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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 Club Night 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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Dorset Branch of the Morris Minor Owners Club

Helping to preserve the post war Morris Minor in the Dorset area and beyond

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

2017	
5 th July	Club Night — Talk by Kevin Patience "Treasures of the Deep"
8 th – 15 th July	MOT UK (MMOC UK Holiday) – West Yorkshire
15 th July	Holdenhurst Fete, Holdenhurst Village
16 th July	Poole Bay Classics, Braemore House, Fordingbridge
16 th July	Classic Cars on the Prom, Christchurch Quay
15 th – 16 th July	Classics at the Castle – Sherborne Castle
23 rd July	Mid-summer Saunter – destination tbc
23 rd July	North Wilts MMOC Rally—Swindon Steam Museum , SN2 2NA
2 nd August	Club Night – Gardening Competition
6 th August	Lymington Classic Car Show
11 th – 13 th August	Purbeck Rally, Wareham
20 th August	Classic Cars on the Prom, Highcliffe Castle BH23 4LE
26 th August	Festival of Wheels, Bradford Abbas (see Notifications, page 9)
27 th August	Chanters Carnival Classics, Ottery St. Mary, Devon
2 nd - 3 rd September	Beaulieu International Autojumble
6 th September	Club Night – TBA
23 rd -24 th September	Holnest Country Fayre, Holnest
24 th September	Classic Cars on the Prom, Christchurch Quay
4 th October	Club Night – AGM
1 st November	Club Night – Photo Competition (more details TBA)
6 th December	Club Night – Noggin & Natter
30 th December	(Saturday) -Mistletoe Meander
2018	
6 th January	Dinner and Dance - Liston Hotel, Bournemouth

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

Did you know? In 1948, when the Morris Minor prototype was first launched, the name of the car was going to be the "Mosquito" and not the "Minor", which is a reference to the "de Havilland", which was a warplane, and it is a reminder that the Minor was produced during an austere age of both rationing and privation. This prototype had headlights hidden behind the grille.



For Sale & Wanted & Club Notices

Please mention where you saw the ad when you respond, thanks



Rebuilt **HS2 carburettors** for 948 and 1098 £105 each plus £25 exchange surcharge. (Others reconditioned to order—please ask Brian)



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For sale

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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 Club Nights. 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 Club Nights. Thanks.

BRANCH SPARES DEPARTMENT 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 Club Nights 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, and carburettors. (*subject to fair use).

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July 2017

MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB

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"Treasures of the Deep"

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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 Club Night.

Editorial



Well hello everyone!! Hope you're all well and those who attended the National Rally have all returned safely. Having just returned from the National myself, I am still busy dealing with the usual household chores. My lovely car (Cyril) behaved impeccably and received much admiration on our way to and back from, as well as during, the National Rally—which always fills me with pride. Maybe next year I can consider the 2018 MOT? - See page 12 and 13 for Mike Pattison's account of this year's trip.

It was so lovely to speak to people from other branches at the National and share life experiences—not always linked to Morris Minors! I even met some 'cloggy' (i.e. Dutch) Morris Minor owners. It was so nice to share and talk about my passion in my Mother tongue.

I have to be honest, and say that this year's rally felt a bit disorganised to me. For example, there were real issues with camping pitches— i.e. the available space was not properly managed by the organisers. This, I felt, brought out the best and worst in MMOC club members: those with a self-centred attitude on the one hand, and those displaying the kindness and sharing qualities I would like our club to be known for on the other (I am pleased to say the latter seemed to be in the majority). Whilst some National Club members may still have some way to go in achieving this, it appears our precious Dorset MMOC branch have that 'special something'. This was acknowledged at the National Rally by us winning the 'Spirit of the Club' award (see page 7). I am sure everyone is as proud as I am—and it has shown how this club pulls together in a crisis.

The 'Spirit of the Club' has also been expressed in other ways, for example—the way we are always willing to help each other—as illustrated by the wedding of Brian and Jacky Wood's daughter Viki (see next page). I feel as a club we need to take a moment and feel that pride, and also think about what more we as individuals can do to make our club an even better club, and make ourselves even better people (as contrary to popular belief, none of us are perfect).

Personally, I am also trying to make myself a better, and more effective person (in spite of my health condition) as I am busy trying to carve out my 'second career'. I need a better quality of life—and hope to be in a different place by end 2018. Exciting times ahead! I'm sure some of you have been through something similar yourself. If you have any hints or tips: they are always very welcome!

Well, the busy classic car season is officially in full swing—so keep an eye on the 'Forthcoming Events' pages—both in this newsletter and on [the Club's internet pages](#)—as new events are added all the time. I hope to see you either at Club Night and/or at one of our advertised events. If you have any stories you'd like to share, then please drop me a line as well. Until then: keep them rolling!

Natasja

For Sale & Wanted & Club Notices

Please mention where you saw the ad when you respond, thanks

Selling my much loved, beautiful Morris Minor

Used as my every day car. Very reliable - starts every time. Was shown on the Dorset Morris minor owners club magazine front cover. All paperwork kept, showing both work done both before and during my ownership (restoration in December 2003). Recent full service (no advisories), new breaks, new engine, new speedometer, fitted indicators, radio/CD player with speakers fitted under front seats. Some wear and tear to some seats due to its age. Due to new speedometer, current mileage shown (09993) is not true mileage. First registered on 24th August 1959; 948cc; 4 door; colour: powder blue; Stored in a locked garage. Viewing recommended. £5,500 phone 01202 883213



The Branch Website has a '**Spares Shop**' which advertises (mostly second hand) spares. Why not brows the bargains or send me an ad or two with a picture.—Brian Wood—Spares Manager

Classic Car Trivia—Answers

- Correct Answer: D. Jensen**—the Jensen Interceptor offered a combination of Italian styling and British luxury motoring. It was the first Jensen design that was built from steel, rather than fibre glass.. A distinctive feature of the Interceptor was its curved, wraparound glass tailgate
- Correct Answer: A. Imp** — the Hillman Imp was an attempt by the Rootes Group to take a share of the market that had been opened up by the Mini. It was a very different design to the Mini, being a synthesis of rear-wheel-drive engineering in a conventional body shape but with its water-cooled, all aluminium engine at the back and its boot in the front. One interesting feature was its rear screen that could lift up like a hatchback, enabling the rear seats to be used like extra boot space.

Viki Wood's wedding

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Some of you readers may know that Brian and Jacky Wood are lucky enough to have three grown up children; Graham, Victoria and Stewart. Without wishing to steal the limelight, I talked to Brian about the happy occasion, so I could cover it in the newsletter. Brian was also keen to pass on thanks to a number of members. So here's the account of the day Viki and Peter tied the knot:



Victoria (alias 'Viki') got married on 3rd June at Poole Registry Office to Peter Byles and the family celebrated the event in the usual style afterwards at the Yenton Hotel in Bournemouth. It was a lovely, sunny day and Brian managed to get through his speech without incident. The bride looked fantastic (biased opinion - of course!).

The wedding ceremony was re-enacted for a second time at the hotel (just to make sure!) by a good friend of the bride and groom (Gary) - who just happens to be a vicar.

The event preparations were managed in a very 'hands-on' way, with Brian and Jacky printing the invitations etc, as well as enlisting the help of some of our Branch members in the other essential wedding elements. They would therefore like to pass their thanks on to:

1. Nev and Laurie - for supplying the transport in the form of Laurie's '69 Traveller and Nev's '57 Convertible.
2. Tracy Chivers - for making and delivering the wedding cake. That was a marvellous job indeed!
3. Dave and Jackie Walker for letting them borrow the Club's party tent out of the Club Shed at their place (in case of rain).

So a big thank you to everyone - it just shows what a great club we have!

Brian said the cars seemed to attract as much attention as the Bride! He doesn't think he's ever travelled in the back of a convertible before and spent most of the journey down to Poole trying to help Viki hold on to her hair-do, which was getting a bit too much breeze. Nev did try shutting the driver's window - but that didn't really make much difference.



Trainee chauffer:
Graham's son, Owen

Secretary's Report

Good evening everyone and welcome to the July Club Night. I hope you all enjoyed last months "Call My Bluff" quiz. These do take me quite a long time to put together but I am rapidly running out of words and explanations! Tonight, we welcome back Kevin Patience for another of his very interesting talks. Don't forget that next month is the annual gardening competition so get those green fingers working and let's put on a good display at August's meeting.



I'm writing this having just returned from this years National Rally at Tullys Farm, Sussex. This year's show was unusually held in the South of England, so we managed to have a good turnout from the Dorset Branch. It was good to catch up with lots of old friends—incl. both Win and Simon from Yorkshire, along with many others.

I met up with a large contingent of old friends from the Kent Branch who I haven't seen for years. We went along to the AGM on the Saturday, where I collected "The True Club Spirit" award on behalf of the branch, in appreciation for the way we handled the very sad circumstances of Alberts death at Beaulieu both during and after the show.

When it came to the prize giving on the Sunday the Dorset Branch once again was well represented with Brian winning a 1st for his Series II Traveller and Nev winning a 1st in the 1000 Convertible class. Next years National is at Kelmarsh Hall and this will be the 70th anniversary of the Morris Minor.



Several of us went along to the Moors Valley Summer Gala, where we spent a very nice day with the kids playing in the play area and up in the woods. We also had free rides on the steam trains throughout the day as well as free tea and coffee.

Hopefully by the time you read this, I'll have received the passes for Sherborne, which I plan to give out tonight. Please can I ask for your support at this year's Holdenhurst Village Fete. We need to be there for about 1030/11am. If you are

National MMOC Rally Action Shots—continued

The Club Stand theme this year was 'Scarecrow':



This multi-coloured car, together with a number of others, is planning a trip to Mongolia. I have to say this slightly worried me as it had to be pushed onto the concourse later in the day as a result of a failing clutch—perhaps some more restoration work required?



I think I need one of these:



This looks familiar.....

National Rally June '17



Awards:

Dorset MMOC (members) did well at this year's National MMOC Rally on 25th June in West Sussex. Many congratulations to:

- ⇒ Brian Wood: Series II Traveller class—'Condition' category— 1st prize
- ⇒ Neville Gerry: 1000 Convertible class—'Condition' category—1st Prize
- ⇒ Dorset MMOC: 'MMOC Spirit of the Club' award—for the handling of the sad death of Albert Puers at the DMMOC annual rally at Beaulieu in May'17. Laurie can be seen holding the Club award



Action shots: please see below some images of the day below and over—for those who couldn't make it:



Planning on coming along, please let me know. This is a proper old fashioned village fete on the green. If you have entered the Lymington Show, could you also please let me know ? (just to give me some idea as to how many vehicles we will have on display.)

The Traveller is getting close to needing some long overdue attention. With the MOT coming up soon, the brakes will need some attention and I will finally have to fit some new tyres. I have managed to get hold of 6 new Michelin 155/14, so these will have to be put on soon. Unfortunately, the varnish has lifted in 1 or 2 places and the water has stained the wood underneath so attention will be required there too. Despite running really well, the engine has also started to use quite a bit of oil, as, if you've been behind me lately, I'm sure you know! That work will have to wait until the winter though.



My long awaited Garage/ Museum Open Day is going to take place on Sunday 27th August from 12noon (see page 8). The garden is also looking very nice so hopefully you will come along and support us in raising some funds for "Julia's House". It's amazing how many museum exhibits I have acquired over the years!

I think that's about all from me for this month, so until next time. Happy Minoring

Laurie

Classic Car Trivia

1. Which company built a luxury Grand Tourer called the Interceptor?
 - A. Jaguar
 - B. JZR
 - C. Jowett
 - D. Jensen
2. Which small, two door saloon was the only British-designed competitor to the Mini during the 1960s?
 - A. Imp
 - B. Indy
 - C. Impi
 - D. Inchy

For answers, please turn to page 17

Laurie Blewer & family
Cordially Invite You and Your Family to

Laurie's Motor Museum and Garden Open Day



Sunday, August 27, 2017
12 noon – 5pm

Refreshments will be available
 All proceeds from the event will be donated to "Julia's House" – the Dorset & Wiltshire Children's hospices.

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By Mike Pattison—edited by Brian Wood

I guess the one you organised was the one from ESM that somebody went out of their way to collect. The legs in the picture are those of Graham Ryder. Graham has been on many MOT's and seems to spend the week under other peoples cars or with his head under their bonnet, I hate to think how many head gaskets he was replaced over the past MOT's. I believe the windscreen in the end was sourced locally and replace by the first Saturday evening of the MOT.

The Bearing Problem was Martin Wallis' Suffolk based late Traveller OCF 202G with front wheel bearing problems. The traveller has been modified with a Ford disc brake system, however the group of Young Minor Members on the Tour had a big box of various front wheel bearings as they all seem to have souped-up Minors, Martin was able to source a spare from their extensive stock.



Finally my friend John Dyson and Denise from Blackpool had a deer run into the side of their car on our way to friend, Dusty & Jacqui's (Morris Minor Convertible owners) place in Western Brittany, dusk was falling, I was following John, we had 3 miles to go to our friends old Mill when the deer shot across the road striking John's car in the passenger door his side mirror went into orbit and was never seen again. I asked Denise if the deer made any noise when it struck the car, she replied "Bang". Prior to this they had a encountered a problem getting off the Condor ferry at St Malo, a crew member had directed them backwards into a trailer, causing slight damage to Johns rear woodwork. Sorting out the paperwork took some-time and by the time John and Denise left the ferry the port police passport check point had closed, the ferry port gate locked and the police had left for their supper. We eventually departed St Malo an hour and a half later. John was awarded a MOT plate for his unusual problems. A foot note to this story, John and Denise stayed the night at my place in Weymouth before travelling home to Blackpool. Whilst helping me unpack my Minor John slipped on my front step and fell heavily on his left shoulder, we landed up in Dorchester A&E where John was diagnosed with a dislocated shoulder, they managed to still leave for Blackpool on Sunday morning."

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2017 MOT Trip

This year's MMOC overseas trip (otherwise known as the 'MOT') was apparently quite an eventful one this year. I had two phone calls over the first few travel days. One caller wanted a replacement gearbox as theirs was stuck in first and the second wanted a windscreen. However, they both managed to find replacements due to the resourcefulness of the other participants. Mike takes up the story...

"I have just returned from the Minors On Tour (MOT 2017) Rally in Brittany. On the way to MOT 2017 the Walkers, Dave & Jackie, had a problem with the petrol tank on their Vauxhall Cavalier. It required draining to remove rust particles. They had to leave the car at a garage about 80 miles from the Campsite "Camping Chateau Galinee", they carried on in a Hire Car for the duration on the MOT. On the last day, Friday, the event organisers arranged a visit to Velo Rail at Medreac, about 29 miles from the campsite. (see photo).



Yes there were many problems on this MOT. Quite a surprise really as this was considered a short trip, I actually went from Poole through the Channel Islands then onto St Malo, so the distance from the St Malo Ferry Terminal to the MOT Campsite was only 16.2 miles. So a round trip of just 93 miles for my journey to and from Weymouth. Off course it was a lot further than that for those travelling via Calais.

After a major fuel system fault on the way to MOT 2017 Dave & Jackie Walker had to abandon their classic car in deepest France, however being ever resourceful they soon sorted out an alternative means of transport"

One guy broke down 11 times on his way to the MOT, replacing three front bearings, a head gasket and repairing his exhaust system about 4 times. Andrew Ross from Essex ran out of petrol on the French Auto-route and I believe he was fined on the spot for such a digression. Lucy and Leon Brown from London suffered a puncture and their bottle jack broke whilst trying to raise the Minor Van. Dave Walker went to the rescue in his rental car, he fortunately took a spare wheel as their spare was flat. A word of advise—always carry a scissor jack as its not always possible to get a bottle jack under a Minor with a flat tyre.



The gear box was being replaced when I arrived on the Saturday, The offending vehicle was ORU 874J a late traveller owned by Eric Moore, I believe somebody actually turned up with a spare gear-box.



Notifications

Bradford Abbas - Festival of Wheels - Invitation

Hello Fellow Classic Enthusiasts! I would like to pass the details of the inaugural 'Bradford Abbas - Festival of Wheels' event on to your local club members,

When: Saturday 26th August 2017 - Start time 11.00am
Location: Bradford Abbas, Dorset (postcode DT9 6RF)
Exhibitor fee: £5 (incl. free burger from the BBQ for the driver)
Pre-registration: Call 01935 411075 or visit [Facebook page](#)

If all goes to plan, we will have 50 or more exhibitor / display spaces in and around the centre of this picturesque and historic Dorset Village. Entertainment during the day should include a BBQ & Beer Festival at the Village Pub, live music and much more. General public entry will be free but we will be looking for donations via the collection buckets, as all profits from the day will be donated to local charities and causes. To ensure we have sufficient display spaces available we are respectfully asking that exhibitors pre-register attendance (see above). [The Facebook page](#) (www.facebook.com/bradfordabbasfow/) will be updated regularly with all news and developments.

Chanters Carnival Classics—Invitation

When: Sunday 27th August 2017 - 11am— 4pm
Location: Chanters House, Ottery St. Mary, Devon
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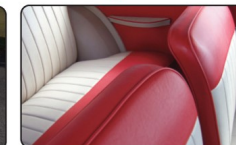
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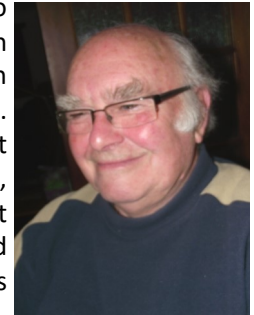
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Good evening and welcome to July's Club Night. I was pleased to hear that all the branch members enjoyed the Chairman's run on 21st May. I thought the English breakfast was very good with plenty of tea and coffee. Also, the weather was good to us as well. So, I led the convoy away from Plowman's Garden centre at around 12:00. Through Wimborne and to the Badbury Rings road, past the True Lover's Knot pub then all the power went! I thought it was a head gasket gone. We limped on to the next layby and eventually got home via the Recovery service and kicked the tyres and swore at the car. After we had eaten my day's picnic sandwiches I went to start the Morris and it ran perfectly! PS, I think it could be sticky valves. Also, I would like to thank Dave at Bowden's Farm Cart collection for making the day a success and also the members of the Kington Magna Social club who has asked the Branch back for a game of skittles on a Sunday with a buffet lunch. As you know I had a problem with the caravan gas at Beaulieu. It was taken in to be checked at the caravan dealers and they found a problem with the gas losing pressure. I have got to take it back on the 6th July to have it repaired.



Tonight, Kevin is giving a talk on 'Treasures of the Deep' and August Club Night will be the gardening competition – so get those veggies, pot plants etc. ready for showing. One of the Branch members has suggested that we run a Barn Dance – could be a laugh! Please let me know what you think if you think it could be a good night. For September's Club Night we will have a talk from the Community Police Office on Security issues and selling home security alarm padlocks, types of floodlights and window alarms at very good prices.

That's all for now, Happy Motoring,

John Jenkinson.

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