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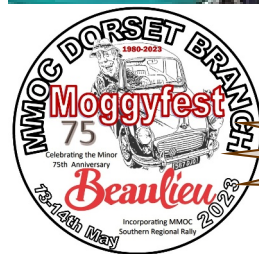


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'Our Brian'
Wins
National Morris Minor Owners Club Award.
The Annual 'MMOC True Club Spirit Award' is awarded at MOGGYFEST '23
by
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SUE AKRILL
To
BRIAN WOOD

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The 3D printed mirrors for the later '1000'
models are now available and will be on
display at Beaulieu. The discounted
branch member price is £25 (£28 to
others).
I have also recently made some more ob-
scure bits like the socket for the mirror
stalk at the top of the windscreen, indica-
tor stalk bulb holder covers and the small
ferrule that connects the Series II wiper
motor to the rack .



THE DORSET BRANCH MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB MONTHLY MAGAZINE



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**JUNE CLUBNIGHT
Phil's Antiques Road Show**

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Editorial

Welcome to a special 28 page June 'Moggyfest' Edition.. at the time of writing the summer has appeared to have begun with lovely hot sunshine . So those fortunate to own a Convertible Minor from now on - **don't forget to take your sun hats !!**

The special 75th anniversary year of the Morris Minor's first launch now continues.. with events across the country large and small Well, the Dorset branch's own 'biggest' annual event of the year has just successfully 'happened' once again at Beaulieu ! - 'Moggyfest' incorporated the National MMOC Southern Regional Rally over the weekend of 13th/14th May and appears to now enjoy even more kind acknowledgements and endorsement from various quarters. Firstly from Beaulieu National Motor Museum . (the Events , Media and Press departments themselves) In fact one nice comment mentioned to me was, Moggyfest is now more regarded as an 'Event within an Event' We were certainly allowed a super site position , adjacent to the lovely Avenue ' leading toward Palace House, prior to the entrance of the main Autojumble area. In fact the famous International Spring Autojumble attracted in excess of 13,000 visitors to Beaulieu with everything else the historic site offers Morris Minors and related classics ,not only within our own branch , but from other parts of the country in numbers visited allowing Moggyfest once again to truly live up to it's name ...Our own Dorset branch attracted interest and attention towards our celebration theme of 'Earls Court Motor Show in an atmosphere of 1948 towards the early 1950's' Mainly with the National Press , Classic Car businesses , including several Classic Insurance Companies and then the National Classic Car Press. **Not forgetting the National MMOC (which of course we are a member) are holding their National '75th celebration rally on 1st/2nd July (it also sounds to be another 'big one' of the year !)** **Booking closes soon-details on Page 24** It was great to be part of the relatively small 'team' who put this years Moggyfest together once again . (I personally enjoyed every minute of it !)

It all really starts at the preceding years Autumn Committee meet when any ideas are discussed—My own involvement then starts in drawing up a simple 'first floor plan' . Followed by some first 'hand painting' of selected larger artworks to the chosen theme, to set the ball rolling .Eventually MAY finally arrives (then a full week is easily required for 'setting up and dismantling the 'Show') Every one involved within the 'completely voluntary team ' worked so very hard in their own roles to make Moggyfest so memorable 'You know who you are' -all take a bow!) - it did amuse me when 'someone' nameless, in good humour, whispered in true 'Churchillian' style "we are now to be nicknamed The Few". Personally I enjoyed at times being in a 'previous life' for a while , in an atmosphere of a production or stage 'set ' during 'art construct' & 'props dressing ' not forgetting , 'character actors' at ready' in full dress rehearsal costume' (ah! some memories !) But at the end of the day it's all back to the Morris Minor and it's 'related' vehicles ... 'And' they did not disappoint, in their sheer numbers and model types ! With a number of 'extra rare' vehicles thrown in, coming a long way to join us !! .

Finally ...**Congratulations to Brain Wood** , on winning a National Morris Minor Owners Club annual award ,* presented by MMOC representative Sue Akrell at Moggyfest !

(*See this months front cover and page 2) **ROGER**
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MOGGYFEST 'HIGHLIGHT WINNERS OF THE SHOW'

(On this Months Front Cover/ See cover story Page 2) **BRIAN WOOD** wins the National Morris Minor Owners Club Annual MMOC True Club Spirit Award'

PHIL RENDLE wins 'BEST CAR IN SHOW Trophy' together with a £50 Minor Spares Voucher (sponsored by E.S.M. Spares) for his 1968 Traveller (below) Presented by - Laurie Blewer * All other Car Trophy Winners presented by Laurie on Page 10 *



'Moggyfest, Adrian Flux sponsored prize

'Best Dressed of the era' Couple

won by **ANDREA & ANDREW WALLIS** who received £100 **ADRIAN FLUX** Vouchers and a Limited edition Book 'Titled Influx'

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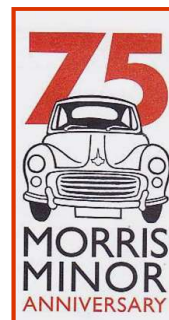
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Laurie (above) welcomes visitors to 'Earls Court Motor Show 1948' (left) Andrea & Andrew Wallis with their highly polished 'Star Car of 1948, (and of course dressed to suit the very special occasion) (lower left) Ted Brooke with his superb Lowlight LHD Minor Tourer (It was exported originally to California then came back to UK) Lets also continue to encourage 'Younger Minor drivers' like these guys over from , Isle Of Wight ! (They said " it's absolutely great to dress up' and to be part of MOGGYFEST '23"



We spent Sunday in Jullouville watching the horse racing on the beach. It's called 'Harness Racing' where the horses pull a two-wheeled cart or chariot occupied by the driver. The horses are only permitted to 'trot' – so no galloping allowed. We bought our evening food there and returned back to the chalet for a final evening meal on the patio of our chalet.

On Monday we travelled back to Cherbourg for the return ferry. The crossing was a bit later in the day so we didn't arrive back until late. The darkness coupled with the heavy rain, made the final leg of the journey a little difficult. Especially so for those who had some distance to go, we were fairly local. It was the first time out in the dark in the convertible and it was apparent that even with Halogen lighting, classic cars are not good in such conditions.



The weather was fairly kind to us with a mixture of sunshine and rain, but on the whole, it was a brilliant weekend and grateful thanks are due to the Smiths and the Frenches for coming up with the idea in the first place and organising the itinerary so all we had to do was be there and enjoy it.

Minors in France 4-8 May 2023 (as reported by Brian Wood)



Four convertibles, one traveller and one Vauxhall Cavalier assembled at Poole Ferry at 07:00 on the morning of 4th May for the (as far as I know) first overseas DMMOC excursion in modern times. The Barfleure got us over the channel safely, however some felt more queasy than others as the sea was a little choppy in the middle of the channel. We then had the afternoon to drive the 70-odd miles down to the campsite which was just outside town of Granville which is on the west side of the peninsula. In fact, if you draw a line through Guernsey and Jersey it intersects the French coast at Granville. After we had checked in to our chalets and got the hang of the number plate controlled exit barrier, Peter had thoughtfully arranged dinner in a small restaurant in a village near Granville, we got there at about 7:00 and had a lovely first night dinner there. The next day, Friday, we went South over to Mont St Michel – a pilgrimage destination since 8th Century and a UNESCO world heritage site. The Benedictine Abbey became a renowned centre of learning and the ramparts at the bottom were built to keep the English out! On Saturday we went to a Fleury, a

village to the East of the campsite where we visited a garage/showroom owned by the son of a friend of Peter and Joy. The garage had classic and new vehicles on display, including a few you don't see this side of the channel very often. There were a couple of Citroen DS's, and Austin Healey 3000, a Bowler (Paris-Dakar race car) a Dodge Viper, an Autobiachi sports car – to name but a few. Peter and

Joy's friends Marine and Patrick then invited us back to their house and we were able to view their personal classic car collection – which also included some interesting and rare treats, a Datsun 1600 Roadster being one of them. I would have liked to take the seventies Porsche 911T home with me.






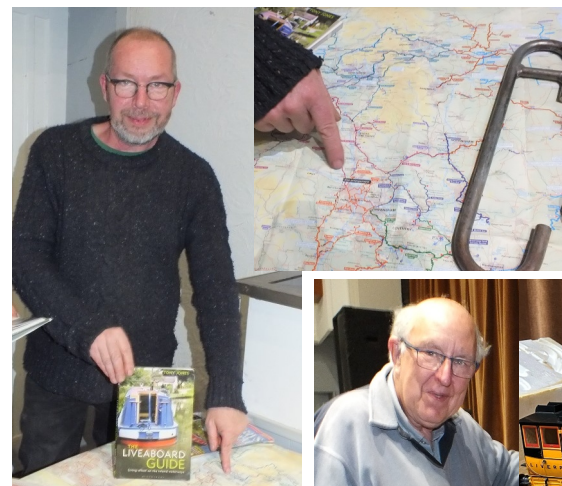
To complete the authentic scene with representations of the other two Morris models launched alongside the '48 Minor- TIM ROUSE brought the oldest Oxford (MO) that we could locate (right) The lovely Morris 'Big Six (MS) completes the set of 4 cars of the show (kindly brought down from the Midlands by PETER WHEELER) Also a very rare (an actual ex Morris Cowley works Fire engine) (bottom left) 'special extra' vehicle was brought all the way from Swansea by PHIL ROBBINS to be at Moggyfest. Meanwhile Morris sales executives were kept busy with Export Sales deals, also the odd occasional 'Home Market Sale' was made (below right) but only to 1948 'authorised special occupation' drivers !!



FORTHCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Dorset Branch MMOC organised Events are headed thus.. DORSET MMOC

JUNE 7th	DORSET MMOC JUNE CLUBNIGHT Phil Traves 'Antique Roadshow Evening. Phil will discuss your old collectables and antiques that you have brought along to the evening . (Re scheduled from May Clubnight)
17th/18th JUNE	Moors Valley Steam Railway Summer Gala for more information and form paul@moorsvalleyrailway.co.uk
1st/2nd JULY	National Morris Minor Owners Club Annual Rally at Chateau Impney, Droitwich, Worc WR9 OBN full details - www.mmoc.org (camping available on site) bookings close 18th June  
JULY 1st	Burton Scout Carnival , Burton Recreation Field. Whilst there is no need to book for this event cars always need to arrive before 11a.m. as access roads through village are closed for the Carnival procession to arrive. (Further details to follow from branch member BRIAN TILLY)
JULY 2nd	Hampshire Branch MMOC Annual Rally at Twyford Water Works Booking forms with info should be available on our web page
JULY 5th	DORSET MMOC JULY CLUBNIGHT *Meet at 'The Den' * Antiques , Secondhand Curios & Collectables Centre at Wallisdown *MEET at THE DEN, Francis Ave BH11 8NX <u>NOT at the usual Electric Club</u>
JULY 15th	Holdenhurst Village Fete To parking space it would helpful to inform Laurie if intending to attend this event
JULY 21st (Friday)	DORSET MMOC Special ROAD RUN to Nothe Fort Historic Site DT48UF , WEYMOUTH , meeting up with the Annual' Minors On Tour 2023 ' group .(Aiming to arrive at Nothe Fort Weymouth at 10.30) Subject to space Minors are invited to park in the Fort central courtyard. Admission and Guided tour of site at substantially reduced rate of £5 on the day (or £4 without guided tour) ** MEET AT UPTON HOUSE CAR PARK AT 9 a.m. **
JULY 31st	A Summer Garden Party at Laurie's Headswell Crescent , Bournemouth. BH10 6LF 30) Enjoy the garden and Motoring Memorabilia Collection . Light refreshments—Performance by Significance Singing Choir All proceeds to JULIA'S HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE 

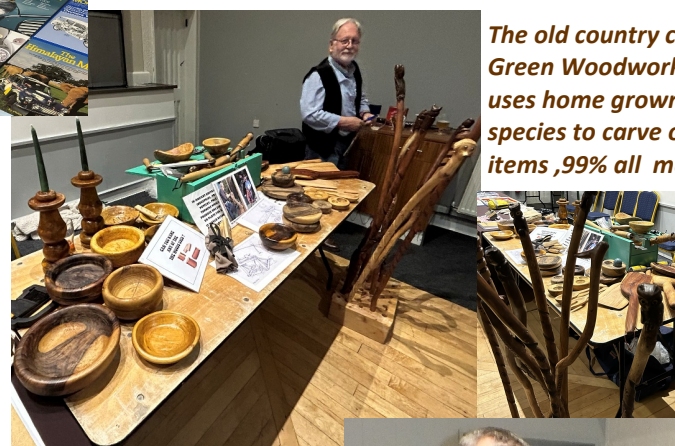


IAN LEMON , (left) showed details of his Narrow Boating hobby . His boat named FERN was moored on the Manchester to Macclesfield Canal at the time .

DAVID MARTIN displayed his large scale model of the famous Locomotive Stephenson's Rocket. (lots of detail)



(above) Laurie Blewer brought a small selection from his extensive and mammoth sized Resource 'Library' of classic vehicle books & publications.



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(right) SPUD TAYLOR displayed his collection of 'ultra fast ' racing 'Slot Cars' The cars and special track In the main, are custom made and tweaked by the Slot Car enthusiasts (unlike Pre made Scalextric sets that are rather 'Slow' in comparison !



MEMBERS 'OTHER' HOBBIES CLUBNIGHT EVENING

Last April Clubnight saw the re-scheduling of Phil's Antiques Evening. Instead Members invited to bring in and display their 'other' hobbies (Other than the obvious club hobby that of the Morris Minor) There is no doubt that those who went to the trouble of transporting in their own individual, varied 'other' hobbies certainly had a very interesting diversity of subjects. CHRIS TILLEY (below) displayed an interesting collection of items Included within her special collections were—Extremely finely worked, ornate powder compacts, rare coin and paper money collections, 'first day' postage covers (including a Minor Rally)



OLIVIA AKAM displayed her unique Hand Crafted 'Calico' fabric items. (Hours of careful work)



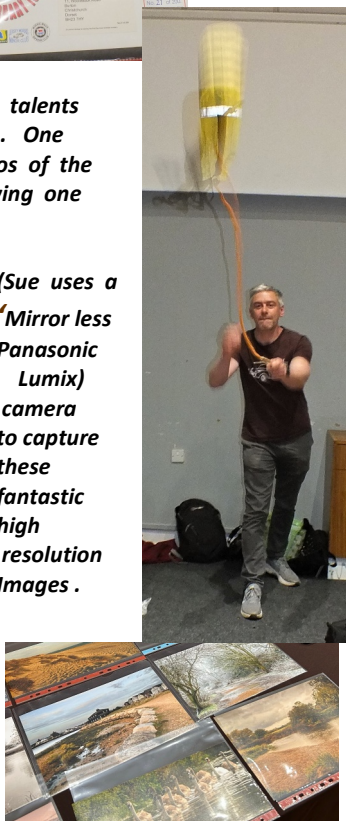
IAN CHIVERS (below) Demonstrating his 'K River Rescue . Emergency Throw Line (This one is 15m 'a short one'



SUE GRUNDY showed off her talents of her hobby of Photography. One example was a set of photos of the same scenic landscape showing one each from the 4 seasons -

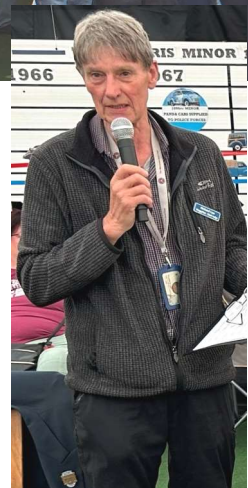


(Sue uses a 'Mirror less Panasonic Lumix) camera to capture these fantastic high resolution Images .



AUG 2nd	DORSET MMOC AUGUST CLUBNIGHT The DMMOC Founder Graham Melly ,Presentation—The 'Earlier Days of the Dorset Branch ' (including the screening of Graham's selected original archive cine films of some Dorset branch club events in the early 1980's)
AUG 6th	Lymington Classic Car Show , Woodside Park ,Lymington Book direct £10 entry with a classic . Rotary Club of Lymington website for entry and online payment facility details
AUG 13th	Invitation by MG Owners Club to join them at Athelhampton House (£10 per person) + entry to house at a reduced additional fee More entry form details available at clubnight
AUG 19th/20th	DORSET MMOC - THE DORSET BRANCH ANNUAL RALLY at Wolvercroft World of Plants Rally Site , ALDERHOLT Nr Fordingbridge (booking forms to follow & camping is available on site from the Fri p.m.)
AUG 26th	'Wings & Wheels ' 9.a.m at Henstridge Airfield Classic Event Templecombe BA8 OTN
AUG 28th	South Coast Classics (at South Coast Karting Centre Circuit) (CCOTP event details see their F/B web page updates)
SEPT 1st- 3rd	I.O.W Branch MMOC Rally , Haven St, Steam railway I.O.W. Book your ferry direct Whight Link - details to follow
SEPT 2nd/3rd	Beaulieu International Autojumble —entry by ticket direct from Beaulieu (The Dorset Branch exhibit at Moggyfest Spring Autojumble in May)
SEPT 6th	DORSET MMOC SEPT CLUBNIGHT Annual Gardening Competition
SEPT 24th	Simply British Classics at Beaulieu—Entry online direct from Beaulieu , but please advise Laurie if attending (as we normally arrive in a group 'convoy run ' with a Dorset branch club group parking area booked) www.beaulieu.co.uk/events
OCT 4th	DORSET MMOC OCT CLUBNIGHT 2023 Annual General Meeting
NOV	DORSET MMOC NOV CLUBNIGHT (Subject TBC)
DEC	DORSET MMOC DEC CLUBNIGHT Seasonal ' Noggin 'N Natter & 'When You Were a Baby' (Guess Who's Who as a baby) - Please submit your old baby photos to Laurie In good time

THE 'MOGGYFEST 23 CAR TROPHY WINNERS LINE UP



Category	CLASS WINNER (ent)	Year
1 SER: 'MM' SALOON	ANDY WALLIS 1	1949
2 SER : 'MM' TOURER	TED BROOKE 1	1950
3 MINOR SER: 2	JOHN AYRES 1	1954 (4 Dr)
4 MINOR 1000 SALOON	ANDREW WILSON 1	1969 (2 Dr)
" " " "	KIETH GIFFORD 2	1958 (4 Dr)
5 MINOR 1,000 CONVERTIBLE	ASHLEY HOLMES 1	1953
6 MINOR 1,000 TRAVELLER	PHIL RENDLE 1	1968
" " " "	GRAHAM BUNTER 2	1964
7 POST PROD: CONVERTIBLE	STEVE BROWN 1	1954 (1,000)
8 MINOR LIGHT COMM: VEH:	SHALIN DAVIS 1	1971 (P.O.Van)
9 BEST VISITOR VEHICLE	SCOTT MORRIS 1	1996 MG (Tf)
" " " "	NICK OSBORNE 2	1953 Sunbeam Alpine
10 'CAR OF THE SHOW' (ALSO SEE PAGE 4)	PHIL RENDLE 1	1968 MINOR 1,000 TRAVELLER

ALL CARS were Judged by our Independent Professional Classic Car Judge RICHARD LEE who travelled down from Yorkshire especially to carry out the MOGGYFEST '23 Judging !

SATURDAY EVENING 'OPEN MICROPHONE' SESSION



When a well known national classic car magazine writer such as MATT TOMKINS (PCM's Workshop Editor & Morris Minor Guru for the PC Mag) takes great interest to join in with what was described as spontaneous and unrehearsed 'open microphone' evening session idea, a club branch such as ours should surely leap at the opportunity (he came fully prepared to answer and discuss all sorts of questions put to him by any members and visitors and on his PCM workshop experience and adventures with his Minor's !!) ... BRYAN GOSTLING (above right) also took the 'live mic' and explained about his intended slight change of direction within his 'world of Nat MMOC Spares' after over 40 years STEPH HOLLOWAY (at Beaulieu for Lancaster Insurance) also explained about her extremely interesting initiative (to be much applauded) for helping with the familiarisation of mechanical car servicing for young classic car driversANDREA WALLIS also told us about her 40's costumes all made by herself from original '40s patterns . I hope those who decided to stay around during the evening found the presentation interesting . (photos : Steph Holloway)



SATURDAY MORNING 'PHOTO SHOOT' FOR NATIONAL PRESS

Several Dorset branch members fully entered into the spirit of the event and arrived early on the Saturday in fantastic

(Courtesy: Sunday & Daily Telegraph) '40s & 50's era costume, to be available for the National Press photographer who came to Beaulieu specially for us at Moggyfest - This resulted in his Daily Telegraph Chief Editor Choosing one of his photos with Wendy & Martin Devine

modelling in 1940's gear for the Mondays Telegraph edition . This is the second year running we have been 'Photo Featured ' in the National press (above left) Thanks to everyone who came to the 'Shoot' I did say anything could happen ! In fact photographer Russell was actually diverted from covering the Royal

Devon Show all weekend ,but as it was us he made himself a bit late getting back there from Beaulieu later on the Sunday morning ! Thanks for diverting your journey Russell !

DORSET MMOC Chairman's Report



Greetings everybody Well, that's it – Moggyfest is done for another year and what an absolutely fantastic weekend it was. Even the weather gods looked down on us favourably at the last minute after what seemed like weeks and weeks of never ending rain. This did mean that the camping field was a bit on the soft side to say the least but the staff at Beaulieu were brilliant and towed everyone into the field on Friday and out again on Sunday evening. I have sent an email to Beaulieu to thank the team there for another fabulous weekend. I'm not going to say much else about it as Roger has dedicated most of this month to Moggyfest 2023 but I would like to thank everyone who helped in whatever capacity over the weekend .

The weekend before Beaulieu saw a good number of us up at the Breamore House Steam Up weekend. This year there were a few changes now that a new guy has taken over after our good friend Phil passed away. Lewis and I took full advantage of the miniature steam train rides and the traction engine trailer rides which were new for this year. The museum shop now has a much more farm shop like feel and sells some very nice things. I must say that their pork pies were very good as was the bottle of Downton Brewery bitter which I had for lunch!

The weekend after Beaulieu saw several of join the fund raising at The Victoria School for their car show and craft fair. Although, only a very small show we had a pleasant day and the school managed to raise in excess of £2000.

I think that the next event on the calendar is The Moors Valley Summer Steam Gala which is a very good day out with lots of miniature steam engines as well as the trains and a good selection of cars. This is followed a couple of weeks later by the Burton Scout Carnival which also coincides with the MMOC National Rally at Chateau Impney. Whichever event you are going to I hope you have a good weekend.

Please can I ask that you get your entries in for the joint road run with the MOT UK group on Friday 21st July where we will be visiting Nothe Fort in Weymouth. I will need to now the numbers to let the fort now.

We have had a few hiccups with clubnights which I would like to apologise for. With cancellations and last minute rearrangements it's been difficult to keep up! Thanks to everyone who brought along their hobbies last month and tonight, of course, we welcome Phil along for his Antiques Roadshow evening.

Please remember that next month – July – we are not at The SEB Club but will be meeting at The Den on Francis Avenue. They have agreed to open up for us for the evening and their tea rooms will also be open for light refreshments. They are looking forward to a good turnout of Moggies in their car park.

The Series II had a little mishap over the last bank holiday weekend. We were having a family picnic at Bolderwood in the New Forest and as it was such a lovely day , All was going well until the brakes decided to fail on the final stretch up to the car park at Bolderwood. It looks like the near side rear brake cylinder has deposited all the brake fluid , but as I write this I've not had a chance to look

Finally - We have been invited by the Bournemouth and Poole MG Club to attend their event at Athelhampton House on Sunday 13th August. We have attended several times in the past and have always enjoyed a very relaxing day out. You will need to book directly with Chris Adamson from the MG Club if you want to go but please can I ask you to let me know for numbers.

Laurie.



THE 'BRIAN WOOD' REPORT & Latest News from the Spares Dept.



Hello again loyal readers. It's been a busy month, as most of you will know – with the French Trip at the beginning of May, closely followed by Moggyfest at Beaulieu Spring Autojumble the next weekend. Unfortunately, we missed the Coronation celebrations as we were abroad at the time, but it looked like it all went to plan and it was enjoyed by all.

The Spares Department stock (as you also may know) has its annual 'outing' in its entirety and can be seen and browsed through by club members and the general public alike. We had our own corner in the display marquee and set the tables up on the Friday, trying to maximise the forthcoming sales opportunities. I was ably assisted by Secretary Chivers and Chivers Junior (son Ethan) who did their best to keep up with the volume of sales orders coming at us from all angles. We had all been instructed to wear a collar and tie and the brown overalls complete with 'Staff' badges. Mine paid for itself when buying an ice cream. The vendor noticed and knocked a pound off the price. We acquired a card reading machine last year and used it again this year, taking nearly half of the total turnover. This requires the use of a mobile phone, (mine) and all was well until I went off for a break or look round the autojumble. Nearly every time I returned there was at least one person waiting to pay for their parts with their credit card.

The busiest day was Saturday, which is normal for this event with about three quarters of the sales taking place. Sunday was a bit more chilled but we had lots of browsers then.

We had some of the new 3D printed items on display, namely the cover for the combined flasher/indicator switch complete with steering column and two spoke steering wheel. Also on display was a steering leg with the trunnion seals to show their fitment.

DORSET MMOC Secretary's Report

A huge thank you to everyone that attended Moggyfest, I hope that you all enjoyed the weekend. We've received some great feedback and I'd like to pass on the appreciation to all those involved in making it such a fabulous event.

There is one person that deserves a special mention, without him it simply wouldn't be the grand spectacle that attracts so much attention, including from the national press! Roger has worked tirelessly for months preparing for the big weekend, so on behalf of all the members I'd like to thank him for everything he's done for the club.

The National Club have asked Roger if he would be prepared to undertake the installing of the special 20m plus long Morris Minor 'Timeline' display he had originally made for the 70th Minor anniversary, and again used this year in the marquee at Moggyfest. This will be for the National MMOC 75th Anniversary Rally next month up in Droitwich Worcester. It is the second time it will have been on display at a National Rally. Roger also added that there is another separate 'special thing' happening together with the National 'Minor Million' Register and connected to the Dorset branch, as a follow up from last years Minor Million Anniversary 2022 at Moggyfest at the national Rally (the timing of this 'special thing' associated with the Dorset branch taking place together with the National Minor Million Register over Rally weekend at Droitwich apparently will only be announced nearer the time !)

I spent most of the weekend in the spares dept. We had customers from all around the world, including Malta, Germany & USA. I even bought a few things myself. We only had one whoopie when Ethan sold 2 left-handed wiper blades, to be fair the customer picked them up and Ethan didn't know any different. We handed out lots of business cards and I'm told that we signed up 4 new members at Beaulieu.

We have a few left-over mugs which will be available to buy at this evening's club night. We have decided to buy a couple of new event shelters with sides to replace the ageing and broken small marquees/gazeebos.

Shortly before Moggyfest there was a club trip to France, from the photos posted on Facebook it looked like a very good 'voyage'. Peter French has kindly offered to host a club night review, probably in January next year. Hopefully there will be another DMMOC on tour event happening again next year.

We haven't given up on the baby photo competition and it has been moved to December club night, that should give you plenty of time to give Laurie a suitable photo.

I have arranged for us to have a club stand at the Lymington Spectacular this year, but you need to sign up individually here: <https://lymington.blog/product/classiccar>.

Finally, Brian Tilly still has some seats available on the coach trip to the Classic Car Show at the NEC in November. Please get in touch if you'd like to go.

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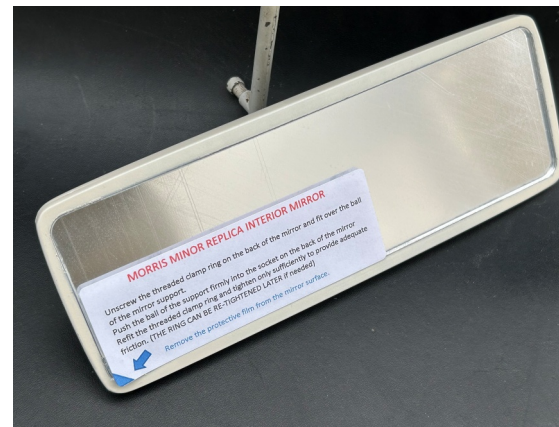


MORE MOGGYFEST '75th' HIGHLIGHTS

During the time of our Earls Court 1948 Motor Show re-creation a short stroll from the exhibition hall could be found the nearest branch of the then famous 'Lyons' Corner House Tea Shops' (the photo above shows LYNDA GERRY (re-enacted in costume) the famous Lyons

'Nippy' The always cheerful, efficient Lyons' Corner house waitress Lynne was in charge of purveying teas and coffees to every visitor to Moggyfest) Pictured on the left is LYNETTE FELTHAM re-enacting 1948 in her own hand made 'Authentic Lyons 'Nippy' waitress Costume'- Lynette our regular talented 'Cake Artist Extraordinaire' having hand crafted her hand made the Morris Minor and Earls Court Cake set especially for our Moggyfest 75th Celebration . (Lynette also personally dealt with the serving to every single visitor who queued for their slice of cake on the Sunday at tea time)

LYNETTE'S SPECIAL 'MM'MINOR CAKE CREATION EVEN HAD WORKING LIGHTS !!



The interior mirrors attracted a lot of interest, having been featured in 'Practical Classics' in the newly published June edition and we sold a few of them. I couldn't resist pulling the leg of Matt Tomkins and Danny Hopkins who were embarrassed by the lack of copies of the latest edition on their stand at the show. I threatened to cancel my (non-existent) subscription.

However, I was very grateful for the free publicity. The mirrors are also now available on eBay as well. I am planning to make some more to take to the National Rally in July. I had given the wooden 'A' series engine mock-up a spruce up and repaint. I made this about 10 years or more, ago and it was starting to look a bit tired. Its purpose was to demonstrate simple maintenance tasks such as changing points and replacing oil filters. The big advantage is that you don't need to get your hands dirty.

It was good to see 'Miranda' the Marie Curie charity car again at the show – sounds like the fund raising is going well.

Thanks to all of you who patronised our 'shop' and it gave a boost to our surplus for the year which goes to club funds to defray other costs of running the events. Thanks also to Ian and Ethan for their sterling service which was (as always) invaluable. The annual stocktake is now complete and the major re-ordering of stock is now underway. In the meantime, please let me know if you have any spares requirement to either collect at Clubnight or from home. We are not planning to take the spares to Wolvercroft for our annual show in August, but if you need me to order/bring along any spares items – then please let me know as soon as possible

See you soon, Brian



**MOGGYFEST Dorset Branch
The Comprehensive MINOR PARTS SHOP**



Dorset branch parts dept. Manager Brian Wood did exceptionally brisk business ably assisted by His 'right hand men' Ian & Ethan Chivers (although Ethan was fully excused when seen trying to 'nick' a fancy cake from the Tea Shop, due to his exemplary attentiveness and hard work in the Spares Dept. !)

& Moggifest Highlights



Moggifest was of course alongside the ever Popular Beaulieu Spring Auto Jumble Event that attracted over 13,000 visitors (left)



And this is how Beaulieu's Press Office have kindly publicised Moggifest '23 in their own follow up editorial (below)

Classic fans were treated by car displays in the showground. 200 colourful Morris Minors and contemporary classic cars parked up for **MoggyFest**, with the Dorset Branch of the Morris Minor Owners' Club celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Morris Minor by recreating the Morris Stand of the 1948 Earls Court Motor Show. While club members dressed in 1940s costumes and period tunes played over the wireless, showgoers sipped tea and admired early 'lowlight' Series MM Minors alongside their larger Oxford MO and Six MS siblings." **Beaulieu Press Office**



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