

Rear View



Just in case you were wondering whatever happened to ERU 159V

(Leyland Fleetline, Yellow Buses—retired) it is now alive and well and being used as a pizza restaurant in France. (Spotted by Dave Walker on the MOT trip

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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. 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

Another month, another Centenary event. This time it is the National MMOC Rally and Morris Centenary Event combined. Our Branch had an export theme. Shown is Peter and Val Webb doing 'Cuba'

(photo: Editor)

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Helping to preserve the post war Morris Minor in the Dorset area and beyond***

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

2013

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12-14th July—DORSET BRANCH RALLY
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7th August—CLUBNIGHT—Talk by Reverend Timbrell
10-11th August—Purbeck Rally
16th August—Quay for my Car—Poole Quay—'Best of British'
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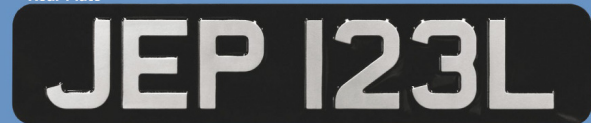
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CLUBNIGHT ACTIVITY:
Road Run to Molly's Den

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NEXT CLUBNIGHT

Talk by Reverend Timbrell

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Editorial

Hello and welcome to the July Newsletter. Thanks to Nick Odell for the write up on the Minors on Tour which took place in early June (and to Dave Walker for the photos). A group of us made the annual trip to the National MMOC gathering at Cornbury in Oxfordshire last month. It incorporated the main MMOC Morris Centenary celebrations as well—and so a good showing of Morris' was anticipated. It certainly lived up to expectation. I bought a few more Centenary grill badges—I have a limited supply at £11 each. I also got hold of a few copies of Ray Newell's commemorative booklet "Celebrating One Hundred Years of Morris" which are available to members for £6 each. I hope you like the first of a series of tech articles on problems with the back axle (of the Minor). It seems that these come up quite frequently and are not so difficult to solve as you might think. The first concerns 'Missing Bump Rebound Rubbers'. We usually carry the bump rubbers, U bolts and pads in the club spares if you need them. Sorry, but there will be no spares table at the July clubnight meeting but we will be having the usual spares set up at our Rally and again at the August clubnight.

We have had a few issues with the web site recently, which (to spare you the technical details) means that it can't be updated at the moment. I am working on a new version of the site which I hope to upload soon!

Looking forward to our Branch Rally on the weekend after next, so lets have a good turn out from the Branch. Please don't forget to support the various Branch stands with cakes, bric a brac, raffle prizes and also items for sale by Roy in the 'Instant Auction'.



Editor's In Box

Brian, the black pick up ETT 352C was owned by a Mr Baxter who lived on the Valley Road next to St Michael's garage. He had a pig farm and carried out the conversion.

John Stares. Thanks for that John, the info has been passed on to Barbara. Ed.



stripped the car for its first rebuild back in the eighties; they had to be removed with an angle grinder. As can be seen from the photo, the rubber on this car had de-bonded from the steel mount – which was still securely held in place by the 'U' bolts. Of course, if you are planning to replace the springs you may want to remove the spring completely at this stage. (See later).

To start, you will have to (safely) support the body weight, preferably on axle stands – clear of the axle itself. The front spring mounts are a good

place. Of course, when you release the 'U' bolts, the weight of the car will try to push the spring downwards so a trolley jack under the differential casing is a good idea as is a scissor jack under the spring. This will permit a controlled descent. Some 'U' bolts have separate locking nuts and some will have 'nyloc' type nuts. Make sure everything is cleaned or replaced as necessary. The rubber pads which insulate the spring from the 'U' bolt assembly should be replaced if

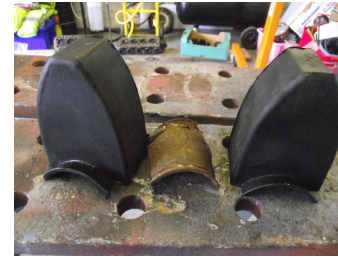
damaged. Sometimes you will find that the steel plates through which the 'U' bolts are threaded are corroded and of no further use. When re-assembling, I usually put a bit of grease over the metal bits, particularly between the new mount and the axle casing. Moisture can be trapped here causing corrosion and loss of thickness to the axle case itself. **Corrosion damage to the**

axle casing and the spring mounting brackets should be carefully evaluated. We have a look at this issue in a future article.

When you tighten up the nuts, make sure you do them up evenly and use new nylocs or re-fit the lock nuts. While you are there, you could check the link bushes on the shock absorber link arm. Also see if the shock absorber is leaking and replace or top up with jack oil if necessary.

Next month we will take a look at the next item on the list which is worn spring shackle bushes.

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Rear Axle Problems

Before we start this one, don't worry, I am not going delve into the inside of the axle and fiddle with the differential. Whilst it can be done on a diy basis, it probably warrants its own article – but is outside the scope of my ability (Ask Eddie Pateman if you want to know more!)

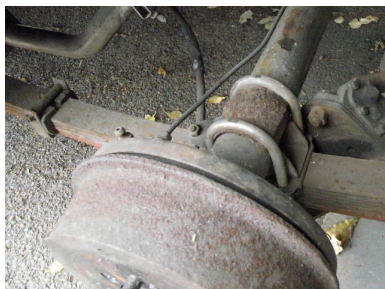
Leaving aside braking problems, there are probably only about five things that go wrong with back axles. (I say 'probably' to cover myself in case there are obvious ones that I have missed.) So (at the risk of this sounding like the Monty Python sketch about what the Romans did for us)..

*apart from: Missing rebound bump rubbers,
Worn spring shackle bushes,
Insecure axle casing due to corroded spring mounts,
Oil leak from differential seal and
Oil leak from hub seals*

“Nothing ever goes wrong with back axles”

MISSING REBOUND BUMP RUBBERS

We have a 1957 four door Minor in our collection. This has been owned by us for over 30 years and gets the most use. It was, however, only when we were called upon to carry 3 adults and two children on weekend trips, we noticed a bone-jarring bang every time we traversed a large bump or pothole in the road. The first thing I thought of was – exhaust. A quick look underneath showed that it was securely restrained and unlikely to contact any other part of the underside when the car was loaded up. There appeared to be no other obvious issues. Hmmm! Anyway the banging continued until it annoyed me enough to have another look. This time, someone at a club run had suggested I have a look at the bump stops. I did this, and noticed that *both of them* were missing! (the rubber bits, that is). Now, I maintain, in my defence that if one of something is missing you are more likely to spot it than if both sides are missing and they match in their absence (if that makes sense!). I am running with that excuse anyway. I'll just put down not noticing it the first time to a 'senior moment'.



So, armed with a pair of new ones, I set about replacing them. It is not too difficult a job, but depending on whether the rear axle has been apart before, or not, you may need to have some new 'U' bolts, nuts and spring pads on standby also. This particular assembly had been apart before and the 'U' bolts were still greased and shiny. I recall, a long time ago, when I originally

Minors on Tour 2013



Some members from the Dorset branch went on the Morris Minor Overseas trip in the last week of May to Château de Lez-Eaux campsite in Normandy. It was a very successful week organized once again by Ashley and Pam Holmes. Many people stayed in chalets or caravans, but Timothy Furmidge braved it out all week in his tent - well done! The site was well equipped in beautiful, pastoral surroundings with a lake and impressive château belonging to Nicholas de la Varde. The two organised drives were fascinating - on the first one, the local French classic car club led us on an eighty mile circuit taking in the beautiful countryside to the North of the town of Villedieu-les Poêles and the second one organised on the following day by Brian Springall from Surrey went along parts of the coast ending up in the picturesque seaside town of Granville. Fortunately the weather was fine on both occasions. The Auction, Quiz, Tombola and Raffle helped to raise over £3,000 for the British Heart Foundation and Leuka during the week. Brian Ford's kind donation of five different Minor shaped key hook holders raised over £300 at the Auction. The Branch meal out on the Tuesday night, co-ordinated by Dave and Jackie, took place at Le Phare restaurant in Granville with a lovely view of the harbour. It was a joyful occasion with good food. Andy and Julie Westcott's Traveller looked as immaculate as always, Tim Furmidge won a prize for his two door saloon and Dave Walker was nominated by several people to be presented with an MMOT 2013 Number Plate for his great helpfulness.



Nick and Angi Odell led a walk from the campsite which was well attended - only one person went missing! Eric Moore and Lesley Hawkins enjoyed their first MOT whereas Peter Carter and Frank Somerville were set to continue their travels in their Minor to Nantua and the Alps via Le Mans and Mulhouse! We'll look forward to hearing how they got on! The whole event was great fun and we are all wondering where next year's destination will be! **Nick Odell.** (Pictures Dave Walker)

Secretary's Report

As I write this, we have just returned from our pilgrimage to Oxfordshire for the National Rally and Centenary Event. We had a good ride up to Burford on the Friday with a convoy of 7 branch cars. Brian led the way and drove at a perfect 'Lowlight' speed all the way. The Travelodge was very comfortable and by the end of the weekend most of the cars in the car park were Morris Minors. After some initial chaos getting in to the field on the Saturday we had a very good weekend despite the rain. There was a fantastic selection of Morris vehicles on site ranging from Bullnoses right up to Itals. The MMOC Branches put on some excellent displays in Branch Avenue. Many thanks to Phil for organising the "Nuffield Export" display. We had 9 cars on the stand each decorated with items from each country. Louise enjoyed the Clown shows and the Punch and Judy in the main marquee. I was asked to take the Lowlight into the arena for a parade of Series MM and Series II vehicles. Lots of stalls were on site selling a wide range of spares and accessories and I purchased four books on Morris' over the weekend. The new one on the history of Morris by John Presnell is excellent. The event ended with a flying display of Tiger Moths which were built at Cowley during the War. All in all, we had a superb weekend.

Quickly on to other business now, please don't forget the Dorset Branch Rally. We will need you help with stalls, marshalling etc. Please make some cakes for the cake stall and any donations for the raffle and bric a brac/ auction will be gratefully received. As I am sure most of you are now aware, I have sold the Traveller. I am now looking for a good home for the Lowlight as well, so if you are interested, please have a chat with me. In their place, I hope to purchase a good, early 1000 convertible. That's all from me this month, Happy Minoring, Laurie.



For Sale & Wanted & Club Notices

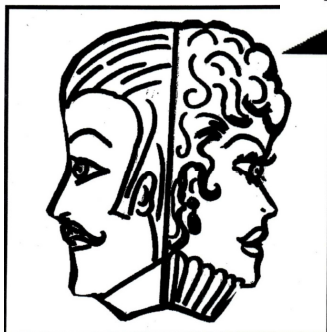
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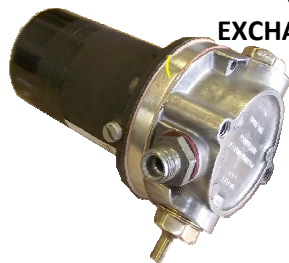
DORSET BRANCH SPARES NEWS

For the benefit of newer members who may not be aware of it, the Branch operates a Morris Minor New Spares service. We usually have a spares table at the monthly branch clubnights and we have a presence at some shows (particularly the Branch Rally and the two Beaulieu Autojumbles). Spares are available most other times using the contact details given below.

The spares are mostly sourced from ESM (East Sussex Minors—who support our branch rally also) and the prices charged generally reflect their prices.

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New Morris Minor Spares

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Brian. 07411 116336

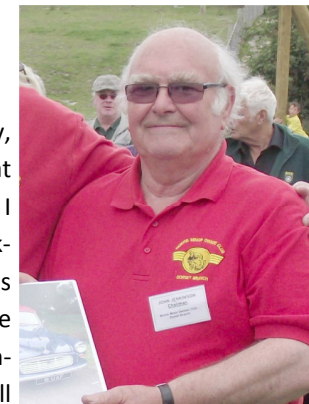
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Chairman's Report

Good evening and welcome to July clubnight. Unfortunately, Ann and myself were not at the national centenary rally at Cornbury Park, Oxfordshire in June owing to family business. I hope all of the branch members that went had a great weekend. Also Phil's idea of highlighting the Morris export countries around the world was very good so thanks for that Phil. The next big Branch event is the Dorset Rally at Avon Heath country park in a week or so's time. So get baking for the cake stall and don't forget the bric-a-brac, Roy's Instant Auction stall and raffle prizes and of course if you know of any other stalls that would like to come along, please let the committee know. Also, the names for the evening meal on the Saturday are coming in fast—so if you would like to come along, please get your slips in soon. The run to the Brockenhurst Forest Fayre on 18th August is approaching so please return your slips for this run if you are coming so that we know how many places are needed at the Walkers for afternoon tea.



Laurie and I went to Beaulieu on Wednesday to thank the Beaulieu events team to thank them for all their hard work and support with the recent Centenary Rally. So thanks again from the Committee and all of the Dorset Branch members

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2013 Morris Centenary Event (by the Editor)

The much-anticipated Official Morris Centenary event took place on 15-16 June and was attended by a good number of Branch Members. The weather held out for 'most' of the weekend (shall we say?) and there was what will probably be the biggest gathering of Morris vehicles, ever! Probably the largest number of Minors also. It was believed by the organisers that the total number of Minors plus other Morris marque clubs cars attending was approaching 2,000! Apparently there were over 1100 Minors booked in with about another 200 turning up on the day. There was even an air display! There were some very good Branch displays—which we joined in with. Phil came up with the idea of showing the countries which received the exported Morris cars and each car on our stand was to represent that country. It was a poor souls who had difficulty that the particular cars on *come back* from those course, my Traveller!) The sentatives were: Cuba, USA-Laurie and Vic, France Zealand-Nev and Lyn, South Africa-Dave and Jackie Walker, Australia – Roy and Sue Gale, Holland-Eddie and Margaret Pate-man, Phil-Ceylon and yours truly-Jersey. Thanks very much to everyone who provided props—especially Phil. I particularly liked Peter’s cardboard nuclear missile which was, of course, a nod to the Cuban Missile Crisis. At one time, we thought he was going to shoot down one of the Tiger Moths.



Message from Tina Waller

Hello bakers. It's nearly Branch Rally time—not long to go now! We need your help to make the cake stall even bigger and better this year. We need your support with donations of cakes and savouries of all sorts and sizes. Scones did well last year as did large, fancy "afternoon tea" type sponges. Please make whatever you can as without your generous donations, the cake stall would not be the great fund-raiser that it is for the Club. Tina and Des will 'man' the stall again and have a new idea for presentation. **Donations please from 09:00 am on Rally Sunday. Thank you all for your support,** Tina and Des.

