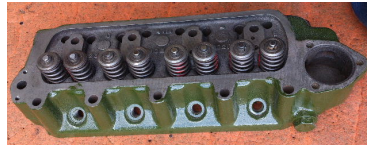
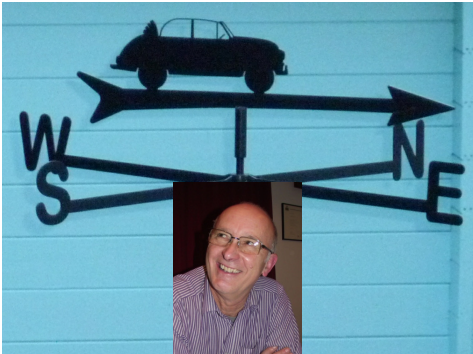


Rear View

Brian, our intrepid Product Development Manager (and part-time inventor) has come up with some goodies for your Christmas stockings. Stainless steel 'DMMOC' key rings complete with bottle opener are now available from the Branch at £3.00 each. Also we have some Morris Minor weather vanes with the Convertible model on the top for £39.50. These are made from powder coated stainless steel so they are



corrosion proof. They are available through club spares or regalia. Brian has said that he is working on a Traveller variant so that should be available soon. I think there might be one in my Christmas stocking??



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A rather nice line up of Moggies at the Holnest Fair, on the last warm sunny day of the summer

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2014

5th November—Clubnight—Rev Stewart Timbrell
3rd December—Clubnight 'Noggin and Natter'
28th December—Mistletoe Meander. 10:30 at Electric Club

2015

7th Jan—Clubnight—Call my Bluff type quiz
10th January—Dinner Dance—Liston Hotel
4th Feb—Blind Auction
4th March—Clubnight—Cake Competition (published recipe TBA)
1st April—Clubnight—CPR Talk by David Grice
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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 club-nights. 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.

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

**MISTLETOE MEANDER
SUNDAY 28TH DECEMBER**

This will be our usual post-Christmas gathering to blow away the cobwebs. Meeting at the Electric club as usual, at 10:30 we will have a short run followed by a meal.

**ANNUAL DINNER DANCE
10TH JANUARY 2015
LISTON HOTEL**

Don't forget the Annual Dinner Dance in January at the Liston Hotel. The entry slips were issued last month. So lets have them back with your menu requirements as soon as possible.



CLUBNIGHT ACTIVITY:
Talk by Reverend Stuart Timbrell

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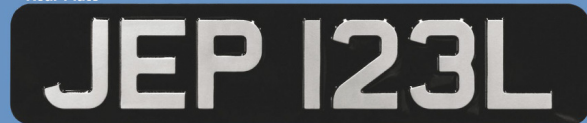
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Editorial

Hello everyone and if you are reading this, you have renewed your membership for 2014-15—so thank you for that. There is plenty to look forward to next year so hopefully you will find your membership beneficial. We have seen a high level of renewal—currently standing at nearly 80%.

John, Jacky and I went over to see the new Ranger at Avon Heath a few weeks ago to discuss the future of the Annual Rally in July. We were a bit apprehensive about the meeting due to some feedback we received during this year's event. However, we ended up with an agreement to stage the rally again on the same weekend next year, but with a few changes to the procedures. It was agreed that due to space limitations we will no longer be able to accept entries on the day. This would include rally entries and trade stands. Late display entrants would have to use the public car park and purchase a parking ticket. Whilst our safety procedures were praised, we will have to jump through some further 'hoops' with regard to formalising and documenting them. As a consequence we have come up with some basic safety rules which will be circulated with the entry form which will be available soon. The significant new restriction is that vehicles will not be allowed to cross or park on the paved public concourse between the public car park and the rally field.

We have also attended a planning meeting at Beaulieu for the Moggy Fest event we are planning for the Spring Autojumble on 16th—17th May 2015. We are hoping for high attendance of Minors (and other Morris vehicles) to this prestigious event which includes entry to the Autojumble for the weekend.

Next month, your newsletter will be a bit bigger than usual as it is a two-monthly edition covering December and January. We will have articles on fitting a radio to your Minor and also how to live with Ethanol in your classics.

Don't forget the Dinner and Dance in January. Based on previous performance—it is pretty good! So why not join us—it does enjoy a bit of a subsidy out of club funds too, so it won't break the bank.

Don't forget to let me know if you want any parts brought along to clubnight.

That's all for now, Brian



Book Club Plus (by Derek Shearman)

Hello everyone - as most members of the Dorset Branch (MMOC) will know, I started the Book Club three or four years ago as a lending library focusing on books relating to British transport and transport engineering - cars and commercial vehicles, motor cycles, steam power, aeroplanes, waterways..... Including biographies / autobiographies of designers, builders and mechanical engineers together with fiction and non-fiction motoring stories.

It started with 43 books which had belonged to my late Father and this 'stock' has more than doubled in numbers, due to books being either donated or loaned to the club by members and non-members alike. Initially, I attended all club nights with the books, for members to browse through and to borrow.

Regretfully, due to my health issues (I have been admitted to Poole Hospital five times in the past three and a half years) and those of other close relatives, I have to give up the Book Club.

Hopefully, another enthusiastic Club member will volunteer to take it over. If you think you may be interested, please speak to me at the November club night. If I cannot find anyone to 'step into my shoes', regretfully the books will have to be sold and the Book club will cease to be. If you have one of the books out on loan, may I please ask you to return it to me, either at the November club night or telephone me on 01258 857492 / 07593 623721 and I will arrange for it to be collected

I am aware that some of the books have been on loan and not donated. I will contact these kind people in the near future (or you can phone me?) to ask whether you wish your book to be returned to you.

I hope to continue to be a supportive member of the Dorset Branch MMOC by attending club nights and various rallies.

Derek Shearman

2015 Sidmouth Trip

Nev has been busy booking up the Royal Glen Hotel again for next April. The dates for you diary are 10-12th April. The cost is only about a pound up on last year so why not come along. It is a lovely hotel, well run and nicely 'classic'. You don't have to bring the Minor, any other classic or modern car will be fine. Places are limited, so lets have the forms which are in this newsletter back with your bookings as soon as possible. Forms are also available on the website under the 'Events' tab.

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



FOR SALE: 1970 Morris 1800: 56100 miles: M.O.T. to 23 August 2015 with no advisories. Excellent original interior even down to the carpets. It has power steering, reclining front seats, tow bar with twin electrics plus the necessary BMC rear suspension modification, a period pull out radio that can be used as a portable. Colour is Antelope and the interior is red as per the pictures. It has a massive history file including the original bill of sale. It's a very nice comfortable roomy car to drive. Car has been replaced by an automatic.

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Editor's In-Box



Hello Brian, My wife got in touch last week as we were having trouble sourcing a part for our Minor which was due to be a wedding car on Saturday. She felt so much better having spoken to you with your 'can do' attitude and felt really well looked after. Brian was able to provide the part we needed and we made it to the wedding!



We couldn't have done it without your help so I just wanted to send a big thank you.

The car looked the part and was really popular on the day, I'm happy to send a photo if you'll provide an email address.

Many thanks and best regards, from Ben and Amee.

Morris Minors back at Beaulieu for 2015 

Moggy Fest 2015

COMING TO:
Beaulieu events Jointly organised by Dorset Branch MMOC

Spring Autojumble
16 & 17 May 2015

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Hi Brian, my Morris is now on the road, all brakes working, but still scary! (Im used to discs on all four corners.) Clutch done and great, oil leak cured and just spent all day polishing and cleaning the old girl. Put the new throttle cable on that you supplied and no more sticky throttle. So all good so far. Thanks for your help and supply of parts—going to drive it around for a few weeks then will start doing other bits to bring it up to scratch so will be in touch soon for more parts, mostly bodywork now and interior. So thanks Brian, glad I bumped into you at Beaulieu last year, you have been a great help. Cheers, Mark.

Chairman's Report

Good evening and welcome to November's Clubnight. It was nice to see a good turnout for the AGM at October clubnight and also thanks to the members who proposed and seconded the committee members for another year. Brian, Laurie and myself went to Beaulieu to see their events team to arrange the 'Moggy Fest' for 2015 and the meeting went well.

Some of the members have asked if we can go for another run to Tyneham village so I have asked Terry to get in touch with the ranger to give the club a talk and a tour of the village. Ann and myself went to London for the weekend and met an old friend and his wife. We went out for an Italian meal which was very good. I asked him about tickets for Trooping the Colour in London next year and he said he will know early in the year if he can get us some tickets. The next day we popped on an old Routemaster bus to go to the Tower of London to see the red poppies around the tower in the moat. A fantastic sight, well worth going to see. I am still looking for someone to take over the club regalia. Please don't forget to put in your slips for the Mistletoe Meander and the Dinner and Dance, they are filling up quickly. We are still looking for some new ads for the newsletter, so if you know of any who would like to advertise please let us know. If you know of any branch member who is not feeling very well please let us know so that we can send a card.

John



Another view of the club display at the Holnest Fayre in late September

2015 Dinner Dance (Jan 10th)

It is filling up fast - the Dinner and Dance has been planned for January 10th at the Liston Hotel. The cost will be £26 for Members (£28 –non-members). The room charge if you wish to stay overnight is £25 (£30 for 'Superior'). The menu is shown (left). The hotel also do Sunday lunches 12-2:30 (booking advised). Starter £6, mains £12, deserts £6 and a Friday special 12-2.30 (booking advised) 2 courses for £12 and 3 courses for £15.

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DORSET BRANCH SPARES NEWS

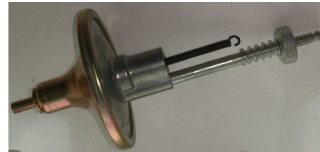
For the benefit of newer members who may not be aware of it, the Branch operates a Morris Minor New Spares service. All profits go back to the Branch to help keep subscriptions low. We usually have a spares table at the monthly branch clubnights and we have a presence at some shows (particularly the Branch Rally and the 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. The advantages are availability of parts and *usually* no postage charges. Some locally reconditioned items are also available, such as fuel pumps, carburettors and radiators. . . .

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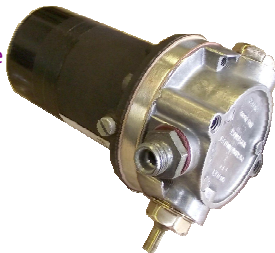


(* = based on non-scientific observations on my part!)

Rebuilt HS2 carburettors for 948 and 1098 £95 each. (Others reconditioned to order—please ask)



Combined alternator rear bracket/ignition coil mount, nickel plated exclusive to DMMOC £12 each. (as seen in Minor Matters)



Reconditioned Petrol pumps at £50 each. EXCHANGE (plus £10 refundable surcharge on old unit).

Secretary's Report

Good evening and welcome to the November 2014 clubnight. Many thanks to everyone who came along to the AGM last month and for your support over the last year. Tonight we welcome Reverend Stewart Timbrell back to give us another of his very entertaining talks.



We hope to have been to the Restoration Show at The Bath and West Showground on 2nd November and, who knows, we may have picked up a few bargains along the way. Next weekend is the Classic Car Show at the NEC and we hope to go. This is always a very good show and one which we always enjoy.

Please don't forget to get your forms in for the Mistletoe Meander, the Dinner and Dance and the Devon Weekend to Sidmouth. You should all have received entry forms for these events in your last newsletter but if not please ask Jacky for a form as she always has some spares.

Brian, John and I have had a meeting with Beaulieu now regarding the details for Moggy Fest 2015. The meeting went very well with a few new ideas being bandied about. We plan to run the event along the same lines as the Centenary event including a display in the main marquee. We are planning to re-use Roger's backdrops and recreate the 1960's showroom, workshop and parts department again. Beaulieu are very keen to have us back as they say we are always so well organised!

I'm sorry that this report is so short but as we haven't been anywhere there's nothing to write about! Hopefully I can write more next month after we've been to a couple of shows. Until next month, happy Minorng, Laurie.

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If the car will not be used at all until March 1st 2015 (or thereabouts) the extent of the 'laying-up' and protection of the car may mean that occasional use would not be easily possible. If you think you might need to use the car during the winter period ('Mistletoe Meander'), then you may consider some of these precautions a step too far.

Servicing. The first thing I would do, is attend to all the niggling little faults that you have noticed and not got around to, during the summer season and sort those out before you lay the car up. An oil/filter change, new plugs etc might be a good idea. Give the vehicle a good clean and polish and feed leather upholstery. Also wax polish the paintwork and bright-work. Spray all exposed 'raw' metal surfaces with WD40 or the like. Be careful though not to spray friction surfaces.

Environment. Firstly, you need to think about storage location. Obviously, a dry garage is preferable, failing which you may have to settle for a good quality, breathable cover if the car is to be left outside. If you have a dry garage that is a start. Whilst the garage does not need to be heated, condensation during cold weather can be a problem. Insulation can reduce the amount of condensation that will form inside the garage under these conditions. Thin walled garages, particularly pre-cast segmental types in particular are prone to this. A de-humidifier would be an advantage, but these can be expensive and need constant power (and emptying).



Don't turn the power up too high though, since these machines will suck moisture out of everything (including timber which will shrink). If you are going to use a cover, then don't buy a cheap one. I have found the multi-layer, breathable ones are the best.

Tyres. In the olden days, owners used to jack their cars up to relieve the possibility of flat spots. In my experience, especially with modern tyres, this is unlikely during a single winter period. Might be worth considering if you are considering a longer period, however. Also, consider how you would move the car quickly in a fire or flood if it is immobilised. (On the other hand, it is arguably more secure from thieves with wheels either off the car or off the ground!)

Petrol. These days, petrol has less 'shelf-life' than it used to meaning that the chances of it losing its 'pop' during the winter is more likely. If you can wait until next month, we have an article on Ethanol which is the main culprit in this regard. Classic cars need ethanol like fishes need bicycles (as the old saying goes!). In an ideal world, I suppose the best solution would be to drain the tank completely and leave it dry for the winter. Certainly, don't leave the car with a full tank, just a half gallon or so would be better. You will just have to grin and bear the prospect of the various mechanisms explained in the article slowly nibbling away at your fuel system (eg acid attack, accumulation of water, galvanic corrosion). When handling petrol, please be careful, make sure you devise a safe way of removing the fuel in a well ventilated area with no prospect of stray sparks causing a fire. Petrol is highly dangerous – as you know!

Coolant. Most modern coolants should be ok over the winter. Obviously make sure you have sufficient concentration of coolant in the car and remember the two types ('Organic' and 'Inorganic'). Most older car owners use 'Organic' (usually blue in colour – but not always). Inorganic should be OK in the Minor, but it will gradually attack 'yellow' metals – ie brass and copper and most cars have a bit of copper piping in the cooling system. 25% usually gives adequate protection this side of the Arctic circle – but do read the instructions on the container.

Oil. The engine oil should be OK if changed prior to lay up as mentioned before. When I restart the car for the first time, I usually give it a spin on the starter with the ignition off for about 10 seconds. This should be long enough to pressurise the oil system and ensure that the oil is in the right place when you fire it up for real.

Battery. Batteries don't like storage and will quickly die if they are a few years old and just left to get on with it. I use one of those solar charge panels on the Traveller. Just a small 12v one will do, stick it on the garage roof or somewhere where it won't blow away. They only make a small amount of current, but it will be sufficient to top up the battery and counter the natural drain. Any daylight seems to create enough charge, it doesn't have to face south. You can use a mains battery conditioner, but prolonged use in my experience, causes overcharging. Perhaps I had a cheap one, but you can't go wrong with a solar panel (and you will be more environmentally friendly!)

Happy Motoring and storing.