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ANSWERS - WORD QUIZ COUNTY DIALECT WORDS FROM 'OLD DORSET'

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41. Upror or carry-on 42. In a muddle
43. To carry or move (in stacking hay)
44. Worst possible weather 45. To chew
46. Flat area for drying cheese 47. Chimney stack.
48. Sell, barter or exchange. 49. Log of wood.
50. Mantlepiece. 51. Licle. 52. Tangle
53. Uncut field. 54. Early stages of childhood.
55. Child's small chair/stool 56. Bad grumpy mood
57. Hair curls. 58. Person skilled in something.
59. Bewildered 60. Early bite before breakfast.
61. Feeble-minded. 62. Put out flame (i.e. Candle)
63. Audacious person. 64. Door threshold strip
65. Lazy, idle. 66. Inebriated, drunk. 67. Gloomy, dark
68. Compress. 69. Narrow path between fields
70. Bumblebee. 71. As yet. 72. News. 73. Ants.
74. The evening. 75. Pack, bundle together
76. To fuss. 77. Pleased with and proud.
78. To frighten or scare 79. Something worthless.
80. Thin twigs broken off trees, traditionally used
to make brushes (brushwood)

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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 clubnights. 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 clubnights. Thanks.



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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

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AUGUST 4th 2021 CLUBNIGHT, GARDENING SHOW CLASSES

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| 1 Flowers | Dahlias | One vase of 3 blooms |
| 2 Flowers | Sweet Peas | One vase of 5 blooms |
| 3 Flowers | Fuschias | One potted plant of any size |
| 4 Flowers | Mixed flowers | One vase of any type/size |
| 5 Flowers | One potted plant | One potted plant of any size |
| 6 Flowers | The 'perfect' Rose | One specimen bloom of any type |
| 7 Vegetables | Runner beans | One set of 3 beans |
| 8 Vegetables | Potatoes | One plate of 5, of one variety |
| 9 Vegetables | Tomatoes (Cherry) | One plate of 5 cherry type |
| 10 Vegetables | Tomatoes (Med—Large) | One plate of 5 medium to large |
| 11 Vegetables | Cucumber , Courgette , Squash | One of any type |
| 12 Vegetables | Onions , Shallots | One plate of 5 onions or shallots |
| 13 Vegetables | Marrow | The largest in show |
| 14 Vegetables | Peppers, Chile fruit | Any Pepper or Chile fruit ,Set of 3 |
| 15Vegetable/Fruit (novelty class) | The most 'unusual or wonky' shaped vegetable or fruit | Any type of Vegetable or Fruit |

EDDIE'S DORSET BRANCH GARDENING SHOW

Hopefully any entries that you have been planning ahead and cultivating carefully have been growing very well
We are hoping for a good number of entries once again this year showing off the Dorset branch members gardening talents on the 4th Aug clubnight in the ever popular annual Gardening Show .



Here's a last reminder that the clubnight gardening competition event has been planned to take place on WED 4TH AUG. , organised once again by Eddie Pateman, to be held at our usual venue at the Electricity Club, Castle Lane (This year the Event may be held out of doors under covered gazebos , subject to final confirmation) Lets all enter something we have grown particularly this year ! (you can enter as many or as few of the 15 classes)

There are three additions to the regular annual class categories commencing this year.
Class 6 : Flowers - One 'perfect' selected Rose bloom (any variety)
Class 11 :Vegetables— Courgette and Squash is in addition to Cucumber (any varieties)
Novelty Class 15 :Vegetables/Fruit—'any unusual or wonky' shaped vegetable or fruit .

SHOW RULES - Would members wishing to enter the Dorset branch Gardening Show please have their exhibits in place by 8.00 p.m. . Please register before placing in selected classes—each exhibit will be issued with a number and a cup to hold judging counters to be placed next to each exhibit. (Event will be subject to any government Covid19 restriction or rulings that may continue or be updated at the time)

JUDGING—(To commence from 8.15 p.m.) All members are invited to Judge the classes by collecting a pack of counters from the show reception table Please place ONE counter ONLY into the cup next to the exhibit you judge to be the best in each particular class .

Final counting of the counters will be supervised by Eddie Pateman (Chief Judge)

BEST IN SHOW - will be judged by the DMMOC Committee
In attendance together with Eddie on the night .
Special 2021 DMMOC Gardening Show
Rosettes will be presented to the winners



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NEXT CLUBNIGHT
***PROVISIONAL DATE JULY 7th ***

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Dorset Branch Members- It's Your Newsletter - It's Your Club !

* * The Editor encourages and welcomes any written contributions - Particularly loaned (or emailed) photos please, of topical interest, from club members suitable for inclusion in the monthly club newsletter .

*Please submit , if possible ,any material or advertising matter, within 10 days prior to the next monthly club night date . (*Inclusion within the next available published newsletter is subject to space, as it approaches the next respective monthly publishing deadline.

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Welcome to the July edition... Yes, the Summer Solstice 'did' officially occur on the 21st June, in spite of the cloud and rain on the day However the weekend before was entirely the opposite—Beautiful hot sunny weather welcomed a return of two local popular classic car events effectively 'starting the ball rolling' at long last. Both events were managed very responsibly, as certain remaining government rules of course were still in place and now to be extended to at 'least' 19th July. (**Page 7—photos 'Return of Classics on the Farm' & Pages 18&19 —photos- 'Breamore House Steam Working Weekend'**) Our front cover this month does, I feel encapsulate the enthusiastic 'discovery' and fascination of interesting old mechanical things. It was very evident at both these events, (including within the excellent Breamore House Countryside Museum, brainchild and special passion of Sir Edward Hulse who was determined to preserve some history of a lost era) that as well as the usual good mixture of age groups, there were lots of young families out and about with children. It did occur to me that many of these younger family visitors may well be discovering an interest and fascination for the first time in the much more elegant design of old vehicle bodywork and the workings of 'old technology' mechanics. For example it was really great to be able to show and describe what was under the bonnet of a Morris Minor, a car that instantly and noticeably appealed to that audience that followed with many further questions! Just explaining the 'starting handle' to a pair of young children could only be described as being received as a thing of wonderment, that all cars 'once upon a time' really did each have one ! It's the generation that is predicted to witness the greatest changes in modern car power technology since the invention of the internal combustion engine over 100 years ago. Many questions still to be resolved - i.e 'Rechargeable battery technology' -if the huge majority as it appears will need precious metals like Lithium (not easily recycled) that is only to be found in a small handful of countries there is also the unprecedented demand for nickel, manganese, and cobalt There's a rush by many to financially exploit every prospective area that can carry out mining. 'Re-charging infrastructure 'and sufficient 'on demand' electricity and the hope to reduce E V vehicle re-charging time. ' The ongoing arguments' - Hydrogen fuel cell technology with apparently abundant availability of Hydrogen (claimed a cheap renewable element) that can be produced in abundance by 'electrolysis' Instead of re-charging the vehicle Apparently Hydrogen could be available at converted 'filling stations' to fill the tank of the 'fuel cell' vehicle. The re chargeable direct battery powered electric vehicle enthusiasts of course have their own opposing arguments. **As long as the enjoyment of owning and running our historic vehicles can still be enjoyed exactly as at present, and the fact that we choose to mend and keep running an 'existing vehicle' with the majority used for comparatively shorter recreational 'run outs' must surely negate any possible unjust comments by any 'activists' regards our hobby. We all need to continue enjoying a bit of 'Nostalgia' in our lives —so well illustrated by the enthusiasm witnessed by visitors of all ages at the first return of those two popular Classic Car Events !!**



.....ROGER
P.S. Details & listing of classes for Eddie's Gardening Competition is published on **Pages 26&27** as a reminder if you are entering in this popular clubnight event, to be held on Wed 4th Aug. And don't forget branch members can advertise Vehicles, Spare Parts, Accessories etc Free in the Newsletter (subject to available space each month/first come first served each month) Or you may want to seek a similar item under 'Wanted' you may be searching for - someone may 'have one of those'

Explaining his vision in more detail, Mr Usher said: "I really wanted the cars to tell a story, so the journey charts the growth of car ownership from Austin's Seven to the present day." "It has a motor show feel with cars grouped in the decades – or chapters - in which they were produced, with period adverts and graphics prominently displayed. "The vehicles are easily accessible. We want people to smell the old car smell, marvel at the interiors and jog memories of trips in the family car, their first car or back seat fights with their siblings when they were growing up. "Everyone who has been on the journey, whether a car nut like myself or not, doesn't fail to have a smile on their face remembering days gone by. Great British Car Journey is the ultimate trip down Memory Lane," added Richard. around half a million being sold in Britain between 1975 and 1984.,

And the cars aren't purely for looking at; more than 30 of them can be driven.!

For an authentic, hands-on trip down Memory Lane 32 cars, including the Maestro that started it all, are available to drive on a private road as part of the Drive Dad's Car experience. All the vehicles in both the exhibition and Drive Dad's Car experience are in working order and fully maintained by Great British Car Journey's own time-served technician and apprentice. Visitors are welcome to watch them at work in the onsite workshop within the exhibition hall.



Visitors to 'Great British Car Journey' are guided round the exhibition with the handheld audio device while an army of volunteers is on hand to explain the finer details of the vehicles, from hidden petrol caps masquerading as taillights to the split bumper on the Morris Minor and one car once owned by a British music icon.



Entry to Great British Car Journey costs just £15 for adults (concessions are available) All information on the venue and Tickets for Great British Car Journey and the Drive Dad's Car experience can be booked online at :-

www.greatbritishcarjourney.com and at www.drivedadscar.com

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**Britain's Newest Classic Car 'Museum/Attraction' Opens
(Where a choice of over 30 of the cars can be driven)**

Born from an idea spawned by a 32-year-old Austin Maestro, and after four years in the making, the UK's newest visitor attraction 'Great British Car Journey' has opened its doors. Making the once ordinary extraordinary, the Great British Car Journey is packed with British marques and models that dominated the roads for nearly a century. Motors fixed in our memories, like the Morris Minor, Ford Capri, and everything before, after and in between, are cars that are now so rare that you're more likely to see a £150,000 supercar on today's roads. More than 130 vehicles now fill a former wire works factory on the banks of the River Derwent in Ambergate, Derbyshire.



Richard Usher, (left) CEO of Great British Car Journey explained: "Four years ago, when I owned and managed Blyton Circuit, a gentleman approached me asking if I'd like to buy his 1989 Aus-

tin Maestro in mint condition with just 10,000 miles on the clock. My first thought was 'no', but it then got me thinking about when I last saw an Austin Allegro, Metro, original Mini, or even a Ford Cortina on the road. These were cars that were once on virtually every street in Britain and sold in their millions." The seed was planted and Richard, together with four private investors, set about amassing one of the largest privately owned collections of British designed and manufactured cars in the country.

The collection of almost 150 cars has been brought together over the last four years. One of the most difficult cars to find for the exhibition was a Vauxhall Chevette. Only a handful of Chevettes in roadworthy condition are thought to exist in the world today, despite "Great British car journey is very much a working attraction. We have a large collection of well-thumbed Haynes manuals which are regularly consulted when we need to locate a bonnet catch or various engine parts to ensure the maintenance of the collection," added Mr Usher.



DORSET BRANCH MMOC ANNUAL RALLY 2021 AUG 28th/29th



AT WOLVERCROFT WORLD OF PLANTS, ALDERHOLT, (Near Fordingbridge) SP6 3BE
The 'main' rally day will be the Sunday 29th, but the rally site field (adjacent to Wolvercroft Garden Centre) will be open for campers from 5p.m. On Friday 27th Aug. There is no admission charge for entry. If you are camping it is essential that you please fill in and return the booking slip so that numbers of campers can be planned for and total space required is sufficiently allocated.

Unfortunately there will be no evening meal provided by the cafe this year but you are welcome to bring your own food and drink and picnics.

The committee have been discussing, and hope to organise a 'Road Run' for the Saturday afternoon, also the possibility of any other features/attractions (subject to any ongoing government restrictions that may apply) will be announced nearer the time.

There will be a smaller version of type of marquee that we would normally have at Beaulieu Moggyfest and this will form the rally centre piece. Limited club spares will be available to purchase, but if you have specific requirements please let Brian Wood know reasonably well in advance to confirm your collection of the item over the weekend.

N.B. Rally arrangements may be subject to change at short notice according to any revised Public Health circumstances that may be introduced or apply at the time.

CLASSIC CARS ON CHRISTCHURCH QUAY EVENT *POSTPONED UNTIL AUGUST*

This CCOTP organised event at Christchurch Quay has been re-scheduled to take place on 8th AUGUST (replacing the original date of 27th June) Due to continuing Covid regs.

'Great British Car Journey' & 'Drive Dad's Car' Experience

It may not be 'just up the road' from Dorset, but it's not often that a significantly sized classic car museum has opened in recent years in the UK. This newly opened enterprise described in the media and the classic motoring press as :- "Britain's Brand New, Exciting Classic Car Museum/ Visitor Attraction and Hands On Classic Driving Experience" all rolled in one - A 4 acre ex factory site that took 4 years to bring to completion has just opened it's doors. It's located within the historical Derwent Mills, a World Heritage Site, in Derbyshire. With 'Staycation Holiday Breaks being considered by many, a few days away exploring the area of outstanding natural beauty in the Derbyshire Peak District may well now sound even more appealing to anyone who, at the same time, is fond of 'old cars'!

Editors summary :- 'Great British Car Journey & Drive Dad's Car' see PAGES 25 /26



Chairman's Report

Good evening everyone and welcome to the July clubnight. If everything has gone according to plan we should be at the SEB Club tonight!

We have actually now had a real life committee meeting now and they are just so much better in person than on Zoom. Instead of an hour online we had a good 2 and half hours to discuss everything we needed to.

There have actually now been a couple of real life car shows as well. Firstly, a lot of members attended the Breamore House Working Weekend. If you've never been before it really is a fabulous day out and this year seemed even better than usual with lots of steam, both full size and miniature, stationary engines, tractors and classic cars in attendance. The second event was the first Classic Cars At The Farm of the 2021 season which I understand was very successful. Unfortunately we were unable to attend as I had to work on the Saturday and its not possible to be in 2 places at once.

We have 2 events coming up that we have been invited to attend as a club. Firstly, The Poole Bay Classics Park Up and Picnic event at Breamore House on 18th July and the MG 1020 Club Athelhampton House Rally on 15th August. Please let me know if you want attend either of these events as I need to let both clubs know the numbers in advance.

We are currently planning the club rally at Wolvercroft over the August Bank Holiday weekend. Please let everyone you know about the rally as the more the merrier. If you want to camp over the weekend please let Jacky know in advance so we can plan for numbers. We are not organising a meal for the Saturday night this year just in case the damned Covid monster strikes again. We would like it though if you could all join us for a picnic on the Saturday night.

Don't forget the Hampshire Branch Rally on 25th July at The Sammy Millers Motorcycle Museum. You must pre book and can get the details from www.hammoc.co.uk.

That's about all from me for this month. See you all at the SEB Club again in August for Eddies Annual Gardening Competition.

Happy Minoring

Laurie.

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"If Everything In Life Was As Reliable As A Morris Minor" (For A Quick Response?)

With thanks to Pete and Val Webb who kindly sent in this photo of a 4 door Minor saloon , suggesting to note the parking bay surface signing - 'FIRST RESPONDER '

Pete and Val wondered if it should have an appropriate caption ! They had recently spotted this Minor in Somerset . It looks as if it is parked in a specially allocated bay , possibly outside a medical centre or similar .



If it indeed belongs to a key worker who today relies on their Minor to be the 'First Responder' (exactly as in the past - district nurses ,midwives , postmen, telephone engineers etc.etc did for every day starting and reliability when Minors were seen every where everyday.

The editor (rather cheekily) has taken the liberty to 'adapt' that famous advert caption (remembered from several years back) belonging to another well known car maker !!

(Oops! -sincere apologies , and acknowledgement to VW ,AG, Deutschland '60s car advert , Ed.)

DORSET BRANCH SPARE PARTS - As we return to 'some' normality !

Most of you will be aware that the Branch has had it's own Morris Minor Spares Department for quite a while now. It continues to do well and returns a reasonable surplus to club funds every year. So it would appear to be a relevant and useful part of the Dorset Branch activities. Please try to support it when you can. I can usually bring your orders along to the Branch Meetings (or other activities - if I am going to them!). We also have at least one annual 'outing' for the spares tent, usually at Beaulieu and our Branch Rally where you can buy your bits. Don't forget also that most parts can be bought from us with a 10% discount. We can also get larger items delivered directly to you ,but sometimes postage charges apply. - Brian



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Several Dorset MMOC members attended, enjoying glorious June sunshine, joining a large turnout of an amazing selection of classics, at the 'first 2021' Classics On the Farm' event at the Cat & Fiddle PYO Farm at Hinton, Nr Christchurch on Sunday 13th June ... By 12 noon Ashley Miller (CCOTP organiser) estimated that there were at least 150 classics on site ! In spite of high numbers attending Ashley and his hard working marshals kept a constant flow of entries moving onto the site, with the 'pre-booked' entry system , by vehicle type, working smoothly. The whole event had a nice family atmosphere and the very large , airy site, allowed the remaining 'social gathering s' rules to be seen as working effectively throughout the site . Ed





The latest Series II to join the ranks of Minors and other classics within the Dorset branch now belongs to branch member **Martin Feltham**.

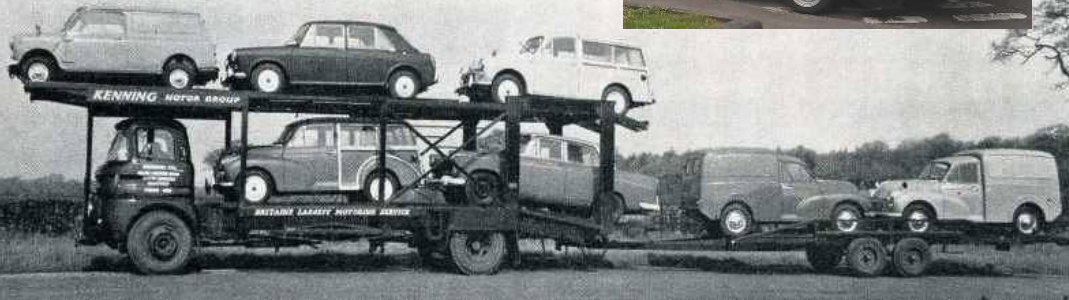
Martin found the 1953 Series II, 4 door saloon for sale well over a year ago, and it has been in storage locally from the very start of the pandemic. Martin is looking forward to work on the car, whilst maintaining its originality as much as is practically possible, but to still have a car that can be enjoyed regularly. The first job (of many) needing immediate priority is fully investigating the braking system, as it's pretty well ineffectual. This being the reason that the car needed to be transported to Martin's home.



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The '53 4 door has in fact just been swapped with Martin's previous classic an '78 MGB that a few years ago needed considerable TLC that Martin had brought up to running order over the last couple of years. Although very keen on the MGB Martin had really had a hankering after a Minor always saying that if an 'older model' Minor ever became available he would make the switch without any hesitation, as the Minor has so much character. Not only that, also but there are many fond family memories of the series II, as this very same model was his Dad's very first car. Also after leaving school it was very often Minors that Martin worked on during his BL apprenticeship early years within the motor trade at Kennings in 1973. The car was originally registered in Nottingham and has its original number plate. It has apparently spent a good period of its life in Malta. The original log book has some interesting entries and further investigation will hopefully provide some additional explanations.

Securing and transporting the car last week to the single car trailer brought back memories to Martin of his old Kennings branch, when they transported somewhat larger loads of Morris vehicles!! (see below) Kenning Motor Group Car transporter powered by a late 1960's British Leyland 3rd generation 'Super Comet' with the ALBION design 'high visibility cab' (A truck company BL had purchased in 1951) Sign written 'Britain's Biggest Motoring Service'



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Products in addition to their traditional main business of precision castings and lawnmowers now included kitchen and utility furniture, carpet sweepers, domestic appliances, 1939 lawn mower ad (right) specialist jigs and tools. It was 1967 that Qualcast merged with Birmid Industries. In 1982 Birmid—Qualcast manufactured brake and tractor part product ranges.

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In 1988 The Birmid Qualcast group was acquired by Blue Circle (the cement company!) who sold off the Foundry division assets. In 1991 The original Derby site was closed of all activities with Atco-Qualcast being formed at Stowmarket with the other famous brand names protected. Subsequently Blue Circle were taken over by Le Farge the huge French owned cement manufacturers (with Blue Circle retained as their 'brand' of cement sold in the UK.) (1992 and Atco-Qualcast was sold to its management as a loss making company by Blue Circle. Finally then to be sold on to Robert Bosch 3 years later in in 1995) (1948 & 1949 'castings' ads left -during early Minor MM years)

QUALCAST—without doubt will always be a British manufacturer's household name synonymous with lawn mowers to the vast majority of people. However QUALCAST also contributed towards providing quality precision metal castings to Morris Motors used on the series MM original Morris Minor. Britain's highly successful post war small car.

Meanwhile Qualcast's own success story came with the 'Suffolk Colt' motor mower, similar to the larger Suffolk Punch. They were fitted with their own manufactured highly reliable small 4 stroke engine. From the late '50s and into the '70s these motor mower sold in many, many thousands in Britain plus good export sales, becoming Britain's most popular, highest selling motor mowers.

ROGER

Editors A-Z series Following 'P' for Pressed Steel Co last time. This month 'Q' is for Qualcast (An A-Z series of companies and organisations who were involved directly, or indirectly, during the Morris Minor production years 1948-1971. In the supply of factory original parts, or with popular aftermarket parts or services available at the time .

It's an all too familiar story ! (you may well exclaim).- It started as a British company, and due to design and innovation they became a British owned world leading organisation specialising in the manufacture of a quality engineering product . By the mid 1950's and into the 60's Qualcast of Derby , having for many years worked on perfecting a small compact and reliable 4 stroke engine, had become the worlds largest lawnmower manufacturer in the world . This no doubt was a main factor in helping to create another British phenomenon— that 'pre-occupation' with the suburban garden lawn . In 1828 an iron founder named Thomas Wheeldon started The Derwent Foundry, Derby casting stoves ,ranges and grates . Then in 1920 they made their first lawnmower , it was named 'The Qualcast' emphasising it's quality manufacture. By 1928 such was the success of their lawnmowers Qualcast Ltd was formed . In 1958 Qualcast acquired Suffolk Iron Foundry and manufactured the record selling Suffolk Punch and Suffolk Colt motor mowers . In 1965 Qualcast acquired prestigious Atco lawnmower makers Charles H Pugh.

From the 1930's Qualcast were 'Grey Iron Castings' supplying automotive manufacturers with quality castings advertised as 'Precision Repetition Grey Iron Founders . Without doubt the likes of Morris Motors would have been aware of the services offered by Qualcast and would have specified particular items to order from the pre-war manufacturing years .

In 1938 , on commencement of the Morris Eight Series E (1938-1948) the Morris 918 side valve engine was upgraded, getting a new cylinder head, otherwise the unit largely being very similar to those used from as early as 1935 in the series 1 Morris Eights followed by series 2. Then from 1948 the engine continued to be used, (with minor changes), in the series 'MM' Morris Minor from it's launch in 1948 and fitted until 1953 mainly for the home market with an overlap of production with an OHV unit mainly for export . The 918 sidevalve engine had also been adapted for the military as an 'auxiliary power unit' in Centurion, Conqueror and Chieftain tanks during WW2. The Morris 8 continued to be built during the war years to supply military contracts and for essential civilian official war workers The 'Qualcast' oval logo on the engine head casting (photo right) as it appears on an early 1950's series MM 918 USHM final version of the side valve engine. Continuously fitted, with only gradual basic upgrades, for at least 18 years !



- NEW VEHICLES ACQUIRED , AND/OR LATEST WORK UNDERTAKEN

The 'Gremlins' that have persisted in severely troubling initial 'normal' running of Mikes newly acquired Trafalgar blue convertible have all now hopefully been sorted out !

Dear Editor - GERTIE'S original re-built engine has arrived after a long wait and many new parts i.e. clutch, fly wheel, radiator and several other bits. Martin of M.R.F. Classics carried out all the work and I am very pleased with all he has done. Also many thanks to Brian Wood for all his help with many parts and advice.

MIKE SMITH



PROPOSED FUTURE EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

(Dorset branch organised Events & Activities are headed— **DORSET MMOC**)

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| JUNE 26th/27th | National MMOC 'Picnic Weekend at Kelmarsh Hall, Northampton . (in lieu of Annual National Rally) MMOC Members required to pre-book & pay on arrival (camping available for Sat 26th) |
| JUNE 27th | Classic Cars ON THE FARM (CCOTP event) EVENT CANCELLED See Aug_8th_ *All Vehicles attending must have a Drip Tray* |
| JULY 4th | DORSET MMOC 'Picnic' RUN OUT - with a planned road route to BREAMORE HOUSE (1st meet up for breakfast at Electricity Club , Castle Lane) Please inform Laurie if intending to go . |
| JULY 4th | Classic Cars ON THE FARM (CCOTP event) (American Car Area) Cat & Fiddle P.Y.O Farm Hinton Admiral organiser contact— ashley.taxi@btpopenworld.com |
| JULY 7th | DORSET MMOC 'RETURN TO CLUBNIGHT' Bnmth Electric Club Venue ,Castle Lane (may be outdoors) |
| JULY 18th | Poole Bay Classics Car Show at Breamore House . Invite other local clubs to join them , including the Dorset MMOC . *If you wish to attend this event please advise Laurie Blewer * |
| JULY 25th | H.A.M.M.O.C. (Hampshire Branch) MMOC Annual Rally Sammy Millers . Bashley Cross roads , Nr New Milton . BH255SZ for details—visit hammoc.co.uk |
| AUG 1st | Classic Cars ON THE FARM (CCOTP event) Cat & Fiddle P. Y. O Farm Hinton Admiral |
| AUG 4th | DORSET MMOC CLUBNIGHT EDDIE'S GARDENING COMPETITION |
| AUG 7th | Popham Airfield Classic Car Show & Vintage 'Fly In' Visit - popham-airfield.co.uk/events-calender-2021 for details |
| AUG 8th | Classic Cars on CHRISTCHURCH QUAY (CCOTP event) *All vehicles must have a Drip Tray * (replacing June 27th) Organiser contact— ashley.taxi@btpopenworld.com |



One of Breamore's own large working engines on show named 'Dreadnought' A 1926 Burrells agricultural traction engine that spent most of its early working life in the Lake District . It takes Enginemen volunteers Michael and David (below at least 3 hours to fully steam up the engine . This weekend was the first time in over 3 years 'Dreadnought' had been 'in steam' for public display.

Annual visitor to the 'steam weekend' Peter Gear (above) brought his agricultural medium sized engine from Trowbridge Wiltshire once again Below right—Two working engines that reside near Breamore each came a few miles by road . Trevor Wilcox (below) brings his 1922 Bamford 4HP farm engine from Radstock nr Bath . Trevor has exhibited at Breamore 'steam weekends' since they started . Inset below is his collection of heavy duty 'Bamford stamped' original spanners from the engine's toolbox



BREAMORE HOUSE STEAM WORKING WEEKEND

This popular annual event took place during the gloriously sunny weekend of 12th./13th June. Dorset branch members enjoyed 'wall to wall' sunshine parked within the old estate walled garden area, adjacent to the fascinating Breamore Countryside Museum being on it's own (not counting the many other 'working' attractions on view over the weekend) once again a 'not to be missed' enjoyable visit once again to Breamore. Nr Fordingbridge.



If your car has a running board, this is the latest 'must have' accessory. Branch member Arthur Cox shows off his luggage 'retainer' (left) (In usual matching sartorial elegance, 1920's style !)



Darren Reid shows off his scaled down version of a Burrells Showman's Engine (The engine resides near Fordingbridge) Full size steam traction engines like this brought power and lighting for visiting fairs with it's on-board generator. Showmen regularly worked these with Dorset fairs into the early 1950's



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| AUG 15th | Bournemouth & Poole MG Owners Club Invite the Dorset MMOC to their Annual Big Event as guest visiting club .at Athelhampton House— Also see page 22 . <u>* If you wish to attend advise Laurie Blewer please</u> |
| AUG 22nd | Classic Cars ON THE FARM (CCOTP event) Cat & Fiddle P.Y.O. Farm Hinton Admiral |
| AUG 28th/29th | DORSET MMOC <u>DORSET BRANCH ANNUAL RALLY 2021</u> Alderholt, Nr Fordingbridge (camping forms to Jacky please)) Wolvercroft World of Plants dorsetmmoc.co.uk . |
| SEPT 1st | DORSET MMOC <u>CLUBNIGHT</u> Phil Traves hosts the Dorset Branch 'Antiques Roadshow' |
| SEPT 4th / 5th | BEAULIEU INTERNATIONAL AUTO JUMBLE beaulieu.com (Dorset Branch not attending this event as a club group) |
| SEPT 4/5th | Isle of White Branch MMOC Annual Rally , Havenstreet I.O.W. (enquiries - hocklaystu@btinternet.co.uk) |
| SEPT 5th | CLASSIC Cars on CHRISTCHURCH QUAY (CCOTP event) <u>*All vehicles attending must have a Drip Tray *</u> |
| SEPT 11th/ 12th | Moors Valley Railway Autumn Steam Gala Moors Valley Country Park, Ashley Heath. moorsvalleyrailway.co.uk |
| SEPT 12th | DORSET MMOC <u>Proposed</u> Dorset Branch ROAD RUN to T.E. Lawrence's village of Moreton, Dorset . Meeting times / Details to follow |
| SEPT 19th | Classic Cars ON THE FARM (CCOTP event) Cat & Fiddle P.Y.O Farm Hinton Admiral |
| SEPT 26th | Classic Cars on CHRISTCHURCH QUAY (CCOT Pevent) <u>*All vehicles attending must have a Drip Tray*</u> |
| SEPT 26th | BEAULIEU SIMPLY BRITISH CASSICS www.beaulieu.com (tickets on sale from Beaulieu for individual attendance) |
| OCT 6th | DORSET MMOC <u>CLUBNIGHT</u> Annual General Meeting |
| NOV 3rd | DORSET MMOC <u>CLUBNIGHT</u> Quiz Night |



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- Sliding boot stay
- Speedo heads
- King pins/good trunnions
- Top hose
- Underlay set (unused)
- Half Shafts (single or pairs)

THE 'BRIAN WOOD' REPORT

Well, here we are in mid-summer (at the time of writing) – the longest day has passed. (It rained all day!) I spent the day in the shed, tinkering my latest batch of petrol pumps for the MMOC into some form of life. Spares sales still seem to be steady and the Branch has turned over quite a few large value orders over recent weeks/months. We have the MMOC picnic at Kelmash to look forward to next weekend, hopefully the weather will



improve. This has prompted a renewed effort to sort out some of the remaining slight niggles with the convertible. One of these was the horrible 'scraping' noise when negotiating bumps when on full (or nearly full) steering lock. I discovered that it was the inner wing flange on the outside at the point where the inner wing is welded to the inner wheel arch catching on the tyre. It should be hammered over towards the inside. It seems that this process wasn't carried out on the Series II cars (as per the photo) but was on later Minors. My convertible is, of course, a later one and should



have had the edge 'beaten over' – which was, to an insufficient degree, it seemed. Five minutes with a hammer and a bit of touch up paint soon sorted matters.

Whilst under the convertible wheel arch, I couldn't resist taking a photo of the inner wing liner which I fitted during the restoration. It came in a kit and was easy to fit to the rear inside of both front wings. I am at a loss to understand why these are not more common on Minors, since the gathering of wet road dirt etc in the back of the wing has a habit of ruining what are now very expensive front wings! Definitely worth incorporating in any rebuild project – in my humble opinion. (I have a couple of kits left in the club stock if anyone is interested).



I think that there is a common issue among those of us that keep their cars outside under a car cover of some description. Branch Member Nigel Seymour recently shared an idea that should help to prevent or limit the damage that inevitably results from attrition between the bonnet 'handle' and the inside of the cover. The 'M' motif on the bonnet usually ends up poking through the cover.



Two of our cars have these covers and the worst damage has occurred to the one on Jacky's 4-door which, to be fair, is now pretty old, badly ripped and now beyond repair. However, the Traveler one is saveable and as it only lives outside occasionally, the above 'protector' may be expedient. Time will tell. It is basically a square piece of tarpaulin with

some holes punched for the two small yellow cable ties and the larger, removable cable tie which secures it under the lift handle.

BRIAN



Secretary's Report



We've finally been out for a classic car show! It was a bumper weekend on 12/13th June with the inaugural Classic Cars on the Farm and a steam-up at Breamore. The weather was fabulous, and some members even managed to attend both events over the weekend.

It was good to see that a couple of members attended Beaulieu's Hotrod & Custom show on Sunday 20th June, after a damp start it eventually brightened up and there were plenty of Minors on display.

Following up from last month's article on rocker boxes, I came across this brilliant adaptation of a desk lamp on social media. I've seen a few upcycling ideas in the past involving hub caps, but I was really impressed with this one.



Sadly, due to the delay in the final lifting of the lockdown restrictions the June Classic Cars on Quay at Christchurch has been postponed until 8th August.

I hope you all enjoyed the picnic outing; the route uses the back way into Breamore instead of the main road for a change. When we planned the run there were some road closures, which are in place until August. Breamore is going to be a familiar destination this year, having already been there for the steam up, we'll be back again for the picnic and Poole Bay Classic's show.

I had noticed that the idle speed on my car was a little fast recently, upon inspection it was apparent there wasn't enough tension in the return spring. The bracket the spring was attached to on the exhaust manifold clamp was loose, so adjusting the bracket and tightening it up has done the trick.

See you all on club night!

IAN

DORSET COUNTY DIALECT WORDS
OF 'YE OLD DORSET' (WORD QUIZ NO. 2)

Here's another 40 old Dorset dialect words, and yes they are all genuine words used once upon a time on the farms and in and around the villages of 'Old Dorset'. Did you guess or perhaps recognise any from last month? You never know when you venture out into the hidden byways and villages of our own lovely Dorset in your Minor and you find yourself perplexed by the meaning of some words used by any 'old village locals', why not have another try at filling in what you think may be present day meanings of the following 40 'Dorset Dialect' words. Inspired by Dorset's famous old Poet William Barnes (1863) 'Grammer and Glossary of the Dorset Dialect'



Answers can be found on page 28

'Error (or deliberate mistake !) from last month — Word No 5 'ALLER' is missing from the answers on page 28 . The meaning of ALLER is in fact Alder Tree . Word 4. 'AMPER' is shown in error as No 5 but it has the correct meaning (All other answers shown are correct)

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| 41. Caddie | | 61. Doughbiaked | |
| 42. Caddle | | 62. Dout | |
| 43. Car | | 63. Downdashious | |
| 44. Cazelty weather | | 64. Drashel | |
| 45. Chaw | | 65. Drawlatchen | |
| 46. Cheese-late | | 66. Drinky | |
| 47. Chimly | | 67. Duckish | |
| 48. Chop | | 68. Drong | |
| 49. Chump | | 69. Drongway | |
| 50. Clavy | | 70. Dumbledore | |
| 51. Clinker. | | 71. Eet | |
| 52. Cockle | | 72. Effets | |
| 53. Cowlease | | 73. Emmets | |
| 54. Cradlehood | | 74. Evemen | |
| 55. Cricket | | 75. Faddle | |
| 56. Crousty | | 76. Fantod | |
| 57. Curdles | | 77. Fess | |
| 58. Dabster | | 78. Flummocks | |
| 59. Dadder | | 79. Footling | |
| 60. Dewbit | | 80. Footy | |

WHO WILL BE IN CHARGE OF MODERN CARS !! YOU (Human) OR THE CAR (Computer)



In past years (when 'Mechanics' in service garages looked after cars) many motorists survived adequately with a basic set of warning lights found incorporated in a typical Morris Minor speedometer, :- They are - Anti clockwise from bottom right. 1. RED-ignition



light. 2. ORANGE- low oil pressure. 3. Another ORANGE —dirty oil filter warning . 4. BLUE— headlight 'main beam on' light. Some may even say I have 'gone over the top' by adding extra 'instrumentation' in my own Minor saloon in the form of three good old Smiths gauges (Ammeter ,Temperature, and Oil Pressure gauge) Such gauges were often fitted as aftermarket accessories through the '60's and 70's (often bought from the local High St. branch of Halfords by keen Minor drivers . (I fitted an Ammeter in the '60s when at a young age I had my first Minor) I feel their mechanical 'technology' matches the Minor's ,with the gradually moving 'real' needle somehow providing a 'friendly' reassurance that feels like it's constantly there advising in a good 'old mechanical' way. - Our 'modern' cars on the other and are now increasingly crammed with 'electronic chip technology' This is translated through those banks of warning symbols that have increased steadily over the years, and often can be bewildering as to how serious the reason a particular emblem suddenly decides to illuminate . ' Apparently' everyone knows the basic colour code ?? 1. RED –Warning (YES! I'm telling you it's serious' - don't drive any further , call for recovery Now ! Then book an appointment with a 'technician' !) YELLOW AMBER - (well it's probably not quite 'so serious' - so you can take your chances until you can find a 'technician' appointment ' available - and GREEN (not a warning , but it's just there for your Information and guidance) When the 'technician' is consulted to run a diagnosis ,why is it so often, at first it's assumed to be caused by a faulty activating 'sensor' or circuit feed and not the actual problem that the emblem assumed was warning about . ? At least that has been my own experience with these warning symbols , unfortunately it does make you wonder how urgently some drivers take heed of them A few of the many technical 'essentials' we are told we 'need' is , **Touch Screen Technology** (so you keep looking at a screen whilst scrolling the many options whilst driving !) - **Blue Tooth Wireless Connection** (to connect your Smartphone to the cars system –instead of turning the darned thing off when driving as told by the Dept of Transport !) - **Electric Push Button handbrake** (often letting a Kangaroo take charge of hill starts!) **Sports Suspension setting** (That ruins an otherwise nice comfortable ride !) **Auto Wipers** (in case you cannot recognise rain !) The Chinese now have what they soon consider to be the norm -'**Personalised Activation Control** ' (where you simply point or nod to whatever control you want to activate, and the computer recognises it's you 'requesting' the instruction) " **HANG ON! SOME OF US STILL ACTUALLY ENJOY OWNING AND DRIVING 'OLD TECHNOLOGY' CARS !** Ed.

