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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 | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| 5th December | Club Night— Noggin and Natter |
| 16th December | Transport of Yesteryear (Dorset) Christmas Steam & Vehicle Meet— Top O' Town Car Park, Dorchester—starts 10am |
| 29th December | Mistletoe Meander, start from Electric Club |
| 2019 | |
| 2nd January | Club Night—Minor Breakdowns - a talk on essential roadside fixes |
| 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 |
| 22nd April | Drive It Day/ Easter run—details tbc |
| 1st May | Club Night—Antiques evening—Phil Traves |
| 19th May | Chairman's run |
| 13th July | West Moor's Village Fete |
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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

Goede avond iedereen! (or Good evening everyone). Greetings from the Netherlands.

After 2 days of driving in Cyril, we made it without a hitch to my parents' house in 's-Hertogenbosch—a beautiful city and UNESCO heritage site. It's good to be back home again and catch up with my family. It's also great to introduce Liefie to the family—and they all love her sweet nature already. Liefie did really well on the long journey—spending her time either sleeping, pretending to be sleeping or looking out of the window to see if she could see any animals. She's now entered her 3rd international country in less than 24 hours and is truly a jet setter (and still only a baby!).

Whilst refuelling in the Netherlands I noticed the dreaded E10 additive being stated as having been added to the fuel. So I asked my dad if there are any petrol stations nearby who sell it without E10 and he said 'No—it's now a legal requirement'. So I'm afraid I'm going to have to expose Cyril to E10.... And I was wondering whether we should consult the Dutch club re what they do to prevent damage to their precious moggies as a result of the E10 additive.... So the discussion on E10 continues. Maybe in next month's newsletter I may have an update from them on that.

Before our road trip to the Homeland, Cyril, Liefie and I attended the outing to the Portland House open day early October. I really loved the Art Deco interior and setting of the house—tucked away in a quiet street in Portland. We were so lucky to have such a beautiful and sunny day too.

We've also joined a local Salisbury Classic Car club and went on a drive out to ... - a National Trust property. As dogs are not allowed inside the grounds, Liefie and I joined other members with dogs for a beautiful walk in the nearby woods—part of the same estate. Another beautiful day. We've been so lucky this year.

Obviously the weather has turned and becoming more obvious nature is heading towards winter. Our last big events have been held, and it's time for our moggies to be put to bed for autumn and winter (except for those like myself who use their moggie all year round of course—though Cyril will now also move into his garage). For me it also means the return of the intense pain as a result of my arthritis and fibromyalgia. With the steady and generally warm weather I'd forgotten how bad the pain could be. So I can't wait to get winter over and done with and the next classic car season to start.

On that note: keep them rolling!

Natasja

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"Orville keeps bragging about restoring that car. He fails to tell people it took him 70 years."



Forest Fayre With Steam

The Forest Fayre Club would like to thank all of you that have supported us over the years to make the show a success. However, it is with regret that we have to inform everyone that the 2018 show will be the last.

Much thought has been put into the decision but with

- 1 The rising cost for the ground, toilets, marquees and all other related attractions
- 2 The difficulty to secure sponsorship of the size required to ensure sustainability.

So it has been decided that we cannot proceed with further shows.

A presentation night is to be planned to hand over this year's donation to The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance. Hopefully many of you will be able to attend. Details to follow on the finalisation of the plan.

Many thanks, Mrs V. J. Harvey—Forest Fayre Club Chairperson

Drip Trays

Everyone knows that Morris Minors never drip oil but just in case one of your less enlightened friends brings another marque to your premises this may help.

The local chain, In Excess, (other retailer are available) are selling grow bag trays for £2:99p which are ideal for the purpose. They are fluid tight in that there are no punched holes for drainage. They also sell a bag of sand for £2:50 to absorb the oil. The Pepsi can will give an idea of the size. The second picture shows the actual dimensions which seems ideal for a Minor. Just had to see if it would be about right, not that it was collecting leaking oil you understand.

E10 Fuel Issue considerations

Continuing the subject it appears possible to extract the ethanol from purchased fuel - notwithstanding Health & Safety considerations, as the following exchange between Roger Kellow and Brian Wood explains:

Rogel Kellow to Brian Wood

Further to latest article in our newsletter 'inviting continuing discussions ref Ethanol in unleaded petrol'

Wondered if you had seen this?

If this interesting item is as reliable and effective as described on their website (also recommended by Fuzz Townsend) it looks like this bit of kit, available now initially priced at £74.95, Ethanol can apparently be easily filtered out of any unleaded purchased in future by the classic car owner !! Company website see: www.ethanil.co.uk

Regards, Roger K.

P.S. It took me most of a day to contact as many petrol fuel companies as possible recently as 99% did not reply to my emails (I decided then to phone each major company). As well as choosing to do this for my own interest in the subject I simply thought it may have been of some interest to fellow members that Esso was still discovered to be found as still actually having one 'Ethanon Free I' grade available locally and most of our nearest counties, at least still at this present time (i.e. Dorset/Wilts/Somerset Sussex/Hampshire). Obviously whatever legislation dictates in the future and after further government discussions and final voting on the matter (also post Brexit !??) will dictate what will be on sale in the filling stations.

Brian Wood to Roger Kellow:

This is interesting but the thought of handling volatile fuel like that does worry me. (Health and safety hat on!)

Brian



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Secretary's Report

Good evening everyone and welcome to November Club Night.

Thank you to those of you who did come along to the AGM last month and thank you for your support. Tonight we hope to be having the talk on the A6 Murders. In December we will be making our presentation to the Prostate Cancer Care charity.



Please get your booking slips in for the Dinner and Dance and the Mistletoe Meander as soon as you can. I have now booked the Barn Dance for 22nd February here at the SEB Club and you should have a booking form with the newsletter – please return it asap, thanks. We are planning to have quite a few road runs next year so keep an eye on the events diary for the dates. We are still waiting to hear the dates for Moggyfest next year but plan to put on a display celebrating 25 years of the Spring Autojumble. If any of you have any photos from Spring Autojumbles over the last 25 years we would love it if you would let us borrow them.



I hope those of you who came along to the run to Portland House had a good day.

We were extremely lucky with the weather with the Saturday being absolutely dreadful but with glorious sunshine on the Sunday.

Lewis had his first run out in the Traveller and looked slightly confused with this mobile wooden thing he was in! He had to sit in the front so was roped in as chief navigator! Portland House really didn't disappoint and was as lovely as I remembered from our last visit. Art Deco is one of my favourite design eras and the house really is gorgeous. If you haven't been yet I recommend you keep an eye out for the dates of their next open days.

I'm afraid that's all from me for this month – short and sweet!

Laurie

Chairman's Report

Good evening and welcome to November's Club Night.



I would like to thank all the club members for voting the committee for another year. We have already started the events programme for 2019 with runs and Club Nights—so keep an eye on our events page.

Tonight is the talk on the A6 murders by Paul. I hope you all enjoy the evening. I took the family—Anne, Corrie and Stuart—on the club run to Portland House. The weather was bright sunshine and the views from the house over Portland Bay were fantastic. The house with its Art Deco furniture and fittings was very interesting.

Names for the Club Dinner and Dance and the Mistletoe Meander have started to come in to Jacky, so if you haven't sent your slips in, please get them in before the closing date—which is December Club Night.

The Lord Mayor's trip to London is fully booked and ready to go—departing from Pelhams Community Centre in Kinson at 9.30am on Friday 9th November and gets back on Sunday 11th November at about 5.30pm—depending on the traffic. I hope those of you who are coming along will all enjoy the weekend.

To finish with, don't forget to wear your Christmas Jumpers to the December Club Night—where you will be welcomed with a glass of wine (or a non-alcoholic alternative) on the club.

Happy Motoring,

John Jenkinson

Mini Plant hosts party for 70th birthday of 'iconic' Morris Minor



Members of the Oxon and Berks branch of the Morris Minor Owners' Club gathered at the plant where many of the cars were built.

The quintessentially British car, officially launched in 1948, forms a huge part of Oxford's motoring manufacturing heritage after shooting to fame due to its practicality, easy maintenance and low cost.

More than 1.6 million were manufactured from its launch up until 1971. Chair of the Oxon and Berks Morris Minor Owners' Club Chris Biggs said: "It's an absolutely iconic small family car of the immediate post-war era. It was the first car to make low cost motoring available to ordinary families, it was the means by which many people were able to own their first car and so it's only right that we celebrate it, here, where many of them were built."



A gleaming fleet of around 30 vintage vehicles were on display outside the Mini visitor centre including one particularly rare 1948 MM Series - dubbed by the club as the 'star birthday car'. Plant workers who had been on the construction line building the Morris Minors were also invited to join the celebrations, including 88-year-old former motor mechanic Arthur Davis.

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Mr Davis, who lives in Cowley worked at the plant from 1954 until his re-
 tirement in 1992 and said it was fantastic to be able to return to the site for
 a trip down memory lane. He said: “It brings back a lot of memories.
 “I should imagine I worked on some of the cars sitting outside.
 “I used to have one myself. We went everywhere in it - of all the cars I’ve
 owned it’s my favourite car. They
 were just so easy to maintain, very
 different from the cars of today.”



Lord Mayor of Oxford Colin Cook who
 also attended the anniversary cele-
 brations said: “It’s an absolute credit
 to the workmanship of the time that
 so many of these iconic cars are still
 going.”

The Morris Minor was the first British model of which more than a million
 were produced over its 24-year run, and became a precursor to another
 British classic car - the original Mini.

Director of assembly at Mini Plant Oxford, Stefan Huelsenberg, who also
 joined in the celebrations on Sunday said: “On behalf of the plant I’m de-
 lighted to welcome everyone to celebrate 70 years of the Morris Minor.
 This iconic car, designed by the legendary Sir Alec Issigonis, has a special
 place in Oxford’s motor manufacturing heritage. It was a precursor to the
 classic Mini and a hugely popular
 family car in its day. To see so many
 of them returning to their spiritual
 home here in Oxford is just fantas-
 tic.”



Morris Minor Club New Regalia

By Dave and Jacky Walker



We all have trouble thinking of new ideas for Christmas presents at this time of year. We are here to help you with suggestions of something a little bit different for those special people in your life, or perhaps just treat yourself. We have some new lines in our stock that may help you.

Some of you may have seen the Morris advertising signs on the A4 Aluminium plaques and we now have the facility to produce bespoke items showing your own pictures. The example shows our Traveller, but, the picture need not be Morris related. The price, with your own picture is £9.50.

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The rather nice prints of the pre-war Morris adverts are available for you to either fix to the wall or frame. On really good quality paper they are now only £1.00 each. Special Christmas price, but there are not many left.

There will be a decent selection of our regalia, models and clothing at the November meeting so come along and have a rummage and a chat.

Items that are ordered will be available at the December meeting, so plenty of time before Christmas. If you need anything prior to that date let us know and we will do our best to accommodate your requirements.

Payment is by cash or cheque, sorry but we do not have facilities for taking plastic.

