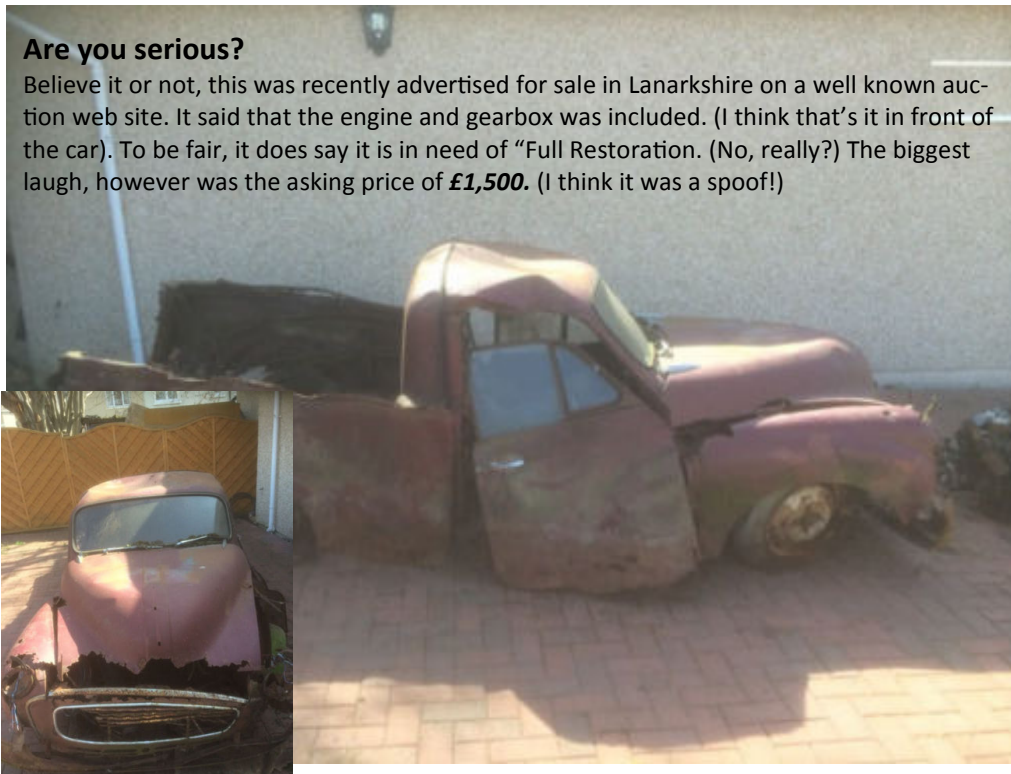


Rear View

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The 1960's garage display at the Beaulieu 'Moggyfest' display at the Spring Autojumble was well received! (photo courtesy Roger Kellow)

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2015

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3rd June– Clubnight—Antiques Evening– hosted by Phil Traves
7th June– Wessex Car Show—Breamore, Fordingbridge
14th June—North Wilts MMOC Branch Rally
14th June–Hampshire Rally, Bursledon Brick Museum
14th June—Classic Cars on the Prom (Highcliffe Rec—Wharnccliffe Road, BH23 5DA, 11am-5pm)
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21st June—Classic Cars on the Prom (Christchurch Quay 11am-5pm)
1st July– Clubnight—Skittles at Bloxworth
4th July—Burton Scout Carnival– Burton Rec, Martins Hill Lane.
5th July—Classic Cars on the Prom—Highcliffe Castle (plus Road run to Pier)
10-12 July—DORSET BRANCH RALLY
18th July—Holdenhurst Fayre
19th July—Classics at Sherborne Castle **LAST CHANCE TO BOOK**
19th July—Poole Bay Classics, Breamore, Fordingbridge.
1-2 August– By-Gone Days—Brooklands Farm, S.Gorley, nr. Fordingbridge
2nd August—Lymington Rotary Show
5th August—Club night Gardening Competition
7, 8 & 9th August —Purbeck Rally
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15-16th August—Forest Fayre with Steam, Brockenhurst.
23rd-August - Mid Summer Saunter—Meet at Avon Heath—Road run 10:30 depart for Classic Cars on the Prom (Christchurch Quay). Finish at Dave & Jackie Walker's (High Tea)
30th August Brockenhurst Carnival and Fun Day, Brockenhurst College.
2nd September –Clubnight—Pub Quiz
5-6th September –Isle of Wight MMOC Rally, Havenstreet Railway, IOW.
5-6th September—Beaulieu International Autojumble
19-20th September–Holnest Country Fayre
20th-Sep—Classic Cars on the Prom (Christchurch Quay)
7th October—Clubnight AGM
28th December—Mistletoe Meander

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January 9th—Dinner and Dance, Liston Hotel, Boscombe

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

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. Thanks.

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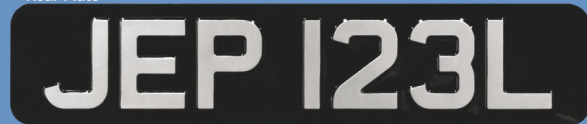
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Antiques Evening by Phil Traves

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NEXT CLUBNIGHT—Skittles at Bloxwoth

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.

Editorial

Well, Beaulieu seemed to go down well a couple of weeks ago. If you missed it, you missed a good one. It was well attended and the weather behaved itself. Rev. Stuart Timbrell did one of his witty talks at the Saturday evening meal in the Brabazon which was very entertaining. Can I, on behalf of the committee thank all those who attended and hopefully had a good weekend. Also grateful thanks to all the willing helpers from the branch who mucked in and helped shift the lorry load of gear in and out of the marquee and manning the various activities over the weekend. Then there were the tea ladies, Lyn and Sue, our 'Sparky', Ron and last but not least, Roger who produced, erected and dismantled the wonderful backdrops which added so much to the display. Well done to everyone. We did get a few messages of thanks and these are printed in this newsletter. Thanks everyone, for your kind words.



Did you all know you no longer need your Counterpart Driving Licence as from Monday 8th June? In the relentless *drive* to store everything about us on line, the green paper bit with all your endorsements and penalty points will no longer be used and can be destroyed. The pink card now does the job on its own. BUT if you still have an old paper licence dating from before 1998—don't destroy that! You should still be able to get access to this information at www.gov.uk/view-driving-licence. I have tried it and it works, but I suppose that those without computer access are once again at a slight disadvantage.

Editor's In-Box

Quick note to say many thanks for organizing The Moggie Fest we had a most enjoyable day on Sunday. Good atmosphere & good weather. So thank you to you & the rest of your Branch for all the hard work. Hopefully we will be able to get to your branch Rally this year. Tony & Beryl Walker

Thank you for the good organisation and the wonderful stay in Beaulieu! We hope we see you again next time. Kind regards Frank und Nele from Germany

Hi, See CCW this week, nice picture and report. Many thanks for a super weekend, we really enjoyed it, so nice to see so many folk not seen for a long time and the weather couldn't have been better. Cheers, Rosie & Sandy Hamilton.

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Chairman's Report

Good evening and welcome to June Clubnight. Just got in from the Chairmans run to Tyneham Village. We had a good run after a full English breakfast at the Craft Centre. We then set off to Tyneham with good weather and the talk by Paul the Ranger was very interesting so thanks Paul. We then went on to Terry's barn to inspect his collection of Morris's in different stages of repair. I think some of them have passed their sell by date! Beaulieu weekend was a great success with a great turnout of Morris on both days. The display in the Marquee by Roger and all the members was the best we've done so far. Also thanks to the members that helped out including the tea ladies for the tea, coffee and biscuits. The meal on Saturday evening went well considering the club had booked the restaurant at Bealieu. We enjoyed the talk by the Rev Timbrell—perhaps we could do it again next year. The trip to London to see the Trooping of the Colour is all set to go with the coach, hotel and seats all booked and paid for. The next big club event is the Branch Rally on July 10-12 at Avon Country Park—so book in as soon as possible as we are tight for space this year. Ruth has offered to do the Bric-a-Brac stall, so if you have some good quality items to be sold, please bring them along to the show.



Good motoring, John.



Gardening Competition

The Gardening competition is back for the August Clubnight, August 5th 2015, so here are the classes for this year:

- Flowers:
- (1) Dahlias: One vase of three blooms any variety
 - (2) Sweet Peas: One vase of five stems any variety
 - (3) Fuschia: One potted plant any size
 - (4) Mixed Flowers: One vase of any mixed flowers
 - (5) Potted Plant: One potted plant any type
- Vegetables:
- (6) Runner Beans: One set of three beans
 - (7) Potatoes: One plate of five one variety
 - (8) Tomatoes: Plate of five cherry type
 - (9) Tomatoes: Plate of five medium to large
 - (10) Cucumber: One of any type or shape
 - (11) Onions: One plate of five onions or shallots
- Fun Class:
- (12) Any mis-shaped vegetable

Editor's In-Box (continued)



Hi! I just wanted to say how much I enjoyed Moggyfest and Beaulieu last weekend and commend the club for all the effort that was put into the organisation of the showroom, manning the stand, the evening meal and the super Reverend speaker and all the others things that went on behind the scenes. Well done and keep up the good work!! Thanks David McCullough.

Hi Laurie and Brian. On behalf of all IOWMMOC members who attended the Beaulieu Moggyfest, can I please pass on my thanks and appreciation for all your efforts. It really was a great event, especially the Dealer's showroom. The paintings must have taken an age. May I especially thank your members for your help in getting us away early, it was much appreciated. Malcolm and I were booked on the 19:15, the next available ferry after official leaving time, but were able to get the 16:15. Having been up at 04:30 it would have made a very long day. Anyway, thanks once again for a wonderful day, Dave Gilliam.

Dear Laurie, Many thanks for sorting out our entry to Moggy Fest. We had a lovely day, the autojumble is quite amazing! It was good to see so many Morris Minors and associated vehicles. We counted about 100 MMs—very impressive. Thank you so much to the Dorset branch for organising the event, it was very much appreciated and I hope it will continued for next year. Best wishes for a pleasant summer. Pru Reffell

Dorset branch once again excelled over the weekend and put on a brilliant display. Please pass on my congratulations to the rest of the organising committee. Bryan Gostling.

Just to say what a successful event this was - as always it was very well organised and the BMC showroom display was most impressive. Well done to all concerned for the hard work! Nick Odell

Hi. Thank you and the Dorset Branch for very good weekend and it was nice to see old friends again. All the best, Dave Authers (Devon Branch)

Hi Brian, What a fantastic weekend - once again the Dorset Branch excels. I had a great time, enjoyed every minute. Super picture of The Garage in Classic Car Weekly. Thanks for having me, the Dorset Branch goes from strength to strength. Regards Dave Holton (and Ernie the van)

Many, many congratulations to you and all members of the committee, who, together with your willing band of helpers created such a wonderful display at Beaulieu. I heard many people praising the display. The whole weekend was thoroughly enjoyable. We are certainly blessed to have such creative ability and dedicated enthusiasts amongst us. Thank you and congratulations once again. Peter Coates

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Secretary's Report

Good evening and welcome to the June clubnight. I hope you all enjoyed the talk last month on the history of the dodgems. Tonight we welcome Phil along again for another of his "Antiques Roadshow" evenings.

Well that's Beaulieu over again for another year. This year's Mogy Fest was a rip roaring success with over 150 vehicles in attendance over the 2 days. Many thanks to the Morris Register for putting on an excellent display of pre-war Morris vehicles. We were delighted to welcome Richard Lee, the MMOC chief concours judge, and his wife, Christine to Beaulieu. We had 12 vehicles in the concours competition, almost a record, meaning that a 2nd judge had to be called in who drove all the way down from Sheffield. Our marquee display looked fantastic and was much admired by everyone who saw it. Do bear in mind though that the display took virtually 2 days to put together! We have received lots of emails and phone calls thanking us for the weekend.

Our next big event, of course, is the Dorset Branch Rally. Don't forget that this year it is a pre booked event only so if you haven't entered you will have to park in the public car park. Please get your entries in to me ASAP.

There are lots of other events to enter this year. I have been asked to organise a display of cars at the Holdenhurst Village Fete on 18th July, please let me know if you can come. We are going to have a club stand at the Classics at the Castle at Sherborne Castle on 19th July. So far we have 11 cars for our stand so please let Jacky know tonight if would like to attend too.

I hope you all enjoyed the Chairman's Run to Tyneham village and Kimmeridge and the Bournemouth Wheels Festival. We were unable to attend either of these as we were in sunny Spain.

I think that's enough from me for this month, so until next time,

Happy Minorng, Laurie.





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Engineer: "congratulations.. You have your taste back ..that will be £50".

Doctor gets annoyed, and returns after several days to recover his money.

Doctor: "I have lost my memory and can't remember a thing".

Engineer: "nurse, bring medicine from box no 22 and put 3 drops in patient's mouth".

Doctor: "this medicine is for the Sense of Taste" protests the doctor.

Engineer: "congratulations. Your memory is back.. ..that will be £50".

Doctor leaves, but after several days angrily returns for one last try.

Doctor: "My eyesight has become weak".

Engineer: "Well I don't have any medicine for that. Take this £100".

Doctor: "but this is £50 note".

Engineer: "Congratulations, your eyesight has got better. ..that will be £50".

Chairman's Run to Tyneham 2015



The Chairman's Run to Tyneham village was held Sunday 24th May. We met up at Lytchett Craft Centre and had a look around the deserted village of Tyneham with the resident guide, Paul. New members, Lyn and Peter Hool (right) joined us with their rather nice 1952 Series II Convertible.



Those of you who attended the event will already know that it was a great weekend with good weather, good company and lots of Morris Minors! Just in case you were not there, here are some of the photos of the event.



Photos courtesy of: Tracy Chivers, Rosie Hamilton, Roger Kellow and Editor

Once again we re-visit our 1960s Earls Court London Motor Show guide concentrating within the A-Z section under those exhibitors listings at the time. Company names of component and accessories often very familiar to most Morris owners both then and now.

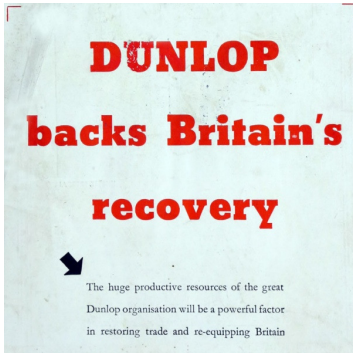
Following 'C' for Champion last month, we now look under 'D' - and here is the name **DUNLOP**. A theme already in this series, has been instances of an early connection with cycles and cycling accessories. Many of these famous component manufacturers and even certain car model names having evolved from that early and original connection with the cycle industry. Including none other than William Morris himself with his own early cycle building business experience! Now who had you, dear reader, always understood to have actually invented the pneumatic tyre? Alas, slightly more complicated perhaps as we later discover. (Which one person invented television? may be a similar scenario!)

In 1887 John Boyd Dunlop's very young son was riding his solid tyred tricycle over very uneven cobbles of their yard in Ireland. The child demonstrated clearly and complained that it was very difficult and uncomfortable to make any real progress with his solid tyres - This set his father's mind thinking! J B Dunlop, originally from Scotland, after veterinary training became an extremely successful qualified Vet, having set up practice in Belfast, (becoming one of the largest in Ireland) as the story goes he took some of his rubber animal bandage strips and wrapped them around the child's tricycle wheels in turn and then managed to inflate them with air. This resulted in a dramatically smoother ride (also much faster, to the boys delight) over the rough surface.

Ureka! exclaimed Mr Dunlop this idea 'must' be worthy of a patent, excited at the prospect of soon producing cycle tyres commercially with his friend and then later business partner Harvey Du Cros.



J B Dunlop retired from being a successful Vet in 1892 as they set up a company, The Pneumatic Tyre & Booths Cycle Agency, starting modestly in Belfast and then more robustly in Dublin in 1890. To John Boyd Dunlop's disdain, his original patent granted in 1888 for the invention of the pneumatic tyre was cancelled within 2 years because a fellow Scotsman named Robert William Thompson had proved he already had patents for the invention, naming his inflatable tyres 'Aerial Wheels' earlier in 1845, followed by patents in France and the U.S.A. in 1846 and 1847. Thompson though, apparently did not appear to be very interested in developing his own pneumatic tyre ideas seriously further. John Boyd Dunlop however did extensively work on improvements (later to win refined design patents) recognising the great potential at that early time for an improved cycle tyre. This was indeed proved to be the case as every cycle race then on, appeared to be won when using his



new pneumatic tyres fitted to race machines. Road cycles were then very soon being fitted with the pneumatic tyre as the norm. Over this same time scale, mention must also be made of Charles Goodyear who particularly in America has similarly been most often regarded as the inventor of the first pneumatic tyre. In fact he was an important early pioneer who successfully perfected the process of rubber vulcanisation, for which he obtained a specific patent in Nov 1844. It is coincidental that just like our J B Dunlop he also had his patent legally withdrawn within a few years in favour of another inventor, a Thomas Hancock who successfully claimed that he had invented rubber vulcanisation first with a British patent just 8 weeks earlier in Jan 1883!

J B Dunlop decided, in 1895, to suddenly opt out and sell all his

interests with his refined -design patents to his business partner H Du Cros after various business difficulties apparently for a very modest fee.

(J B Dunlop resulted in not personally making any great financial gain from his early pioneering ideas and work with inflated rubber tyres.)

Du Cros himself then decided to capitalise and sold up a year later to British financier Terah Hooley for 3 million. During this phase of ownership a 1903 a Dunlop advertising notice is shown describing a French competitor (Michelin) threat of infringing Dunlop's design patents.

Later in the early 20th century the company became 'Dunlop Rubber' (in fact Dunlop car tyres only started being made in 1900 after J B Dunlop's retirement, but incorporating his basic design concept) 'Dunlop Pneumatic Tyres', 'Dunlop Rubber' and 'Dunlop Industries' etc. progressed in to one of Britains first 'multinationals' with a very large company structure (then many re-structures and owners) becoming too complex than space here permits to list.

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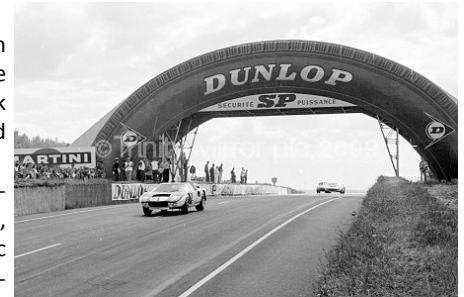
In 1946 an advert confirms that Dunlop's major strength will help to "Back Britains (post WW2) Recovery".

By 1954 Fort Dunlop employed 10,000 workers and at one time was claimed to be the largest factory in the world. Dunlop ceased as a British owned company in 1985 being bought by Sumitomo Rubber Industries (Japan) Perhaps just another familiar story an original British famous name company - in this case with large scale tyre production at Fort Dunlop completely wound down and the famous brand then transferred to sites in other countries (Dunlop today includes production in France and Germany).

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Dunlop of course also became an iconic name within motor racing with the famous advertising image 'The Dunlop Arch' identified in the past with Donington Park and in several other international motor circuits around the world.



The Dunlop brand name in general evolved into numerous famous specialist divisions, Dunlop Sports Goods, Slazenger etc.. Dunlopillo, Footwear and clothing etc and various specialist automotive divisions plus agricultural divisions etc.

The debut of the Morris Minor in 1948 at the Motor Show Earls Court, was received, with very complementary terms by the motoring press. Just one of the 'new' highlighted features reported on at the time was the new 14" dia pressed steel wheels specially commissioned for the Minor from The Dunlop Wheels and Rim Division.

Dunlop tyres of course, (size 5.00 -14) were fitted to this 1948 new 'star model' of the show.. Subsequent production run of Morris Minors had Dunlop cross ply tyres factory fitted as standard and much later with the Minor 1000 (post 1968 models) having an option of Dunlop SP 145-14 radial tyres. 'British made 'Dunlops' probably assumed to be accepted as an obvious quality integral part of any new Morris Minor ordered at the time.



Various other essential rubber moulded parts made by Dunlop Automotive Mouldings were factory fitted and Dunlop Underseal application was an 'optional extra' for many years.

The famous Fort Dunlop giant factory building survives today, modernised and still proudly retaining John Boyd Dunlop's original surname. The very last Dunlop tyres were lastly produced in a small corner of the site for vintage motor cycles up until 2014.

The whole site has undergone total refurbishments including one of the largest

rooftop lawn areas on any building, creating a unique nature reserve in an urban area, together with the already established office space units, a hotel, innovative leisure and recreational facilities, retail units, restaurants etc.etc.

Sumitomo Rubber Industries. have negotiated since with their long established business associates Goodyear Tyres and today we have "Goodyear - Dunlop" (Goodyear Tires, Buffalo State, America) being the parent company)

Two famous names together (a brand instantly recognised today) of those intrepid early inventors sharing an original design concept. Mr Dunlop's (and Mr Goodyear's) legacy has evolved into the highly technical modern pneumatic tyre, produced in vast quantities worldwide, designed to transport us as safely as possible on our many journeys.

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