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

2017	
6th September	Club Night – Talk on Security by local Police
23rd -24th September	Holnest Country Fayre, Holnest
24th September	Classic Cars on the Prom, Christchurch Quay
30th Sep— 1st Oct	Burley Steam and Vintage Vehicle Show, Pound Lane, Burley
4th October	Club Night – AGM
1st November	Club Night – Photo Competition (more details TBA)
6th December	Club Night – Noggin & Natter
30th December	(Saturday) -Mistletoe Meander
2018	
6th January	Dinner and Dance - Liston Hotel, Bournemouth

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



Name that car!

If you're in the business of **winning a bottle of wine**, have a look at this creature... some similarities with the Traveller.... But can you tell me:

1. The name of this car (make & model)
2. Country of origin
3. Top speed

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DORSET MMOC 2018 DINNER AND DANCE

SATURDAY 6th JANUARY 2018 7:00 FOR 7:30

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£30 Members £32 Non Members.

Rooms £30 Standard £35 Superior (Book with hotel 01202 394588)

MENU CHOICES:

- Starters: Orange and Melon Platter
Minestrone Soup
Stuffed Mushrooms with Blue Cheese and Spinach
Fruit Juice
- Mains: Roast Turkey and all the trimmings
Beefsteak and Mushroom Pie
Vegetable Hot Pot
Arnold Bennett Omelette (Smoked Haddock and cheese sauce)
- Pudding: Christmas pudding
Trio of Deserts
Fruit Salad
Cheese and Biscuits
- Coffee or Tea with Petit-fours

Instead of providing a bottle of wine on the table, we have changed the arrangement for this year and will be providing a drinks voucher for each person to obtain a drink of your own choice at the bar on production of the voucher.

Bookings to be made on the form in the newsletter (or downloaded from website) and received by December Clubnight.

(SORRY—WE CANT ACCEPT BOOKINGS ANY LATER AS THE HOTEL REQUIRES THE NUMBERS IN ADVANCE)



Dorset Branch Newsletter

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CLUB NIGHT 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 Club Night.

Editorial



Good day sunshine!! I hope everyone has been enjoying the summer weather and getting out and about. I am trying to make myself get out on my (Dutch) bike at least twice a week—even if it's just going to the supermarket to get supplies—with the wind in my hair and the sun on my face, cobwebs can be cleared and the world becomes this magnificent place again (which it always has been). Equally, pottering around in the garden or going for a walk can be so invigorating.

I also did another wedding with Cyril this summer—which I always thoroughly enjoy, as it tends to be a very positive time in people's lives, and the day is full of excitement and positive energy (*see page 7 for a special request*). This particular wedding was an interesting one, as the bride and groom had already eloped and gotten married on a beach in Hawaii—just the two of them. So the day in Weymouth was mostly for the benefit of family and friends.

It was an occasion of contrasts for me. I first of all met the bride's father in their living room. He has Parkinson's and so all he could do was sit on the sofa whilst everyone got ready around him. I had the absolute pleasure of talking to him and have a conversation about his really interesting life as an engineer. I then met his devoted wife, who used music to help him move from place to place.

Then the time came to take the bride and groom to the local village pond for some wedding pictures with Cyril, prior to going to the village hall for the ceremony and celebrations. A very funky couple who worked in fashion and lived in London (but originally from Dorset). A phone rang in the car... it was someone from the wedding group informing the groom that the band had started playing already. This triggered an argument between bride and groom, both clearly on edge due to all the preparations—with no room for error. The bride shouted at the groom: "You only had to do *one* thing, which was to organise the band, and you can't even do *that!*". I was wondering at that point what Hawaii's legislation on annulling a marriage would look like. From the outside, I have to say, it was quite entertaining to watch the ensuing wedding photo shoot—with bride and groom looking longingly at each other in different poses, whilst in between carrying on the argument.

I did wonder how the couple would deal with life crushing news of one of them being diagnosed with a degenerative condition such as Parkinson's, and how they would adjust their relationship to adapt to these unplanned changes.

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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)



We also have some **reconditioned fuel pumps** for sale at £55 each (£50 to Branch Members) Postage is about £5. *Standard*

For sale

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Call Ash Holmes on 01285 810524 and have a chat for further information

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).

For Sale & Wanted & Club Notices

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



FOR SALE: gorgeous, cute Austin A35, 1957, 2 door saloon. Island Blue and Old English White. Dorset registered car—owned for 11 years. Reconditioned engine, gold seal gear box. Many safety mods and extras including seat belts.
Reason for sale: buying a Morris 1000 ☺ £4750.
Please contact Arthur Cox on 01202 528017 (evenings)



For sale: 1957 Morris Minor Convertible. Genuine with original 948cc engine. Immaculate condition. History file with bill of sale. New MOT when sold £11,995. Phone Nev on 01202 747687

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.—Brian Wood—Spares Manager

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Brian. 07411 116336



I am sure there's plenty of you who have had to come to terms with long-term health conditions (as I have had to myself) - it's a process of acceptance and modification.

That brings me to my bank holiday weekend outing to Laurie's Motor Museum and Garden open day. Whilst I had heard about Julia's House and taken part in fund raising for them before, I didn't really appreciate all the practical and emotional support they provide for families caring for a child with a life-limiting or life-threatening conditions—both at home and at their hospices.

I was very impressed with Laurie's Motor Museum and Gardens—clearly a lot of thought and effort had gone into that—as well as the preparations for the day and the signing choir 'Significance', who performed a number of songs. The cake and sandwiches were delicious, and it was most impressive that they'd managed to secure such glorious weather. And above all I hope together we've raised lots of money for Julia's House (all will be revealed by Laurie elsewhere in this newsletter).

As Martin Luther King said: "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy" (does that include a broken down Moggy?).

Keep them rolling!!

Natasja

Oct'17 Club night: AGM—Committee request & vacancy

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place at our October Club-night. 2 requests from the Committee:

1. If you have any burning issues you'd like to see addressed, please flag this with one of the Committee members.
2. With Nev standing down, there is a vacancy for the post of Events Coordinator. If you're interested in this post or want to volunteer your time in another way, please let the Committee know.

Secretary's Report



Good evening everyone and welcome to September club night. Well done to everybody who took part in last month's gardening competition and to those who won their class. Please don't forget that next month is the AGM. The committee nominations form should be up on the notice-board tonight so please can it be filled in. We are looking for a new committee member to replace Neville who has decided to step down this year. We would love to welcome you to committee so if you think you have something to offer please volunteer your services.

The Lymington Show was very well attended with lots of cars on our club stand and a fantastic variety of vehicles on show. Our stand looked really impressive and we were robbed of the award for best club stand by the Three Counties Vintage and Classic Car Club. August also saw the Purbeck Rally which I understand was really good and much more like its old self. We attended Classic Cars On The Prom at Highcliffe Castle and I think they had a record turnout of cars. We had a great day and there was a particularly good selection of vehicles on display.

Thank you to everyone who came along to our garden and garage open day over the bank holiday weekend. I hope you all enjoyed your day and thanks for helping us raise the fantastic sum of £566 for Julias House.

By the time you read this we will have also have had the Beaulieu Autojumble so lets hope the sun shone for a bit longer!

More events are planned for the coming months. The Burley Steam and Vintage Show takes place on 30th September and 1st October. I have some entry forms available and despite being past the cut off date they have agreed to accept entries from us.

The MOT UK for 2018 is taking place in Dorset and will be based at Newlands Holiday Park, Charmouth. If you are interested in taking part please contact Bill Hewlett on bill.hewlett@mmoc.org.uk or telephone 01981 590958.

Editor's Inbox



"Thank You"

"In days of trying to find fault with everything in life, it is important to recognise those who help and of course, have to be thanked. I had some trouble with my Monty the Morris Minor of late and although as I write this note (on the 8th August) he is still not quite there I felt it important to thank all those club members for their help and assistance— especially on the drive to, and at, the recent Rotary Car Show in Lymington. Also, in the couple weeks prior to the Lymington show, I would particularly like to thank:

- **Andy Dibb** - who went the extra mile and travelled in Monty with me to visit the Woods residence in as I had never been to their house before), and
- **Brian Wood** - for the tremendous help given to me

It just goes to show what a wonderful club we have and are fortunate to be members of, coupled the wealth of experience within it. I have learnt quite a bit watching and listening. However, in saying this -I generally only held a spanner or cleaned something when I was asked to! Thank you again - I am truly grateful. 😊 Helena Carr."

50's Frolics

Hello folks! Please see below details of our forthcoming show on Sunday 1st October 2017. "50's Frolics" is a jolly selection of songs from the 1950's starting 1950 through to 1959, some lovely sing a long ones!

When: 1st October 2017—2.30pm and 6pm
Where: War Memorial Hall, Tudor Road, Broadstone
Cost: Adult: £8
Concessions (under 12s and over 60) £6.50
Tickets: [Book online \(bluemoonproductions.uk\)](http://www.bluemoonproductions.uk) or call 03336 663366 (Mon-Fri 9am-7pm; Sat 9am-5pm) - all calls charged at local rate

It would be lovely to see you! Best Regards,
Neil, Blue Moons Production Chairman, Amateur Theatre Group based in Poole, Dorset. *Our aim is to help Charities*



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In Memoriam: Bruce Eggleton



Bruce Eggleton died peacefully in his sleep. He had taken his Austin 10 out for a spin on a lovely sunny day, a few days before and was pleased with how the car had run.

Bruce belonged to both the Austin Ten Drivers Club and Morris Minors Dorset group; he had a lot of respect for the integrity of Minors groups' attitude to raising money for charities. He would have liked to have attended more Morris rallies, sadly his Morris Minor had not been cared for and was too unreliable (as the Recovery Company would confirm!)

The Austin, a credit to him with its reliability was too much effort to drive distances with his ailing health. To Bruce's credit he took the Austin on the Manneken Pis Rally 1989, London – Belgium Tour towing a trailer tent heavier than the car, although the car struggled, it made the 900 mile journey with a few hiccups – unlike some other drivers who had to turn back and attend the rally in modern cars, before they left England!

Bruce's will stated no funeral service, to this end after several very difficult years for us, he is at peace .

I wish the Morris Club every success for the future, especially in your charity fundraising. If a collection is held in Bruce's memory, I will pass on details of both charities mentioned in his will.

Regards, Chrissie Eggleton

Today, we received a letter from Bruce's wife advising us that he died earlier this week. At this stage we have no more information but we will pass it on when we receive it.

Many of you will remember Bruce giving help and advice on engineering matters as well as seeing him driving his 1933 Austin 10 that was bequeathed to him by his Grandmother in the mid 1970s.

Bruce would drive down to our meetings from his home in Chobham which was a round trip of about 150 miles. He was always willing to consider all engineering problems no matter how trivial or complicated. Many of us have cause to remember him fondly every time we use something that Bruce had sorted out for us.

We will miss him, Jim Eggleton, Jenny Sansom, Jackie Walker and Dave Walker...

The booking forms for the 2018 dinner dance are with your newsletter tonight so please get them into Jacky as soon as you can.

Next year marks the 70th anniversary of the Morris Minor and there will be some big events throughout the year. I have been approached by Beaulieu with regard to running another Moggyfest for next year which is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the anniversary. .That's about all from me for this month, so until next time: Happy Minor-ing!

Laurie

Join the Club!

This is a new section in the newsletter, in which we'd like to welcome new members to DMMOC—and also say 'farewell' to those leaving us.

So a warm welcome to the family for:

Martin Pate

Kevin Owen

Ann Honeychuck



We're really keen to have you on-board, and unfortunately for you, the newsletter editor may now pounce on you to find out your personal story behind joining what surely is the best car club in the land (so get ready!). In the meantime, make yourself at home and mingle with the crowd. As they say: "Blessed are the curious, for they shall have adventures".



DMMOC Wedding Car initiative—Special Request: members interested in using their classic cars for wedding hire, please contact Brian Wood. The Club intends to collate a list of willing volunteers As well as a separate web page for potential customers to contact us on.

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Terry Kingston's Car Collection

As John reported in June '17s Newsletter, good friend and classic car enthusiast Terry Kingston of Henstridge passed away in May aged 66. He was a regular at car shows around the area and often seen in his Series II blue pick up. Terry left a fine collection of classic cars which he had lovingly restored and which have recently been auctioned by Bonham's at Beaulieu Motor Museum's International Autojumble (2nd-3rd Sep'17).



The car which was expected to attract global interest will be the 1981 Ford Capri 2.8ltr. This was especially prepared at Ford UK for Henry Ford II and his wife to use when they were in the UK. It was the only one converted in the factory to automatic transmission and was fitted with soft leather trim. Amongst the other cars auctioned off is Terry's beloved blue Morris Minor pick-up which led his funeral procession to Motcombe Parish Church on 25th May.



Despite contracting polio at just seven years old and being told he would never walk again, Terry didn't let his disability stop him from working on the family farm at Twyford and moving on to his other passion, classic car restoration.

Terry's cousin Ken Kingston said: "What he managed to achieve with his disability was amazing, he restored more than 10 classic cars, all to an extremely high standard, attended lots of shows, won several awards and met many friends.

"Thank you everyone who has enquired about Terry's cars and thanks to the BVM you now know about the sale, so go along and the best of luck to you all."

The Club sends its condolences to his family. He will be sorely missed.

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As it (might have) said in the song:
 .All across the station
 Such a strange vibration
 Minors in motion
 There's a whole generation
 With a squeaky suspension
 Ahh haaa
 Minors in motion



Eddie's Gardening Competition

The Gardening Competition held at the Club Night in August, was well supported (despite the duff weather!) so many thanks to all of you who submitted entries and well done to the winners.

It was observed by some club members that there might have been a better entry if the list of entry classes was published in the newsletter again (after the initial notice in the April edition). To assist with this, we will add the classes to the July reminder in future. Thanks to those who pointed this out.

Class	Type	Winner
Flowers	Dahlias	Margaret Pateman
	Sweet Peas	Margaret Pateman
	Fuchsias	Margaret Pateman
	Mixed Flowers	Jacky Walker
	Potted Plants	Trish Newbury
Vegetables	Runner Beans	Chris Tilly
	Potatoes	Mike Picton
	Cherry Tomatoes	Rodger Kellow
	Lare tomatoes	Ron Tickner
	Cucumber	Ron Tickner
	Onions	Mike Picton
	Marrow	John Blake
Best in Show Cup		Margaret Pateman

If you won: many congratulations once again. If you didn't: get planning for next year

Eddie



Summer of Love: 50 years on

By Martin and Wendy Devine



Some of us might remember 1967 and Scott McKenzie's famous song "Are You Going to Water Eaton".....or was it "San Francisco"? In July, it was definitely the exotic climes of Water Eaton Park and Ride, Oxford. Here was a gathering of a different kind, Oxford Bus and Morris Motors Museum (www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk) 50th Anniversary Festival. It was also the 50th Anniversary of 1967 and the "Summer of Love".

Combining both elements, Wendy and Martin bought into the spirit of the day and brightened up proceedings, taking their Minor and the Hippy Vibe to the venue .

With a couple of other Minors gracing the occasion, free vintage bus rides ran all day to the Museum itself, where an impressive display of buses and "work in progress" engaged the visitors. As always, there was plenty of interest in the Minors from Festival-goers – especially a lively group from Bulgaria!

The Museum has a sizeable Unit displaying the history of William Morris (Lord Nuffield) and the development and production of Morris cars. There is



plenty of background information and pictures of the Cowley works – as well as



And can you spot the Minors in this one-off carpet design from the offices of the Cowley Works?

The next day, the "Summer of Love" theme continued, with a visit to Cotswold Motor Museum (www.cotswold-motor-museum.com) with their temporary exhibition about the "Swinging Sixties". Radio Caroline, Woodstock, lava lamps and of course – the inclusion of a Minor, with a passenger in period costume!



Wendy and Martin's Minor is also a child of '67 . . . so everyone shared a trip with no question of "Three being Crowd".



Notifications

Burley Steam and Vintage Show - Invitation

Hello Fellow Classic Enthusiasts! You are all cordially invited to the Burley Steam and Vintage Show.

When: Sat 30th Sep & Sun 1st Oct 2017 - Start time 9.00am

Location: Pound Lane, Burley, Hampshire, BH24 4DJ

Pre-registration: Let Laurie know asap (01202 522673) or visit [Facebook page](#)



Classic & Vintage Vehicles, Steam Engines, Saw Benches, Tractors, Commercials, Cars, Motorbikes, Stationary Engines, Live Music, Crafts & Kids Rides . To ensure we have sufficient display spaces available, please contact Laurie to pre-register attendance (see above). Check the event's [Facebook page](#) (<https://www.facebook.com/BurleySteam/>)

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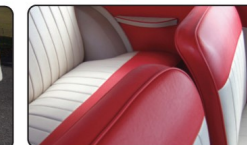
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Chairman's Report



Good evening and welcome to the September Club Night. I was sad to hear at the August Club Night that Neville has decided to step down from the committee owing to family commitments – so I would like to thank Neville for his time, dedication and knowledge and also his commitment to helping with the running of the Dorset MMOC. The good news is that Lyn is still carrying on with the Club Night catering – so that means that the bread pudding is still 'safe' for Club Nights.

I thought the new regalia vintage Morris Minor Signs at last Club Night were a good idea—as the new 'Breakdown/OK' signs are. Next year, 2018 is the 70th anniversary of the Morris Minor, so the branch is hoping to do something to celebrate this occasion.

Anne and myself went to the Purbeck rally with the caravan and had a good weekend with some of the Branch Members. On Saturday, we had fish and chips and apple pie and custard on the Wessex Classic Car stand. I thought the rally was very good, with plenty of entertainment in the arena and some very good bands in the Marquee in the evening.

We also went to Creech Grange Open Day and Village Fete on Sunday 20th August. It was a good day out – I will see if I can arrange something for the branch next year. The Burley Steam and Vintage show on Saturday September 30th and Sunday 1st October have asked the members if they would like to go. Please let Laurie know as soon as possible if you are planning to go along.

It was nice to see coverage on Moggyfest in Beaulieu—both a page in Minor Matters, as well as in Beaulieu's house magazine, 'Bits and Pieces'. A "Thank You" to both of the magazines.

I was sad to hear that one of our good members, Bruce Eggleton passed away peacefully. Bruce was an engineer and made many useful things for the club, including my Club Night gavel. He was fed up with me using a beer bottle! Our thoughts go out to the family. Please see page 14 for an article about him.

Tonight is a talk on security and also equipment for sale to enhance home security. A Thank You to the local police force for their support. October Club Night is the Annual General Meeting – so tonight could you please nominate and propose Committee names on the notice board for 2018.

PS just got back from Laurie's garage open day – a good day with a good turnout of members and friends, thanks to Laurie's Mum and Dad – also Vicky and Louise – great little museum – hope you raised plenty of cash for Julia's House.

That's all for now, Happy Motoring,

John Jenkinson.

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