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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. Please note that the Dorset Branch MMOC will accept no liability in respect of goods or services provided by advertisers. No recommendation is implied.

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### FRONT COVER

Oh look! Laurie has converted his Traveller into a flower display. No, wait—it's a concrete planter. Looks good though!

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

**2012**

29th/30th September—Brockenhurst and Lymington Lions—Forest Fayre  
3rd October—AGM + presentation by Russ Harvey on Morris Minor Magazine  
7th November—Clubnight (Talk on 'Aviation around Poole Bay 1910 - 1976') by **Kevin Patience**  
5th December—Clubnight (Noggin and Natter)  
30th December—Mistletoe Meander

**2013**

2nd January—CLUBNIGHT—(TBA)  
6th February—CLUBNIGHT—Blind Auction  
20th Jan—Annual Dinner and Dance—Liston Hotel, Boscombe  
6th March—CLUBNIGHT—Mystery Object Quiz  
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**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

# Dorset Branch Newsletter

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**CLUBNIGHT ACTIVITY:**

**AGM & Presentation on Morris Minor Magazine by Russ Harvey**



**MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB**

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**NEXT CLUBNIGHT ACTIVITY:**

Talk on 'Aviation around Poole Bay 1910 - 1976 )by **Kevin Patience**

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 download from the Internet usually about 10 days before the clubnight.

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## Editorial

Evening everyone, and welcome to the 'bumper' sized Dorset Branch Newsletter which puts Volume 15 to bed! Hope you all had a good rally season. There were certainly plenty of events to go to—particularly in the last month or so. The events diary looks a bit empty now! We enjoyed the 3 in One Run at the end of September which was blessed with good weather and an interesting venue. (Thanks Phil!). We particularly enjoyed the Isle of Wight Rally weekend at the beginning of September. We went with the Warner's (Bembridge—this year) contingent and spent an enjoyable 3 nights there. The weather stayed fine for most of the weekend and we enjoyed the Saturday run out to the Woolverton Craft Fair with the Island Branch. The next weekend was the Beaulieu Autojumble which was also blessed with good weather. We had our usual shared stand selling club spares with the MMOC which was very busy on the Saturday. We also had a 'branch office' stand promoting the 2013 Centenary event. Good to see those of you who called in on the day to say hello. The show was huge as usual and it is almost impossible to cover it all in two days, could do with it being a week really. I managed to do a bit of shopping and bought a starter pack of bits of metal to play with in my new lathe. It is only a small, model maker's lathe (an Emco Unimat 3) but came with lots of accessories. Just need to finish constructing my new shed now so that I have got somewhere to set it up and start 'turning'. It will be useful for making the odd bush, or small part for the cars as necessary. We also got a few bargains at the Autojumble for the Spares Shop—see page 14 for details of the offers we have up for grabs until October clubnight.



## Editor's In Box

Dear Laurie, re:Rally. Superb management of weather. Your daughter was so relaxed with my driving she was asleep on the New Forest Tour so missed the ponies and donkeys including one or two just a few days old. Hopefully she will see them next year. I did 66 miles on the 3 tours plus 50 miles getting to and from. I collected £56.72 for the Air Ambulance. All went well, Norman

I couldn't resist buying these on e-bay, two different sellers as well. Never seen any Moggie Minor salt & pepper pots on e-bay before. Just like buses, wait for one & three come along at the same time LOL !! Ashley Miller



## For Sale & Wanted & Club Notices

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

The Branch Website has a 'Spares Shop' which advertises (mostly) spares. Why not browse the bargains or send me an ad or two with a picture.

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## Isle of Wight Rally Weekend (by Editor)



A good time was had by all at the recent IoW Branch Rally. The Dorset Branch put in a good attendance and well done to Roger Ware for winning a prize for the best in show. (shown below) *(Not the grey one, that is!)*



Letter from Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance(5th Sept 11):  
Dear Brian. This is just to thank you and all the members of the Morris Minor Owners Club once again for all your hard work in raising £350 for the Air Ambulance. I am well aware that sums of this size take a great deal of dedication and effort and thank you all for doing this on our behalf. I was astonished to receive such a large cheque this evening



and also to learn that you will be collecting more for us during the year. Please be sure to pass on my sincere thanks to one and all at your next meeting. It was a pleasure to speak to such an enthusiastic audience and I can only hope that my talk was well received. With kind regards, *John Hoyle, Volunteer.*

Isle of Wight Rally—2013  
Hi all,  
I just wanted, on behalf of the committee, to thank all of you that turned up at our rally, and made it such a great success. 85 Minors were there on the day, plus of course the half scale model of a convertible owned by Alan Dinnis, and 57 other classics. If you were unable to get there, I hope to see you at next year's rally, on the 31st of August and the 1st

of September.  
I am sorry if I did not get to speak to you all personally, it was quite hectic in my first year as organizer, but I have already been told it is my job next year, so I must have done something right! I thought I should thank the Dorset branch particularly, for the splendid effort that you did, getting so many cars to our rally. It would have been so much poorer without you. Will you please pass on our thanks to all concerned, I cannot email them all, as I do not have their addresses. Thank you once again, *Dave Gilliam (Isle of Wight Branch)*

*Hi Dave,  
Thanks for being there! I will pass on your comments and I am sure everyone (including the Warner's contingent) had a brilliant weekend. I know we did. Thanks again and see you next time, Brian and Jacky.*

Great day yesterday, on the Three in One run - so interesting all the items, we thoroughly enjoyed it. We managed to eat one of those big buns between us when we got home. Much better on the return journey, no hold ups. See ya soon you guys. Many thanks, Helena & Kate

## Secretary's Report

Good evening and welcome to the October meeting. Tonight, of course, is the AGM and we also welcome along Russ Harvey from Morris Minor Magazine.

September was quite a busy month starting off with the Isle of Wight weekend. We set off on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August on the 10:05 ferry from Lymington where we joined by a fair few of the others who were going over for the weekend. Of course, we were staying at our usual B & B in Shanklin and not with the rest at Warners. We spent most of Saturday exploring the shops in Shanklin before heading back to the B & B for an excellent dinner. On the Saturday we met up with everyone else in the car park at Havenstreet where we set off across the Island to the Wolverton Manor Garden Fete. It was a superb fete, in fact one of the biggest and best that I think I've ever been too. We spent so long there we only just managed to make it back to our hotel in time for dinner – 2 minutes to spare! Unfortunately, the weather was not so good on the Sunday but we made the most of it and still did all we normally would. We went off on the open top bus ride around the Island but did have to wear raincoats and hats and make sure we ducked when going under wet, low branches. Well done to Roger for winning the best in show award this year.

The following week was the Beaulieu autojumble weekend. We set up the 2 club stalls on the Friday – one for the branch spares and one to promote next year's centenary event. The branch spares stall was very busy all weekend as it was the only stall selling a decent range of Morris Minor spares. We managed to get a few more very interesting vehicles for next year's centenary display and I'm still getting a few entries each work through the post. I also managed to pick up a few nice bits and bobs for display purposes next year.

The 3 in 1 Run on 22<sup>nd</sup> September was very well attended with a good crowd of cars assembling at the Lytchett Matravers Craft Centre. The run to Dorchester was eventful to say least - well for us anyway. Whilst driving along the Puddletown bypass the Traveller decided to spit out a care plug and deposit all of its water on the road. Of course, I was unaware of this until she started to smell very hot and ground to a halt just before the main Dorchester roundabout. Nev towed us to the car park at Dukes where the car was left to cool down for the afternoon whilst he went into the town and managed to buy a core plug. This was duly fitted and when she was filled with water she fired up straight away with no lasting effects of the breakdown. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 in 1 Run that the Traveller has broken down! The Curiosity Centre was very interesting and the café did us proud with a very nice lunch. I haven't been to an auction house for years and it's amazing what some people try to sell. Many thanks to Phil for arranging this for us. I don't envy him the amount of washing up he took home with him!

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



## Out and About



Who is the suave looking dude sporting a No.6 standing on the left hand side of the truck? Look at all those badges on the front of the lorry. LJT 12 is a Bedford 'S' Type of fifties vintage? (Incidentally, Wort and Son are still in business).

*The young man on the right is our very own DMOC member and Humber enthusiast, Mike Sheppard*

## Tech Tips (by Dave Walker)

Some time ago I read an article in one of my two wheeled club magazines about making insulated washers. Cutting them out of perspex or old margarine tubes was talked about but their suggestion for a solution does work. Basically you need to be able to drill and cut the "plastic" easily and without it cracking or tearing. Their suggestion is to use ladies false nails! I scrapped a two door Minor many years ago and the remains of a unused set of false nails was in the glove box.

Over the years I have used them as insulators with great success. The Dremmel drills through them, scissors or nail clippers cut them to shape and they bend without cracking or tearing. Also you can fix them in position with nail glue - it sticks to metal ok.

The ones in the glove box were unbranded so I couldn't purchase the same type, but ones bought from a pound shop seem to work ok.

Hope that you don't think that it is a bodge too far.

## New Morris Minor Spares

are available through the club. The current list is posted on the website under the 'New Spares' tab. We hope to have a new spares table at the club-night, so let me know if you need anything ....Brian. 07411 116336

## DORSET BRANCH SPARES NEWS

*We have got some special offers  
this month following stock pur-  
chases at Beaulieu.  
These prices only apply until  
October clubnight while stocks last.*

(if you are unable to get to clubnight and desperately want to buy any of these items, please phone me on 07411 116336 before October 3rd.)

SUS133 Steering Leg (right hand) one only usually £78

SUS134 Steering Leg (left hand) one only usually £78

These are new items (not old stock) tonight only **£140 for the pair**

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SUS 140 Lower trunnion kit (LH)

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## Chairman's Report



Good evening and welcome to October's club night. The AGM is here again—another year gone—but a good one with the Rally and holidays at Sidmouth and the Isle of Wight. We also did some new runs and days out at Jackie and Daves, the Bloxworth Fish and Chip night and Skittles. Not forgetting the Three in One Run on Saturday 22nd September. This event started at the Courtyard Centre at Lytchett where Ann and myself had a full English breakfast to start the day. I would like to thank Peter and Joy at the Courtyard for their help in clearing the yard for the cars to park up. Also to Joy for taking delivery of the iced buns for us. Also thanks to Phil for a great day at Dukes Auction rooms at Dorchester. One of the members cars broke down. Good old Nev came to the rescue and fixed it. We hope Bob managed to sort his roof out too. And, of course, we had fantastic weather that day. The new regalia is now in stock and selling well. For example, we have the caps, lightweight macs and also the 'zoodies'. So get your orders in for Christmas gifts as soon as possible. The annual Dinner and Dance in January at the Liston Hotel on the sea-front is looking good with bookings coming in—and also the menu for the evening looks good. The weekend at Beaulieu went well with even more vehicles applying for the 2013 Centenary event. The total at the last count was over 200! Also the club spare parts sold well, keeping Brian, Jacky and Neville busy over the whole weekend. Laurie and myself had a gazebo promoting next year's centenary event with about 30 more vehicles being booked in. I would also like to thank the Branch Members who have helped throughout the year and my Committee, Catering Ladies, Raffle and Regalia for all their hard work. Thank you all very much for your support. Happy Motoring John.

PS I had some complaints about the buns issued on the Saturday run to Dorchester. Too big and sticky! (I know, good wasn't it?)

## DMMOC Dinner & Dance (by Neville Gerry)

Don't forget the Dinner and Dance which has been organised for Saturday January 19th 2013 at a new venue. It will be held at the **Liston Hotel**, Wollstonecraft Road, Boscombe Spa, BH5 1JQ. The cost will be £25 for members and £27 for non-members. The wine is paid for by the Branch and entry slips were issued last month See Jacky if you need one). Rooms are £20 pppn (01202 394588) Menu is as follows: AND **forms on the website.**

**THE DATE IS CONFIRMED AS:**

**SATURDAY 19th JANUARY**

**NOT 20th AS WE SAID LAST MONTH.**



### Morris Minor Magazine

At the October Clubnight meeting, we hope to have the editor of Morris Minor Magazine, Russ Harvey to come along to tell us all about the magazine. As many of you will know, Minor Monthly ceased to be. The title was bought by Blaze Publishing and was re launched earlier this year as the bi-monthly. 'MMM'. (I suppose 'Minor bi-Monthly' wouldn't have been quite such a snappy name!)

The tales chronicled in the pages of Morris Minor Magazine are those of love, loss and devotion. Modern cars are boring, soulless boxes, designed to ferry people to their destination as efficiently and safely as possible. What really shines through in the pages of Morris Minor Magazine is how deeply these people love their little cars, and how much they had taken on personalities – most having been bestowed with a name.

The 200th issue even featured our own Secretary's Lowlight MM on the front cover!



Any Other Business:

Derek Shearman spoke briefly about the book club which now has about 60 books and other items for loan.

Jackie Walker mentioned the MMOC MOT trip next year which would be May/June next year. Minors and Modern cars would be welcome and the location is the Dordogne (380 miles from Caen). There will be another auction for Things that Money Cant Buy so any donations would be gratefully received. The price is 250Euros for accommodation. Speak to the Walkers for more information.

No other business was raised and the meeting was closed at 21:00

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laurie Blewer'.

Laurie Blewer – MMOC Dorset Branch Secretary

## OLD TIME MUSIC HALL

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(based on the Victorian era variety shows like "The Good Old Days")

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**I am looking for a good cross section of voluntary amateur acts to complete a variety show including:**

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The show is all on a voluntary basis with proceeds going to two charities

**'The Allendale Centre' and 'Dorset Wild Life'**

I look forward to hearing from you by Xmas 2012!

Neil Mitchener



## Spot the Dorset Branch Member

have attended. Those who have adverts in the newsletter, will be approached by John with an invitation to renew for next year. It would be nice to know whether you have had much business as a result of your advertisement.

The website hit rate is fairly constant at about 5000 hits per year and still attracts interest from far and wide. How did the password system work – did anyone have any problems? The next volume will have a new password (same user name) and the current volume (14) ie up to October will have the access restriction removed.

As you all know, I have taken over the new spares operation from John Bainbridge. I would like to record the Club's thanks to JB for his efforts over the past (many) years with the spare parts. The range has been expanded and now stands at about 230 separate lines of stock. We only carry about 1 or 2 of each part, and they are mostly service items and small bits that will fit in the ever increasing number of plastic boxes! The stock list changes from month to month and I will try to put the current list on the website each month and produce a new printed one from time to time. There are some price lists tonight, so please take one if you need it.

The turnover has been quite healthy and we are currently making about 10% on sales – which of course goes back into club funds – although expanding the stock has absorbed some of the Branch reserves. As Jacky says, the return is better than the bank!

We have recently been sent a box of goodies from Bryan Gostling of the National MMOC to sell in the club spares. There are a lot of gaskets, brake parts, hoses etc. They are items that the MMOC had excess stock of and so the prices to us were very good. (Anyone need an engine back plate gasket or a 1098 adjuster and mask?)

### 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. Thelma Ware, sec. Sue Ware  
Treasurer: Jacky Wood – prop. Sue Ware, sec. Thelma Ware  
Membership Secretary: Des – prop. Thelma Ware, sec. Sue Ware  
Events/H & S – Neville Gerry – prop. Sue Ware, sec. Thelma Ware  
Newsletter/Website Editor: Brian Wood – prop. Thelma Ware, sec. Sue Ware  
Elections carried 'en-bloc' on a show of hands.

We have a mystery Branch Member in the photos who seems to be fond of dressing up! The paparazzi have been out with their cameras (sadly, no topless shots though!) See if you can identify him, variously kitted out as a lovely blonde (!), a member of the Hamish M<sup>c</sup>Humber Clan and various poses as a refugee from a Sixties hippy convention (peace!).



## 2011 AGM Minutes (by Derek Shearman)

### MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB

### DORSET BRANCH

### 2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

4th October 2011 20:30

Apologies: Bob and Betty Rees, Colin and Carol Archer, Dee and Peter Houghton.

Minutes of Last Meeting. These had been printed in the current newsletter and were accepted as accurate (prop. Sue Blewer sec. Theresa Moxley.)

#### President's Opening Remarks

The President opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the 2011 AGM and then handed over to the committee members for their reports.

#### Secretary's Report

Laurie began by saying that that it was hard to believe that a year had passed since the last AGM. He also said he had received his 25 year award for membership of the MMOC which is the same length of time he had been in the Dorset Branch. It had been another busy year for the Branch starting with the Dinner and Dance which was a very enjoyable evening. The Mistletoe Meander was good and the pie and chip lunch proved to be very popular. Other highlights throughout the year were: the Devon Weekend, The Aubrey Batt Run, the Beaulieu Spring Autojumble, the Ferndown Carnival and the Dorset Branch Rally, the Midsummer Saunter, the Lymington Show, Verwood Rustic Fayre, The 3 in 1 Run, The Breamore End of Season Steam Up. These were just some of the events members had attended and there were many more not mentioned. He said that planning for next year's events had begun and any new ideas would be appreciated. He congratulated all those who had recently completed restorations and returned more Morris Minors back to the road. He made particular mention of John and 'Kinson Classics' gang who have done an outstanding job on Ann's convertible. He finished by expressing his hope that the next year would be just as good.

#### Treasurers Report

Good evening everyone. I hope you all have a copy of the accounts with this month's newsletter. As you can see, the Branch is looking very healthy financially with similar figures to last year. The Rally made a surplus of £8.20 this year, but as yet we have not received the sponsorship donation for the Rally Trophies from Bull Motif – amounting to £161.86. However we are still to make a donation to Avon Heath which is usually £100.00. The figures include the money collected for our chosen charity this year (Green Island Holiday Trust) ie £182 at the Blind Auction and £70 raised at the Rally – making a grand total of £252. This will be paid over soon.

There have been three trips organised through this past year; the Lord Mayor's Show (last November), the Sidmouth weekend (in April) and most recently the Isle of Wight Rally weekend. As the money for these events passed through the Club Accounts, the committee decided to open a separate "Number 2" account for this purpose. We have to be aware of the total amount going through the bank to avoid incurring bank charges. The account was opened with the rebate from the National MMOC made in relation to the National MMOC members who attend at least 4 clubnights during the year. So, National MMOC please remember to sign the BLUE book when you collect your newsletter since is the claim form which helps to support Branch funds.

The Committee decided to extend the range of new spares held by the Branch and invest some money into this activity. It seems to be going well so far as we had a surplus of £213.88 this year. We do not make that sort of interest if that money is left in the bank – so this is a positive way to get funds for the Branch. I can vouch for the fact that Brian spends a considerable amount of time running this – almost a full time job, but he is enjoying it.

The books are available here and a breakdown of the Spares and Regalia are also here if anyone wishes to see them.

Questions were then invited.

#### Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked the President for his comments and said that he was looking forward to the 2012 season and would welcome some new ideas from the membership.

#### Editor's Report

Firstly, thanks to the contributors to the newsletter – as I always say, it does make the job a whole lot easier. Please keep them coming.

We have not been able to attend so many events this past season, due to family commitments and I am grateful for the photos and reports from those who