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# Dorset Branch

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## The MMOC Dorset Branch

was founded in 1980 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

Photo taken by Phil Haste at the Burley show last month.

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## **Forthcoming Events** (see also [www.dorsetmmoc.co.uk](http://www.dorsetmmoc.co.uk))

July 30-31—Melbury Abbas Vintage Rally—**CANCELLED**  
3rd August—Clubnight—Gardening Competition  
7th August— Lymington Classic Car Show  
7th August—Classic Cars on the Prom—Highcliffe Rec 11:00-17:00  
13-14 August— Forest Fayre with steam (Brockenhurst)  
21st August—Classic Cars on the Prom—Christchurch Quay 11:00-17:00  
28th August — Classic Cars on the Prom—(On the Prom— 4 till 6:30)  
3-4th September-IOW 30th Rally (Havenstreet , Isle of Wight)  
4th September—Classic Cars on the Prom—**CANCELLED**  
7th September—Clubnight— Speaker (TBA)  
18th September—Classic Cars on the Prom—Christchurch Quay 11:00-17:00  
24th September— Marie Curie 40th MMOC Anniversary JOGLE Charity Run  
24th-26th September-Waverley Trip  
24-25 September—Holnest Country Fayre  
5th October— Clubnight—AGM  
2nd November—Clubnight—Quiz  
  
7th January (2017)—Dinner and Dance

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



## Classics in the Forest—Judging Results

Series MM	<b>Michael James</b>	A25
Series II	<b>Brian Wright</b>	B68
1000 Saloon	<b>Paul Evernden</b>	C183
1000 Traveller	<b>Malcolm Jones</b>	232
1000 Convertible	<b>Dave Gilliam</b>	234
1000 LCV	<b>Andy Dibb</b>	G14
Custom	<b>Peter Coates</b>	J9
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PP Convertible	<b>Mr Barrow</b>	239
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Visitor (pre-war)	<b>Steven Postlethwaite</b>	V78
Visitor (Post-war)	<b>John Raffle</b>	V120
Best Dorset Vehicle	<b>Andy Wescott</b>	K65
Best Restoration	<b>Terry House</b>	206
Furthest Distance	<b>Dave Holton 151 miles</b>	DC138

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**CLUBNIGHT ACTIVITY:**  
**Gardening Competition**

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**NEXT CLUBNIGHT— Speaker (TBC)**

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.

It was Phil's birthday at the National!





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## Editorial

Hello everyone and welcome to the August Newsletter. The Annual Branch Rally (Classics in the Forest) was held in July and was well attended with the weather being (mostly) kind to us! It was our first attempt at a proper 2 day show so was a bit of a leap into the unknown. Thank you very much to all of you who supported our show and came along at the weekend. Particular thanks too, to the small band of yellow-jacketed helpers who gave up most of their time at the show, marshalling and directing traffic. Also grateful thanks to those of you who took the trouble to write in with your comments (see *Editor's In-Box*). I personally, didn't see a lot of it, being locked in the spares tent most of the time. We did about double the usual trade of a rally weekend, so hopefully, you got all the parts you needed. If you missed the Rally there are some photos on our website in the 'Photo Gallery' page or on the Wessex Ducks website (see *opposite page*). If anyone lost a camera battery pack, see me.

We went to the Sherborne Castle show a few weeks ago. I know it clashed with the Breamore Show—but you can't go to them all can you? That was a good show as usual and we managed to fill our stand with 8 member's cars.

The National Rally which was a week before ours was pretty good too. We went with Nev, Lyn, Phil and James in a three-car convoy. The journey to Derbyshire wasn't too bad, with 2 stops for refreshments on the way. We stayed in a local Travelodge and Phil and James camped on the site. There seemed to be a pretty good turnout of Minors, although perhaps not as many as in previous years. Phil and I took part in the MMOC 40th anniversary celebratory parade at the end of the show—representing the Series II Traveller Register. We took our 'sales tent' to try and inflict some extending bonnet stays on the assembled captive Morris Minor audience. I'm pleased to say it worked and we sold nearly 50 over the weekend.



Line up for finale parade at the National

Not much more progress to report on the Convertible. It is awaiting completion of the hood fitting after an unplanned adjustment to the new hood frame. It seems to fit well now, but only after cutting a significant chunk out of the longitudinal front rails each side. 'Morris Minors are all slightly different' - I was told. The engine has now been fetched back from Leicestershire where it has been prepared. It is in kit form so all I have to do now is put it back together. Just like the rest of the car then! Brian.



## For Sale & Wanted & Club Notices

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### MARIE CURIE MARATHON—CASTLE POINT (BH8 9UZ) SATURDAY 24TH SEPT



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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 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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You may have read about this in your Minor Matters. The MMOC are doing a round Britain Run to visit every Branch to raise money for the charity. The car will visit Dorset on Saturday 24th September at Castle Point from 09:00—12:00. We are hoping to get a few cars along in support. Please let Laurie know if you are able to come along to help.



Hello, Please pass on our thanks to the committee for the excellent event over the weekend. We know that it was a great deal of hard work and it is very much appreciated. Regards, Dave and Jackie Walker

Hi Brian, Many thanks to all concerned in organizing a vey enjoyable first rally at Burley. The location seemed ideal with Burley village on the doorstep and room in the field for classic cars in abundance! A great success! Regards, Nick and Angi Odell

Hi Brian, not my battery pack: hope you find the owner. Many thanks for last weekend at Burley, we certainly enjoyed ourselves. Hope we can go back next year as it was a super location. We have made the decision to sell the van and buy a traveller so can I contact you soon to put an ad in the mag, thanks to all once again Andy Dibb

Hi Brian and Laurie, thanks for yet another great rally, really enjoyed it. Sorry I had to shoot off a bit early, but needed to get 1615 from Lymington, after being informed we were going out for dinner! Dave Gilliam

Hi Brian & Laurie A quick email to say thanks on behalf of the Wessex Ducks for allowing some of us to exhibit our cars yesterday. Please pass on our thanks to all your members who helped with the organisation, marshalling etc. It looked to me like a very good turnout of exhibitors, and when the weather improved at lunchtime what more could you ask for? A much nicer setting than Avon Forest. I hope you do it again next year and invite other clubs. There are pictures on our website at [http://www.thewessexducks.co.uk/2cv\\_004.htm](http://www.thewessexducks.co.uk/2cv_004.htm) Thanks again, Chris

What a lovely weekend in the New Forest attending 'Classics in the Forest', organised by the Dorset Morris Minor Owners Club. Saturday afternoon we had a mystery drive through some of the best parts of the Forest, courtesy of Natasja - complete with a break for cream tea, which must easily be the best value ever. 2 scones, jam, cream and home made cake finished off copious amounts of tea - all for £5!! Some excitement was caused when Brian and Gloria Westbrook's baby 'Mimi' caught fire on the way back. Luckily it was quickly controlled and didn't do too much damage. Sunday started off wet but cleared up by midday, with warm sunshine appearing. Natasja Dumay and Gloria raised a further £60 for Marie Curie by baking little Dutch pancakes ('poffertjes') and selling strawberries and clotted cream. There was live music and things to see and do. Our compliments to the (relatively small) team of Dorset MMOC members who planned, organised and ran this relatively big 2 day event. We realise an awful lot of work went into it and would like to pass on our gratitude via Brian Wood. You've all deserved a well earned break.

Hi Brian and Jacky. Thank you for organising the rally, along with the others. Please pass on our most sincere thanks to all those involved. Great location and fun. See you all soon. Regards, Helena and Kate xx.



## Secretary's Report

Good evening and welcome to the August clubnight. I hope you have all brought along your entries for the annual gardening competition and good luck to you all.

Well, Classics In The Forest has been and gone. I hope you all enjoyed the weekend. We had a very impressive turnout of vehicles of all sorts, not just Morris Minors. The display of concours vehicles was excellent and Richard and Christine Lee, the MMOC Chief Concours judge and his wife, had a very good weekend with us. He was very impressed with the quality of the Minors we have in the



branch and saw several more on the show field that could quite easily have qualified for concours judging. The depth of detail he goes into with the concours judging meant that to judge the small number of vehicles actually took him 2 days! Eddie and I undertook the difficult task of the condition class judging. This really does get more and more difficult every year. The final list of prize winners is printed elsewhere in this newsletter. Many thanks to ESM for sponsoring the trophies again this year. "Ruby" the Morris 8 made her first trip out to a show. This brought to light quite a few jobs that will need to be done! She bangs and rattles a lot on the bumpy forest roads which I'm putting down to the fact that all the rubber bushes need replacing! On the way home the brake master cylinder failed completely whilst coming down Thorney Hill into Bransgore which made for an interesting drive home! The new one has now arrived from Ian Harris Morris Spares which we hope to get fitted soon.

The week after our own show several of us went to Sherborne Castle for Classics At The Castle. This was a fantastic show with some truly amazing cars on show – from Rolls Royces to Aston Martins and Ferraris to Lamborghinis. I managed to pick up a couple of bits and pieces in the Autojumble section and Louise managed to help empty my wallet on the toy stalls!! The organisers have decided to make this a 2 day show next year which I can quite understand. There must have almost a thousand vehicles in attendance!

Unfortunately, we are unable to attend the Lymington Show this year but we will still be having a club stand. This is always a very good show which we enjoy. The Beaulieu International Autojumble in September is clashing with the Isle of Wight Rally again this year, so although we aren't able to go, I hope some of you will and help them celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> annual rally.

The National MMOC are doing a John-O'-Groats to Lands End MARIE CURIE MARATHON in a Minor in September and we are hosting it on Saturday 24th at the Castle Point Shopping Centre in Bournemouth. The aim is to raise money for the Cancer charity and if you can spare an hour to come along and help (with your Morris if possible!) it would be appreciated. Please let me know if you can help. Thanks.

That's about all from me for this month so until next time,  
Happy Minorng Laurie.

## Chairman's Report



Good evening and welcome to the August clubnight. Tonight is the Gardening competition – so a big thank you to all the members for all their hard work in their greenhouses and gardens for this clubnight. Also thanks to Eddie Pateman for his organisation of the competition. I hope all the branch members have an enjoyable day at the Lymington Show on the Branch Stand. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend this year. The Committee are looking at some new shows and places to visit—also runs and new ideas for the members to do. If you see any new ideas or shows, please let one of us know so that we can organise something.

At the club rally, I put my folding caravan up for sale. I had a few people looking at it but no takers. I put it on eBay and sold it within 2 days. Thanks to Steve the Village Collector (Model Man). I would like to thank all of the committee and members for all their hard work and help on the Rally weekend. With the stalls, raffle, gate, marshalling, parking the campers and caravanners and also making all the lovely home made cakes for the cakes stall. We did have a few problems on the Rally weekend but we have learnt from it. I have booked the fish and chips for the Mistletoe Meander run on the 27th December, so put that in your diary. Also the Waverly Trip to London is ready to go—just waiting for the times from the holiday company. So I will let you know the programme for the weekend as soon as possible. That's all for now, Happy Motoring from Chairman John.

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## MG Club Oxford Visit 12th October

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## Regalia (by Dave Walker)

While having a stocktake on the regalia after the Branch Rally I came across three DVDs. Could you put a note in the magazine to the effect that we have two 2006 and one 2007 Morris photo album DVDs. they are only £1:00p each and may be of historical interest to members. They may, of course include pictures of their own vehicle

## Strawberry Tea (Lyn Gerry)

Strawberry Tea, In Aid Of Breast Cancer Care, August 24<sup>th</sup> from 3pm

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**Brian. 07411 116336**

## From Margaret (Beaulieu PR Manager)

Dear Laurie, John, Nev and everyone at the Dorset Morris Minor Owners Club. Thank you all for your fantastic gift on my retirement. I was overwhelmed by your kindness and the effort you went to, to give me such a unique present. I did pop by your stand around 4:30 pm on Saturday, but unfortunately I left it too late and you had gone—not that I blame you, it was quite miserable. I will definitely be back in September and will make sure I see you all then. Many, many thanks again, you are the most thoughtful of people, best wishes Margaret.

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# Dorset MMOC Branch Rally at Burley (9-10th July 2016)

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Saturday line-up photo courtesy Roger Kellow

