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Dorset Branch

NEWSLETTER



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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

Clive & Wendy Juniper's entry in the cake competition was disqualified on the grounds that it didn't have enough walnuts!
Very good job, though!

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

June 26th—Classic Cars on the Prom—Christchurch Quay 11:00-17:00
July 6th—Clubnight—Rally planning evening.
July 3rd—Burton Scout Carnival—Martins Hill Lane, Burton start 1:00
July 3rd—Classic Cars on the Prom—Highcliffe Castle 11:00-16:00
July 9th –10th -'CLASSICS IN THE FOREST' (iAnnual Branch Rally) Burley
July 17th Sherborne Castle—Classics and Supercars
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)
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3-4th September-IOW 30th Rally (Havenstreet , Isle of Wight)
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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

7th January (2017)—Dinner and Dance

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



'HANDMADE' - The making of a Morgan—by Marcus Ward

For me and my brother John, it was a rare opportunity to have a 'boy's day out' together and he arrived early from Ottery St Mary to collect me from Nailsea giving us time to have a good full English breakfast on the way. We still had time to look around Malvern before meeting up with Nigel and the rest of the group.

Our tour guide, also John, met us promptly at 2pm and following the usual 'health and safety' talk - no flash photography, do not stray over the marked tour path lines etc; we were on our way! The first event of the afternoon was an archive film showing the early years of Morgan cars. We were then brought into the present with the most recently designed car - a full sized car with a 'cut away' section where all the components could be identified - the ash frame, aluminium chassis supporting the passenger compartment, drive train and the external body panels, wings and bonnet - also made of aluminium. Next we went into the woodwork shop to see how the laminated ash internal body frame components are glued, clamped and braced, then left to cure. Once cured and stabilised, the aluminium front cowling and rear wings are fitted to the ash frame.

Our next port of call was the assembly shop where the chassis, axles, drive transmissions and braking systems are all put together. The unique feature of all the workshops is that each stage of the build is done on trestles - where everything is assembled by hand.

In the final stage assembly area are large tables where interior leather trim patterns are cut to shape ready for the trimmers to use. At this stage all the cars are fitted with painted panels whilst the interior trimmers finish their work - job done!

On display in a showroom nearby are Morgan cars made for specific customers; these include Ford engined 'Plus Four' i.e. four cylinders with four wheels, special racing editions and unique customer specifications with V8 engines - a very good power to weight ratio giving 0 to 60 in 4.5 seconds! A Morris Minor might struggle to keep up!

The final workshop is the 3 wheeler assembly area; these also are assembled at trestle height. Here we saw the latest 2 litre V Twin engine which is capable of 100 mph +; a great improvement on the 1930 JAP engine!

In the Archive Museum is the very first 3-wheeler side valve V twin with cycle wheels. Also on display is the original owner's Plus Four - a 4 seater tourer side valve car used as the family car!

I must say that John, our excellent tour guide, was a mine of information with great attention to detail. We all left clutching pieces of leather trim and ash blocks as mementoes of our visit!

I did fly the flag for Morris Minors by wearing my MMOC jacket, however, I couldn't resist bringing a Morgan home with me; unfortunately, it is only 2 inches long and made in China!

Huge thanks must go to Nigel Seymour for arranging this great day out; I'm sure that we all will remember it long into the future.

Marcus Ward (DMMOC) 25 May 2016

(Pictures on page 15)

Dorset Branch Newsletter

July 2016

MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB

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CLUBNIGHT ACTIVITY:

Rally Planning Evening

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NEXT CLUBNIGHT— The Garden Show

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

Hi Everyone and welcome to the newsletter. Not long now until our annual rally at the new venue in Burley, New Forest, otherwise known as **Classics in the Forest**. If you have not booked, you can, of course still come along on either or both days (Saturday/Sunday). When you read this we will just be home from the National Rally in Derbyshire for the MMOC 40th Anniversary Rally. We planned to make a weekend of it staying at a Travelodge nearby for three nights. Just time to catch breath before our show next weekend.

We paid a visit the Hampshire Branch 'do' at the Hambledon Vineyard on Sunday 19th June in the '57 four door. Very good it was too, and the rain held off until we were on the way home. The vineyard tour was very good and lasted nearly a couple of hours (including tasting time!) We splashed out on a couple of bottles and then won another in the raffle. I didn't feel too guilty since it was my birthday—and in that regard, thanks to Tracy for the lovely birthday cake. Just like the one that came first the competition at the Great Dorset Bake Off. As some will know, Hambledon has suffered badly in recent flooding and has had extensive holes dug in the road to replace the drains. As a result, the road to the village is as about as smooth as the Alps! My theory, therefore about the spluttering and coughing (the car, not me) that we suffered on the first part of the journey back home was down to disturbed sediment in the tank finding its way to the carburettor. We stopped after a few miles, thinking it might be a dead or dying coil. We put a new one on and were able to continue home unaided by the RAC. The spluttering gradually faded and the car seemed to be running fine by the time we got home (in what was, by then, torrential rain). "Note to self" when we got home "clean out carburettor". Jacky decided to brave the sediment and take the car out on the following Tuesday before I had done this. She only got about half a mile before complete failure ensued half way across Magna Road!. A traffic jam later, she left it for me to sort out when I could get to it. I had meant to re-fit the old coil, so this was the first thing I did having confirmed the lack of ignition spark. Hasn't missed a beat since. The new coil had managed less than 50 miles before failure. I have never been a fan of the cheaper pattern coils and I have now resolved not to supply them any more. This is not the first one I have had to return, as well. The Spares Department will stocking only the Bosch ones and the Lucas Sports ones in future. See you at the Rally in a few days time!

Brian.



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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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Hi Brian,
It was good to catch up and have a chat with everyone at Boolee . I thought you might like to hear about our recent very good day out at The British Motor Museum at Gaydon . The new Collections Centre opened in mid February , it has 2 storeys and holds about 200 cars most of which haven't been seen before , including several development pre-production vehicles . The new building has an excellent viewing area where one can see vehicles being maintained .

And there is still the original museum building to enjoy . Well worth a visit if any Dorset members are in the area - the Museum is just off J12 of the M40. I have enclosed some pictures of the viewing area. See you all soon . Dave .
Dorset member 272



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Brian. 07411 116336

Secretary's Report

Good evening and welcome to July clubnight. Thank you to everyone who brought cakes along for the cake competition last month. Don't forget that next month is the annual gardening competition so get those green fingers working and lets have lots of entries.

This month, of course, is the month of our big show – Classics In The Forest. We will need lots of volunteers over the weekend for everything from marshalling to manning stalls etc. John will be asking you all for your help tonight. We will be giving your passes out tonight.

Hopefully I will have the passes for Classics At The Castle, Sherborne, for tonight or if not very soon. I will get them to you so don't worry.

We have had quite a busy month in June. It started off for us with a trip down to Sidmouth for the Bank Holiday weekend. Several of us stayed at The Royal Glen Hotel again in preparation for a rally at Pecorama on the Sunday. There were lots of cars in attendance and we had free entry to the model railway exhibition and the park as well as a reduced rate on the miniature railway. The weather was terrific and we had a great weekend. We hope to go along again next year and may even make it a club weekend away at The Royal Glen Hotel who will be delighted to see everyone again. On what turned out to be another baking hot weekend we went along to the Moors Valley Summer Gala. There was a good, albeit small, selection of vehicles on show plus a few miniature traction engines and the obligatory stationary engines. We had a very nice day especially as we got free train rides all day!

Good progress has been made on the "8" last month. We now have a fully working braking system but I think a new master cylinder will be required very soon! The blowing manifold gasket has been dealt with which has enabled the carburettor to be adjusted correctly and she is now ticking over perfectly. Whilst we were at the Popham Airfield show in May I picked up a 6 volt wiper motor for £10. The seller had no idea if it worked but I'm pleased to report it does so that's another job done. I've still got to work out why the speedo doesn't work as well as the fuel gauge which did work before I fitted the new ignition switch! With any luck you may get to finally see "Ruby", as she has been christened, at Classics In The Forest. I think that's about all from me for this month, see you all in Burley! Happy Minorng, Laurie.



Chairman's Report



Good evening and welcome to the July clubnight. I'm sorry that the July clubnight run has been cancelled, because the owners of the venue had problems. It was too late to organise another run. The committed

decided to make this clubnight into a rally planning evening which is a good idea as it is a new rally venue. Also we can ask the members for their suggestions and new ideas and for help over the weekend. As usual for the rally can we have plenty of members lovely home made cakes for the cake stall, prizes for the raffle and bric-a-brac stall. I hope all the members have filled in their rally forms as I know that the Saturday night social club meal is nearly full.

Next month's club night is the gardening competition organised by committee member Edde Pateman, so I hope all the green-fingered members are busy in their greenhouses getting their produce ready for clubnight. Over the last couple of months some of our members have not been too well, so I hope they are feeling a lot better.

My son came down from Buckinghamshire for Fathers day and we went to a Caribbean Restaurant in Bournemouth for a meal on Saturday night and I thought the meal was very spicy and hot and a good sized portion. Ideal for a night out.

That's all for now, see you for the Rally, John

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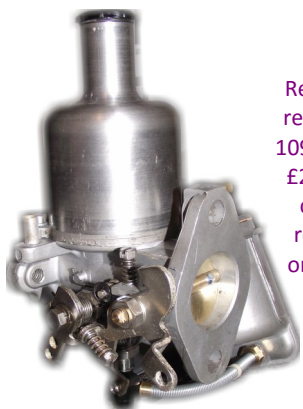
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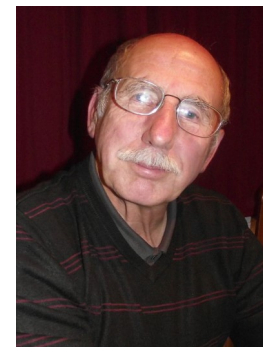


Judging for the Garden Show —by Eddie Pateman

Morris Minor Owners Club—Dorset Branch
Garden Show—3rd August 2016

EXHIBITORS:

Would members wishing to enter the show please have their exhibits in place by 7:45pm. Please register with me before placing in a selected class. Each exhibitor will be issued with a number and cup to be placed next to each item.



JUDGING:

Judging will commence between 8:00 pm and 8:45 pm. Members wishing to participate in judging the various classes please collect counters from the show table. Place one counter into the cup next to the exhibit you have judged to be the best in that class. PLEASE NOTE—ONE COUNTER ONLY PER CLASS.

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Thank you for taking part. Eddie Pateman

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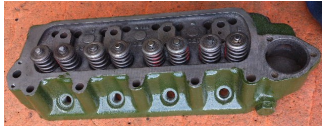
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For the benefit of newer members who may not be aware of it, the Branch operates a Morris Minor New Spares service. From the year 2015-16, we are introducing a discount scheme whereby *most* purchases by paid up Branch Members will get **10%** discount applied to the price* (unless already on discounted offer or not available to us with discount). 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 made and reconditioned items are also available, such as bonnet props, fuel pumps, carburettors and radiators.




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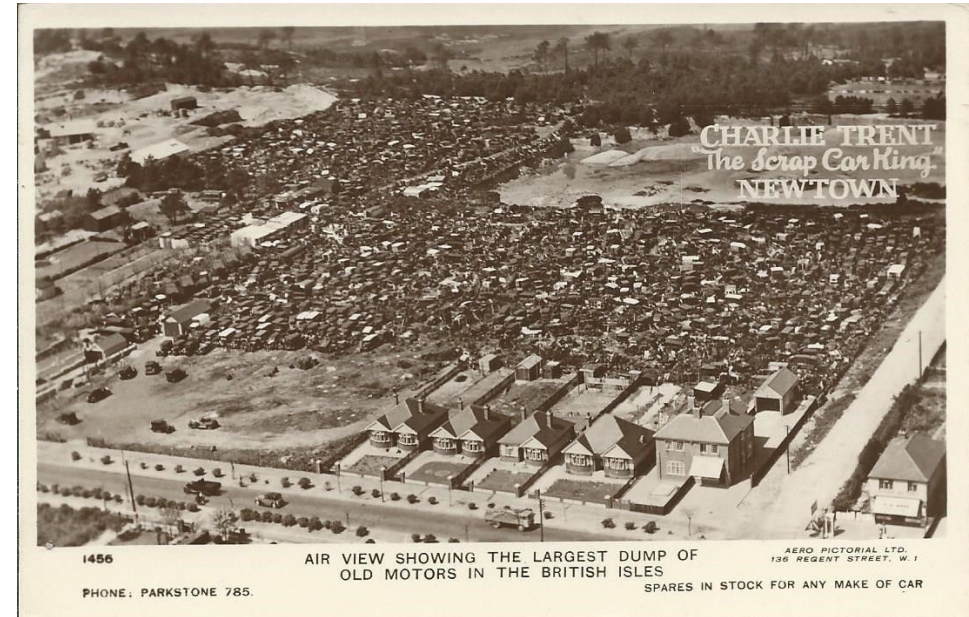
DORSET BRANCH SPARES NEWS



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 £2.50)





Fire at Charles Trent Scrapyard, Poole, 17th June 2016
BY [LINDSEY HARRIS](#) | PUBLISHED JUN 17 2016

This evening, as I was making my way home from visiting friends, I spotted a huge plume of smoke on the horizon. Thinking it looked very near another friend's house, I went to have a look. In fact it was a huge fire at Charles Trent scrapyard.

According to Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service this evening, over 170 vehicles are estimated to have been involved in the fire.

Charles Trent's Managing Director, Marc Trent, issued a statement on Facebook which said: "A fire broke out this evening in one of our compounds. Fortunately no one was hurt and the fire was contained as quickly as possible.

Both the fire service and police have done an excellent job for which we would like to thank them. The source of the fire is still unknown at this moment in time.

The main business on Ringwood Road is unaffected.

Many thanks for the support from all the well wishers."

I didn't have my camera with me when I took the photos of the actual scrapyard fire, only my mobile phone (that'll teach me!). The above view is from Ringwood Road.

