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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

Simon Hancock provided this picture of a rather snazzy Morris Minor in the Malta Motor Museum

**Dorset Branch of the Morris Minor Owners Club
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Forthcoming Events (see also www.dorsetmmoc.co.uk)

7th December—Clubnight—Noggin and Natter

27th December—Mistletoe Meander

2017

1st January—Classic Cars on the Prom at Kings Park, BH7 7AF—From 11:00—14:00

4th January—Clubnight—Hobbies Evening

7th January —Dinner and Dance

1st February—Clubnight Blind Auction

1st March—Clubnight—Speaker TBA

4th April—Clubnight—Quiz

3rd May—Clubnight—Phil Traves' antiques evening —Bring your items!

13-14th May—MOGGYFEST and friends at Beaulieu Spring Autojumble

28th May Pecorama Classic Vehicle Rally, South Devon.

7th June—Clubnight— Call My Bluff

24-24 June—MMOC National Rally—Crawley RH10 4PE

5th July—Clubnight—Run out

2nd August—Clubnight—Gardening Competition

Dinner and Dance 2017

7th January 2017 Dinner and Dance at the Liston Hotel in Boscombe Spa.

Starters: Leek and potato soup, Melon Platter, Stuffed Mushrooms with blue cheese.

Mains: Turkey, Beefsteak Pie, Cod in white wine sauce, Vegetable Hot pot.

Deserts: Bread and butter pudding with custard, Fresh Fruit salad, Trio of baby deserts, Cheese and Biscuits. Followed by tea or coffee with mince pies.

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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).

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. **NOTE ENTRY FORM FOR RALLY MUST BE SENT OFF FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL ENTRY**

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CLUBNIGHT ACTIVITY:

Noggin and Natter



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NEXT CLUBNIGHT

Hobbies Evening (no newsletter—Sorry!)

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. December already, hope you are all ready for Christmas. Tonight's meeting is the usual Noggin and Natter with pre-festive frills and add-ons.

This will be the last newsletter until February 2017 as in accordance with recent tradition, I have been given Christmas and New Year off from my editorial duties. It has been a bit of a challenge to produce and print the newsletter over the end-of-year holiday so for the last few years we have made December's issue a double one.

What a strange year this has been, with the most unlikely political outcomes coming true what with 'Brexit' and the other chap over the pond. I was reminded of the Simpson's episode produced in 2000 which featured Lisa Simpson as President of the USA and in her first day in office, she refers to inheriting a "budget crunch" from 'President Trump'. The expression "Life Imitates Art" coined by Oscar Wilde, comes to mind. (Hope you like my new hair-do, by the way).

Thanks to Roger K for the latest article in the A-Z series—this month featuring your favourite seat belt and headgear manufacturer—Kangol. You will have to read it to find out what is going on with the 'Rear View' picture this month!



'Arcadia' parked-up in Lisbon

Jacky and I spent a fair proportion of November on the P&O cruise ship 'Arcadia' sailing down to the Mediterranean and back—taking in 6 stops in Gibraltar, Spain, Portugal and Africa. As a result I have become used to being pampered and running up a huge bar bill! Jacky has noticed that my hands have never been so clean! Needless to say, the convertible has not been disturbed much from its slumbers since the last report. I am currently trying to finish the brake piping—which is made more complicated by virtue of the servo which I need to incorporate into the circuit. I have decided to do away with the hydraulic brake light switch—so that introduces a simplification to the plumbing but requires a bit of compensatory mechanical and electrical wizardry that I haven't quite figured out yet!. It only remains to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year holiday and see you all again in February. Brian.



The Branch Charity cheque for this year will be presented to 'Chaos' on Sunday 11th December 10:00-12.00 at Family Centre, Bond Avenue, West Moors BH22 0LL—if you would like to come along with your Moggie!

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FOR SALE: 1959 Morris Minor factory convertible. Smoke grey / OEW wheels. Later 1098cc engine and gearbox fitted. Unleaded cylinder head, recent new black mohair hood, original blue part leather interior in good condition. Several receipts for replacement parts fitted in recent years. Mot and tax exempt. £6250. (May px another Minor?) 07748 154474 (T)



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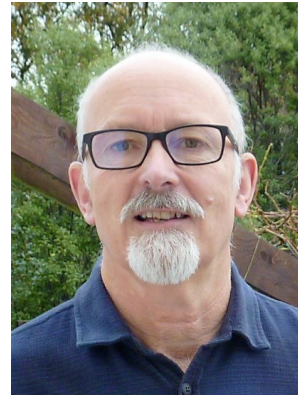
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BRANCH REBATE SCHEME

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 the Membership Secretary of your **MMOC membership number** and renewal date and make sure that you sign the attendance sheet at the clubnights. Thanks.

Hi All, I am sure that some of you will be aware of the recent positive publicity in the Classic Car press. The December issue of Practical Classics is well worth a look as the Morris Minor Tops the poll of 100 Classic cars to be named Britain's Favourite Classic Car. Classic and Sportscar courtesy of an article by Journalist and MMOC member Jon Pressnell has increased the exposure of the MMOC and many of you on the mailing list for this e mail feature either in person or via your cars! In the shops now if you care to browse. Thanks to all who helped in any way to raise the profile of the MMOC and the YMR in this our Anniversary Year. Its not over yet and hopefully there will be more publicity to come. Ray Newell



I would like to thank everyone who wished me good luck in my new post as Membership Secretary. Many thanks to Des and Tina for their help and advice, handing over the reins. I will do my best to do the job well.

Brian Ford



Laurie's photos taken at the NEC Classic Car Show in November. The 'Live' rebuild of

the Practical Classics Project and Simon Austerfield's Traveller. All with the 'Ruby' theme of the MMOC 40th Anniversary



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Secretary's Report



Good evening everyone and welcome to the last clubnight of 2016. Would you believe it – Christmas already! I hope you all found last month's talk on Dorset VC's interesting and informative. Please remember that January's clubnight will be the hobbies evening where we ask you all to bring along examples of your other hobbies apart from our dear old Morris Minors! February will, of course, be the annual blind auction.

Please don't forget to get your entry forms in for the Mistletoe Meander, the annual dinner and dance and the Devon weekend. All three of these events are sure to be very good as they always are. If you are planning on joining us in Devon please ask me for a form to enter the Pecorama Classic Car Show which we have to send in as soon as we can.

We are planning on making the presentation to our 2016 charity – Chaos – on Sunday 11th December at 10am. We will be showing the cars to the children and their families from 10am until 12 noon and presenting them with a cheque for £500. We would really appreciate as many of you as possible joining us at Chaos in Bond Avenue, West Moors.

We are starting to make progress with the plans for **Moggyfest and Friends 2017** at the Beaulieu Spring Autojumble next May. We will be welcoming the concours competition again next year so this is a 'heads-up' to give you a few months to prepare your vehicles for judging!! The National Club are planning to reintroduce Regional Rallies in 2017 and have asked if Moggyfest can be the Southern Regional event for next year.

The venue for next years National Rally has been announced as Tully's Farm near Crawley in Sussex. Yes, actually in the South of England for a change. Several of us have already booked our rooms at the Crawley Travelodge for the weekend but be quick if you want to join us as it seems to be filling up fast.

Nev and I made the trip up to the NEC last month for the International Classic Car Show. It was a long day but well worth the effort involved. There were some fantastic vehicles on display with the MMOC putting on a very good display. All the cars on the stand were "ruby" red to help celebrate the clubs 40th anniversary. The Marie Curie car was also on display having now completed its Round Britain Run and the amazing sum of £40,000 was presented to Marie Curie on the Sunday. If you have been reading your Minor Matters and Practical Classics you will know that the MMOC have been rebuilding a 1949 lowlight, again in ruby red, as part of the celebrations. Good progress was made on the car over the weekend with several stints on the live stage. There were lots of other lovely cars to be found away from the MMOC stand. I particularly liked the Morris 25 on the Morris Register stand – what a fantastic beast. The Standard Vanguard transporter was also a sight to behold – what a creation! You really can't see all the show properly in 1 day, it's just too big. You really need to spend the whole weekend there!

One final thing – has anyone got 4 decent wheels they want to get rid of? I've bought a set of Michelins for the Traveller and want to prepare a set of wheels so I can just swap them straight across. I don't mind having to paint them, obviously, I just don't want a horrible rusty set!

That's about all from me for this month so until next time Merry "Minoring" Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all Laurie.

Chairman's Report



Good evening and welcome to the December Clubnight. As you know, December Clubnight is a Noggin and Natter evening with a glass of wine—but this year we are having a Christmas Jumper Competition on the best (or worst!) Christmas Jumper. Should be a bit of a laugh. Now, January's Clubnight is our Hobbies Evening. The idea of this is to find out the other interests the Branch members have apart from Morris Minors.

For example some of the members have interest in Photography, Painting, Ham Radio, Ceramics or collecting car badges, powder puffs, sixties and seventies record players and radios and also Wallace and Grommit to mention but a few!. So please bring along your interesting hobbies to the January Clubnight. If any members have any ideas that we could use for a clubnight, please let the Committee know. The Beaulieu Weekend on the 13-14th May 2017 is starting to look good so if you have a friend with a classic car and would like them to come along for the weekend please get them a rally form and send back to us. Can we please have your Mistletoe Meander forms back this clubnight so that we can order the food. Also the Dinner and Dance forms need to be handed back by tonight so we can make the arrangements for that also. The New Year's Day Classic Cars on the Prom event will be at the Bournemouth Football Club, Kings Park, Kings Park Drive, BH7 7AF— From 11:00—14:00.

That's all for now, have a Merry Christmas and a good New Year to all the Club Members, Ann and John Jenkinson.

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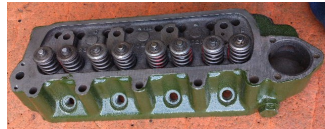
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'K' is for Kangol A-Z of Industrial Legacies—by Roger Kellow

Our nostalgic delving following Joseph Lucas last time, in our A-Z listing of companies, present at the 1963 London Motor Show takes us to the letter 'K' and here we find the name **KANGOL**.

Kangol at that time were already an established fashion headwear manufacturing company that exported around the world. Kangol had diversified in 1953 and started their specialist safety division Kangol Magnet. It was without doubt significant that when exhibiting their 'Kangol Magnet' brand of vehicle seat belts at this 1963 Motor Show it was at the beginning of a new era of 'changing attitude' towards an increasing acceptance of the idea to wear a car safety belt. (Every car seat belt and automobile maker had, in effect been given the free use of Volvo Car engineer Nils Bohlen's three point seat belt patent system from the early 1950's. Openly donated in the spirit of international safety.) Sure enough, only a couple of years later in 1965 'suitable' seat belt anchorage points were to start being fitted as a mandatory factory fitted feature in all new cars. Then following in 1968 with the mandatory requirement to factory fit front seat belts in all new cars. Existing cars were also required to be retro fitted with front seat belts back to cars of 1964 year of manufacture. (We return to safety belts later)

This story centres around one man's success with a particular type of hat and a particular type of belt! The person who was later to create the Kangol company came into this world in 1893. Jakob Henrych Sprieregen was born of Jewish parents in Warsaw. This family was under the most severe and oppressive conditions during Russian rule of Poland at the time. The Spieregen family eventually managed to escape with their lives from Poland to France in

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1910. In France Jakob later adopted the name he retained for the rest of his life - Jacques Henry Sergene. 5 years later in 1915 he emigrated to England, soon to start his own small business manufacturing hats in Castle St. London. Jacques found that there appeared no manufacturers of the French style of berets that he himself often wore and were so popular in France. He decided to import some traditional berets from a French Basque manufacturer friend he had known. These quality berets immediately proved very popular indeed with a growing number of his British customers.

At this same time WW1 had started and the young Jaques Sergene decided to enlist in The British Medical Corps. Within a few days he was posted back in France, on the front line. Following his service and bravery in the British army, Jaques Sergene became a fully naturalized British citizen in 1920.

By 1930 his hat and beret making business was booming and he decided on a brand name formed with using K for 'Knitting' - ANG for 'Angora' - and OL for 'Wool'. The name Kangol went on to become one of the best known headwear brands in the world. In 1938 a former linen mill was leased in Cleator Cumbria and with a staff of 4 Jacques Sergene commenced manufacturing his own designs of Kangol brand berets and knitted hats using imported specialist French machinery. From 1939 and during the earlier half of WW2 Kangol's entire production supplied the British armed forces, and as principle military uniform beret makers production reached one million berets a year. Increased production gradually supplied the growing civilian demand for his no frills, affordable beret in a rationed post war period.

A popular endorsement had come from the rather individualistic Field Marshal Montgomery, who's brilliant WW2 military strategies helped turn the tide for the allies to

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start winning the war. (Our period wartime photo shows a popular 'Monty' of the era wearing one of his famous 'twin military badged' personally commissioned Kangol special larger size beret. His two wartime companions, the puppies named 'Hitler and Romme' with him.)

A second factory was opened at Frizington, Cleator Moor Cumbria in 1950 to meet soaring demand for what continued as a fashionable post war look with the ever popular Kangol berets and headwear with 50,000 berets alone per quarter being produced. (It was even becoming noticeable that increasing numbers

of open top sports car drivers in Britain appeared to be wearing these Kangol berets in place of more usual and traditional flat tweed cap !!). From 1952-1953 two major acquisitions were made, Carrick Hat-makers of Carlisle and Thompson Wool Spinners of Huddersfield. Kangol was already using one million lbs of woollen spun yarn per year.

In 1954, as a diversification from the sole reliance on the 'fashion business', Kangol Magnet (Kangol Safety Division) was formed. First with the design and production of motorcycle safety helmets, followed the same year with car safety belts together with the design and production of an innovative and easily operated, magnetic fastening catch. This feature would later be responsible for making Kangol the best-selling vehicle safety belt. By 1969, Kangol Magnet supplied the largest number of seat belts in Europe ahead of other principle UK maker Britax. Kangol at that time were supplying to 4 out of the 5 top UK car maker. They also exported safety belts for factory fitting to Mercedes Benz and Fiat in addition to a number of car makers in America. There were a multitude of smaller sized manufacturers at the time wishing to gain a foothold in a potentially huge market. However they did not compare to the success in sales of Kangol or Britax. It has been difficult researching with any certainty, which of, or any one, particular company supplied seat belts direct to Cowley (when finally it was required by law to 'factory fit' all new cars before they left the production factory) to Morris Minors from 1st Jan 1971 to the end of production. We can only assume it most probably was Britax, as BMC had already chosen to nominate them initially as the 'approved accessory'. Then gradually as later BMC models came off the production lines, including Minis and 1100s, many more were factory fitted with Kangol magnetic catch safety belts customised by Kangol with a metallic BMC Rosette fixed on each fastening buckle. (New Old Stock examples of these original Kangol 'BMC badged belts' are ever increasing in rarity to and always in great demand particularly with classic BMC Mini enthusiasts.) From 1964 prior to factory fitting in 1971 BMC dealers were required to fit static front seat belts to all new Minors before handing the car over to the customer in order to meet the new seat belt regulations. Dealers had for some time provided the service of fitting safety belts, both 'BMC approved', Britax and various other makes of belts that they carried in stock. The BMC dealer workshop had the facility to order 'BMC Minor seat belt fitting kits' as the correct spares item direct from Cowley for any customers with Morris Minor earlier models without any pre-fitted anchor points at all, or for those interim model that had part factory fitted anchor points at the time.

Today some people may be surprised that although it was mandatory for seat belts to be fitted to all new cars starting in 1967 it was not until 16 years later (due to a series of changes in successive governments and claimed due to a repeated lack of debating time), that it was finally made compulsory in 1983. Driver and passenger, were required by law to wear seat belts in the front of cars. Many were already in the habit



of wearing seat belts by then as a result of various large budget government advertising campaigns (the law followed later in 1991 requiring to belt up in the back)

If your Morris Minor is an earlier model to the above, was never fitted, and still has no seat belts there is no legal requirement to wear a seat belt (children, however must not ride at all in a car in any way without any seat belts fitted). On the other hand of course, as we know, if seat belts have been fitted in a car the law says they must be worn. (Oh dear!, I am in danger of drifting into the subject of official rules and regulations regarding the U K law relating to seat belts. May I suggest the official ROSPA website is one excellent resource if interested further for more specific details on this subject).

In 1948 the British Olympic team were kitted out in Kangol berets for the official country uniform. By 1964 70% of Kangol berets were being exported, Then in 1965 a new large factory was built in South America to cover that particular market's demand for 1.2 million berets a year. Mary Quant (inventor of the miniskirt) and also Pierre Cardin were famously designing for Kangol headwear by 1969. More and more celebrities seem to appear wearing Kangol berets for some reason. During the fashion of the swinging sixties The Beatles chose to endorse the brand and Kangol held all of the Beatles fashion image rights. In 1983 Princess Diana appeared in Vogue magazine wearing one of her favourite Kangol hats, instantly setting yet another 'British' fashion product 'Kangol hat trend' around the world. Back in 1969 the seat belt market was also booming in parallel with Kangol Magnet reaching a record sales year. Alongside motorcycle helmets Kangol (safety division made miners and other safety helmets from their Carlisle factory. The military and other major organisations like the Scouts and Guides continued as regular uniform beret customer.

The Kangol Magnet seat belt division's worldwide success prompted a successful take-over from American Safety Equipment Company Co. in 1973. At this juncture Jacques Sergene decided to retire as company chairman. Kangol won the Queens Award for Export three times in 1966, 1971 and 1978. A second American company Marmion in turn took over the safety belt division in 1978 from American Safety Co and continued production at Carlisle with Kangol seat belts and child seats.



These continued on sale well into the 1980's (still labelled as Kangol/ A.S.C products) Finally towards the end of the 1980's the last of A.S.C/Kangol brand disappeared and remaining interests of the Kangol design of seat belts and child safety seats were last known to be absorbed within Swedish car seat makers Klippan

During the early 1980's the Kangol beret 'style look' together with the famous kangaroo trade mark fashion brand was 'adopted' as being the height of a rediscovered 'new cool' fashion image. It was initially the New York down town community that wore the branded Kangol headwear as a 'statement image' within their 'Hip-Hop' style music culture. (As I am sure many MMOC members would remember in their younger days !!). (Roger is too modest to mention his contribution to Hip-Hop—see back page—Ed) Sales in summer 1985, as a result, topped 4.8 million Kangol hats in America alone. Kangol as a global fashion/leisure wear brand endures ever in popularity internationally to this day.

The global rights to Kangol headwear had been acquired by Bollman Headwear of America. In the 1980's the Kangol fashion brand trade mark rights (excluding headwear) was later sold in 2004 for an estimated 30million to an equity trust company. Then in 2006 Sports Direct acquired the fashion clothing brand trade mark rights (excluding headwear) in 2006 and are still the owners of that division today. The Kangol headwear division brand, global fashion rights, are still owned by Bollmans of America today with a continuing major production investment in China. Jacques Sergene's Leeds factory and also the original Cleator Moor factory were finally closed by Bollmans in 2009 ending the historical British based production of Kangol. All manufacturing was moved to Eastern Europe and America.

Jacques Henry Sergene of U.K. established himself as principle headgear supplier to the British soldier and military, Kangol Magnet quality safety belts and child seats, pioneers of motorcycle helmet design, Kangol fashion style headwear - **We can today take our hats off to you!**