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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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2018	
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7 th July	Burton Scout's Carnival, Burton
14 th July	Holdenhurst Village Fete, Holdenhurst Village
15 th July	Poole Bay Classics Extravaganza—Braemore House
1 st August	Club Night—Gardening Competition
5 th August	Lymington Classic Car Show, Pennington 9am
10 th -12 th August	Purbeck Rally, Worgret Road, Wareham, BH20 6AB 10am
1 st —2 nd September	MMOC Isle of Wight Branch Rally, Havenstreet Railway Centre (IOW), 9am email: bas.boy.will@googlemail.com
2 nd September	Classic Cars on the Prom—Christchurch Quay
5 th September	Club Night—tbc
30 th September	Classic Cars on the Prom—Christchurch Quay
3 rd October	Club Night—AGM
7 th October	Portland House Open Day—Portland House, Weymouth
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Crossword: answers



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CLUB NIGHT ACTIVITY: Club Run

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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

Bonjour!! Yes you will probably have noticed me at the last Club Night, which does suggest Cyril and I got back..... Or did we?

We drove the 500-odd miles to the South West of France just by ourselves—and we had a great time. I had packed many ‘old’ CDs of eras gone by, and so we boomed along the French motorways singing and bobbing along to the beat of the music—be it The Beatles, Abba, Rap, R&B or a bit of Adele.

It was very hot during our journey, and we were going up and down the Pyrenees... so Cyril’s temperature gauge would creep up on the way up... with me telling him we were nearly at the top. On our way down, I would put him in neutral and let him roll down (my dad would tell me off if he knew!). The French drive very aggressively but at least on the motorways they could speed past me and stick to other people’s bumpers (well there wouldn’t be much point in sticking to mine!). We met some very nice truck drivers, coach passengers and car drivers who just wanted to talk about or photograph/ film Cyril. And he was happy to oblige.

At our last pit stop, we met our first MOT’ers. It was so nice to feel part of something bigger. The last part of the journey was the most picturesque and also testing on Cyril—with windy steep roads and sudden need for breaking. But I am so proud to say we made it in one piece.

We had a mixture of very good and very bad weather—with the lowest point when I returned from a beautiful medieval village called Saint Cirq Lapopie clung to the side of a mountain (see right).

I had already seen the thunderstorms gather whilst I was there so decided to make a move and drive the 1.5 hour back to the campsite. Once at the foot of the mountain, the thunderstorm and torrential rain erupted—with the windscreen



wipers unable to keep up. However, I didn’t feel I could stop as small rivers were coming off the side of the mountain onto the road—and I didn’t want to be flushed away.

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So I persevered and when I returned to the campsite (still in a full-on storm), Chris Hope-Jones (fellow DMMOC member and my neighbour on the campsite) was digging ditches around our 2 tents as a small river was trying to go underneath, around and through our tents. We emptied out our tents into the car in the thunder and raised the alarm with the campsite management. Once the rain stopped they came out and offered us a mobile home for the remainder of our holiday—which was kind and useful—allowing the tents to dry and be packed away prior to our departure. Chris definitely earned the MOT award he won for all his hard work.

Eventually it was time to commence the journey homewards. I was sharing my journey with fellow DMMOC'ers Nick and Angie and they were the most delightful company I could have wished for. We had a pleasant drive back to the port over 2 days and 2 nights—staying in some lovely places along the way. We charmed many locals with our cars—including the Gendarme on the motorway! And Cyril behaved impeccably.



We had good laughs, met wonderful people, made new friends and have good memories to look back on. Would I do it again? Definitely! Would I recommend it to anyone? Absolutely! ((with a side note that France is a mixed experience if you're vegetarian—as some chefs there seem to translate this term into 'lettuce eater'). Luckily next year the MOT is in the Ardennes in Belgium so no worries about lettuce—chocolate and Belgian beer will be the order of the day!

Thank you to all of those of you who had enough faith in me to sponsor me—I raised a total of £227 for the Arthritis Research Foundation. Now on to our next challenge!

Natasja



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Pies at the National Rally

This is what happens when you eat too many pies Brian and Nev!

With love from Dave Holton

Saying Thanks:

Our friend in France wishes to say a big "THANK YOU" to all the lovely ladies who gave her wool and buttons to make garments for the orphan babies in Goa.

Your kind donations are gratefully received and have been divided up between several keen knitters to make cardigans, hats and blankets.

Much love from Dave and Jackie Walker

MOT Regulations Article

Dear Editor,

Thank you very much very kind of you for your help sharing the MOT article that was in your May'18 Newsletter. We have published it in our newsletter and I have made sure that Dave Walker's and Brian Wood's names are mentioned with thanks.

Best regards David Eastwood—Hampshire Branch

Beaulieu thanks

Moggyfest at Beaulieu was excellent and so well organised. An enormous thank you to everyone involved in any way whose hard work ensured that the week-end was so successful. Well done Dorset Branch!

Best wishes, Nick and Angi Odell

For Sale: Practical Classics Magazines from Edition Number 1 (May 1980) through to 2006. Believed complete but work on the basis that 2 or 3 may have gone missing over time. Just looking for a good home for them & a nominal **donation** to the Bournemouth Multiple Sclerosis Centre (based in West Parley). **Peter Houghton 01202 897594 or e-mail peterhoughton24@hotmail.com**

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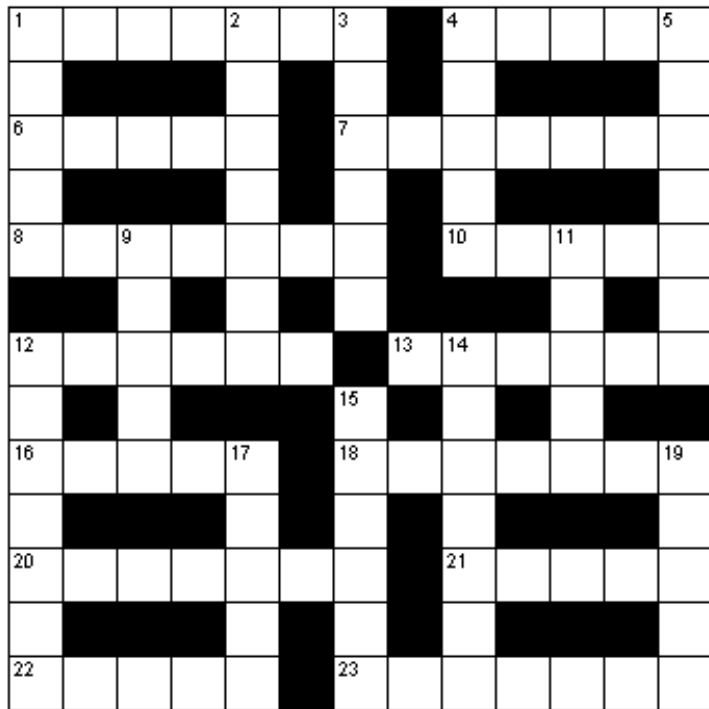
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Crossword



Across

1. State capital of Georgia (7)
4. Egyptian dam (5)
6. Italian isle (5)
7. Montgomery is the state capital (7)
8. Grand Canyon State (7)
10. Japanese city (5)
12. Capital of 16 across (6)
13. Capital of the Philippines (6)
16. European country (5)
18. Capital of Algeria (7)
20. North American mountain range (7)
21. Egyptian desert (5)
22. Tripoli is the capital (5)
23. Washington city (7)

Down

1. Capital of Ghana (5)
2. Capital of Kenya (7)
3. Biblical Mount (6)
4. San Antonio mission (5)
5. Falls (7)
9. Asian country (5)
11. Australian town, ___ Springs (5)
12. French wind (7)
14. State capital of Maine (7)
15. Topeka is the state capital (6)
17. Currency of Nigeria (5)
19. French river (5)

Prostate Cancer: free PSA testing

Our club has chosen the Prostate Cancer Support Organisation (PCaSO) as our charity for the year. New figures – published by PCUK in Feb 2018 – reveal that for the first time more men died from prostate cancer than women died from breast cancer. And apparently 83% of men at increased of prostate cancer (e.g. aged 50+), don't know they're at greater risk.

The PSA test checks a sample of blood for the Prostate Specific Antigen protein which is produced by the prostate gland. The test does not diagnose cancer but it's the only quick and easy test available. A raised reading means that further checks might be necessary and they suggest that men with a raised reading visit their doctor to discuss matters. PCaSO arranges events where men over 45 can have a free test .

The next testing event is on **Saturday 28th July in Wareham** at the Masonic Hall, Howards Lane, BH20 4 HU. It's important to make a booking which can be done by calling Allan Higgin on 01202 691710, as they need to record some details before the day. **Note:** please do not call more than a couple of weeks before the event as the booking list won't be open.

I hope this is helpful. **Andy Dibb**



Join the Club

A warm welcome to the DMMOC family for:

Andrew Wallis
Christine Cains
David & Anne Mein



We're really pleased you chose to join our club. Put the kettle on and have a natter with our members. Chances are you'll make new friends. If you can see scope for improvement: speak up. We are continuously improving. And enjoy the ride! We look forward to your company at our events. There's no time to be bored in a world as beautiful as this (and all the more beautiful thanks to Morris Minors).

Chairman's Report



Good evening and welcome to the July Club Night.

I hope you all enjoy the run to the Augustus John Pub near Fordingbridge with a good meal and just a non-alcoholic drink. Next Club Night on August 1st is of course the Gardening Competition so lets have a good turnout of vegetables, flowers and potted plants. A big thanks to Andy Dibb for arranging the run out and Eddie Pateman for organising the gardening competition for the August Club Night.

Ann and myself went for a run out to the Ice Cream Farm in the Morris just the other side of Wimborne last week. The car ran well with no problems. Also the Ice cream was very good, well worth the run out there. We will try to arrange a visit with the club one day?

Some of the Branch members have asked me about possibly arranging a London trip to see the Lord Mayor's Show on November 9-10-11th. So if you are interested in going, please could you let me know so I can get an idea of numbers to get the best deal. I need 25 couples (50 covers) for the coach and hotel.

I hope you all saw the report about Moggyfest at Beaulieu in the Classic Car Weekly and also in the Classic Car Buyer. Both of the papers gave a good report of the event put on by the Branch. If you haven't seen it I will bring them along to the next Club Night.

I hope all the members who went to the MMOC National Rally this year had a good weekend and the Dorset 70th display did us proud. I have just got home from a day at Christchurch Quay with some of the Branch

Members - lovely hot weather and a good picnic. I took the Mercedes 190SL for its first outing this year!

We have provisionally arranged for the Dinner and Dance at the Didsbury Golf Club, on 12th January 2019 (prices and details to be announced)

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Judging Rules - DMMOC Gardening competition (Clubnight 1st Aug'18)

Dear All,

With our gardening competition only a month away now, I hope you're in the middle of tending to your plants during this glorious weather. In preparation for the competition, please see below the judging rules:

Exhibitors

- ⇒ Would members wishing to enter the show:
- ⇒ please have their exhibits in place by 8.00pm
- ⇒ Please register before placing in selected class.
- ⇒ Each exhibit will be issued with a number and cup to be placed next to each item.

Judging

- ⇒ Judging to commence at 8.15pm
- ⇒ Members wishing to judge the classes please collect counters from the show table.
- ⇒ Place one counter into the cup next to the exhibit you have judged the best in that class.
- ⇒ Each class winner will receive a rosette.
- ⇒ Best in show will be judged by the committee and will be presented with a rosette and a trophy.

Eddie Pateman.

Moggyfest Reflections

I feel I must say how surprised and genuinely touched I was with the club's kindness when I was suddenly asked to present the awards at the culmination ending of our Beaulieu 70th Anniversary Rally to represent the Dorset Branch Club and John, Laurie and the rest of the Dorset Club branch committee. I was told it was something to do with recognition of some sort or other to do with the 'Time Line' marquee display??

In fact the planning discussions and forming and agreeing of ideas, (to some extent) painting the large backdrop artworks and the making of the graphic boards was the easier (and actually enjoyable) part of my share towards the event. But please consider that what everyone eventually saw displayed and set up within the marquee at Beaulieu would certainly not have come together so successfully without the incredible hard work and enthusiasm of those particular other fellow members that I think should have as much thanks.

Apologies that I cannot name everyone here due to space that personally helped me in building the 70th displays. However the 'British Life Style' era object displays came together so well in the end due to Phil Traves' professional expertise. Also, Brian Ford, his wife and Eddie Pateman were up at the crack of dawn and off in the hired van each day we were setting up, as well as after the event to collect and deliver everything for the event, even travelling as far as Dorchester. Personal thanks must also go to Ron Tickner - not only as the event electrical 'Gaffer', but for his enthusiasm in helping me with any odd thing at all. (Ron even decided to camp directly outside the front of the marquee at night to keep an eye out for our more valuable antique items inside!).

Olyvia and her husband Dave also said that they were very good friends of the two fantastic 'Hippy' Characters that appeared. It was also great to see those few others that joined Laurie and I being not too shy to dress in period style—thus truly entering into the spirit of this landmark Morris Minor 70th birthday event.

Once again my thanks to the committee for allowing it all to happen and all those fantastic club members involved who worked so hard with me over what was a very memorable weekend. If I could bottle and sell the essence and camaraderie of the Dorset Branch MM Club I would be an instant Millionaire.

As promised in the previous newsletter, please see some photographic coverage of the weekend itself on the following pages—captured for posterity.

Roger Kellow

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As I write this I have just returned from this year's National Rally at Kelmarsh Hall near Northampton. I thought it was one of the better national rallies in recent years and had a really good day catching up with old friends and looking round at some fantastic vehicles.

Roger's backdrops looked brilliant in the main marquee and everyone who saw them was very impressed - particularly Ray Newell. Roger did tell him though, that if any of the figures were wrong it was his fault as they were taken from his books!

It was good to see the 3 oldest MM's in existence in the main arena. Number 1, number 7 and number 83 off the production line were all there along with lots of other Lowlights. It was the most Lowlights I've seen together for years. Overall there were hundreds of Minors on display, along with vehicles from the Morris Register, the Landcrab Club, the MO and 6/80 Club, the Wolseley Register and many others from the Morris Vehicle Association clubs.

Next year's rally will be at Kelmarsh Hall again - it's a superb venue which I can't wait to go to again.

Nothing to report on the car front this month - with both the Traveller and Series II running well. I managed to pick up a positive earth 8 track player on eBay for £10 which I have fitted in the Series II. I have fitted it and it seems to work very well! All I need now is some more tapes as I've only got 1 Neil Diamond tape that John lent me!

That's all from me for this month, see you at the Holdenhurst Village Fete.

Laurie

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Secretary's Report



Good evening everyone and welcome to The Augustus John for the July Club Night. Don't forget that next month is the annual gardening competition – check out the categories on page xxx of this newsletter and get growing! If you have any questions please ask Eddie.

Thank you to everybody who has put their names down for the Holdehurst Village Fete. If you all turn up we'll have a really good display. If you have friends who would like to bring their cars along as well please do ask them – the more the merrier. Please arrive from 11am and you will be directed to park in the field next to the car park where you will be issued with your ticket for a free cup of tea in the village hall.

We have now finished analysing this years Moggyfest and it was a very successful weekend. As promised here is the list of prize winners:

Series	Position	Name	Model/ Type
Series MM		Frank McDonagh	1948 2 door saloon
Series II		Laurie Blewer	1954 2 door saloon
1000 Saloon	1 st	Mike Pope	4 door saloon
	2 nd	Chris Tilly	2 door saloon
1000 Traveller	1 st	Phil Rendle	
	2 nd	Malcolm Jones	
1000 Convertible		Norman Kimber	
Post Production Convertible		Carol and Peter Tickets	
1000 LCV		Dave Holton	
Visitors	1 st	Lin Hammerton	
	2 nd	Norman Reynolds	
Best Dorset Branch vehicle		Ian Chivers	

Reflections



1950s
1970s



Moggyfest Reflections



Bobbies going back in time...



Members wore a variety of outfits appropriate to the various decades during which the Minor reigned, adding colour and interest to this happy aspect of the show



Beaulieu's Managing Director Russell Bowman and our very own Chairman cutting the commemorative cake...

