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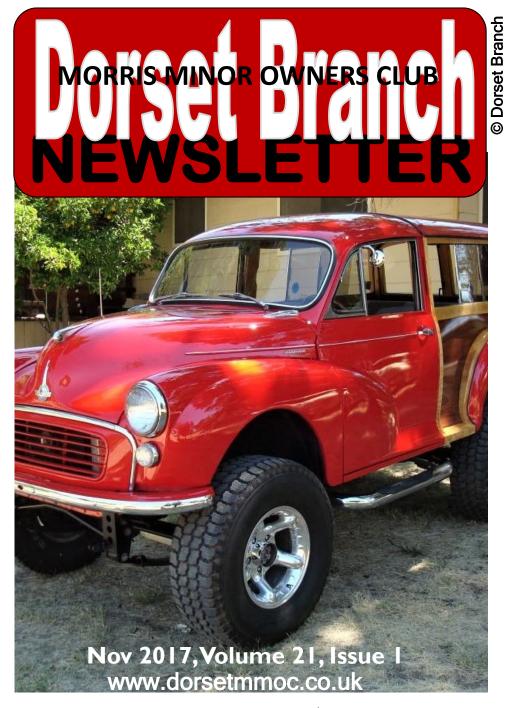
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was founded in 1980 by Graham Melly and chaired in the early days by Aubrey Batt. It is a Branch of the National Morris Minor Owners Club but has its own accounts and organisation (see Constitution for further details) We meet on the first Wednesday 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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## Forthcoming Events (see also www.dorsetmmoc.co.uk)

2017				
1 <sup>st</sup> November	Club Night – Photo Competition (more details TBA)			
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Club Night – Noggin & Natter			
30 <sup>th</sup> December	(Saturday) -Mistletoe Meander			
2018				
3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Club Night—Skittles Night (tbc)			
6 <sup>th</sup> January	Dinner and Dance - Liston Hotel, Bournemouth			
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Club Night— Blind Auction			
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Club Night—Talk (tbc)			
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Club Night—Quiz & Charity Vote			
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Club Night—Antiques Roadshow			

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



### DODSET MMOC 2018 DINNED AND DANCE

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

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### **MENU CHOICES:**

Orange and Melon Platter Starters:

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dock 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)





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# **CLUB NIGHT ACTIVITY.** PHOTO COMPETITION

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## **Editorial**

Hi All!

Well didn't I feel bad after cajoling all of you into coming to the AGM, only to have to bow out myself at the last minute! The problem was that I was trying to empty out my old house in Buckinghamshire (which recently sold) prior to going in for spinal surgery. I knew I wouldn't be able to drive for 6 weeks or lift anything, and so I had the 'it's now or never' song in my head. I had to get it done.

Luckily that's all been pretty much done. The house has been emptied and I had my operation on 10th October. After 2 nights in hospital I was allowed to go home. As luck would have it, my parents had planned to visit me during this period anyway, so they could collect me from hospital and see me home. They were also able to care for me for the first week following my surgery. Had the surgeon not vetoed it (which was pretty gutting), they would have driven me back to their house in the Netherlands to continue my care.



So, unfortunately for me, my parents have now left and I have been left to my own devices. I have to say: it's challenging! Aside from not being allowed to drive or cycle for at least 6 weeks, I am also not allowed to carry anything heavier than a cup of tea—which makes it difficult to keep the household ticking over. But with supermarket deliveries and kind friends, I am making do. All appears to be healing well and I hope to be back at Club Night in December. In the meantime, if you need to get hold of me: just email or call me. My details can be found on page 2 of this newsletter.



Whilst I've been having a makeover, so has my beloved Cyril Traveller. I feel fortunate that I decided to get him spruced up now—as a number of items requiring welding were uncovered which could have become safety issues in the near future (e.g. under the sill step, the door pillar, rear suspension bolts and arms and all U bolts). He's now almost fully prepped to have the relevant metalwork resprayed in November. So I am hoping to be able to

proudly show him off at the Mistletoe Meander. Please don't forget to submit your form!! I look forward to seeing you there.

I am also looking forward to the output of this Club Night's photo competition—I can see our very own Club Calendar coming along—where are those Calendar Men? ©

#### COTILIT

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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* 

BRANCH SPARES DEPARMENT 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).

### **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 <a href="MMOC membership number">MMOC membership number</a> and renewal date and make sure that you sign the attendance sheet at the Club Nights. Thanks.



### **New Morris Minor Spares**

are available through the club. The current list is posted on the website under the 'New Spares' tab. *We can also order other items for you—usually saving the postage cost.* 

Brian. 07411 116336

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## News from the Spares Department

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### The Heads are Back!

The good news is that we now have a new stock of fully reconditioned Unleaded heads. If you are planning an engine rebuild in the near future, then an expertly re-built head with hardened exhaust valves and seats makes sense and saves a lot of work!



The work is done by a local,

trusted engineering workshop (a contact of one of our branch members) and the prices are competitive with ESM or others (but with no postage charges for the head or the returned exchange unit.) The exchange price is £230 (with 10% off for branch members—ie £207.00) for either 948cc or 1098cc units. Form an orderly queue please! (We need the old unit returned with just the valves and springs still fitted please).

#### **Alternator Brackets with Coil Mount**

Our other news from the 'inventions' department is that we now have stocks of the MkII alternator bracket with coil mount. Unfortunately we had a few breakages of the original design when used for high mileages. The new version has a much stronger design and has captive nuts incorporated and has 8mm screws to hold the coil. These will be £19.50 less the



usual 10% discount to club members (£17.50).

In preparation for the festive season, I'd also like to remind you there are some lovely new additions to our Regalia collection which could prove some good and original Christmas presents for lovers of Morris Minors or all things vintage (see page 14).

And time is running out to get yourself on the list for the Dinner and Dance. Bookings need to be made by December Club Night (see page 18)

That's all from me for now, other than to thank the Committee for the 'get well' card I received on behalf of the Club. It was one of the first cards that landed on my doorstep, and was very well received and much treasured for that reason. I can honestly say: the Club makes my life better just by featuring in it.

Keep them rolling!!



#### A warm welcome to the DMMOC family for:

Mr Tim Fail and Mrs Tracy Fail Mr Alan Cole and Mrs Sue Cole



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".

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## Secretary's Deport

Good evening everyone and welcome to the November Club Night. Thank you for all your support at last month's AGM and welcome Andy to the committee. Tonight is our first photo competition so good luck to you all. Next month will be the usual Christmas Noggin and Natter. Check out the events calendar for details of future Club Nights.



Plans are now well underway for next year's Moggyfest at Beaulieu. This will be our celebration of the Minors 70th anniversary and the first major event of the year so let's make it one to remember.

We are having a weekend break at Wallingford near Oxford in April at the Shillingford Bridge Hotel. We will be visiting Nuffield Place and the Oxford Bus Museum over the weekend. Booking slips will be available soon but in the meantime please make a note of the date in your diary.

Please get your booking slips in as soon as you can for the Mistletoe Meander and the annual Dinner and Dance. Plans for the Barn Dance are coming together well with both the band and caller arranged. At the moment I'm just waiting for confirmation of the date from the Southern Electric Club before we let you all know when it is.

With Christmas fast approaching don't forget to take a look at the club regalia. Get in touch with Dave and Jackie if you would like to buy anything.

By the time you read this the Series II should be ready to go off for its respray. I've been very fortunate whilst stripping the car down in that virtually everything has come undone with no problems. Its going in within the next week or so for a complete repaint in its original Birch grey.

Sorry this report is so short and sweet but with the rally season now over there's not too much to write about, so until next time: Happy Motoring!



## For Sale & Wanted & Club Notices

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

FOR SALE: One 803 engine that was in good condition when removed from its donor car and has been properly stored. It can be collected from just North of Swindon. Cost £40. Call Ash Holmes on 01285 810524 and have a chat for further information

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. Please contact Nev on 01202 747687



#### For Sale:

• Large capacity ( 9 gallon ) Saloon / Traveller / Convertible petrol tank Please contact Steven Loder on 07748 154474

£110

#### For Sale:

Black back seats from a scrapped Morris Minor Ex Police car. They have been languishing in my loft in Weymouth for many years Price £50.

Contact Mike Pattison - Mobile 07818633390 or email mike.pattison@tiscali.co.uk



#### Wanted:

Series II 4 door saloon (1953-1956) good condition, not a project.

Please contact Phil Haste on 07966426917 or sales@torbayclockcentre.biz

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



### Tired or stressed with life/ drivina? Have a relaxing massage at home! Treatments from £30

- Specialised Pregnancy Massage available.
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Phone Rachel on 07854 849866 for more details and to discuss your treatment.

## Regalia Update

Dave and Jackie are doing a fantastic job at managing the Club's regalia, and keeping it interesting with a steady supply of new items. Please see the back page of this newsletter for a selection of the available stock. Some of the new items make particularly good presents. Maybe you are looking for something for a gift for someone's special day or you're starting to get organised for Christ-

mas.

 Model cars—unusual signage: we have some model cars which appear to display signage that is not often seen.

Price: £3.75 (very good value)

 BMC advertising: these are original adverts printed on aluminium sheets (so suitable for display inside or out). A great way to decorate your garage.

Price: £6 each

3. **Assistance Cards:** if you're out on a classic car run and stop, put this plastic sign in your rear window to show that you need help (red side) or that it's not needed (green side out). There's nothing worse than having stopped to "go behind a hedge" to find, on returning to your vehicle that three or four fellow entrants offering to help!

Price: £2.75 each

4. **Bone china mugs:** these lovely mugs display the DMMOC logo on both sides, so whether you are left or right handed, it's always visible. They are dishwasher friendly. The best way for a DMMOC member to drink a cuppa!

Price: £7.50 each









In addition to the above new items, we have hats, clothing plus and a few other bits and bobs.

**Reminder:** we are coming to the end of the wall mounted key holders so, don't leave it too long if you want one - as there are no plans at the moment for a second run.

All items are usually stocked at Club Meetings, please go and have a chat with Dave & Jackie Walker. If you can think of something that would make a useful addition to the stock please let David & Jackie know, as they're always on the lookout for new items.

## **Editor's Inbox**







Living in Tasmania, Australia, **Vic Holyoak** must be our most distant member. Some years ago, he sent me a fluffy Tasmanian Devil which had a regular feature in various Morris Minor poses in the newsletter. After several years rest, he has now been seen helping me with the rewiring of my convertible project. (See photo).

**Brian Wood** 

Which Classic Car Are You? Win tickets to the London Classic Car Show If you fancy a bit of fun, and would like the opportunity to win tickets to the London Classic Car Show (15-18 Feb'18, Excel, London), go to <a href="https://www.lancasterinsurance.co.uk/other-services/which-classic-car-are-you">www.lancasterinsurance.co.uk/other-services/which-classic-car-are-you</a>
Fill out the answers to the short quiz and you will be given a classic car to match your personality... from a Lamborghini Countach to a Ford Capri. Share your personality and enter the competition. If you don't feel like taking the quiz, you can always click the image on the right of the above page to enter the competition straight away. (Please note: before submitting your entry, you can tick the box not to be contacted with any marketing gumpf from Lancaster Insurance or 'selected third parties')

### Editor's competition: 'For the Love of it'

If you'd like to be in the running of winning a nice bottle of white wine or a box of chocolates, answer the following question:

'I love my Morris Minor because.....'

### Send your reply back to:

Email: natasja.dumay@gmail.com Post: Natasja Dumay, 66 Hollows Close, Salisbury, SP2 8JX Entries close 24th October'17 Please don't forget to include your name and (email) address. Winner(s) will be notified directly and an-

nounced in the next Newsletter



## Chairman's Deport

Good evening and welcome to November's Club Night.

would like to thank all the members for their support and for voting the committee and myself in for another year.

Also, some of the members have contacted the committee with some new places to visit for days out and weekend breaks such as a weekend in Oxford to visit the bus museum and Nuffield House, a run out to the RAF museum at Sopley and I am looking at a couple of sites for our one-day club Rally.

Tonight is the photographic competition - this is the first time we have had a photo competition and so I hope there are plenty of photos for the display.

Laurie and I are sorting out some dates for the Branch Barn dance for 2018 and we are waiting for the Electric Club to confirm the arrangements.

Arthur Cox came round in the week to replace the head on my Morris Minor and everything seems to be OK so I hope that it will get me to the end of the 2018 Chairman's Run and enjoy the day. ©

Laurie and I are meeting with the team at Beaulieu to arrange the date for the 70th birthday celebration for the Morris Minor—which sounds like an exciting opportunity to showcase our club.

Don't forget to fill in your entries for the Mistletoe Meander run on the 30th December, so that I can order the fish and chips. The same goes for the dinner and dance on January 5th 2018 — so we can let the hotel know the number of covers for the meal.







### by Nick and Angi Odell



the Colliery Village where you are very much in 1913, when coal production in the area was soaring, you can visit the miners' cottages with their coal fires and their vegetable patches, experience the harsh working conditions in the Drift Mine, visit the Methodist Chapel and attend a lesson in the local primary school – in those days the classes were huge, the discipline was strict and no talking was allowed!

During your trip, don't forget also to visit the 1940 Farmhouse and Farm with animals, and the Manor House 1820 with an attractive garden owned by a wealthy landowner at the time.



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If the weather is dry, you can always visit the Fair on the

field, sit in the bandstand in the town park watching the Suffragettes demonstrating in the street, or just keep wandering around soaking up the atmosphere.



And the good news is that they have started building a 1950s town which should be completed in three year's time.

Beamish is certainly a memorable place, and if you have already visited Ironbridge or the Black Country Museum, you would have some idea as to what to expect.

In 2017 over 500,000 people have visited to date: and long may its success continue!

Nick and Angi Odell



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### **Beamish Open Air Museum**

If you ever find yourselves in the Durham area, we would strongly recommend a trip to Beamish, the famous North of England Open Air Museum

If you have a bit of nostalgia for the past, appreciate old things and are interested in the social history of the early part of the twentieth century, you would find Beamish fascinating.

We recently visited Beamish with Dave and Jackie Walker. It is about 10 to 12 miles from the city and on a large site, which you can get around by either taking one of the iconic trams or buses, or even on foot!

In the Town you are right back in the year 1913 with all the shops and facilities you would have expected to find at that time. The buildings that have been rescued, transported and carefully rebuilt at Beamish are beautiful to behold with all the Victorian ironwork and Edwardian shop frontages on display.

Barclay's Bank feels just right with all its polished woodwork, the dentist's surgery might engender a bit of panic, so might the variety of doubtful concoctions in the chemist's, but the sweet shop would definitely perk up your spirits with all the colourful confectionery on display – you can even watch the confectioner making the sweets!

As for the Public Conveniences, it is easy to see why we led the world in lavatories at that time – the tiling is superb! The interiors of the shops are particularly authentic, especially the ironmonger's one and the attention to detail is what makes the Beamish experience so interesting.

If you get tired of the shops, you can relax in the period Sun Inn or enjoy one of the delicacies in the large teashop, which is comfortably warm!

All the employees and volunteers at Beamish are dressed in period costume and when you go into any of the buildings, they are a mine of knowledge about them and merge into their roles with consummate ease, whether you ask them how many baths they have a week, what wages they receive or what they do in their leisure time - remember no TV or I Pads to distract them!





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**Brian.** 07411 116336



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# Classic Car Girls: Frevia Joyner where mechanics meet diversity

Those who know me well know I have a strong passion for diversity—and for seeing under-represented groups feature in non-traditional roles.

No matter how we word it, there is no getting around the fact that the automotive industry is a male-dominated empire. Recently, the National Motor Museum at Beaulieu appointed a female workshop apprentice for the first time in its history to help maintain and restore its collection of more than 250 historic vehicles.

The move will hopefully inspire other young female mechanics – and also help keep alive the essential skills needed to look after and preserve the museum's machines. She will also be the first apprentice to complete her training since museum manager Doug Hill finished his training at Beaulieu 40 years ago.

But she's not the only one. For we have our very own female role model in our midst: drum roll for Freyja Joyner—who has joined Nigel Seymour of Seymour's Vehicle Restoration as an apprentice. I was keen to talk to Freyja to find out what motivated her, and found out she definitely has a very non-traditional background and has constantly reinvented herself to get round adversity—something I greatly admire.

To begin with, for 4 years, Freyja lived in Norway with her husband as an experimental archaeologist — working out how tools found in archaeological digs would have been used and visiting schools to educate school children of their heritage and history.

Freyja returned to the UK with her husband, where she went into the ambulance service in the Bournemouth area. However, 5 years ago she sadly had an accident with an ambulance slider door that damaged tendons, ligaments and bones in her wrist, which sadly forced her to retire from the ambulance service. She still requires regular surgery to help resolve the issues with her wrist.

As Freyja was keen to continue in a role where she'd use her anatomical knowledge, she retrained as a personal trainer— and currently works at a gym. This is how she got talking to Nigel Seymour, who was keen to hand his classic car skills over to the younger generation by sharing his workload. However, he was finding that many young people weren't prepared to work for the money.

Freyja's interest was immediately sparked. She considers herself a petrol head, and has owned 27 cars since obtaining her driving licence 30+ years ago.. And so she asked Nigel if she could join his venture as a mature, female apprentice as it would provide

### Freyja Joyner—interview edited by Natasia Dumay



her with the practical skills she yearns for to allow her to maintain her own vehicles as well as help pass skills down that are now considered a 'dying trade' through the generations.

Freyja says she enjoys the 'science' (anatomy) behind 'mechanics' - both car and plane knowing how things work and why—the key to any problem solving within classic car maintenance and restoration. Despite this strong interest, she is keen to express that she's still a 'girlie girl' inside as part of her personal identity. But she has a strong belief (which I share) that given training, environment, opportunity and time, a woman can pretty much do anything a man can do (and sometimes better!). Individual interest, ability and talent should drive someone's career —and gender should not come into this consideration (though she admits sometimes men have more strength).

So far, at Seymour's Vehicle Restoration, Freyja has worked on Morris Minors, a Porsche, and is now being let loose on a MkI Ford Grenada. Frevia says she gets a lot of satisfaction from solving practical problems and making a car 110% better, and seeing the progress along the way. She says the biggest compliment is seeing a driver drive their beloved Classic Car off the forecourt with a smile on their face. That's what fills her with pride and makes her want to do what she's doing.

Aside from her work, Freyja also has 2 children aged 4 and 6. She says combining work with a busy home life can be challenging—especially as she still battles with a damaged wrist. However, she is determined to succeed.

Freyja is hopeful she'll be able to encourage a whole new generation of girls to put down their Barbie dolls for long enough to pick up a torque wrench, so that one day they help spearhead the automotive advancements of the future.

When you see Freyja at Club Night, please give her a warm welcome. She is the future of Classic Cars!