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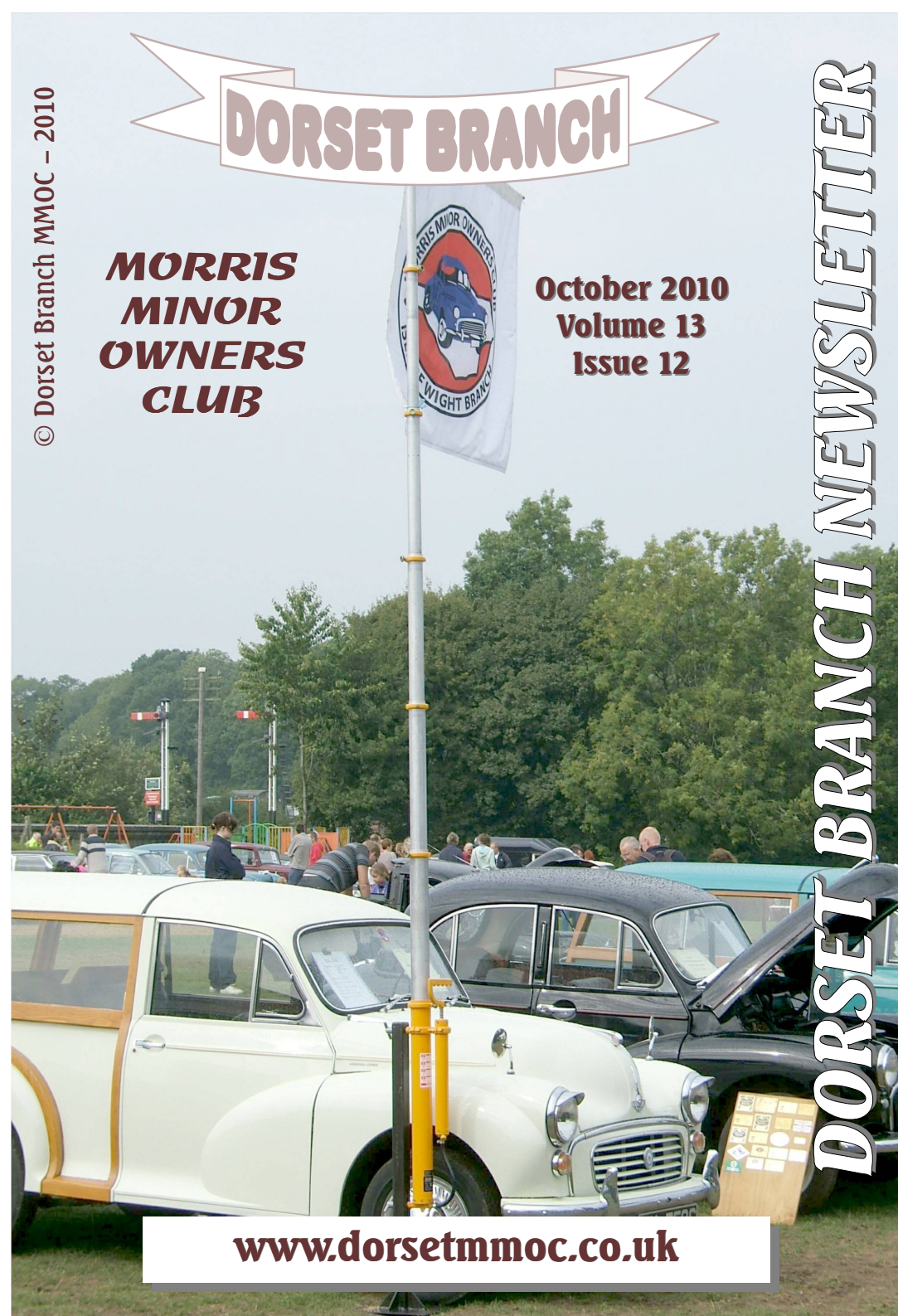
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Dorset Branch of the Morris Minor Owners Club

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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

The Isle of Wight Rally was held on the 4/5th September and a contingent from the Branch attended. The cover shows the IoW branch flag with Malcolm & Mary Jones' Minors on display.

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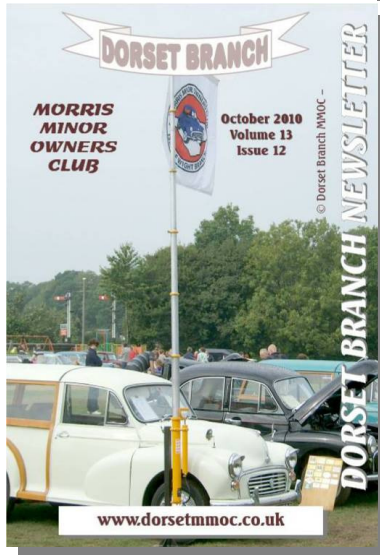
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Raffle Coordinators: Chris Tilly and Val Palmer

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Regalia Manager: Richard Cyster – (01202 526660)

Catering Executives: -Sue Blewer, Lyn Gerry



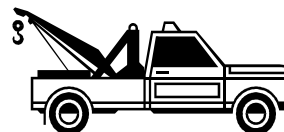
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Given the fact that we now have a 'modern' van, the old 'Austin' Minor van (SBK 9J) is now surplus to requirements and we have decided to offer it to branch members first on the basis of sealed bids to be received by the November clubnight. If the offers are too low we may consider selling on Ebay etc. We have arranged a viewing opportunity at 10am Saturday 9th October 2010 at 102 Manor Farm Rd, Kinson (John Jenkinson's house). **PLEASE LET US KNOW**

IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND. Whilst the chassis is in fair to poor condition and the rear body does have some rust damage, we have completely replaced the braking system and the mechanicals are fine. All 4 doors are in good condition and one wing has been replaced. It does, of course, boast 4 proper van wheels with good tyres and the registration number must be worth something.

WANTED Combi-Camp trailer tent with awning etc, all in reasonable condition. Preferably the Combi Camp PLUS model the type with the POD attached on the end of the main unit. Neil Mitchener 07754761255 10/10

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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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next clubnight:
call my bluff type quiz

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.



Another club year has gone by then, and its AGM time once again. 2009-10 has been a good year with many successful events and the Branch is in fine fettle for the future with an adequate financial 'cushion'. We all hope you are satisfied with our efforts over the past year and cast your votes for the new committee accordingly.

September has been quite a busy month on the events scene with the Isle of Wight Rally earlier in the month and the Beaulieu Autojumble later on. Unfortunately, we were unable to take a Minor 'abroad' to IoW since we were caravanning for the week at Bembridge and had to take the Audi.

We had a super week there with the Rally weekend in the middle. The weather was mostly fine and on the Sunday we had a ride on the open top bus to Ryde and back. Travelling on the top deck about half way along the bus meant we had to keep ducking the tree branches which were on their way down again, having being pushed by the up-draft from the front of the bus. Well done to Neville for winning the Chairman's Choice with 'Albert' (see page 12).

I went along to Beaulieu Autojumble in the middle of the month with Laurie, Nev and John, coming back each night. In accordance with the usual practice, we shared the MMOC space with Bryan Gostling and sold some Branch Regalia whilst promoting the club and branch. We managed to sell a good amount of the spares donated to the Branch by Brian Tilly and have raised about £75 (in total) for the funds. I even managed to sell my repaired boot lid to a nice German gent.

The Porsche respray is now complete having decided to go the DIY route using cellulose. At the time of writing, I am re-fitting the panels and polishing out the dead flies and dust specks.

We were sorry to hear about branch member Martin Chowne's illness and would like to send him our best wishes and hope to see him and Joan again soon.



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

- 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 – Clubnight – Annual General Meeting
- 3rd November – Call My Bluff Quiz
- 12-14th November – NEC Classic Car Show
- 12-14th November – Lord Mayor's Show.
- 21st November – Arthur's Bloxworth Run (phone 01929 554890)
- 1st December – Clubnight – Noggin and Natter
- 28th December – Mistletoe Meander – SEB Club – Broadway Lane

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- 29th January – Dinner and Dance (Venue TBA)
- 15-17 April – Spring Weekend, Royal Glen Hotel, Sidmouth.
- 9-10 July Dorset Branch Rally – Avon Heath Country Park
- 17th July – Muscliffe Community Day
- 17th July – Poole Bay Classics at Breamore

Newsletter Advertising

As you may know, the newsletter printing costs are substantially met by the advertising revenue and as a result, there is only a small cost to the Branch. The distribution is done on a voluntary basis by the membership secretary (Des). To ensure that this continues, we would ask that existing advertisers continue to support the club. £30 per year, buys an entry in the newsletter (which also appears on the internet) together with an entry in the Rally programme in the summer. Please speak to John or Brian about your advert in Volume 14 starting in November.

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LOW Rally



2010 mistletoe meander

Will you be coming on the Mistletoe Meander this year? It's on Tuesday 28th December, which I am reliably informed is a bank holiday. We are starting and finishing at the Electric Club in Muscliffe (Clubnight venue) for a change this year. So blow away those Christmas cobwebs and get your entry slips in soon. You should have received one with the newsletter this month. They are also available on the website on the News and Events page (www.dorsetmmoc.co.uk). See you there?

3 in 1 run report



Saturday 18th September was the date and Sue Gale and I counted 18 Morris Minors and about 14 other classics showing up at Wimborne Market. We had a slightly different location on the Market site this year due to the large car boot sale that now occupies the outside bit where we used to be. If it had been raining, we would have been grateful for the cover (under the multi-storey car park). In the event it was bright sunshine, so the extremities got a little chilly in the shade. At the appointed hour, we all trotted off to Plowman's Nursery in West Parley, a few miles drive away for lunch and I think everyone enjoyed the food, which Jacky and I thought was excellent. The 'third' activity was a run down to Christchurch to have a look around the Southern Electric Museum and have a cup of tea and a bun. We tried to distract Graham Jarvis and steal the green Minor Van on display in the museum but it was hemmed in by a stone coffin and a Sinclair C5. Manina had a go at generating some electricity (see photo) feeding back into the National Grid and obtaining a small credit on her next bill! (Editor)



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2009 agm minutes

Apologies: Dave and June Reeves, Peter Webb, Brian & Chris Tilley, Lawrie and Sue Blewer and Jackie Walker

Minutes of Last Meeting. These had been printed in the current newsletter and were accepted as accurate (prop. Eddie Pateman sec. Nick Palmer.)

President's Opening Remarks

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the 2009 AGM and then handed over to the committee members for their reports.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary gave a brief summary of the past year's events and said that it had been another busy and successful year. The first event of the year was the Dinner and Dance that was held at the Quality Hotel for the first time. The Mistletoe Meander was a success and he thanked Dave W. for his usual help with the route planning. The Aubrey Batt Run was a little different this year with a breakfast at the Avon Heath café followed by the visit to Honeybrook Farm. We had our usual stand at the Beaulieu Spring Autojumble in May. Dave Daniels (son of the late Jack Daniels) gave an interesting talk at the May Clubnight. We visited the Hants rally at Milestones at Basingstoke followed by an interesting Saturday afternoon at Karl Payne's Winton MOT Centre in the middle of June. Our rally was the usual well supported event in July. We attended a local charity event day at Muscliffe followed by the Lymington show at which we won the prize for the best club stand. Another 'new' event was the Area 6 Picnic at the Watercress Line which was an enjoyable day out. Next year's weekend event in Devon has been booked up but there are still more spaces available. We are looking forward to the 2009 D & D which is at the Quality Hotel again this year, followed by the Mistletoe Meander on the Sunday after Boxing Day. The WVPS show is moving to Bovington next year (instead of Canford Arena). Well done to all the club members who won prizes in this year's shows.

Treasurers Report

As you will see, the Branch funds are looking quite healthy at the moment, but you should remember that these figures include advance payments for the Spring Weekend and nearly £180 in subs for the next year. The amount also includes money held for the Wimborne Market run which was held last week-

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Chairmans Report

Good evening and welcome to October's Clubnight. Here we are again with another AGM. Another year gone, but a good one. With the rallies and all the club events, runs and clubnights all in all a good year. I hope you all support the Branch Dinner and Dance which is in January. This date was suggested by club members – the first time we have had it in the new year and lets make it a good one. I would like to thank all the members who have taken up the discount for early membership renewal. It makes it easier for the membership secretary. I was sorry to hear about Martin Chowne going into hospital and we send him our best wishes. The three in one run had a good turnout and the weather stayed fine. So I would like to thank Liz and Jim at Wimborne Market, Doug and James and all the staff at Plowman's Nursery and also Graham and the Electricity Museum. I hope you all enjoyed the tea and cakes! On the Sunday, I went to the Goodwood Revival with my Red Mercedes and my son Stuart. What a good day we had! I strongly recommend this event, and I have never seen so many classic cars in one place. Don't forget your slip for the Mistletoe



Dinner dance and Sidmouth Weekend

Arrangements are being made for the spring weekend break in Sidmouth for next year. The date for the diary is 15-17 April 2011 at the Royal Glen Hotel - Sidmouth. There are two types of room available as follows: "Standard": £69 per person, per night (inc bed, breakfast and evening meal). "Superior": £72 per person, per night (inc bed, breakfast and evening meal). Please, get your booking with deposit in soon, places are strictly limited. Jacky is starting the usual savings scheme if you wish to use this. Deposits of £20 per person will be required with your booking. Please contact Jacky at meetings or by phone (01202 573501). The secluded 3 *** Sidmouth hotel with indoor pool is close to the famous esplanade and regency town centre on the heritage coast.

This year, we have decided, by popular demand, to shift the date for the annual evening 'bash' to January, so the date for your diary is Saturday January 29th 2011. There will be booking slips in this newsletter, so let's have a good turnout for this one.

DINNER AND DANCE – 29th JANUARY 2011

Elstead Hotel, Knyveton Road, Bournemouth (good parking!) 01202 293071

£22 per member and family member and £24 for non-members.

Menu:

Duck and orange pate, Goats cheese and sunblushed tomato tart or fan of melon

Watercress and stilton soup

Roast Turkey Breast, Roast Rib of Beef, Asian Sea Bass or Spinach and ricotta cheese tortellini, all with vegetables of the day.

Christmas pudding, banoffee pie, meringue swan or cheese and biscuits

Coffee and Mince pies.

(Other vegetarian options available – please ask)

Rooms are available for £50 for two people to include breakfast, accommodation and VAT. (Or £35 for single occupancy). Please contact hotel direct for room bookings.

Secretarys report

Good evening and welcome to the October clubnight which, of course, is the AGM. I hope you'll all agree that it has been another very good year for the club.

September was a very busy month. The first weekend saw Vic, Louise and I in the Austin, Mum and Dad in the Traveller, Nev and Lyn in Albert and John and Ann in the Merc go across to the Isle of Wight for our annual 'overseas' trip. The guest house we were staying in is really good and supplied us with fantastic food at both dinner and breakfast times. The Saturday saw about 60 cars meet at Havenstreet Steam Railway for the road run, which this year went to the Robin Hill Adventure Park. This was great for us as Louise really enjoyed herself. Sunday was gloomy weather-wise but still about 100 vehicles gathered at the railway for the rally. I managed to pick up one or two bits in the autojumble. We enjoyed our rides on the vintage bus, which took us to Ryde and the steam train. We visited Godshill Model Town on the Monday before wending our way back home in the torrential rain.

The following weekend was Beaulieu Autojumble where we had agreed to help out Bryan Gostling on the National MMOC stand. John drove up in the club van and Brian and I took Victoria as she was to be displayed on the Classics Monthly stand for the weekend. Nev joined us later in the afternoon. There was a great deal of interest in the Morris Minors with lots of club members visiting us throughout the day and we have completely run out of membership packs! Dorset Branch regalia is wending its way to all parts of the globe including Germany, Switzerland and Norway that I know of!

The 3 in 1 Run was excellent once again and was blessed with fine weather. 36 cars met in the car park at Wimborne and once again there was a lot of interest in them with more membership packs being given out. Lunch at Plowmans was very enjoyable and the day finished with a visit to The Southern Electric Museum at Christchurch. Graham had arranged to open up the museum especially for us. If you've never been it really is very interesting. Louise's favourite bit though was the stairs which we seemed to spend hours going up and down! The day finished with a cup of tea and a sticky bun. All in all another very enjoyable outing. This weekend coming we will be at Breamore House for the final steam up of the year – weather permitting that is!

Don't forget to get your bookings in as soon as you can for the dinner and dance which is taking place in January this year – details elsewhere. The Devon Weekend is almost sold out already so if you want to come please let Jacky know as soon as you can.

For once, I've got no news on the fleet front this month. They all seem to be going well at the moment with no problems to report.

Finally, I've just bought a new computer but I seem to have lost everyone's e-mail addresses so could I ask you to send me an email so I have your address.

That's all from me for this time, So until next time, Happy Minorng, Laurie.

end, the outgoings of which will be shown in next year's accounts. The charity supported by the Branch this year was the Youth Cancer Trust and £165 was donated to them in April this year. The Branch purchased a projector this year costing £176.98 and had a raffle drum made costing £35.00. The Branch Rally this year would have made a loss but for the cakes, books and raffle stalls which made £516.26. The Committee are considering the purchase of some 'Feather Flags' for the Branch to use at events etc for promotion and some more web hosting space. Brian has used his own web space until now, but as the web site has outgrown the space available, it has been decided to purchase some additional space for future expansion of the web site. Since it has been running it has had nearly 11,500 visits so it seems a worthwhile investment.

Chairman's Report

John Jenkinson thanked the Committee and other volunteers for all their hard work during the year. He particularly thanked Valerie and Christine for the raffle, John and Rosemary for the parts service and Richard for the Regalia. He also thanked the catering ladies (Sue Blewer and Lyn Gerry) for their efforts making the refreshments. He said that a club like this relies heavily on the efforts of the volunteers and committee members. He also said that he was pleased to see a good turnout and thanked everyone for turning up on such a rough night.

Committee Elections

Graham Jarvis (President) thanked the Committee for all their efforts over the past year.

The new Committee Nominations were as follows:

Chairman: John Jenkinson – prop. Sue Ware, sec. Thelma Ware
Secretary: Laurie Blewer – prop. Sue Ware, sec. Thelma Ware
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Membership Secretary: Des – prop. Sue Ware, sec. Thelma Ware
Events/H & S – Neville Gerry – prop. Sue Ware, sec. Thelma Ware
Newsletter/Website Editor: Brian Wood – prop. Sue Ware, sec. Thelma Ware

All elections carried on a show of hands.

Any Other Business:

No other business was raised and the meeting was closed at 20:55

My Morris Van . . . an e-bay wreck

The story of a Minor Van Restoration by Tony and Sue Ware



I purchased the van on e-bay in July 2009 from a gentleman in Leominster. A friend, Les offered to come with me to pick it up with his transporter. We arrived home with a van with the engine in the passenger side floor, the seat frames thrown in the back and lots of bits and bobs in card-

board boxes.

I then set about dismantling it and seeing what was needed to rebuild it. I arranged to have the chassis and body sandblasted, then all the necessary welding



was done to the body and chassis. I then primed and glossed the chassis. The rear body work and cab were then taken on my trailer to my son and his partner's body shop, Kustom Kolors for prep and re-spraying. In the meantime, I ordered the necessary, parts, of which there



was a lot from ESM in Sussex and the interior trim from Newton Com-



mercial. My brother, Roger and I stripped the engine to check inside and found it in perfect condition, so rebuilt the engine and painted it. After I picked up the body and cab from



Kustom Kolors I started to re-assemble the van. I upgraded the brake system to disc brakes and servo and fitted 5¹/₂J steel wheels. It took approximately 11 months to finish my latest project and have it MOT'd and on the road.