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FRONT COVER

The Marie Curie Fund raising car visited on 24th September and we raised some money for the charity at Castle Point shopping centre.

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CLUBNIGHT ACTIVITY:

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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NEXT CLUBNIGHT

Talk by Kevin Patience on 'The Dorset Victoria Crosses 1857-1944'

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. We hosted the MOC 40th Anniversary Marie Curie Charity car for the morning of Saturday 24th September. Laurie arranged for us to use a space outside Marks and Spencer at Castle point shopping centre for fund raising. We only had a 3 hour slot, but managed to rattle the tins to the tune of £166.19, which was worthwhile. We collected the car the day before from the Hampshire Branch at Beaulieu Museum and waved it off again at 12:00 as Graham drove it up the M3 to Winchester for the next leg with Surrey/Hants border branch to Giles Vodicka. Grateful thanks to those that came along and helped on the



day.

Next clubnight is the Annual General Meeting so hopefully there will be a good turnout to our final meeting of the Branch year. Don't forget your membership renewal forms if you haven't don't so already. Brian.



What a great day we have had ! We drove over to The British Motor Museum at Gaydon to meet Bruce and Mike with the Minor that is doing this fantastic trip. Rosie Hamilton had invited Dave to take the car from Gaydon to Cowley (stops 37 and 38) . The day didn't start too well as we had to drive from home to Gaydon in FOG ! But nevertheless we made it in good time. We were introduced to the car by Bruce and a few photos taken in the fog. We set off in convoy towards Banbury (Dave in the lead followed by Bruce and Mike in Mike's Traveller and me at the back) only to be greeted with a big diversion due to the road being closed. We negotiated that and then we made good time down to Oxford only to be greeted by more delays - this time, road-works . It seems that most of Oxford is being dug up just now. Despite this Dave thoroughly enjoyed the drive as the car purred along like a little sewing machine. We eventually got to The BMW Mini factory at Cowley where the very friendly members of the Oxford branch were waiting. They provided refreshments and were most welcoming. By this time the fog had disappeared and we had sunshine . So loads of photos and lots of chat ensued. The Oxford Mail sent a photographer along so



Editor's In-Box



there should be a good report in the next edition. They managed to get an excellent article in last week's paper.

Talking of publicity, I managed to get a good plug on BBC Radio Northampton today for the Northampton branch who have the car tomorrow (stop 41). Dave then handed the keys over to the Oxford member who was taking the car to Milton Keynes. It was so good to be involved in this great adventure and Bruce and Mike are super ambassadors for the club. Everyone so friendly and all supporting a good cause. We will see you on the 24th at Castlepoint. It's Dave's 65th birthday on the 24th - a pensioner at last!. Pam Holton.



Morning Brian, Just to let you know we didn't win yesterday at the Goodwood Revival Car of the Day vote, but we did come 5th! Considering the competition that wasn't bad, they were some pretty smart looking cars there. Please can you thank the members who voted for us, we really appreciate it.

MOT-UK-2017

Hi all, it seems as though it was only yesterday that we were in Somerset on MOT UK, but it's already time to start planning for 2017, our 9th rally. On this occasion the event is to be run from 8th - 15th July, and will follow a similar format to previous years, which has proved to be so popular. This time we will be based at a four star campsite in West Yorkshire that also has a choice of on-site accommodation. For those that prefer to stay off site, a selection of alternative accommodation will also be provided. If you are interested in taking part, please complete and return the attached registration form as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. We are hoping that with early registration we will be able to book sufficient pitches etc for everyone. As in previous years, places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Electric pitches are £136.35 for 7 nights inclusive.

Non electric pitches are £122.85 7 nights inclusive.

Extra nights are £20.00 per night.

On-site accommodation. On registration all participants will be given a unique registration number, which will identify them as MOT UK participants. Further details will be sent on registration. Kind regards, Bill & Lesley Hewlett - Minors on Tour UK Organisers

Secretary's Report

Good evening and welcome to the 2016 AGM. Tonight's 'boring bit' shouldn't take too long—hopefully you are all happy with the way things are going with the club but please do let us know if you have any comments or suggestions. Last month's talk by Alan White from Poole Pottery was very interesting and I understand that Brian starts work there very soon! (*My training was very brief—Ed*) Next month we will be having another talk by Kevin Patience—this time on Dorset's V.C.'s.



I understand that our part of the Marie Curie Marathon JOGLE run went well with £166.19 being collected at Castlepoint. The Beaulieu Autojumble was its usual excellent self with the stall being busy all weekend meeting and greeting visitors from all around the world. I managed to pick up a few bits and bobs for both the Traveller and the '8'. If you went to Holnest Country Fayre I hope you enjoyed it—unfortunately we were unable to attend as we were in Sidmouth for the weekend. Talking of Sidmouth we are planning to have a Branch stand at the Pecorama Classic Car Show in Beer near Sidmouth on the May 2nd Bank holiday next year. We have booked rooms for the weekend at the Royal Glen Hotel in Sidmouth again from the Saturday and leaving on the Monday. Please let us know if you would like to come. The more rooms we book the cheaper they will be.

As you may have heard, the 2017 Branch Rally will be Moggyfest at the Spring Autojumble in May. There will not be a Branch Rally in July which will free us up to do other things that weekend. I know some members are already planning to take part in the MOT (UK) tour. I have started to look into a rally that I have wanted to go to for some years now—the Powderham Castle Classic Car Show. When I hear more details I will let you know.

Some progress has been made on the '8'. The new master cylinder has been fitted and we now have working brakes! What a novelty!. The speedo has been changed for another one and now we know how fast we are going! Novelty number #2! There still seems to be something not quite right with the replacement one though, as taking the car down to Classic Cars on the Prom as we did 11.000 miles. The next job to be done is the shock absorbers. I've looked into having the existing ones reconditioned but that will cost a fortune. There is however, another solution. You can convert it to later more easily obtainable Armstrong lever arm shock absorbers and this is what we are currently looking into.

I think that is all from me this month, so Happy Minorng, Laurie



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2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

7th October 2015 20:15

Apologies: Helena Carr, Kate Noon, Stephen Gonyou, Tony and Sue Ware, Eddie and Margaret Pateman, Peter and Valerie Webb, Angi Odell

Minutes of Last Meeting. These had been printed in the current newsletter and were accepted as accurate (prop. Sue Blewer, sec Theresa Moxley.)

President's Opening Remarks

The President opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the 2015 AGM. He said that it had been another good year – with mostly good weather. He proposed a vote of thanks for the work of the committee this year.

Secretary's Report Good evening and welcome to this year's AGM. Thank you to all of you for your support throughout the last year. Its been another busy year on the events side of things with us attending shows including: Brooklands, Bournemouth Wheels Festival, Popham Airfield Vintage Fly-In, Hampshire Branch Rally, Classics at the Castle at Sherborne – an excellent show and one that we will definitely do again next year, the Holdenhurst Village Fete, Bygones – this year was their last show and is one we will miss, Lymington Show – its usual excellent self, the Purbeck Rally, Brockenhurst Show with Steam and I'm sure many others that I have not mentioned. We ventured up to Thoresby Park in the Midlands and enjoyed the weekend of the inaugural Morris Vehicles Association Rally which this year was hosted by the Morris Register. We held the first ever 'Moggy Fest' this year at the Beaulieu Spring Autojumble and it was an overwhelming success with approximately 200 vehicles from across the entire Morris range in attendance. The Saturday night meal at the Brabazon Restaurant was extremely good and our old friend Stuart Timbrell provided a very entertaining after-dinner speech which was much enjoyed by everyone who came. We even made a two-page spread in Classic Car Weekly as well as other classic car publications.

Our own Dorset Branch Rally started off well on the Saturday but was somewhat damp on the Sunday! Nevertheless nearly everyone who had pre-booked turned up and a good day was had by all. It would have been even better in the dry though! This was our last Rally at Avon Heath Country Park after 21 continuous years.

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We have decided in future though not to hold two major events per year as there is just so much work involved. Next year's rally will be held in Burley and will be called 'Classics in the Forest'. We are looking for any suggestions you may have for the event as we need the first one to be really good.

We hope you have been happy with the various speakers, quizzes etc that we have organised for you at clubnight. The gardening competition went down very well again and will be held again next August. The chosen charity this year was LEAF and we presented them with a cheque for £500 which was gratefully received. The Club Runs have been well supported by the members but not necessarily by the weather! Many thanks to those of you who took part in the Inter-Club Quiz and well done on your final score.

Plans are already afoot for next year's events. Next year marks the 40th Anniversary of the MMOC and a large celebratory rally will be held in the Derby area in conjunction with next year's Morris Vehicles Association Rally. We will mark 60 years of the Minor 1000 in 2016 and it is also going to be 30 years since I joined the MMOC and the Dorset Branch. So with all that in mind, we can look forward to another enjoyable year of Minorng next year!

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 are still doing well. There has been no major expenditure again this year and both of the big events made a good surplus. Moggie fest had a surplus of £711.18 and the Dorset Rally a surplus of £599.03.

Of course, the surplus from the spares has contributed a large amount as well, but Brian will tell you more about this in a moment.

We have purchased two hot water urns for use at the various events and three new tables which we hope to keep clean for the sale of cakes. We are also sending cards and best wishes to members who are ill or have suffered bereavement. So if you know of anyone in this situation please let a committee member know and Eddie will send a card.

The chosen charity for this year was LEAF and a cheque for £500 was presented to their representative at the September clubnight. This was rounded up from the money raised at the blind auction (£325) and £67.11 from bric-a-brac sales at the Rally. The rebate from the national MMOC was £140 this year – so please remember to sign the blue folder if you are also a member of the National MMOC.

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.Wescott, 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!

We have had to renew the web hosting service for the website this year at a cost of

£258.77 which will actually be in the current financial year. This is for the next three years at a cost of £7.19 per month. I have checked the 'Hits' indicator and it now shows over 188,000 which appears to have actually doubled since last year. The Branch does receive considerable exposure from this as witnessed by the random queries I regularly get. (eg. A chap in Scotland wanted to know how to fix his door handles and a film crew in Cornwall wanted a Minor for filming the next day)

The Spares Service has had another good year returning a surplus of about £3,500 to the Branch reserves. The Committee have considered the question of how to run the spares service in the future and we have decided to introduce a discount scheme for the coming year. A figure of 10% has been chosen and we estimate that this will reduce next year's surplus by approximately two-thirds. The parts will still be marked up with the normal prices and the discount will be applied to the final total for MEMBERS only. Hopefully this will be of benefit to the members and may attract new members. Don't forget to let me know if you need any parts brought along to clubnights.

Chairman's Report The Chairman gave a brief resume of the year's highlights and thanked the members and the committee for their continued support. He said that he hoped that this would continue for the next year.

Committee Elections Graham Jarvis (President) thanked the Committee for all their efforts over the past year.


Dave Walker proposed that as there were no committee resignations or other candidates, that the existing committee be proposed and seconded. This was agreed by the meeting. The new Committee Nominations were as follows:

Chairman – John Jenkinson
Secretary – Laurie Blewer
Treasurer – Jacky Wood
Events – Nev Gerry
Editor – Brian Wood
Membership – Des Waller
Comm Member - Brian Ford
Comm Member – Eddie Pateman

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

Any Other Business: None
the meeting was closed at 20:40
Signed

Laurie Blewer – MMOC Dorset Branch Secretary





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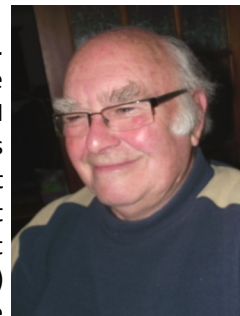
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Chairman's Report

Good evening and welcome to another Annual General Meeting. Another year of good events activities has gone by. I hope everyone enjoyed the pot throwing demonstration at last months clubnight. I must say that the trainee potter was better looking but his pots weren't so good. As we were on the Waverley trip we hope that the Marie Curie Round Britain Marathon fund raising event went well. A big thank you to all who were involved from the Dorset Branch. We had a letter of thanks from Marie Curie (local branch) saying that we had raised £166.19 on Saturday morning at Castle point. I would like to thank all my committee for their support over the past year. Three reminders for you, (1) membership renewal, (2) Mistletoe Meander, (3) Dinner and Dance. You should have received forms for each of these.



The Waverley Trip weekend went fairly well, with good drivers on the coaches (Andy and Derek), hotels excellent, Greenwich was fantastic (members have asked for a day trip back there) I picked up a vintage car club badge at the market. Unfortunately... the Waverley had a boiler problem and did not sail up the Thames! Hopefully, we will be offered a voucher or refund. Then we went to Leeds Castle with the flower festival, with incredible flower displays. When driving over the Thames it was nice to see some Freemen of the City in their regalia preparing their sheep to drive them across one the bridges.

I have taken some new stock in for embroidery for the club regalia—hopefully available at clubnight. Happy Motoring John Jenkinson (Chairman)

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Mistletoe Meander

The Mistletoe Meander is being arranged for 27th December (which is the Tuesday after Christmas) and a bank holiday. There should be an entry slip with the newsletter. The entry is £7 per head and includes coffee, mince pies, road run, fish and chip lunch with dessert. (Slips also available on the website).



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5th October— Clubnight—AGM
2nd November—Clubnight—Talk by Kevin Patience on 'The Dorset Victoria Crosses 1857-1944'
7th December—Clubnight—Noggin and Natter
27th December—Mistletoe Meander

2017

4th January—Clubnight—Hobbies Evening
7th January —Dinner and Dance
28th May Pecorama Classic Vehicle Rally, South Devon.
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DEVON WEEKEND 2017

We are arranging a weekend in Devon next year, staying at the Royal Glen in Sidmouth and visiting the Pecorama Classic Car Show in nearby Beer on the Sunday. Accommodation prices to be announced shortly but the date for the diary is 26-29th May 2016. If enough of us book this we can get £5 off the prices shown.

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