

Rear View

Sorry Eddie, but the title of this page 'Rear View' was just crying out for these shots of Mr Pateman delving into the deepest recesses of Tony's engine bay, adjusting the 'oily bits' and Nev making a clean sweep



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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.

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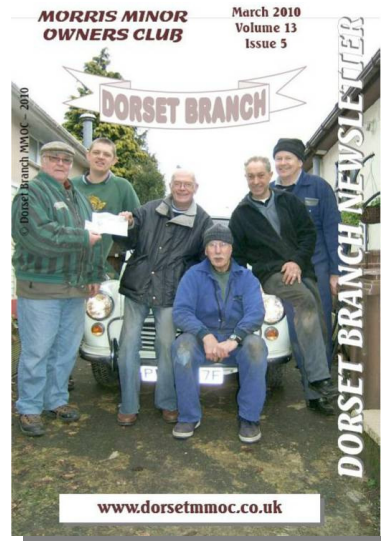
We have now almost finished the work on Tony's Minor (from Avon Heath Café) and here we are displaying the completed Branch membership form and tanner from Tony. (Will we do anything to get a new member?- see page 6)

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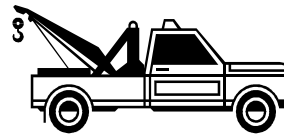
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• Norman's Highway Code Quiz

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**next clubnight:
charity blind auction**

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Letters to the editor

Hi Brian, Thanks very much for thinking of me - always interested in learning more about the car's history and seeing those photos for the first time - good hot summers in Dorset! The car started up OK last Sunday - but hasn't been out since about October - longest rest ever! It's always passed the MOT without much bother and has always been taxed and insured, although annual mileage is now only a couple of hundred. I'm amazed that the old mild steel exhaust keeps plodding on - I've had a stainless one waiting for about 10 years now
Kind Regards, Paul Bonner (Current owner of Prototype Million EOS 444)

Hi Laurie,
Just to let you know that I did find the later SV engine block. But now I urgently need the water pump. Please ask your branch members - you just never know. There must be something out there.
Much appreciated. Regards, Harry Thornton (Avon Branch)

Editorial

We went to the Great Western Autojumble on Valentines Day (couldn't think of anything more romantic - sorry Jacky!). This was at the Bath and West Showground at Shepton Mallet and was the first one. It has a little way to go to catch up with Beaulieu, but for an indoor autojumble, I didn't think it was too bad. I managed to come away with ticks on my shopping list, plus a few other 'essential' things that caught my eye. One such bargain was one of those LED inspection lamps which has two sets of lights and a recharger. The usual Classic Car Show has now moved to early May, so we may go to that as well. Work on the 911 is progressing well, with the right hand sill fitted (hopefully) by the time you read this. There is still a lot of work left, though and the current plan is to get some use out of it this summer and get it along for its MOT (retest) before the 12 months is up in July! On the next page are a couple of photos from the Classic Parking area at the Great Western Autojumble. By the way, the front cover photo is courtesy of Nev and he appears *in* the photo, courtesy of 'Photo Magic'. Hmm, now I can have a bit of fun with that cut-out.... - Cheers for now, Brian.

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

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3rd March – Clubnight – Norman's Highway Code Quiz
7th March – Bournemouth Aviation Museum (Hurn)
21st March – Wimborne Autojumble (ring Liz on 01202 841212)
27th March – Inter Branch Skittles – Mortimers Arms (nr Paultons Park)
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
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 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

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Interbranch skittles match

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Keith Adams from the Hampshire Branch (HAMMOC) is organising an inter-branch skittles challenge at the Mortimer's Arms which is next to Paulton's Park which is, in turn, near Junction 2 of the M27. The date for your diary is Saturday March 27th. Keith tells me the kick off is 7 for 7:30. The cost is £12 per person, (including finger buffet) we will need names and money (or a deposit) at the March clubnight or shortly after so that Keith can order the food .

Bournemouth Aviation Museum Vintage transport day



This will be held on Sunday 7th March 2010 from 10 am to 4pm but vehicles being exhibited need to be there by 09:30.

It is free to display a vehicle and there will be plenty to do and see during the day including Military Re-enactment, vintage bus rides,



transport and military stalls and catering facilities.

you or you can download your own form at:

www.aviation-museum.co.uk

Great western autojumble



We knew it was a mistake letting Neville buy an auction catalogue!

1949 Lancia Ardea (very rare – apparently!)



Book club plus

Hello all - seek and ye shall find..... / cast your bread upon the waters..... etc. A biblical theme this month? No; just an opening comment because this is what I did in last month's article. In my quest to build up the Book Club Plus collection of DVD's and Video's I asked if anyone had a copy of the 1960's (was it really 40+ years ago?) classic film The Italian Job, which starred Michael Caine and Noel Coward. Who came up with the goods? - Laurie of course!

First come first served on who would like to borrow this gem of British film comedy caper at our March club night. Also, a prize of one chocolate 'Wispa' bar to the first person who can complete the brilliant ten word comment made by Michael Caine in this film; 'you were only supposed to (b--- t-- b----- d---- o---)!'

Another Caine phrase I use sometime is - 'not a lot of people know that' - which always produces groans and sighs from my children and grandchildren when I insist on telling them who said it and when.

A quiet month for me with nothing else to talk about except to mention that, on the weekend of 23rd and 24th April, we have a Sturminster Marshall (please do not confuse us with Sturminster Newton) village event should you be wanting a trip out if the sun is shining. We have an exhibition in St Mary's Church to celebrate 150 years since the re-consecration of our Parish Church and across the road, next door to the Red Lion pub, there will be served Dorset Cream Teas in the old School Room. If you would like to know more, please talk to me at the March club night.

Please keep the transport and engineering related books, DVDs and videos coming in, on loan, to the Book Club Plus. – Derek



Tony's Minor (COVER STORY)



It looks like the end of the road for the “West Moors, Sunday Morning Tea Drinking Association” as we appear to have (nearly) come to the end of our work on the Morris Minor restoration project. We were asked by branch member Tony Skeats if we would complete the job for him due to reasons of poor health. We spent a few Sunday mornings around there, pretending to work and we were generously supplied with copious quantities of tea and bacon butties. The bulk of the work had already been done, but it needed attention to the brakes since it had been stood for a while. We fitted new cylinders, pipes and shoes etc and have now got a bit of feel on

the pedal. The interior had to be put back in and this was finally completed with a new parcel shelf. I didn't realise how fiddly they were to fit. Neither did Laurie when we pulled rank and sent him under the dashboard to apply the fixings. We didn't let him out until he had finished. Nev and Eddie applied



The (almost) finished article



Eddie and John guard the bacon butties.

Secretary's report

Good evening and welcome to the March clubnight. Sorry about the last meeting, the new manager at the Southern Electric Club was told about the refurbishing of the bar at the last minute and did not have time to rearrange anything, hence the reason we had to share the hall with a darts match and the football on the wide screen TV! Our charity blind auction has been rearranged for the April club night. We don't seem to be having much luck with club nights this year so far what with the weather in January and the decorators in February – lets hope March will be third time lucky. Tonight will be the quiz organised by Norman on the new theory-driving test – so good luck everyone!

Thank you to the 22 members who let me have the forms for the Aviation Museum Festival of Transport this weekend. Lets hope for a nice weekend. You should all have an entry form tonight for this years Dorset Branch rally which I would appreciate if you could let me have back as soon as you can. Entries have already started to come in for this years rally! Does anyone have access to about 25-30 folding chairs we could borrow? We have the opportunity to have the Verwood Brass Band at the rally this year but we will need to supply them with chairs – if anyone can help please let us know. Please see the section in this month's newsletter about the Inter Branch skittles match – it would be good if we could put a team together. We are planning to have a theme for the club displays at shows this year so if anyone has any ideas please let us know.

I'm afraid there is still little to report on the fleet this month. All I've done is get the Traveller and the Lowlight out of the garage once to clean them and then put them away again! I've had the conrods back for the Austin's engine so am just waiting for the crank and block to be returned which should be anytime now and then re-assembly can begin. Does this mean the end is finally in sight? I hope so! I've also purchased one of those Fuel Cats to go on the Austin, which should allow me to run on unleaded with no additive. It's guaranteed for 250,000 miles, which should be enough for a few years motoring!

That's all from me for this month
Happy Minorng
Laurie.

minor ode by r m gale

Ode to 'Trumpton'

I was made in '67

That year to me was just like heaven,

With a body of gleaming green,

I was most proud to be seen

I was put together with British pride,

With tender loving care,

All the faulty bits put aside

Built for wear and tear.

Drive me at a steady fifty,

And I purr like a tabby cat,

But when I'm fully laden,

It sometimes holds me back.

All these years I've been used

I've done thousands of miles and never been
abused

My present owner is kind and zealous

He drives so sensibly — never careless.

For eighteen years I have churned,

Engine running — petrol burned,

But I and my owner know,

For ever and ever I can't go.

So when my life comes to an end

And I can't go uphill or round a bend,

I would like to be left intact

I'd like to rust in peace — that's a fact.

As I'm only a Morris Minor,

And not your upper crust,

Please leave me in any old field,

To just rust, rust and rust. . .

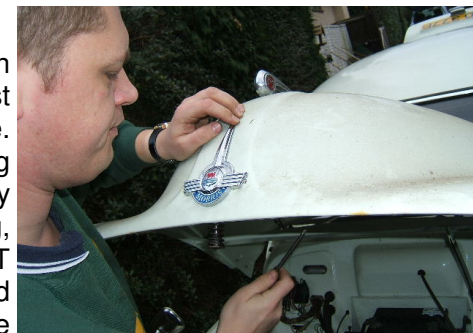
Roy Gale has loaned me a copy of an article in the Morris LCV register magazine some time ago. The article, photo and 'ode' was about 'Trumpton' his Builder's van which was replaced quite a long time ago with the van which is now our club mobile storage 'shed'. It must have been late nineties (1997?) since the literary activity was in celebration of 30 years on the road.

There was a nice photo of Trumpton parked up at a Rally (Southern Regional) at Baiter. The photo below is 'young' Roy taken in 1962. Nice Consul and check out the 'pigs ears' on the van which have helpfully been highlighted with a blue biro!



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their skills to getting the engine to run sweetly and I was volunteered as 'test pilot' to drive it back into the garage. We sorted out some of the missing components from our stocks and Tony bought the rest. At the time of writing, we just need to get it up to the MOT shop after final fitting up and 'tweaking' is completed. Should be 'sorted' soon. — Editor.



Laurie fixes the bonnet badge.

2010 devon weekend



The Devon Weekend is coming up fast, the date is 16-18 April and this is just a reminder that if you are coming, please could you remember to try and find something to bring for raffle prizes. The venue is the Royal Glen Hotel in Sidmouth which I am sure you know is in Glen Rd, Sidmouth, Devon EX10 8RW.

2010 branch rally



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The 2010 Branch Rally is now being organised and the rally forms are available. Those who attended last year should have

been sent a form in the post and members will receive one in this newsletter. They are also available to download from the 'Rally' page of the new website at www.dorsetmmoc.co.uk. It helps if you do not leave it until the last minute to enter — and it is still only a fiver — so come on and let's have a good turnout from the Branch.

Alberts story



Morris Eight Series E 2 Seater Tourer – 1939
ABW 135 - "Albert"
Owned by Nev and Lyn Gerry of Poole.

"Albert" was built at Morris Motors, Cowley, Oxford on 11th – 18th January 1939 and despatched to Durrants Garage, Oxford Road, Kidlington on 1st February that year. He was sold for the sum of £132 10s plus 27/6 for the spare wheel cover finished in body colour (7 shillings cheaper if painted

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Good evening and welcome to March Club-night. Ann and myself are on a bowls holiday so we will miss tonight's club-night. So I do hope it will be back to normal in my absence – what with the January meeting only having 14 members due to the bad weather and February when they were refurbishing the club and bar area and having to share our hall with darts and football. So I hope you have a good evening. April clubnight will be the Blind Auction (postponed from February) hosted by

Chairmans Report

our favourite auctioneer, Mr Roy Gale.

I hope the weather warms up before the trip to the Hurn Aviation museum on 7 March. The Aubrey Batt Run on 9 May is looking good for the Steam-Up day at Breamore House starting with breakfast at the Avon Heath Café. The forms will be available soon so let's have a good turnout for this event.

The Autojumble at Wimborne Market on 21 March is filling up – so if it goes well, they could be holding another one in October so why not book a stall or just come along. I am hoping to have a few stalls at some of the shows this year – like the Juke Box Madness Weekend at Kempton Race Course – to sell my collection of radios, record players and Eight Track players of the 50's, 60's and 70's. Also I am looking for an older camper van so that if the show is more than one day, I can stay over – if anyone knows of one for sale please let me know.

The Committee has had a suggestion that the dinner and dance to be held in January 2011 at a hotel on the outskirts of Bournemouth, ie Wimborne, Ferndown or St Leonards. Let the committee know if you have any ideas for suitable venues. Happy Motoring – John.

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black!) and registered to his first keeper – Mr John Frederick Hawkins of Staverton Close, Bracknell on 6th February 1939. Mr Hawkins was a dentist and he kept "Albert" for 64 years! Mr Hawkins moved to St Martins, Stamford in 1984 taking "Albert" with him.

After his death, the car was purchased on 3rd May 2003, by Mr Timothy David Grahame – another dentist - of Westwates Close, Bracknell meaning that "Albert" was once again in his home town. By this time major restoration was required. Mr Grahame had purchased the car as a project to complete whilst he underwent treatment for cancer but he sadly died and ownership passed to his wife Mrs Gillian Mavis Grahame on 16th November 2003. In order to sell "Albert" Mrs Grahame had the restoration finished – albeit not to a good standard!

In June 2005 "Albert" featured in a very small article in The Automobile and he was offered for sale on Ebay very soon after. He had to be removed from sale



as he did not match his description and we agreed to buy him on 2nd July 2005. As he was MOT'd – God knows how! - He was taken to his first show in our ownership on the very next day and despite a couple of breakdowns he managed to win a prize!



Since then we have done a lot of work to bring "Albert" up to the condition you see him in today. He now shines for the first time in many years and has had a new roof fitted along with new side screens. He was missing 2 of the

original hubcaps, which we managed to track via Ebay. When purchased he was fitted with the wrong front seats, which have since been replaced with the correct type. The rear bumper has also been re-chromed with the front one hopefully following soon.

The Series E Tourer is a very rare car indeed as it was only built in 1939. Morris did not reintroduce the Tourer after the war. A slightly different open model was built in Australia up until 1947.

The Tourer was available as a 2 seater priced at £132 10s or as a 4 seater priced at £135.