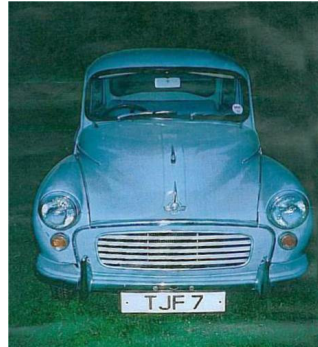


Rear View



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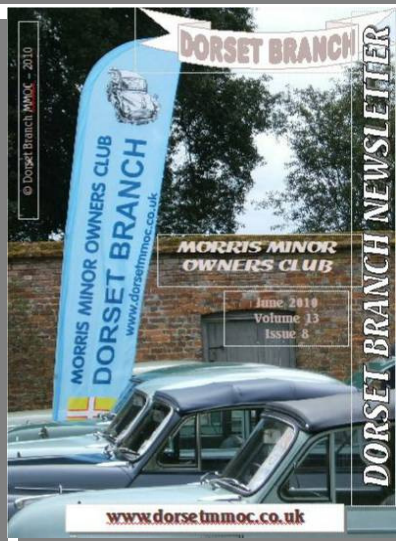
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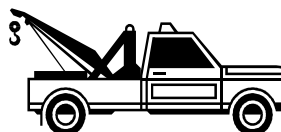
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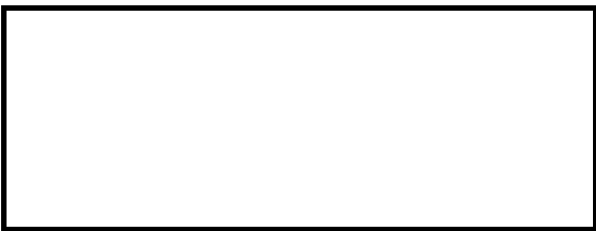
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**next clubnight:
road run to Ringwood museum**

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.

Editorial

Hello all and welcome to the June issue of the newsletter. A couple of outings last month to report on – namely the Aubrey Batt Memorial run to Breamore for the Steam up and the first outing of the new Branch Flag (see front cover). The weather was a bit cold and overcast – but importantly, no rain. The Beaulieu Spring Autojumble was next (middle of May) and again the weather was quite kind to us. The Branch had its usual stand right next to the MMOC stand and we did our best to promote the marque and the Branch. It was noticeable, however, that there was little support for the Morris Minor with no Minor parts dealers in attendance. I lost count of the number of times people remarked on the lack of such stands when they worked out I was interested in Minors. If there had been a spares stand, I reckon they would have had a very good weekend! There appeared to be a few technical issues with the ‘online’ newsletter last month, which hopefully were sorted quickly – and thanks to those of you who let me know. – Brian.

Now that you're retired

Some of you may know that I have recently quit my job as a loss adjuster in favour of early ‘retirement’. I have been doing the job since 2005 – investigating domestic subsidence insurance claims. The travelling has increased over the years and although I quite like driving (classic car enthusiast – obvious really!) the novelty has begun to wear off. The plan is to take it easy for a while and see how it goes – however, a bit of part time work may be necessary to boost the funds when the savings run out! Any donations would be welcome though! (just kidding!). I have had several careers since leaving school and have managed to ‘re-invent’ myself more times than Madonna. There are plenty of things to do around the house (and garage of course) - so these should keep me busy for a good while. But, in deference to my new found ‘freedom’ have now banned any sentences in my earshot that begin with “Now that you are retired...”. Brian

Whats On?

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

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

2nd June – Clubnight
6th June – Surrey Hants Border Show – Milestones Museum
13th June – Classics at Kingston Lacey (Midget/Sprite club – Charity)
19th June – Sturminster Newton Show.
19-20th June – BPPC – Vehicle & Steam Show Canford Arena
20th June – HAMMOC Rally – Fort Nelson, Portsmouth
7th July – Clubnight – Run to Ringwood Museum
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 (more info later...)
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. (TBA)
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
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beaulieu spring autojumble



The Branch stand did quite good business over the weekend, we gave out loads of Rally invitations and membership packs. Des, above, demonstrates the operation of Nev's brass 'hooter' to its new owner.

July Clubnight

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. Please let us know if you would like to come along, so we can get some idea of numbers for the catering. We plan to meet up at the usual time and you will be able to have a look around the Ringwood museum as well. 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...

letters to the editor

Hi Brian, Thank you for the e-mail, I've just printed the newsletter out at last !!!! I downloaded it 3 times but could get no further, I was going to e-mail you about the problem but thought it must be a fault my end. David is now a happy bunny with the printed out version clutched in his little paw.

We had a nice outing on Sunday 25th on the "Drive It Day ". Our run started at Silverstone Race Circuit ,only 0.5miles from home ! There were 150 classic cars or rather there were 3 Minors and 147 other inferior makes. The run was 68 miles with a stop for lunch about half way at Sywell Aerodrome which has nice eating facilities and a most interesting museum. Great fun and our Traveller "Molly" was much admired. David is looking forward to seeing Dorset folks at the Auto Jumble day next month. (Check – Dave was definitely there – Ed) Best wishes Pam Holton

book club plus

Hello everyone - I shall not be with you at the June meeting; Heather and I will be in North Cornwall (Crackington Haven) on a few days holiday. Incidentally, last week we were also on holiday and this time we were in Devon on the edge of Dartmoor and self catering in a Scandinavian style wooden chalet. Brilliant! If anyone wants further details of this peaceful venue, please talk to me at the July meeting or ring me at home on 01258 857492.



The book Club Plus is growing from strength to strength - last Club Night we loaned out 6 books and to demonstrate how diverse is the interest, I thought I would give you a run-down of what members borrowed. 1. Cars of the Connoisseur (one of my favourites) a 60's publication written by J R Buckley. 2. Car Badges. I know several members collect this memorabilia. 3. Africa in a Jeep. A 50's publication of particular interest if you have been to that continent. 4. Morris Minor - 60 years on. An excellent 'dip in' book if you want to read a 2 page anecdote / Alec Issigonis history / whatever, before you fall asleep! 5. Mad Motorists - did they really get up to those larks? 6. F W Lanchester: the life of an engineer.....

Once again, if you have motoring/transport/engineering book which you think another member may like to read but you do not want to part with - please consider lending it into the Book Club Plus for six months. I promise it will be looked after and returned to you in good condition. Also, should there be a book you want to read but cannot locate please tell me about it and I will do my best to get you a copy.

See you at the July meeting.....

Derek Shearman

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.



Rally forms have been distributed and you can get them and other info from the web site Rally page at www.dorsetmmoc.c

Secretarys report

Good evening and welcome to the June clubnight. It's hard to believe that we're half way through the year already! I hope everyone found last months talk informative. Next months meeting **WILL NOT BE AT THE SEB CLUB** – we will be holding it at The Ringwood Museum. Further details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. With your newsletter tonight should be a charity nomination form. Please fill it in and return it to us.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Aubrey Batt Memorial Run last month. It was a shame it wasn't a bit warmer but it least it stayed dry. Well done to Eddie and Margaret for winning car of the day and to Helena and Kate for winning the treasure hunt.

The clubs stand at the Beaulieu Spring autojumble was well received by the public and, in fact, we ran out of membership packs! Lots of rally forms were also given out as well as regalia being sold.

We will be having a club stand at The Poole Bay Classics Motoring Extravaganza at Breamore House on 18th July and at The Lymington Show on 1st August. I have entry forms for both. Please return your forms and entry fees to me and I will send them all off together. I will need The Poole Bay forms back tonight though please. Don't forget the theme for the club stand this year is a teddy bears picnic so can I ask that you all try to bring something along to liven up the stand. As we won the best club stand award at The Lymington Show last year it would be good if we could do it again. Plans for the Midsummer Saunter on 8th August are progressing and booking forms should hopefully be available next month.

Entries are coming in thick and fast now for this years Dorset Branch rally. If I haven't done yours yet please let me have it as soon as you can. We will be looking for volunteers to help out over the weekend and, of course, we will need cakes and bric-a-brac to sell. Please remember that health and safety regulations state that cakes must be marked with their ingredients.

Those of you who were at The Aubrey Batt Run will have seen the new club flag and very smart it looks too. We also had it up over the Beaulieu Autojumble weekend but when it got damp the printing started to run. It has been returned to the manufacturers who have apologised profusely and are arranging for us to have a replacement free of charge.

The order should have gone in by now for the new Dorset Branch grill badges. These have taken many months of planning and designing and finding a good firm to make them. I hope you will all be pleased with the end result and I look forward to seeing lots of them adorning our club cars very soon.

Work on Victoria has progressed quite well over the last month despite an extreme lack of spare time to get the work done in. By the time you read this she should have been reassembled and hopefully the running in period can now commence. It's been quite a problem trying to remember where all the bits go after all this time. Believe it or not the radiator and front grill section contain about 100 nuts and bolts all of which have been replaced with nice shiny new ones. I've now started to try to put together an original tool kit but would you believe there is 36 different items in it? I think it will be quite a challenge to get hold of some of the correct bits but I did manage to pick up one or two at Beaulieu last month.

I think that's about all from me for this month so until next time, Happy Minorng, Laurie.

Aubrey Batt Run 9 May 10



Here are some photos of the fun and frolics at Avon Heath and Breamore for this year's Aubrey Batt run. It was the first outing for our new Branch Flag – so apologies for featuring it heavily! Thanks to the staff at Avon Heath for the excellent breakfast which formed the start to the day. We then headed off in a bit of a convoy on a very picturesque run through the country side to the Breamore Museum site where there was a Steam – Up show in progress. Top left and clock wise is Sue Harrington's 2 door with Dave and June's MGB. Next is a photo by Phil Traves taken on the road run (whilst stationary – of course). Next is the convoy heading towards Breamore, followed by Mike Sheppard's rear end and the general line up.

Chairmans Report

Good evening and welcome to June Clubnight. The Aubrey Batt run on Sunday 9th May turned out to be a very good display with 22 cars attending. The full English breakfast at Avon Heath Café was very good too and a good start to the day. Thanks to Marion and Amelia and all the staff for their efforts. The run to Breamore house and their steam up were good but the weather was a bit on the cold side, but dry. I thought the talk on May Clubnight was very interesting and it was nice to have some good remarks back from Branch Members. At the rally this year we are planning an auction for car parts and other items. If you have any suitable, good quality items please bring them along on the day and see Roy Gale (high quality articles only please!). See separate article for more details. Also don't forget the cake stall, bric-a-brac, books and of course, raffle prizes. July's clubnight will be a run to Ringwood Museum for a light meal. Jacky will be collecting the money which will be £4.50 per person. Slips are included in this newsletter. Let us know if you are coming so that we can get an idea of numbers. I would like to thank Karl for helping the committee at Beaulieu and for the use of his van. I spoke to Carole Ford to see how Steve was getting on. He is still in Bournemouth Hospital but not up to seeing visitors yet. All the members send their best wishes to you both.

Happy Motoring, John.



having mum over for dinner

Thanks to Christine Tilly for this little story and you don't even have to be a mother to enjoy it! (By the way I don't think Brian Tilly is the subject of this story!) Brian invited his mother over for dinner. During the course of the meal, Brian's mother couldn't help noticing how beautiful Brian's roommate, Jennifer was. Brian's mum had long been suspicious of the 'platonic' relationship between Brian and Jennifer and this had only made her more curious. Over the course of the evening, while watching the two interact, she started to wonder if there was more between Brian and Jennifer than met the eye. Reading his mum's thought, Brian volunteered. I know what you must be thinking, but I assure you Jennifer and I are just roommates. About a week later, Jennifer came to Brian saying, 'Ever since your mum came over to dinner, I've been unable to find the beautiful silver gravy ladle. You don't suppose she took it do you?' Brian said, "Well I doubt it but I'll send her an email just to be sure. So he sat down and wrote: "Dear Mum, I'm not saying you 'did' take the gravy ladle from the house, I'm not saying you 'did not' take the gravy ladle. But the fact remains that one has been missing ever since you were here for dinner. Love Brian." Several days later Brian received an email back from his mother as follows: "Dear Brian, I'm not saying you 'do' sleep with Jennifer and I'm not saying you 'do not' sleep with Jennifer. But the fact remains that if Jennifer is sleeping in her own bed, she would have found the gravy ladle by now!"

tim furnidge

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Tim Furnidge, Dorset Member of Sturminster Newton, has a rather nice 1098cc Dove Grey 2 door built in 1964 and registered in 1965 (JVX 148C). Tim is an agency local authority planning officer who is currently on secondment to Isle of Wight Council. He was allowed leave to return to the mainland for the Aubrey Batt run on 9th May 2010 and this gave me a chance to catch up with him and ask him about his Minor. Tim is another of our members who has owned the same car twice (having this in common with Phil Traves and his Traveller).

He originally bought the car when he lived in Totton in Southampton in the early nineties from some medical students. He then stripped and rebuilt it over a seven year period during which time it was a 'hobby' car rather than an everyday car. However, the situation changed in about 2000 when Tim needed some money to buy a house. Consequently, the car had to go! He sold it to (Dorset member) Andy Westcott's sister and it was used every day and kept outside.

The opportunity came in 2007 to re-acquire the car and Tim bought it back again. Whilst the car was still OK mechanically, it

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required a bit of attention to the bodywork to bring back to tip top condition. Tim's work then took him to Guernsey for a year and nothing much happened until about late 2008. At this time an intensive 7 month restoration was started and was completed in time for the 2009 Branch Rally at Avon Heath.

The car has a few modifications, the most noticeable of which when you first approach the car is the Newton Commercial seats which not only look good but are quite comfy also. The engine is standard but has a larger 1 3/4 inch HIF carburettor, telescopic rear shock absorbers, alternator and halogen lighting. There are also some other subtle alterations to the engine breathing system.



The respray was done by a local firm in Sturminster who took 3 months to finish the job.

As to the future, there are some other improvements being planned, such as fitting

telescopic shocks on the front. All in all, a very nice car and thanks to Tim for his help with this article.