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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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Please ask Branch Secretary if you require a copy of the Dorset Branch Constitution. (Also available on website.) For more details contact Laurie Blewer on 01202 522673 or John Jenkinson on 01202 576690

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FRONT COVER

Our very own 'Molly' flirts with fame as she meets the Polly Morris Band
(see page 4—Editor's Inbox)

**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

1st March—Clubnight—Roy Gale—Talk on Rare Breed Hens
9th March—Skittles match V BPPC at Hamworthy Club 7:30pm
5th April—Clubnight—Quiz
3rd May—Clubnight—Phil Traves' antiques evening –Bring your interesting items!
13-14th May—MOGGYFEST and friends at Beaulieu Spring Autojumble
21st May—Chairmans Run
28th May Pecorama Classic Vehicle Rally, South Devon.
7th June—Clubnight— Call My Bluff
11th June—Fort Nelson (Hampshire Rally)
24-25 June—MMOC National Rally—Crawley RH10 4PE
5th July—Clubnight—Run out
15th July—Holdenhurst Fete, Holdenhursts Village
8-15 July—MOT-UK (MMOC UK holiday)
9th July—Mid Summer Saunter
15 -16 July—Classics at the Castle—Sherborne
2nd August—Clubnight—Gardening Competition
6th August—Lymington Rotary Classic Car Show.
12-13-August Purbeck Rally, Watreham
2-3 September—Beaulieu International Autojumble
6th September— Clubnight TBA
23-24 September— Holnest Country Fayre
4th October—Clubnight AGM
1st November—Clubnight Photo competition (more details TBA)
6th December—Clubnight—Noggin & Natter
30th December (Saturday)— Mistletoe Meander
6 Jan 2018 Dinner and Dance at Liston Hotel Bournemouth.

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

Moors Valley Railway Summer Gala - 10th and 11th June 2017

We have been invited to the above event and have already sent our entry form back. We were told not to photocopy the entry form so if you want to go please phone the Moors Valley Railway on 01425 471415 and they will send you a form.



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Unleaded 1098cc reconditioned cylinder heads now available. £210 exchange. (Small Stud packs £10 and gasket set £10.75) (Branch Spares). JUST ONE LEFT! (Suitable for 1098/948cc and NO temperature sender hole.)



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 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, and carburettors. (*subject to fair use).



We also have some **reconditioned fuel pumps** for sale at £55 each (£50 to Branch Members) Postage is about £5. *Standard new SU ones are £83.88 from ESM*



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

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March 2017

MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB

Volume 20 Issue 4

CLUBNIGHT ACTIVITY:



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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 clubnight.

Editorial



Well hello! For those of you who don't know me, I am a crazy Dutch woman who drives the gorgeous 'Cyril' - a 1968 Traveller in Snowberry White. I have recently taken over from Brian in editing the Newsletter. So any feedback, requests, or any other comments—please direct them my way.

A bit more about me: I've lived and worked in the UK for 24 years now, moving to Salisbury from Buckinghamshire in 2015 after 20 years in commercial aviation. I have 2 cats—Eddie (10) and Jasper (nearly 21!!) and now work for Nationwide Building Society at their Head Office in Swindon (a bit of trek- which explains why I sometimes arrive late at Club Night, huffing and puffing.)

I'm very aware that this is 'our' club—i.e. we members *make* the club, and the more we personally put in, the more we get out of it. To me, that also does mean sharing the load—which was my motivation for coming forward to become the Newsletter's editor. If anyone else feels they could make a difference, I'm quite sure their support will be much welcomed.

You may see some minor adjustments in the newsletter, and the odd new feature. This month I have included a 'Morris Minor Word Seeker'. Studies have shown that word search and other puzzles can help improve memory, focus, vocabulary, and overall mental acuity - and I for one could do with that. Any constructive feedback much appreciated—can it be a 'keeper'?

I would also like to highlight the club's supplies clothing as well as other interesting and useful items that you can see for sale at our monthly Club Nights. This is a service provided to our club members., with the very small sales profit going towards club funds (every little helps). So please do support this as much as possible. I personally can recommend the lovely fleece. I bought one for my dad in the autumn as a birthday present and memento of mum's and his visit to our Club Rally last year. He loves its quality and fit (and he has high standards!). The stall will be fully stocked at Beaulieu in May this year —ideal time for Father's Day presents amongst others.

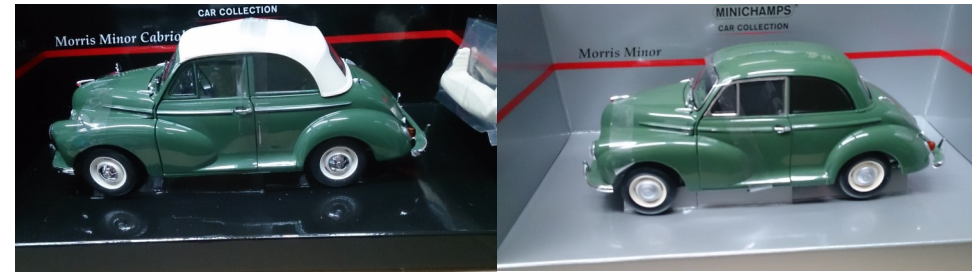
If you would like to see any specific items included in the Newsletter, or have any other ideas, then I am all ears. Talk to me at Club Night or email me:
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For Sale & Wanted & Club Notices

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

"For Sale MG TD (1951) Back Axle and Propshaft - £400 ono. I also have many other parts for a MG TD including Bonnet Panels. Please contact Mike Pattison at mike.pattison@tiscali.co.uk."

FOR SALE: New repro hood frame for Morris Minor convertibles (not splitscreen models). Powder coated in Old English White £245. New old stock pair of genuine Lucas rear lamp assemblies, not repro items, in excellent condition. £275 07748 154474 (T)



FOR SALE: Morris Minor Mini Champs 1/18th scale. Fully detailed interior and engine bay, opening doors, boot and bonnet. Both brand new, slight damage on one box. Selling on Ebay for up to £95 each. Asking £65 each or best offer. Will bring to next meeting so anyone can inspect up close. Nigel Seymour 07778385541

We have new stock of the bonnet stays which are now £32 each including postage or discounted to £27.50 to Branch Members (collection only).
(Branch Spares—Brian W)



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.



Spotted in Fareham:
'Molly' the Coffee
Van

Editor's In-Box



When Molly met the Polly Morris Band

Liv and Dave from our club recently thought to take a leap of faith and have a bit of fun with their convertible - 'Molly' - by answering a request from The Polly Morris Band. The band was looking for a Morris Minor to use in a photo shoot for their new album.

Despite the forecast for rain and although it was very cold, it turned out to be a very bright sunny morning. Liv, Dave and Molly found fame on a quiet lane in Christchurch - with only a few early morning joggers and the occasional cyclist to disturb what was to unfold.

Molly had of course been cleaned and polished for the occasion. She managed to keep her composure for her first modelling shoot. All involved were armed with hot drinks and doughnuts.

It was then they were serenaded with a free impromptu concert in the middle of the road on a cold and frosty morning—how often can you say that's happened to you?

It then appeared the challenge became how many musicians and their instruments could be squeezed into a Morris Minor. Despite Molly's svelte frame, it would seem quite a few .

The shoot only took a couple of hours and Molly earned a few pennies so all in all a fun thing to do according to Liv and Dave. The end result can be seen on the front page of this newsletter. Isn't she a Beaut?

The Polly Morris Band were very grateful to Brian for passing the message on to the club members and to Liv and Dave taking up the request.

For anyone who's interested, Polly Morris Band produce 'music to make you smile'. The band was founded in 2010 and produces Comic Folk and Thought Provoking Songs. They are based in Christchurch. More information can be found on www.pollymorris.co.uk

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Secretary's Report

Good evening everybody and welcome to the March club-night. How can it be March already??

Well done for raising such a good sum at last months Blind Auction. Please think about which charity you would like this money to go to as we will be choosing this soon. Tonight Roy is back again but not as our auctioneer this time – he will be giving us a talk on rare breeds.



If you take a look at the events calendar you will see that it is starting to fill up already. There are entry forms for various events on the table already but if you have any that I don't know of please photocopy some off and let other members know. The dates have been chosen for the Chairmans Run and the Midsummer Saunter so please make a note of them in your diaries – it would be good to get a big turnout on both. It's not too late if you haven't booked your place at the Royal Glen Hotel yet for the May Bank Holiday weekend when we are having a club stand at The Pecorama Vintage Car Show. If you want to come please let Jacky or Nev know ASAP.

As you are all aware by now this year's branch rally is going to be Moggyfest at Beau-lieu. If you haven't got your entry in yet please get it to Jacky ASAP. They are coming in thick and fast daily and it promises to be an excellent show again. We have lots of vehicles entered in the Pride of Ownership competition but only a couple in the Concours so please can I ask you to seriously consider entering it as I know that several of you have vehicles worthy of competing. Due to the nature of the show we won't be having a raffle this year but we will be having a tombola stall instead. Please can I ask you to let Chris or Margaret have any suitable items for the tombola beforehand. The Saturday night is also looking to be very good with an excellent meal and good entertainment provided by the "Land Girls".



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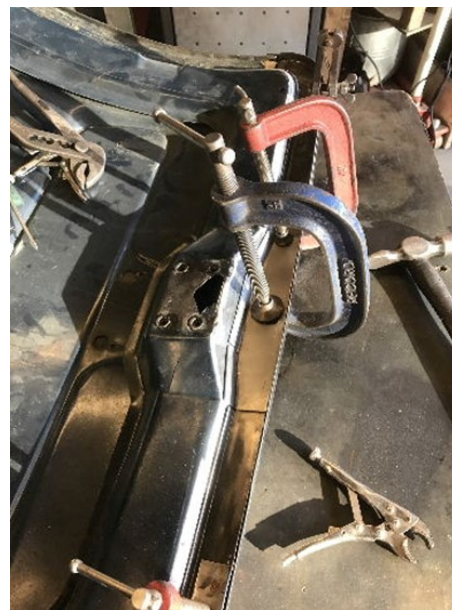
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and you should weld very short lengths at a time and keep a wet cloth handy to keep it as cool as possible. Take your time and move from side to side to assist the cooling.

In the past, I have used lead filler to seal the outer joint. I'm no panel beater but I thought I had made a reasonable job of it, until I realised that the joint area had 'sunk' slightly probably due to excessive heat build up. I think that if you use a quality plastic filler such as 'U-Pol D' that is probably just as good - but its up to you, of course.

Hopefully you should by now have a good, re-useable boot lid that should give many more years of service. Don't forget to use your rust preventative fluid of choice, the boot lid is a well-known rust trap!



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

Boot Lid Repair- by Brian Wood

If you have got a welder and fancy repairing your boot lid, its not as hard as it might look. Repair kits are available, and you sometimes have the choice between the pressed panel kit from ESM at about £50 or the slightly cheaper Sri-Lankan hand made kit they also sell. When I got this one, the pressed panel kit was not available so I had to go for the cheaper, hand made version. It does need a bit more work to fit it, however, but it is essentially the same inner and outer parts except the outer panel does not include the bit where



The bottom edge will probably be rusty so if you cut some slots in it you should be able to carefully remove the remaining bits.

After a bit of a clean up, the top panel can be loosely fitted and clamped in place. I usually drill a series of 2.5mm holes along the edge (3mm through the lower edge of the original lid metal) so that you can hold the panel securely in place with no.6 screws. When you are happy with the fit, don't weld it yet. You can undo the screws and carefully remove the old inner channel with the grinder. Unfortunately, the new inner channel supplied was the wrong shape and not wide enough for the bit

into place and tidied up ready for welding. I usually weld this in first since it gives a firm, accurate foundation for the outer panel. Now is a good opportunity to paint the inside. (I used red Bonda-Primer)

The outer panel can then be re-fitted, clamped up and welded in place. You have to be very careful about heat distortion



the handle fits (you have to carefully cut around the old one!).

The first job is to lay the outer repair panel over the bootlid and mark a line along the top edge. Then mark another line approximately 1/2" below this - this is the cut line. The new panel comes ready 'joggled' (ie it has a step). This allows it to be fitted flush on the surface. You need to cut the old outer panel off next not forgetting to preserve the boot hand hole if you need to! Cutting the bottom edge must be carried out carefully so that the inner channel strip is preserved. This will allow you to fit the new outer panel in the correct place.

National MMOC notifications

A few notifications from 'Head Office':

1. **Register & Branch Liaison Meeting 2017** is held on Sunday 26th March at the Derby Conference Centre, London Road, Alvaston, Derby DE24 8UX 10.00 for 10.30am.

The programme will include the usual reports. Footman James are coming along to answer questions on Public Liability insurance.

2. **Register/Branch stands at this year's National Rally** (23-25th June, Tulleys Farm, Turners Hill, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 4PE): the theme is 'Scarecrows', which may be interpreted in any way you wish - The Wizard of OZ: Mary Poppins, etc. Maximum 4 cars (which will be judged if the bonnets are up) + a gazebo (if desired).

3. **Club Directory:** please note the below changes:

a. **Brid & Wolds:** meeting venue change to The Bell Hotel, Market Place, Driffield YO25 6AN on the second Monday of the month.

b. **Devon:** Lorna Moggridge, 34 Pound Hill, Holcombe Rogus, Wellington, Somerset TA21 0PJ, Tel: 01823 672693 Email Nickie Tilley:

Nickietilley@btinternet.com. Meetings: 1st Wednesday 8.00pm, Exeter St Thomas Cricket & Social Club. Grace Road West, Marsh Barton, Exeter, EX2 8PU.

c. **Surrey Hills:** Mrs Gillian Foot. 21 Hitchings Way, Reigate, Surrey RH2 8EN, Tel: 01737 242244 Mob: 07903 756596.

Email: gillfoot@googlemail.com. Meetings: 1st Monday 7.30pm, The Dog and Duck, Smallfield Road, Outwood, Surrey RH1 5QU

d. **West Sussex:** Change of Email to smsummers@virginmedia.com

e. Surrey Hants Border - temporary meeting venue: Crookham Street Social Club

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Notes from the Spares Department- by Brian Wood

Hello and welcome to my new monthly column in the newsletter where I will be looking at the world of Morris Minor 'oily bits' and other off-topic ramblings as appropriate.

I have recently made a few more of the extending bonnet stays and I thought it would be a good idea to put a small quantity on eBay. So far it has been quite successful with 9 sold to date. However, I had a query from a potential buyer in the USA who wanted to buy one but said that the USA wasn't listed as a destination country. I had recently signed up for the eBay 'Global Shipping Program', which makes it 'easy' to send your item abroad for just the UK postage cost. Basically, eBay contacts the buyer and charges them the extra cost of forwarding the item from their UK base (which is where you send it). This was all fine, but the comprehensive list of overseas destinations listed almost everywhere but the USA. In the knowledge I have already sent 2 of these items to the USA previously, I reasoned that this might be an omission. So I contacted eBay, using the online 'Chat' process whereby you type a question and they answer. A fairly bland response came back that there were import regulations which prohibited my item from



being sent to USA! I then, rather cheekily, suggested that this might be another one of DT's Executive Orders - to which I got the rather surprising reply that the import regs *had* been changed in the last few months! So I'm now left wondering if my humble sliding metal bracket can be adapted into some kind of weapon of mass destruction.

Activity on the convertible has not been great over previous months but one thing I *have* done is to come up with an alternative brake light switch arrangement. This was mostly due to the (sometimes) unreliable hydraulic brake light switch - and I thought I could come up with something better. Andy Wescott shared his thoughts on this subject a year or two back, with a microswitch arrangement fixed adjacent to the master cylinder. I've stolen that basic idea and (hopefully) developed it a bit further.

Morris Minor Word Seeker

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The car that's driven to the moon and back

—From the Daily Express, 8th November 2016, John Chapman

VETERAN driver John Neve has travelled the same distance as a trip to the Moon in his 57-year-old Morris Minor – and it is still going strong.



Mr Neve, 96, paid £500 for the car in 1959 and has driven it all over Britain while indulging in his passion for visiting cathedrals.

The blue convertible 1000 Tourer model has never broken down in six decades of safe motoring. Former civil engineer Mr Neve has also never had a parking or speeding ticket in 232,815 miles – more than the 225,623 miles to the Moon at its closest point to Earth.



He said: "I bought the car new when I was 40. I'd had a Morris Minor before and I liked them. Apart from this summer the hood has been down every year, even in Scotland while wearing overcoats and scarves.

"I have been everywhere and know all the nice pubs to stop at and have a good lunch. I've visited most but not quite all the cathedrals, around 90 per cent."

Mr Neve plans to sell the classic car due to failing health. But for now he still gets behind the wheel a few times a week to drive from his home to nearby Guildford, Surrey.

Continued

I've made a prototype and fitted it to Jacky's 4 door. This seems to work well (so far). In this way, the old switch is left in place and can be reinstated at a later time if necessary. If you've got access to YouTube, there is a short video which shows it in action. If you search for Morris Minor Brake Light Switch on YouTube, it will come up.

Lesser known facts about Morris Minors...

Did you know that a standard, 1968 Morris Minor, loaded with five fully-grown men and 27 of those 24 x 0.25l glass beer bottle packs from the supermarche, will get you up the hill out of Dover without a hiccup? Think about it for a moment! Like, where do you put all that beer?



Cheers!

Branch Rally



TOMBOLA

Please can you bring along suitable items for the club Tombola stall at our Branch Rally in May. Christine and Margaret are starting to collect the items NOW.

Entry forms are now available; you should get one with the newsletter or you can download from the website on the 'Branch Rally' Page.

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Chairman's Report

Good evening and welcome to March Club night. Big thanks to all the club members who bid for the items for sale in the Blind Auction at last month's Club night. We raised £240. Also one of the members who generously gave his Waverly Trip refund to the total and it now stands at £263.

Tonight, Roy Gale is giving us a talk on Rare Breed Hens – thanks in advance for that, Roy. So if any other club members had or have an interesting job or hobby, please let one of the Committee know. One of the Branch members asked me at the February Club night how we were getting on with the Insurance with the National MMOC. My answer was 'slowly'. The Branch rally at Beaulieu is coming along well with the group booked for Saturday night and an extra marquee for the rally field. Also some nice prizes for the Tombola stall would be appreciated. We need someone to run the Bric-a-Brac stall this year – so if anyone would like to help, please let one of the committee know. Also the entry forms are coming in well so far, with over 100 already. Could I ask Branch members to get their entry forms in as soon as possible. We have always had charity stalls at the rally and so if you know of any that would like a stall, please let us know.



The Chairman's Run on 20th May is coming together slowly - details to follow. I would like to thank Natasja for taking over the Branch Newsletter from Brian so he can spend more time with his family. We need members to volunteer for the skittles night against the BPPC at the Hamworthy club on 9th March to make up hopefully, a couple of teams. (Let us know if you would like to come along).

That's all for now, John Jenkinson (Chairman)

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