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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	
2nd May	Club Night—Antiques Roadshow
7th May	Popham Airfield Classic Car Show—Popham Airfield
19th-20th May	Moggyfest 2018—Beaulieu Spring Autojumble
20th May	Classic Cars on the Prom—Highcliffe Castle
27th May	Pecorama Rally, Beer, near Seaton (Devon)
2nd June	Wimborne St Giles Church Fete, Wimborne St. Giles (just turn up)
6th June	Club Night—Quiz
9th June	North Wilts MMOC Rally, REME museum, Lynham
17th June	HAMMOC Rally, Fort Nelson
24th June	Classic Cars on the Prom—Christchurch Quay
1st July	Mid-summer Saunter—Shillingstone Railway. Meet at Vines Kitchen
4th July	Club Night—Club Run to Augustus John pub in Fordingbridge
7th July	Burton Scout's Carnival, Burton
14th July	Holdenhurst Village Fete, Holdenhurst Village
1st August	Club Night—Gardening Competition
5th August	Lymington Classic Car Show, Pennington 9am
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2nd September	Classic Cars on the Prom—Christchurch Quay
5th September	Club Night—tbc
30th September	Classic Cars on the Prom—Christchurch Quay
3rd October	Club Night—AGM
7th November	Club Night—Talk by Darren from Timeless Classics Ltd
5th December	Club Night—tbc

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

Crossword: answers

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CLUB NIGHT ACTIVITY: Antiques Roadshow

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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

Hi All! Greetings from a sunny and above all SAFE Salisbury (or so we're being told—I need to see the doctor about that 6th toe that's growing on my left foot—but I'm sure it's all fine ha ha).

Well the first Club outing of the year has been and gone. It was a lovely day out, the weather was very agreeable (despite the forecast) and the route very picturesque. Unfortunately it wasn't such a lovely day for our Chairman John—as his Moggy yet again let him down. I hope and wish that as a club we can help him get to the bottom of the problem once and for all so John's faith in the car can be restored.

Kingston Maurward Gardens looked after us very well and were very welcoming to us all. From the pre-allocated parking spaces for our cars, the reduced entry fee to the catering staff who provided us with good food and a very friendly service. I hope we'll return again in the future. Thanks Andy for organising it all (I know how time consuming it can be!!)

Cyril is just getting a few final bits fixed (incl. an MOT) and then he's ready for the Big Trip. Less than a month to go..... I'm looking forward to it. **hope you will support me by providing a donation for Arthritis Research UK—however small.** All monies raised will go directly to the charity. I am funding the cost for the trip from my own savings.

Tonight will be our very own Antique Roadshow. I'm sure many of you have been scouring through the loft to see if you can find anything that may make you a millionaire overnight. Whatever the verdict, it's always a very interesting evening as well as a good laugh I find.

Moggyfest preparations are coming along really well. I've seen some of the plans for the layout of the Morris Minor through the decades—and I think it will be a really engaging display. If you have any items you may feel could make good display items and haven't run them past Roger Kellow and Laurie Blewer, then please do so. Entry for Moggyfest is now closed and I have heard that we've had a high number of applicants—so I'm looking forward to another bustling weekend.

Workwise, I had hoped to have accepted a 'little' (but still busy!) low key job in a small business—only to be in the full spotlight of the international press—all linked to Mr Skripal (the former Russian spy) and his pets (which have sadly all died). We had numerous journalists turn up on our doorstep, ring and email asking for our comments and explanations to a DE-FRA statement that sadly all of Mr Skripal's pets had died. Obviously we wouldn't comment, but it felt very intimidating.

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I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter, doing the puzzles and /or looking at the pictures and events. I am planning to share a questionnaire to ask for more specific feedback so that we can make the newsletter what our members are looking for.

Please remember all of this comes with a health warning: none of us are professional writers or editors. Like the club's Committee, we do it for the love of the club and in our spare time (often alongside full-time work). And it can take up a good day to pull it all together. So please think about constructive feedback you can share with a positive intent. Thanks very much in advance.

See you about and keep them rolling!!

Natasja

Join the Club

A warm welcome to the DMMOC family for:

David and Lesley Price



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).

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Secretary's Report



Good evening everyone and welcome to your May newsletter and club-night. I hope you all enjoyed last month's talk on Dads Army – I thought it was very interesting. Tonight, Phil is here for another of his Antiques Roadshow evenings so let's see what goodies are uncovered tonight. Next month we will see a return of Call My Bluff.

As I'm writing this we have just returned from the Drive It Day Run. It was a very enjoyable day, so thanks to Andy for organising it. We started off at Plowmans for a lovely breakfast before setting off for a gorgeous drive to Kingston Maurwood House. We'd never actually been to Kingston Maurwood before and had an enjoyable afternoon looking at the animals and the gardens.

Lots of you have now put your names down for Holdenhurst Fete, so thank you for that. The organising team at the fete are now quite excited about our attendance this year and have promised us all a cup of tea in the village hall. There are lots of entry forms available for events throughout the summer period up on the newsletter table with Brian and Pauline so please help yourselves.

Moggyfest (drumroll): we are putting the finishing to the plans for Moggyfest at Beaulieu. We have a very good number of vehicles entered for the weekend but I'm afraid if you haven't got your entry in, it is now too late.

Roger has also pretty much finalised the plans for the main marquee display and I think it's going to be a very good one this year. We are on the hunt for some volunteers to help with the marshalling first thing in the morning and at the end of the day. We will also need some help with the breaking down of the displays and marquees on the Sunday evening once the show is over.

We will also need cakes for the refreshments tent again this year (please!). If they could be sliced, wrapped and labelled, it would be much appreciated to keep the old health and safety bods happy!

I'm almost there with the Series II and with any luck it will get its official "unveiling" at Beaulieu in the main marquee. By the time you are reading this I will have started the final fitting of the interior – who knows I may even have finished it!

That's all from me for this month, see you all at Beaulieu. Until then: Happy Minor-ing

Laurie

For Sale & Wanted & Club Notices

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



For Sale: 1954 Series 2 Morris Minor Saloon. Original 803cc engine. Black with contrasting pearl grey wheels and grille. Very original standard spec car. No heater, one sun visor, no overrides, vinyl facings to seats rather than leather. Never been welded, underside is as it left the factory. One of the best we have ever seen. History file shows mileage in 1988 as 7381, now showing at just under 9000 miles. The red interior has a nice patina, no damage to the seats or headlining. Only the carpet has been replaced. May part exchange for another Minor. One for the collector. If originality is your thing – then look no further. **£5,995**. Please contact Steven Loder on **07748 154474**

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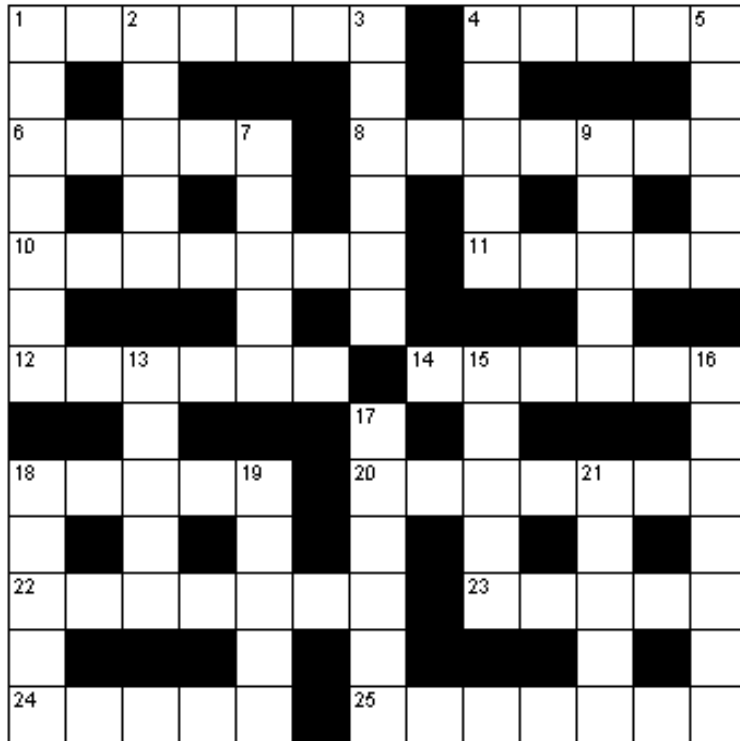
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Crossword



Across

- 1. American city (3,4)
- 4. Italian holiday isle (5)
- 6. North African mountain range (5)
- 8. Capital of Kenya (7)
- 10. Vienna is the capital (7)
- 11. Japanese city (5)
- 12. Sea between Greece and Turkey (6)
- 14. Canada's smallest province, Prince ___ Island (6)
- 18. Asian country (5)
- 20. Capital of Cyprus (7)
- 22. One of the Balearic islands (7)
- 23. South American mountain chain (5)
- 24. Colorado ski resort (5)
- 25. State capital of Georgia (7)

Down

- 1. Horseshoe Falls in Canada, ___ Falls in the US (7)
- 2. UK country (5)
- 3. Topeka is the state capital (6)
- 4. Capital of Egypt (5)
- 5. Spanish holiday isle (5)
- 7. Damascus is the capital (5)
- 9. Nebraskan city (5)
- 13. African country (5)
- 15. Capital of Bangladesh (5)
- 16. Saltwater lake between Israel and Jordan (4,3)
- 17. Capital of Turkey (6)
- 18. Florida city (5)
- 19. Italian city (5)
- 21. Khartoum is the capital (5)

Help with buttons and wool for an Indian orphanage

Hello everyone,

A few years ago we asked for donations of gentlemen's ties and old blankets for our friend in France who was making coats for rescued greyhounds. You very kindly responded with loads of donations.

This time, our friend has become involved in knitting for children in an orphanage in Goa (a protectorate of India). They are 20 –24 inch chests and she needs wool and cream or pearlised buttons and also if you have any patterns you don't need any more that would be wonderful.

If you can help, please could you bring your donations to May club night or Beaulieu, as we will be taking them over with us when we go to Minors on Tour in France straight after Beaulieu finishes.

Thank you so much for your help.

Dave and Jackie Walker

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Chairman's Report



Good evening and welcome to May's Club Night. Tonight is another Antiques Evening with our expert, Phil Traves - so I hope you have brought along all your antiques for Phil to give a valuation. I hope you all enjoyed the talk by Steve Roberts on 'Dad's Army' - we will be asking Steve back next year for another one of his talks.

I would like to thank members of my Committee for their quick response to the General Data Protection Regulation requirement that comes into force on the 25th May. So if you have not sent your forms back in (signed) could you please do so by 25th May at the very latest. **If you don't return the form signed, we will sadly have to assume you no longer wish to remain a member and you will no longer receive the newsletter.** We don't want this to happen, so please respond.

Moggyfest 2018 at Beaulieu is going well with lots of exhibits for the display coming in but if you think you may have some suitable items of the period 1940-1970, please let Laurie or Roger know as soon as possible. Also we would appreciate donation of home made cakes, so that we can offer them with a cup of tea as we did last year. If you could please do your best and cut the cakes into separate portions and wrap in cling film - that would be a great help (food Hygiene regulations!). The tea, biscuits and cake stall helps to bring in a little cash to offset the costs of the weekend. We would also appreciate some prizes for the Tombola stall.

We would also like to see some more names down for the Holdenhurst Village fete on July 14th (Saturday). The sheet will be on the club Notice board at Club Night - or just let Laurie know.

I hope all of the members that went on the Oxford Weekend had a good time. It was a good job I cancelled that weekend as my Ann was quite ill - but is a lot better now. The Drive-it Day run to Kingston Maurward was the day after the storms on Saturday night, the weather on Sunday turned out to be nice and sunny. After the full English Breakfast at Plowman's which was very filling with plenty of tea and coffee. We headed west..... But yet again, our Morris broke down at about the same distance from Wimborne as last year on the Chairman's Run! The services of the AA were again used so we will have to have a deeper look at the engine to see what the problem is. Anyway, thanks to Andy for the arranging of the day's activities.

That's all for now, see you all at Beaulieu! Your chairman

John Jenkinson

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Oxford Trip April'18

By Brian and Jacky Wood



Friday the 13th April was a lucky day for the Branch as we were due to set off for deepest Oxfordshire for our visit - to take in Nuffield Place and the Oxford Bus Museum and Morris Motors museum.

A group of us met up at Ringwood for the journey, carefully planned to avoid too many main roads - so we mostly stuck to the A338 - Salisbury, Burbage, Hungerford etc. There were only two Minors, our Traveller and Martin Harris/Sue Cooper's Convertible. Other classics on the trip were Peter and Dee's Mk.2 Jaguar and Richard and Sally's 420G.

We arrived at the Hotel (The Shillingford Bridge at Wallingford) in the afternoon and it was a very nice location - right on the south bank of the Thames. Saturday dawned bright and sunny - quite possibly the warmest day of the year by then - and we headed off to Nuffield to view the home of the late William Morris (Lord Nuffield). We managed to get the two Minors out front for the visitors to see.



We did attempt to go to Grey's House nearby (another National Trust house), but probably (due to the good weather) oversubscribed and closed due to "no room in the car park". The access road was only just navigable and would have made a good special stage section for the RAC rally! So the backup plan was to head back to the hotel and sit by the river with a pint.

On Sunday, we headed off up to Oxford to the Bus Museum. Not a huge place, but well worth the visit - as was the adjacent Morris Motors Museum which focusses on the life and works of Wm R Morris.

The journey back home was a bit damp with heavy rain in places on the A34 on Sunday afternoon - so it was a good test for the Series 2 wipers which held up OK. We got through a few tissues, however as the windscreen still leaks profusely. Anyway, it was a great weekend with great company.

Brian and Jacky Wood

MOT regulation Changes: confused?

On 20 May 2018, the UK's MoT laws will undergo a major overhaul with significant consequences for classic car owners. So what's happening? And how will the changes affect you?

Most of you will have heard about the changes to the MOT testing system which will become law on 20th May 2018. Non-exempt vehicles will face harsher testing that will explain defects in more detail (advisory, minor, major and dangerous.) The biggest change, as far as we classic car owners are concerned will be the exemption for vehicles manufactured before 1978 and thence a rolling 40 year ongoing exemption. If you wish to take advantage of this 'relaxation' you will have to get a V112 form from the post office. You will also have to do this for any previously exempt vehicle (ie pre-1960) and the exemption has to be renewed annually.

The desire to 'tighten up' the testing regime either for taking account of increasingly complex modern vehicles or harmonising with European regulations has arisen as it becomes more difficult to test 'our' cars using a standard testing regime. The decision to exempt older vehicles is therefore probably the easier solution to this conundrum from the Departmental point of view.

The exemption applies providing the vehicle hasn't been 'substantially altered' in the last 20 years- although sensible safety alterations – such as better brakes are allowed under the new regulations. Branch Member, David Walker is currently preparing a modified minor with automatic transmission amongst other upgrades – and continues..

We have a 1960 four door Minor which has been modified. Basically it is an automatic with power steering. We don't know when it received the first part of the modifications but certainly within the last 20 years. Since then the original changes have been updated/ improved and more modifications added, the last being within the last couple of months.

So, here's the basic specification. In the light of future changes in the regulations relating to M.O.T. exemption requirements, have a look at the spec. and see [which you think would cause it not to be exempt?](#)

1. 1300 A+ engine probably from a late 1970s Ital. It's standard specification plus electronic ignition.
2. Borg Warner 65 standard automatic transmission complete with all controls including the "kick down" system.
3. Marina/Ital disc front brakes.
4. Marina/Ital brake master cylinder, servo and brake pedal.
5. Marina/Ital rear axle and braking system, including the handbrake mechanism.
6. 13" Ital wheels with 155/80 X 13 tyres
7. GM Corsa electric power steering with electronic automatic power variation control operating the original Minor steering rack.
8. Webasto sun roof
9. Telescopic rear shock absorbers
10. Homemade tow bar.

Apparently, the allowance for upgrades or modifications for Historic Vehicles has been done "with as light a touch as possible". It makes allowances where the original part is not available and upgrades on the grounds of safety are taken into account. I had a chat about the modifications to "Matilda" (it came with the name) with Sandy Hamilton and these are our conclusions. Of course, nobody knows how these things will be interpreted until the Court cases start happening, but this is our best guess.

1. Quite acceptable to use any "A" series as they were manufactured in period or within 10 years after production of the modified vehicle ceased. This also means that my 1954 convertible which now has a 948, also escapes.
2. Gearboxes are not mentioned so it seems acceptable.
3. Acceptable – safety modification.
4. As 3
5. As 3
6. Wheels do not seem to be mentioned. It would have to comply with other vehicle regulations, such as overhanging the bodywork. "Matilda" does comply.
7. Strangely, it seems ok as it merely assists the original specification steering. It's not as if a complete, different, steering system was grafted onto the car. This one may be pretty close to the spirit of the regulations.
8. Webasto Sun Roof. Accepted as it was available at the time of production. It was probably fitted to this car when it was new. The profile of the vehicle is not affected.
9. Shock absorbers are not mentioned so it's OK. In any case the basic original leaf spring setup is still there.

10. Tow bars are not mentioned. They must comply with other regulations but these came in around 2000 and were not retrospective.

Really quite surprising, but it looks as if "Matilda" does not need an M.O.T. The Test can still be undertaken of course, and I will be doing so in this case. A second opinion as to the technical nature of the changes is no bad thing. The M.O.T. Tester that I use has a highly modified Mk1 Escort so he knows what to look for!

"Matilda" has fought us all the way in sorting out the original modifications and adding the new ones. I wonder, did the inspiration for the name come from Roald Dahl or Hilaire Belloc?

Thanks to all who helped to bring "Matilda" back to life. In no special order, thanks to: Will Dickson of Fendyke Garage; Steve Brown; Jim Eggleton; and Sandy and Rosie Hamilton.

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.

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