 01202 640402 and ask for Lin or Claire

Registered Charity No. 1067125

5/9/02



Over the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> June Beaulieu held a steam rally. It was called the revival as it was reviving the steam rallies held at Beaulieu for many years during the 1960's and 1970's. We were met on our arrival by a fabulous smell of steam and the sight of smoke floating across the grounds of the museum. There was excellent array of steam cars being

driven around the grounds. A long row of traction engines was working away at wood cutting, apple pressing etc etc. The highlight was the display of the entire fleet of Showman's Engines once used by Anderton and Rowland during the early 1900's and brought together for the first time in preservation. Some original steam driven fairground rides were also in use including the 1898 Savage Three Abreast Gallopers and the 1934 Orton and Spooner Mayhew's Ark Speedway ride. The latter was greatly enjoyed by Louise and we had to have a go on it every time we walked past.

Another engine was giving trailer rides around the grounds. All in all this was an excellent day out as entry to the museum and house was also included in the entrance fee. Next years show will be on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June 2011 and I for one will be there. Laurie





## Secretarys report

Good evening and welcome to the Ringwood Museum for the July clubnight. I hope you all have a good evening. Next month we will be back at the SEB club and I am pleased to say that we will be welcoming back Reverend Stewart Timbrell for another of his very entertaining talks.

I have now sent off the forms for the Lymington Show so if you would still like to come along please send off the entry form direct to the organiser. For those of you who have entered the Poole Bay Classics show at Breamore House on 18<sup>th</sup> July I have received your passes and will distribute them tonight or with your newsletter. Plans are now coming together for the Midsummer Saunter next month and the 3 in 1 run in September.

The Dorset Branch Rally is this weekend. We will need to have plenty of volunteers to help out with the marshalling, manning the stalls etc. If everyone does their bit the day should run smoothly. Please remember to bring along your bric-a-brac, cakes and raffle prizes on the day. We will need as many cakes to sell as possible as this is always a big money earner at the rally. Please remember that cakes should be wrapped at source and don't forget to label them up with what sort of cake it is! This year Roy has offered to run a charity auction on the afternoon of the rally. He will be accepting items to be auctioned from 12 noon onwards. Please try to support this new idea. *(See details elsewhere.)*

We have now got the replacement for the branch flag after the unfortunate episode at Beaulieu when the ink started to run in the rain. Hopefully the new branch grill badges will soon be with us. They look as if they should be very nice and I hope you will all buy one to adorn the front of your car.

Victoria is now back on the road. The engine is running very nicely so far and is being gently run in. I am using it as often as I can at the moment. Does anyone have any ideas how I can install some form of child seat or harness in the back of the car for Louise? Does anyone have a suitable seat or harness that they would be willing to part with? We have looked at installing a normal seat belt but there just doesn't seem to be any way of doing it. In this day and age I don't want to have Louise in the car unrestrained – it's just too dangerous. Any ideas would be gratefully received. The Lowlight has finally been taken out of hibernation. She wasn't used for 9 months but still she fired up straight away and is running very well.

I think that's about all from me for this edition – see you all at the rally this weekend.

Happy Minoring  
Laurie.



## July Clubnight



*Family fun - whatever the weather - all indoors!*

**For those reading the newsletter online, we have arranged a run out to Ringwood Museum for July Clubnight, so THERE WILL BE NO MEETING AT USUAL VENUE. We will be having a light meal and there will be a charge of £4.50 per person for the food which will be baked potato and choice of filling with salad. Details about the museum are available at <http://www.rtce.co.uk/> and it is situated on the A338 Ringwood to Salisbury Road, off the A31. See you there...**

# Whats On?

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

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

7th July – Clubnight – Run to Ringwood Museum **NOT SEB CLUB**  
9-11th July – Dorset Branch Rally  
18th July – Breamore – Poole Bay Classics Extravaganza (Club Stand)  
1st August – Lymington Show – Club Stand  
4th August – Talk by Reverend Timbrell  
7-8 Aug – Bygone Days, Brooklands Fm, S.Gorley (nr.Fordingbridge)  
8th August – Mid-Summer Saunter – Arne Toy Museum  
1st September – Clubnight– Talk by Peter Vince – recording engineer Abbey Road  
5th September – Wessex Classic Car Show – Bovington  
5th September – Isle of Wight Rall  
11-12 September – Beaulieu Autojumble  
18th September– 3 in 1 Run. Wimborne/Plowmans/Southern Electric Museum  
25-26th September – Kempton Park Juke Box Madness Show  
26th September – Breamore House End of Season Steam up  
26th September – Area 6 Picnic – Watercress line (Tim Rouse 01420 511285)  
2nd October – Shaftesbury Carnival Display  
6th October – Annual General Meeting  
3rd November – Call My Bluff Quiz  
12-14th November – NEC Classic Car Show  
28th December – Mistletoe Meander – SEB Club – Broadway Lane

# for sale & Wanted & Club notices

Please let me know if you no longer wish your ad to be included in the newsletter/website. *Editor.*



## FOR SALE

**4 door Morris Minor** complete – probably for spares only. Age – late fifties, dark green. Graham Taylor 01963 23677 £150 or near offer. (Holwell near Sherborne) 0710

## WANTED:

Van petrol tank 6.5 gallon, good condition please, Terry Kingston 01963 363471 0710

**WANTED** Combi-Camp trailer tent with awning etc, all in reasonable condition. Preferably the Combi Camp PLUS model. Neil Mitchener 07754761255

## 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.

## FOR SALE:

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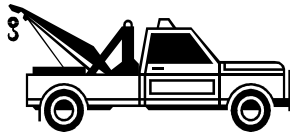
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## Rear View

The 1927  
Austin '20'  
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in early June  
at Classic  
Cars on the  
Prom.  
(picture - Ed)



During a recent password audit, it was found that a blonde was using the following password:  
MickeyMinniePlutoHueyLouieDeweyDonaldGoofyLondon" When asked why she had such a long password, she said she was told that it had to be at least 8 characters long and include at least one capital.

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