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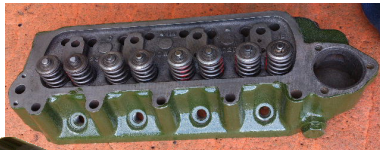
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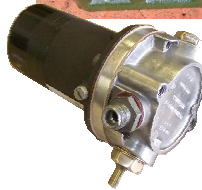
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was founded in 1977 by Graham Melly and chaired in the early days by Aubrey Batt. It is a Branch of the National Morris Minor Owners Club but has its own accounts and organisation (see Constitution for further details) **We meet on the first Wednesday 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

The last Classics on the Prom was held (at Christchurch Quay) on Sunday 20th September. There must have been about 90% of the region's classics on show with nearly 300 counted in.

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Forthcoming Events (see also www.dorsetmmoc.co.uk)

7th October—Clubnight AGM

4th November—Clubnight—Talk by Reverend Timbrell

28th December—Mistletoe Meander

2016

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

July 10th—'CLASSICS IN THE FOREST' (incorporating Annual Branch Rally)

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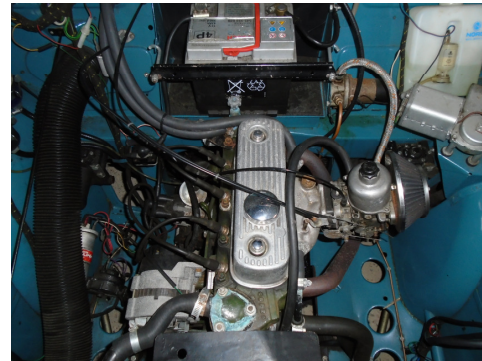


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CLUBNIGHT ACTIVITY:
Annual General Meeting

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NEXT CLUBNIGHT— Reverend Timbrell

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

Hello everyone and welcome to the AGM issue of the newsletter—containing the minutes of the last meeting held on 1st October 2014. We have had a busy past year (as usual) which has fallen into a bit of a pattern with some of the events being repeated year after year. We do try to vary things when we can and to this end, we are planning some big changes to the Annual Branch Rally in July this year. There are preliminary details of the event in this newsletter (see page 7). Thanks to this month's contributors (including the regulars—Laurie and John, of course!) Andy Dibb, for his piece on gauge fitting and to Roger Kellow for the write up on the Isle of Wight Rally in September.



The Mistletoe Meander has been arranged for the 28th December and entry slips will be in this newsletter. Also, the Dinner and Dance arrangements have now been finalised and again there is a slip in the newsletter.

This month's good news is that the Committee have decided that for a trial 12 month period we will offer a discount on all new spares purchased through the Branch. This will apply to FULL MEMBERS ONLY. The prices charged at present reflect those currently charged by ESM and the full prices will still be the default—particularly at the shows (ie our Branch Rally and Beaulieu Autojumble). Discount is applied to the label prices.

10%

The Committee reserve the right to amend or suspend the discount scheme at any time and this will be the only discount offered on spares. Membership number will be required when ordering.

For the benefit of newer members who may not be aware of it, the Branch operates a Morris Minor New Spares service. From the year 2015-16, we are introducing a discount scheme whereby all purchases by paid up Branch Members will get 10% discount applied to the price. We usually have some spares 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 from Brian on 07411 116336. 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

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Chairman's Report

Good evening and welcome to October's clubnight. Here it is again—another AGM and another year older. I hope all of the members have been happy with my Committee and the way the Branch is run. We have found a new venue for our 2016 Branch Rally. It will be a Burley Park, Burley where we have a lot more room—so we are looking for new ideas, stalls and anything you would like to see there (within reason!) so please let us know. A big thanks to Alan and Lyn Hammerton for their help and suggestion of Burley Park.



It was a shame that the Show at Holnest was bogged down with mud in the entrance and also for James the organiser who recommended we did not bring our lovely classic cars. It was too deep in mud!

I went to the Rebekah Fund Charity day with some good weather and some nice cars but no public there to support the day. It was nice to see some old club members from Cornwall (Jen, the Lemon Drizzle Sponge maker and Arthur).

The Classic Cars on the Prom at Christchurch Quay on Sunday 20th September was their best ever display with a total count of 291 cars beating the previous record of 261.

My wife Ann is currently getting over a sporting injury walking with her stick and just starting to drive again after 4 weeks. Dave and Jackie have bought some more club caps and they are at the embroiderer's and they are hoping they will be back by clubnight.

Sorry about this, but Christmas will soon be here! Please feel free to get your names down for the Mistletoe Meander run on 28th December and the Branch Annual Dinner and Dance on 9th January 2016. We have changed the menu for the dinner and dance and I hope you like it. Happy Motoring, John.

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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Editor's In-Box



Is there a super-intelligent race of telepathic beings using our Motorways? Only I saw a message on one of these signs recently that said:
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Blue Moon Productions have two shows upcoming for your entertainment:

'Festive Frolics' on Sunday 13th December 3pm and 6pm

Table seats, £8 (£6 concession) Seats only £6 (£4 concession)

'Spooky Fright Night' on October 31st 2015 7pm and 9pm

Table seats £6, seats only £4

Both at the Allendale Centre Wimborne Tickets available from the Allendale Box

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Secretary's Report

Good evening everyone and welcome to the 2015 AGM. Where did that year go? I hope you all enjoyed the quiz I put together for you last month? Next month Stewart Timbrell will be here to give us another of his very entertaining talks.

The Beaulieu Autojumble was very good this year. There was record number of public in attendance this year. I wonder if

this was due to the death of Lord M just a week or so before? It is always good to see our regular customers from across the country and the world who always pop in to say hello and invariably have a list of parts they need. This year there was a special arrangement to let exhibitors into the Bonhams auction marquee on the Saturday morning and there were some truly spectacular vehicles on offer. The barn find Bentley with a £250,000 estimate sold for a spectacular £650,000! There was a very nice locally registered Bullnose Morris for sale which had a very interesting supplier's plaque on the dashboard from Westover Garage which I had never seen before. I managed to pick up 1 or 2 interesting little bits and bobs throughout the weekend.

We have started plans for next year already. The dinner and dance is all booked and you should have a flyer tonight for this. Don't forget the Mistletoe Meander in December – again a flyer should be with your newsletter. As John mentioned last month next years rally will be held in Burley. "Classics in the Forest" looks as though it could be a very good show. We have lots of room on the site so have almost no restrictions on what we can do. There is a show on the Burley site on 10th and 11th October so if you would like to go please have a word with Nev. We are planning to go in order to make contact with the exhibitors who will be in attendance and to invite them to our show next year.

I have been instructed by Louise to buy a Traveller so, for once, have done as I'm told! Believe it or not I've bought back the car I sold to John Marston 2 years ago. Louise has now told me that it's her car and that I can never sell it again. This means that I will probably part with the Convertible now so if anyone is interested please have a word with me. That's all from me for this month, so until next time,
Happy Minoring
Laurie.



John Jenkinson, Chairman
Morris Minor Owners Club, Dorset Branch



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DORSET BRANCH SPARES NEWS

We have the inner wing liners (LEFT) at £24.99 for the front wings kit complete with all fittings and instructions.

We also have the improved 2-stage bonnet stay (right) which allows the bonnet to be raised almost vertically! On special offer £25 each to Branch Members only. (£27.50 normally) (Postage-add £2.00)



LEAF (Leukaemia Eductating and Fundraising)

LEAF is our Charity of the Year, this year and our charitable effort will be directed towards them. We usually make a donation of the proceeds of our blind auction (and other donations). Leaf fundraises to help young people and adults living in Dorset and Hampshire affected with a blood cancer who are receiving treatment or who have needs since being discharged from hospital.

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The meal will be served in Gilbey's Restaurant with wine purchased by the Branch and the party will go on until midnight with live entertainment provided.

Here are the menu choices:

Minestrone Soup

Salmon and Smoked Salmon tian with a hint of horseradish with mixed leaves

Melon and Orange Platter with homemade Raspberry Sorbet and Fruit Coulis
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Roast Turkey and all the trimmings

Beef Bourguignon

Plaice fillet with white wine sauce

Vegetarian Frittata with Salad Garnish
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Christmas Pudding with Custard Sauce

Fresh Fruit Salad

Trio of Baby Desserts

Selection of Cheese with Biscuits, Grapes and Celery
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Coffee and Petite Fours

Wine included: Sauvignon Blanc and Merlot

7.00 for 7.30 function to finish at midnight

Places are £28 (DMMOC members) £30 other guests.

You should receive an entry form with this newsletter (or you can download one from the website). Please return your applications for places by the **December clubnight** (at the latest)



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SAVE THE DATE!

The Isle of Wight MMOC Rally—Roger Kellow



Having attended the IOW Rally for the

first time on a lovely day in early September, there was an extremely warm welcome from the IOW branch members on duty when arriving at the Haven Street site (complete with working steam trains, Morris Dancers, and a splendid 1940s open top Southern Vectis double decker. The vintage bus scheduled 'mystery tour' rides taking us to the very interesting Ryde Bus Transport Museum.)

Earlier Mr Dave Walker, when we arrived safely to the island having kindly piloted us when we joined up with the Dorset Branch Sunday 'mini convoy' to the site, all within somewhat unfamiliar foreign territory to me (although we were relieved to discover the island vehicles do actually drive on the left just like us on the mainland. Also contrary to stories otherwise, the Cornish Pasty some many years ago, had evidently already been officially accepted by the islanders, and a very nice example was on sale at the railway station buffet)

I was amused to discover on the rally programme back page a photo of one of the Dorset branch backdrops from our own Beaulieu display that I painted for part of the BMC dealer showroom. It was a 'spot the deliberate mistake competition' (The one 'deliberate' mistake accepted that I actually realised and pointed out to several Beaulieu visitors at the time, was the lilac 1960 Minor Million shown having 4 doors instead of 2).

However the caption on the rally programme reads that it depicts a BMC dealer showroom in 1960, but of course we had discussed this originally in our planning meeting and actually placed it to be in 1962/3. So my painting is correct in showing a 'new' Morris 1100 that was of course introduced in 1962, Someone in the island club also stated the other mistake was the CND emblem being too early for 1960. (The CND emblem was in fact designed in 1958 and the Aldermaston 'marches' were held between 1959 and 1963).

However I am sure everyone in the Dorset branch are all perfectly happy to allow our very good island friends full artistic freedom to alter and adjust the timing of our club display backdrop allowing for the fact that most of the time we would have already tried at least towards a reasonable historical accuracy. (No hard feelings possibly in any way as I know we would never be that type of club branch, but many thanks really are due for a 'grand day out' to the IOW branch on the Sunday) - Roger.



pate it will grow next year. Again, any comments, gratefully received.

Hopefully the new system of not bringing all the stock to each clubnight is working for everyone. Don't forget, if you need anything, please let me know in advance of clubnight and I'll bring it along.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave a brief resume of the year's highlights and memories – particularly the Beaulieu Centenary celebration event. He proposed a vote of thanks for the work done by the committee during the organisation and the assistance provided by the membership during the event itself.

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 Tony Ware, sec Norman Kimber
Secretary – Laurie Blewer – prop Jackie Walker, sec David Saggs
Treasurer – Jacky Wood – prop Julie Wescott, sec Peter Webb
Events – Nev Gerry - prop O Akam, sec Jackie Walker
Editor – Brian Wood - prop Val Webb, sec Dave Walker
Membership - Des Waller – prop Peter Webb, sec Jackie Walker
Comm Member – Eddie Pateman – prop Chris Tilly, sec Brian Tilly
Comm Member – Brian Ford – prop Margaret Pateman, sec Val Webb

Elections carried 'en-bloc' on a show of hands.

Any Other Business:

Dave Walker spoke about the forthcoming MOT 2015 holiday organised by MMOC.

Paul Dunn addressed the meeting about the charity 'Zoe's Wish' which had been supported by the Branch this year.
the meeting was closed at 21:03

Signed

Laurie Blewer – MMOC Dorset Branch Secretary

Treasurers Report

Good evening everyone. I hope you all have your copy of the branch accounts with your newsletter tonight. As you can see we have had another solvent year and the Branch is still looking quite healthy financially. We have not had any major expenditure this year, apart from the May Beaulieu event where we started to promote the 2015 Moggie Fest (or Southern Regional Rally) for those non-trendy people. The beautiful backdrops made for us by Roger Kellow for that event will be re-used then. As you can see, we have one of them here tonight. Thank you, Roger for all your hard work and Marilyn for putting up with you doing them. The chosen charity for this year, Zoe's wish raised £170 from the Blind Auction and £23.50 from the sale of CDs donated by Roy and Sue Gale. The Committee decided to round this figure up to £200 and a cheque has been sent to them. The rebate from the MMOC amounted to £122 this year, so please remember to sign the blue book if you are a member of the National Club.

The books are available here and a breakdown of the Spares, Regalia and Rally are also here if anyone wishes to see them. Are there any questions?

The accounts were then accepted (p.J.Wecott, s. L.Gerry)

Editor's Report

Hopefully the newsletter meets everyone's approval. Don't forget to let me know if you would like more or less of any particular thing. As always, contributions are always welcome and make my job as editor a bit easier! The website is now 10 years old, having been started in 2004 and appears to have clocked up over 98,000 hits in that time. It seems to be a good way of buying and selling cars, with several recent successes. Just drop me a note either verbally or email, if you want to sell (or buy) a Minor. It also seems to attract interest from both inside and outside Dorset. I get a steady stream of queries and comments from outside the Branch so I guess it must come fairly high up the search engines results rankings. I have also been trying to expand the knowledge data base under the 'Technical' section with useful bits of information. If anyone has ideas or suggestions for this, please let me know. The Spares Service has had another good year returning a surplus of about £2,700 to the Branch reserves. Over the last three years, we have shifted over £50,000 worth of spares with a total surplus over the three years of £7,927 which represents about 16% on sales. The value of stock held has increased a little over last year's figure meaning that overall; we have shown a surplus (over the 3 years) of £1,145. The stock value seems to have reached a natural level now, so I don't antici-

Fitting Gauges—Andy Dibb

I read with much interest the articles on extra gauges that can be fitted to the Minor. An enlightened management would have fitted an oil pressure and water temperature gauge as they did on the Mini - as a sensible upgrade. However as we know we soldiered on with no idea what was going on under the bonnet until it was too late.

My van had two gauge sized holes drilled either side of the speedo in roughly the same positions as the mini. I had 2 choices cover the holes with a later type cover or fit the gauges and make a similar type cover out of sheet stainless.

After much thought, I decided on the latter and made my own cover, fitted an oil pressure gauge and an electric sender type temperature gauge. I also found that the original chromed end pieces still fitted.

The oil pressure gauge was plumbed in with a tee-piece, the existing pressure sender switch was fitted into one port of the tee and a plastic flexible connection in the other leading to the gauge.

I removed the blanking plug from the head, spark plug side of the thermostat housing and fitted a sender. A wire was run from the sender to the gauge and then a wire to the low voltage connection at the back of the speedo.

All works well and I can see at a glance what "Gordon" is up to under the bonnet.

I have enclosed a photo of the finished article, not original I know but a sensible upgrade.



A memory from the Lymington Show in August

MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB

DORSET BRANCH

2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

1st October 2014 20:00

Apologies: Peter Coates, Marcus and Sparky Ward, Peter and Valerie Webb, Lawrie and Sue Blewer, Sue Gale, Derek Shearman, Helena Carr, Kate Noon, Des and Tina Waller.

Minutes of Last Meeting. These had been printed in the current newsletter and were accepted as accurate (prop. Bruce Eggleton sec Jackie Walker.)

President's Opening Remarks

The President opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the 2014 AGM. He said that it had been another good year – with mostly good weather. He drew attention to the Beaulieu Morris dealership backdrop display screen which had been brought to the meeting. He proposed a vote of thanks for the work of the committee this year.

Secretary's Report

Here we are at the end of the 2014/2015 year and I hope you'll all agree that it has been another successful one.

The year started off with the Mistletoe Meander in December. We were lucky this took place at all following the never ending rain which fell meaning the route had to be changed at the last minute as there were so many flooded roads. The annual dinner and dance was held at the Liston Hotel and was very good and hopefully enjoyed by everyone. Well done to everyone who won trophies for their vehicle's at the dinner but if you didn't win it doesn't mean your car isn't as good as everyone else's. The weekend away to Sidmouth was very well supported again and enjoyed by all the participants. This has been booked again for 2015 already. The branch display at the Beaulieu Spring Autojumble was an overwhelming success. Very many thanks to everyone who lent us props for the display and special thanks to Roger Kellow for the enormous amount of work he put in on producing the fantastic backdrops. We were delighted when we won the trophy for the best stand this year. Several of us went to other branch rallies this year such as the West Sussex branch rally at the

Weald and Downland Museum, the Hampshire branch rally at the Bursledon Brickworks and the North Wilts Rally at the Atwell Wilson Motor Museum. The National Rally was well attended by branch members and a good weekend was had by all. Unfortunately, as next year's National Rally is in Scarborough it's doubtful that many of us will go. This year's Dorset Branch rally was successful again with entrants coming from all across the country. Many thanks to everyone who helped out over the weekend. We are currently negotiating with the new park ranger at Avon Heath for next year's show. We had an excellent display at the Lymington Show this year. I think it was good to have a variety of cars on display – not just Morris's. Many thanks to Dave and Jacky for accommodating us at their house again for the Midsummer Saunter – it was a very enjoyable day. We were due to have a large representation at the Brockenhurst Carnival this year but the weather was atrocious meaning the only Morris in attendance was mine! Lots of members went across to the Isle of Wight for their annual show and a good time was had by all. Very well done to Dave Holton for winning the Chairman's Choice award. The club stand at the Beaulieu International Autojumble was very successful with lots of interest in the stall. Finally, we have just had the Autumn Amble last weekend to the Holnest Country Fayre. What a great day and enjoyed by us all. I'm sure there are lots of events I have missed that members have taken part in. If you know of a good event please let one of us know. On top of all of the events we have had a packed calendar of clubnights which we hope you have all enjoyed. Many thanks to Phil for his antiques evening and to Eddie for organising the gardening competition, something we hope to do again next year.

Plans for next year are already well under way. The Mistletoe Meander is already being planned. Don't forget the annual dinner and dance in January. The date has been set for the Devon Weekend to Sidmouth next year. Booking slips for all these events should be available soon, if not tonight. We have started the plans for next year's Moggie Fest at the Beaulieu Spring Autojumble. This is hoped to be another successful event and will be held along the lines of the Centenary display held last year – but maybe not quite so organised this time!

Finally, well done to everyone who has completed a restoration this year even though some people did not restore a Morris (Tony!!!) and I hope that everyone who joined the club over the last year has thought it worthwhile and will continue to be a member.

So, that's all from me and here's to an enjoyable and successful 2015.