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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)

2018	
30th September	Classic Cars on the Prom—Christchurch Quay
3rd October	Club Night—AGM
7th October	Portland House Open Day—Portland House, Weymouth
7th November	Club Night—Talk by Darren from Timeless Classics Ltd on break-down preparation
5th December	Club Night—tbc
29th December	Mistletoe Meander, start from Electric Club
2nd January	Club Night—tbc
6th February	Club Night—Charity Blind Auction
22nd February	Barn Dance—Southern Electric Club
7th March	Club Night—Talk by probation officer
3rd April	Club Night—Hobbies evening
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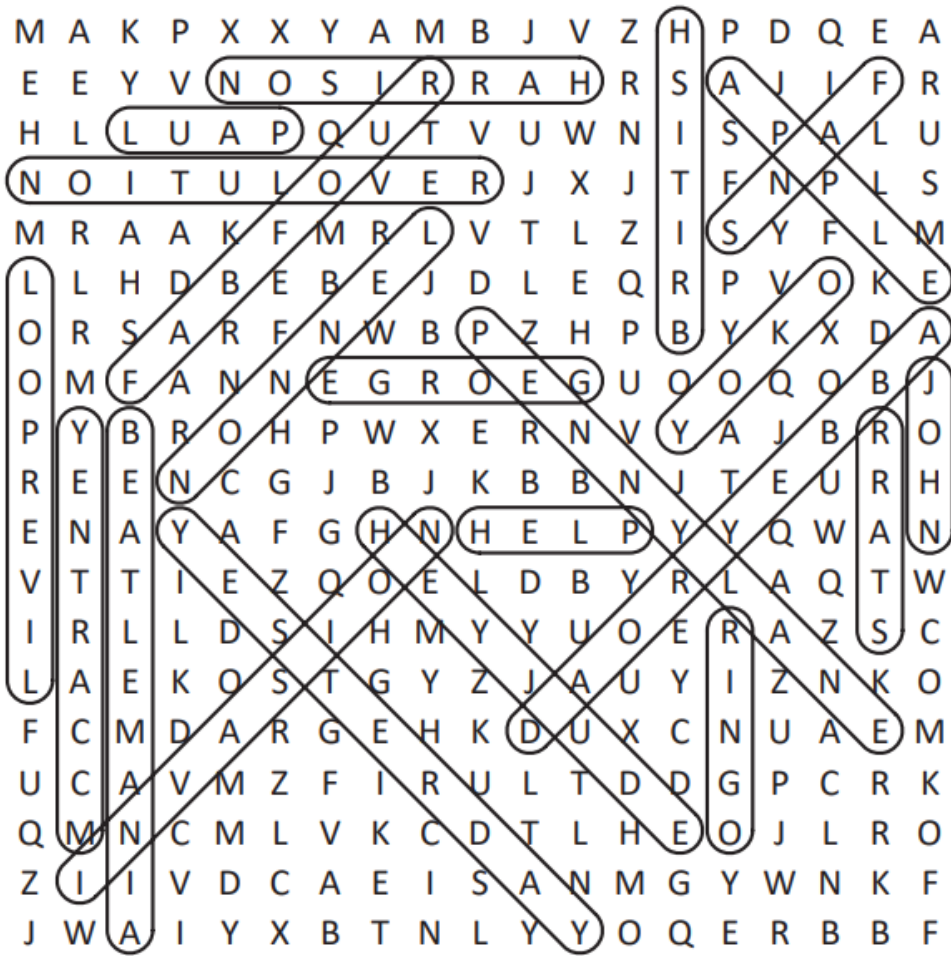
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CLUB NIGHT ACTIVITY:

Talk on A6 murders

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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: Bordering on insanity



Just bought a border collie pup, she acts like Jeckyl and Hyde
 I locked her in the bathroom but she cried n cried n cried
 So I let her in the bedroom where she weed and left her staining
 Its not the perfect start for a border collie's training
 I threw a ball for her to fetch, the beginning to her craft
 She just sat there and store at me, like I was flipping

daft

So I thought a game of "tug o war" would bring it out of her
 But the daft thing look was fired again, she would not even stir
 She is only nine weeks old right now, so she has time to shine
 Now stop ripping all my socks, I know my rights, they're mine!



Well this poem isn't mine, but it does reflect some of my frustrations bringing up a border collie pup. She's been 'mine' for the past 5 weeks and has worn me out already! One of the challenges in her coming home was how she integrates with my cat in the household. She tends to bark at him, so more work is required to train that out of her. I can now so sympathise with young parents, their lack of sleep and personal time to do such things as getting the food shopping done or have a shower. I've been promised things will get better.... So fingers crossed.

On the positive side, she can come to work with me and spends each day in my office keeping me company. I've been very busy trying to socialise her as much as possible with introductions to people, other animals, and experiences such as driving in the car on the passenger seat (she now just goes to sleep) and sitting in the crate on the front of my bike. She's so bright, she will have me on my toes no doubt. As she's only just been fully vaccinated, I've not been able to bring her along to many car events—and as a result have not been able to come. I hope I will be allowed to bring her to Club Night—otherwise that too will be on hold till she can be alone for an evening without emptying her bladder.

I managed to fix Cyril myself the other day (with on-phone support from Brian Wood) when the coil on my car gave up (2nd time in a couple of months—I wouldn't recommend the Lucas gold coils). Luckily I still had my old coil in my spares box, so with the right spanners the coils were switched and the engine running before the breakdown people could even get anywhere near me. I was so proud of myself. I genuinely appreciated the support from fellow club members and would love more skills to be shared to help others as well as myself.

On that note: keep them rolling!

Natasja

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Well doesn't time fly when you're having fun!! It is time to let you know the details for our much loved Annual Dinner and Dance for 2019—which will take as below:

Where? Durdash Golf Club & Hotel, 64 Christchurch Road, Ferndown Bournemouth, Dorset BH22 8ST

When? Saturday 12 January 2019

How much? Meal & entertainment £29 per head (plus supplement on menu if required)

Room Price (if required): **£90** (includes bed and breakfast + use of spa)

To Book: Complete the form in September's newsletter (or download it from the DMMOC website) and **submit by December Club night.**

Menu

Starters

- ◇ Prawn Cocktail
- ◇ Creamed Celeriac & Watercress Soup (V)
- ◇ Honey Glazed Ham Hock & Cranberry Terrine (Served with Port Jelly & Crisp Crostini)
- ◇ Duo of Melon, Orange and Blueberry Cocktail (V) (Served with Stem Ginger Sorbet)

Mains

- ◇ Traditional Roast Turkey (Served with Chipolatas, Savoury Stuffing & Home-made Cranberry Sauce)
- ◇ Oven Roasted Lamb Rack (On a tablet of Leek Mash & Marinated Lamb Jus)
- ◇ Pan Fried Seabass Fillet (Served with Wilted Pak Choi with a Lemon & Parsley Butter)
- ◇ Pumpkin, Chestnut & Goats Cheese Gratin (V)
- ◇ Served with a selection of Fresh Seasonal Vegetables and Baby Roast & Minted New Potatoes

Deserts

- ◇ Christmas Pudding (Served with Brandy Sauce)
- ◇ Raspberry Pannacotta (Served with Pear Jam & Ginger Tuille Biscuits)
- ◇ Black Cherry & Rum Cheesecake
- ◇ Cheese Plate (Stilton, Brie, Red Leicester & Camembert & Mature Cheddar – Served with Grapes, Celery, Figs & Homemade Chutney **(£4.50 Supplement)**)

Coffee and After Dinner Mints

For Sale & Wanted & Club Notices

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

Popular family cars unable to use new fuel, according to study

Many popular family cars are unable to use a fuel that could be introduced to forecourts to cut carbon emissions, according to new research. Some Volkswagen, Ford and Nissan vehicles are among those that aren't compatible with E10 petrol, which is designed to be less harmful to the environment.

The Department for Transport (DfT) launched a consultation last month on its proposal to encourage larger forecourts to sell E10 to help the UK meet climate change targets.

Regular petrol sold in the UK contains up to five per cent bioethanol – a type of renewable fuel – to reduce carbon. E10 involves increasing the proportion to ten per cent and is widely available across much of the European Union and other countries including the USA and Australia. The majority of vehicles in use today are approved to be fuelled with the petrol, but some older vehicles aren't.

New analysis by motoring research charity the RAC Foundation shows that many cars still in regular use are incompatible with the fuel. It found that by 2020 there will still be an estimated 28,066 Volkswagen Golfs on the road that would be affected, the most of any model. Other models in the top 10 incompatibility list include the Nissan Micra (15,785), Rover 25 (9,879) and Ford Escort (8,947).

The DfT is proposing to introduce a requirement for larger filling stations to continue to stock standard petrol in an E5 grade if they decide to add an E10 option, in a bid to ensure the owners of older vehicles can continue to drive.

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| | McCartney | |

As published in the Evening Express on 28th August'18

Steve Gooding, director of the RAC Foundation, said: "As and when E10 appears on the forecourts, drivers need to know whether their cars can use it without being damaged. This analysis shows that even in a couple of years' time there will still be hundreds of thousands of cars on our roads that are incompatible with the new fuel. Whilst some of the cars incompatible with E10 fuel will be historic models, many will be old but serviceable everyday run-arounds that people on a tight travel budget rely on to get about. The good news is both that the vast majority of cars on our roads are able to run on E10 and that transport secretary Chris Grayling has recognised the need to protect the users of those older vehicles which are not E10-compatible. It will be interesting to see whether the current consultation generates support for the government's proposed way forward."

A DfT spokeswoman said: "This government is ambitiously seeking to reduce the UK's reliance on imported fossil fuels and cut carbon emissions from transport. But drivers of older vehicles should not be hit hard in the pocket as a result. The E10 petrol consultation will give a better understanding of the impact of E10 on the UK market, and to ensure that drivers are protected if any changes come into effect."

These are the 10 models that will have the most registered E10-incompatible cars in 2020, according to the RAC Foundation (number of cars in brackets):

1. Volkswagen Golf (28,066)
2. MG MGB (20,890)
3. Mazda MX-5 (18,162)
4. Nissan Micra (15,785)
5. **Morris Minor (12,796)**
6. Rover 25 (9,879)
7. MG MGF (9,352)
8. Ford Escort (8,947)
9. Rover Mini (7,614)
10. MG TF (7,568)

Chairman's Report



Good evening and welcome to September Club Night.

A big thanks to all the members for taking part in the Gardening competition at the August Club Night—including the 'Junior' Section with Louise and Charlie. Tonight we have a speaker to talk about the Hanratty 'A6' Murder in the sixties.

The reason for booking a speaker on this subject is because it involves a 4 door Morris Minor. So I hope all the members enjoy the evening.

I would like to thank Mike and Enid Smith for their raffle prize at the last Club Night - it was much appreciated. Also a big thanks to all the club members who support the raffle with prize contributions. It all helps to support the running of the Club Nights. All the members should have received entry slips for the Annual Branch Dinner and Dance at the new venue (Dudsbury Golf Club) on 12 January 2019. If you haven't received your slip, contact Jacky Wood or download from Branch Website. I have been down to the fish and chip shop to order the fish and chips for the Mistletoe Meander on Saturday 29 December.

Ann and I took the caravan to the Purbeck Rally weekend for 3 days but the weather was terrible with rain and wind for all 3 days. We did, however, have a nice Chinese meal on Friday night with Dave and Jackie Walker and on Saturday, fish and chips with Jim and Jenny, and Dave and Jackie which made the weekend worth going to. It was sad to see all the hard work putting on these shows, with good groups and bands in the evening and during the day - also plenty of trade stands and activities in the arena. This show has got better each year and should be good next year.

On Sunday 19 August I went to Creech Grange on the Purbecks to their Summer Fete. There was a good selection of classic cars, stalls, burgers and afternoon cream teas. A good little, local fete. We went round the House, which was very interesting. We were looking at this site as a possible venue for the next rally.

Happy Motoring,

John Jenkinson

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Secretary's Report



Good evening and welcome to the September Club Night. I hope you all enjoyed last month's gardening competition and thanks to Eddie for organising everything. I hope you all enjoy tonight's talk on the A6 Murders. Don't forget that next month is the AGM and your attendance would be much appreciated.

Our first show since Lewis was born was The Lymington Show. I had forgotten how much stuff we have to take when we go out for a day with a baby and it was a very tight squeeze in the Series III! The show itself was its usual excellent self with a very large boot sale and lots of other stalls along with slides, bouncy castles etc. for the children. There were lots of fantastic vehicles on show with some excellent car club displays. Unfortunately we were pipped at the post for best club stand again by the 3 Counties Car Club.

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Garden Party in aid of Julia's House on what turned out to be one of the wettest days of August! We reconvened indoors eventually with regular tours of the "Museum". The Significance Signing Choir performed at 2pm and brilliant they were too. Despite the weather keeping people away we still managed to raise the fantastic amount of £368 for Julia's House.

The next 2 road runs have been planned for 7th October and 29th December. The "Autumn Amble" will start at Upton House and finish up at Portland House again for their open day. The "Mistletoe Meander" will take place on 29th December and will take you on mystery tour before heading back to the SEB club for lunch. Please book your place on these runs.

Don't forget to get your booking slips in for the Dinner and Dance, taking place at Duds-bury Golf Club next year.

We have realised that in recent years we have been attending fewer car shows as a club and we want to put this right next year. If you know of a show that you think we should attend as a club please let me know and I will endeavour to book us a stand.

Thank you to everyone for the cards and presents that you sent following the birth of baby Lewis – it is much appreciated. He is doing very well and growing at an amazing rate!

That's all from me for this month. Happy Minorning

Laurie

Editor's Inbox



Wool for Goa

You may recall the appeal, earlier this year, for wool that was to be used to provide jackets for babies in Goa.

The attached shows the results. Thanks to everyone who donated. Your generous is greatly appreciated.

Dave and Jackie Walker



Me and My Car: Mavis the Morris Minor

At our respective ages of 66 and 33, Mavis the Morris and I have the honour of being the oldest car and the youngest member of the Rotorua Morris Minor Club.

Having been part of New Zealand's vintage and pinup scene for the last eight years, I am easily recognised around Hamilton as the woman who wears brightly coloured swing dresses with fuffy petticoats and flowers in her hair.

My love of the 1950s aesthetic continues through to my tastes in music, film, home decor and of course, cars. Having attended several Beach Hops where I admired the large, shiny American classic cars on display, the idea of one day owning my own classic vehicle was just a pipedream. Until one day, when I discovered Morris Minors while browsing TradeMe's classic car category. Suddenly the notion of possessing a genuine 1950s automobile seemed a lot more realistic. And even affordable.

I put together a mental list of must haves for my dream car. Dating from the early 1950s was a must; a 50s girl could not be seen driving around in a 60s car! I also required four doors and original white on black number plates. Ideally the "flippy outty" indicators would also be a feature, and the fewer modifications, the better.

After months of searching, the perfect car appeared, listed in Papamoa. My husband and I both know nothing about cars, so we enlisted the help of a knowledgeable friend to examine the vehicle and before the previous owner knew what was happening, the 1952 Morris Minor was being driven back to Hamilton.

Not by me however.

Having passed my driving test in the year 2000, when it seemed no one owned a manual transmission, I had never driven a manual before. Three driving lessons later, I was gingerly behind the wheel, but feeling grand!



is quite the star of the Hamilton scene

Being part of a vintage loving community spread across the country, I had several "careful lady owners" of classic cars to call on for advice before the big purchase. The most valuable advice came from another Morrie owner in Wellington, whose advice was to allow extra time when travelling for conversations with passers-by.

Everybody has a Morrie story, and people are delighted to see Mavis on the road. You see, Mavis the Morris is in (nearly) mint 1952 condition. Kept in storage for 25 years, no modifications have been made and at the 2017 NZ Morris Minor Convention, she won 1st Place in the Best Standard Original category. A wonderful addition that came with the car is the original log book which was started on the day she was purchased, 24th July 1952. Each oil change, repair and maintenance check was dutifully logged with the current mileage recorded. A tradition I have proudly continued.

Ask, and I am quick to claim that Mavis is not only the most special car I've ever owned, but also the cheapest. Purchase price was just over \$4000 and a year's registration costs a mere \$29 (with change). Mavis flies through warrants, costs about \$35 to fill with petrol and thanks to being part of a large, friendly, generous club, parts are a breeze to source.

She doesn't have seatbelts, airbags, power steering, a heater or a radio. She isn't the fastest on the road, going from 0 to 70mph in about 10 minutes; and the wooden steering wheel may give you blisters, if driving gloves are not worn, but the friendships made, the admiring glances, the joy of recollections from those who remember the Morris Minor's heyday; not to mention the style, flair and personality that only come with a vintage vehicle are beyond measure.

The sense of pride at being a custodian of a piece of history and the idea that this is most likely the exact make and model I would have driven if I were around in the 1950s makes Mavis more than just a car, but a valued and treasured part of my life. And of my husband's life too.

However, the sooner we get a t-shirt made up which reads "It's not my car, it's the wife's" the better!