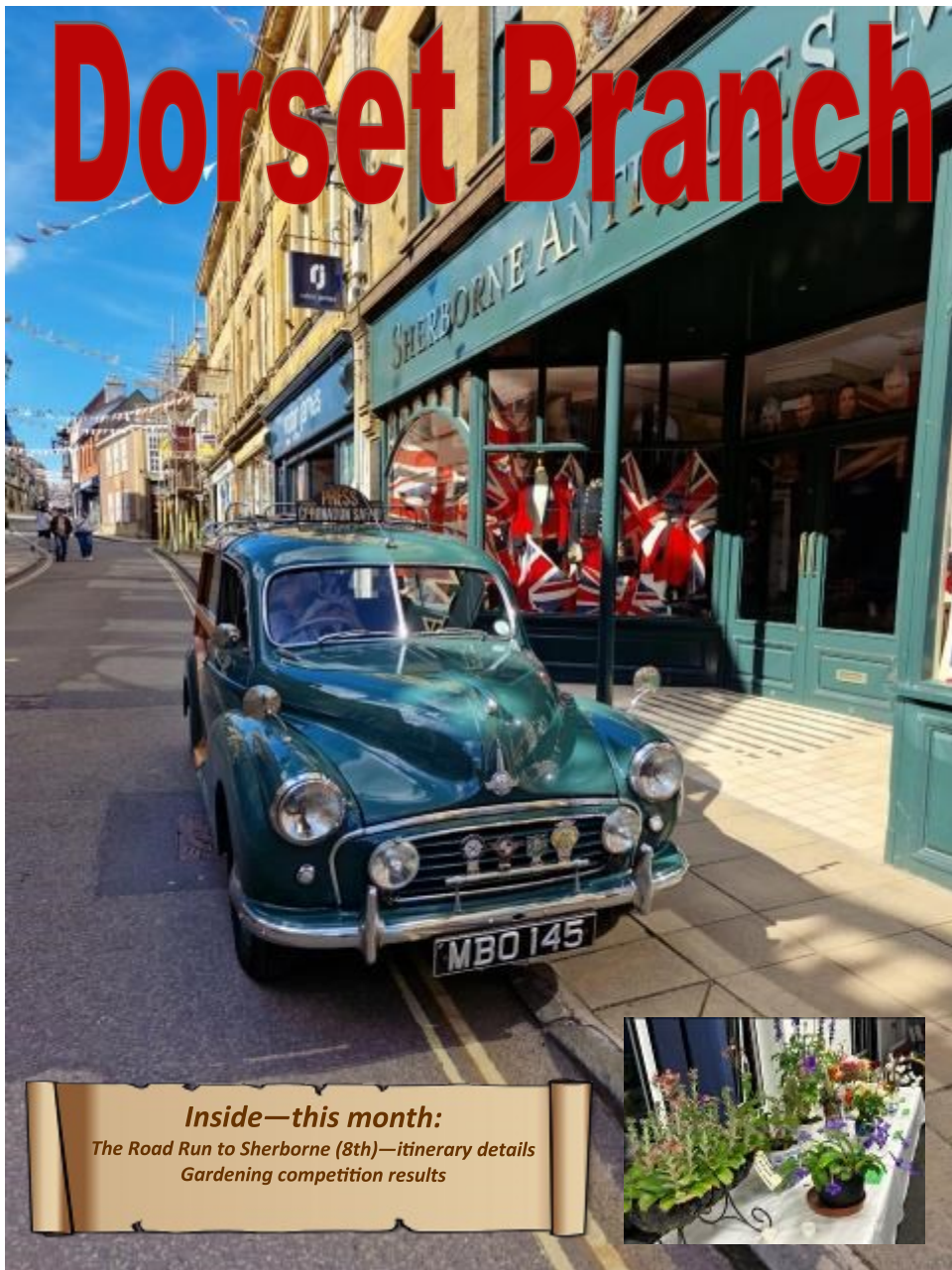


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THE DMMOC MONTHLY MAGAZINE



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*The Road Run to Sherborne (8th)—itinerary details
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was founded in 1980 by Graham Melly and chaired in the early days by Aubrey Batt. It is a Branch of the National Morris Minor Owners Club but has its own accounts and organisation (see Constitution for further details) **We meet on the first Wednesday of every month (7:30 for 8:00)** at the **Bournemouth Electric Club, Broadway Lane, BH8 0AA**. We have an active calendar of events throughout the year – particularly in the Summer months when we attend many rallies and other shows. The monthly Clubnight is an opportunity to meet the other enthusiasts and enjoy a presentation or other activity organised by the Committee.

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Antiques Centre
on October 8th***

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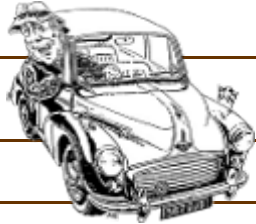
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Editorial

Hello everyone, Another busy month has flown by and the Equinox has arrived so the days are no longer than the nights now. The gardening competition last clubnight seemed to go well and thanks to all those who contributed and 'well done' to the winners.

The first event of September was the Isle of Wight show on 2nd-3rd. A fine excuse for a weekend 'abroad'. I went round to help Graham Melly early in the month, with the installation of his engine and gearbox into his 1954 Series 2 restoration. Another milestone passed and hopefully there will be a pictorial update from him soon. In other Morris Minor 'news' I have replaced the 1:3.9 differential in my convertible with the 1:4.2 that it came with. This has made it a little more pleasant to drive with the engine speed in each gear now being higher at the same road speed. It was my contention that the 5th speed in the gearbox looks after that and that to have the lower diff ratio as well, was just greedy. So if anyone needs a good 3.9 diff for £250 come and see me.

On 16th September we took a drive up to the Bristol Branch Rally which was held at the East Somerset Railway centre at West Cranmore near Shepton Mallet. The Bristol Branch made us very welcome. It was well attended and we had a very pleasant day out with a ride on the steam train as well. The final classic 'excursion' of the month was the weekend trip to attend the Sidmouth Classic Car Show on 23 September. Five families attended and most of us stayed in the Royal Glen Hotel in Sidmouth which is barely a stone's throw from the cricket ground where the show was held on Saturday. Congrats to Laurie who managed to win the only prize of the day which was a trophy for the best classic car historical story.

We were sorry to hear of the sad passing of branch member, Clive Silcock during the month. Brian



New Morris Minor Spares are available through the club.

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

Brian. 07411 116336



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DORSET BRANCH MMOC ANNUAL DINNER DANCE 2024 **at The DUDSBURY GOLF CLUB RESTAURANT**

7pm Saturday January 13th

***** (ENTRY FORMS NOW AVAILABLE) *****



The Menu for the evening has now been finalised and is listed below . Forms will be issued with the newsletter (October) and is also available on line at:
<http://www.dorsetmmoc.co.uk/wordpress/admin/dindanceticket24.pdf>

Please return your slips by DECEMBER CLUBNIGHT.

The cost will be £35.00 per head for the three course meal including tea and coffee and one free drink voucher per person, plus entertainment.

Starters:

Prawn, crab and avocado Gateaux (on a bed of mixed leaves served with brown bread)

Leek and Potato Soup (finished with chopped chives)

Melon Cocktail (served with a raspberry coulis)

Main Course:

Baked fillet of Cod (with a fresh tomato and cheese crust)

Roast Tenderloin of Beef (served with a Yorkshire pudding and red wine gravy)

Roast vegetable spinach and vegan mozzarella Wellington (served on tomato and basil sauce)

Desserts:

Black Cherry and Brandy Crème Brulee (served with a shortbread finger)

Sticky Toffee Pudding (served with home made toffee sauce and custard)

Seasonal Fruit Salad (with fresh cream)

Secretary's Report



September started off with the Isle of Wight rally. As usual it lands on the same weekend as the Beaulieu Auto-Jumble, but nevertheless was still well attended with a large selection of Morris cars as well as some other classic marks. The 'Old Girl' open top bus gave a brilliant ride out, although you did have to watch out for tree branches! The rally programme included a magnetic badge which has joined the others under the bonnet, my earliest one being 2013. The Dorset members did particularly well in the raffle winning several prizes.

We have just returned from a weekend in Sidmouth where we attended the Sidmouth Car Show. This was a very good show with over 300 cars, held on the cricket pitch which is in the middle of town and has a great view of the sea. There were some amazing cars in the show, everything from an Aston Martin DB5 to a Citroen 2CV which had completed the Paris to Peking rally. It was a real surprise when Laurie's car was asked to be moved up to the front in the prize winner's enclosure. He was out having lunch at the time, so Brian managed to find a key 'that fit' and moved it for him! Laurie did eventually return in time to collect his trophy and give a brief talk about the history of his car 'Bobbie'. We think that it was the story behind the car that won it.



We were travelling home on the Sunday when the Simply British event was on at Beaulieu, I hope everyone had a good day out. We stopped off at Lyme Regis on the way back for lunch. It was very windy and some of us got a bit wet walking along the Cobb when a wave crashed over the wall and soaked us.

This month is the annual AGM, thank you to everyone for your support over the past year. We hope that you've enjoyed everything the club has to offer.

Ian

Chairman's Report



Greetings and welcome to the October edition of the newsletter. Tonight, of course, is the annual AGM and I would like to thank everyone for their support throughout the year and for turning up for what I know is not the most exciting evening in the club calendar!

Many thanks to Martin and Sue for organising the gardening competition last month and thank you to everyone who brought along their green fingered creations.

The full report and list of winners is elsewhere in this edition.

September has been a busy month starting off with the Beaulieu Autojumble which, as you know, I try to never miss. Two full days of hunting through the Autojumble stalls looking for those hidden treasures can be extremely tiring but luckily for us John had a stall again this year meaning that we had somewhere to rest our weary legs when we needed to. Although I didn't buy as much as last year I still had a fantastic weekend as I always do.

The following weekend was the Bournemouth and Poole Preservation Clubs event at Harman's Cross. This was an excellent show with a really good selection of exhibits ranging from cars and commercials to motorbikes and vintage caravans. We also enjoyed a couple of rides on the Swanage Railway which Lewis particularly enjoyed.

As I write this we have just returned from our weekend away in Sidmouth where we attended the Sidmouth Classic Car Show. This is the first time that I have taken the Series II down to Sidmouth and I was very pleased with how she performed. The lack of power from the little 803cc engine did show however on some of those large hills. Although she didn't miss a beat all the way, the climb up Chideock Hill in 1st gear and at a steady 8mph was quite painful! We were extremely lucky with the weather which meant that the show could go ahead and what a fabulous selection of cars there was. There really were some perfectly restored examples on show so you can imagine my surprise when I was told that Bobbie had won the Car of the Show. The award is presented annually to the car that the judge would most like to take home and that has a good story to boot. The judge particularly liked Bobbies' history and that is what swung it.

Our next club event will be our run out to Sherborne. Please can I ask that you get your booking forms in to Jacky by tonight please. You will also see that the details have been finalised for the Dinner and Dance and the booking forms will be available next month.

We have started to think about Moggyfest 2024 already and I have been wondering what we can do without Roger's fantastic artwork. We have come up with a plan, however, and the theme we have chosen is "barn finds". We are planning on recreating a

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barn within the marquee so if you have anything suitable that we can borrow we would appreciate it.

Progress has been rather slow on the 4 door but a few small jobs have been done and she is really just waiting for the welding to begin. I had been contemplating buying a Portafold caravan for some time and I'm pleased to say that I have now found one though the pages of the Portafold facebook group. She is in very good order considering she's 51 years old but I do want to do a few jobs to improve her and perhaps paint it to match the 4 door which is the car I'm planning on towing her with. I think that's about all from me for this month so until next time -Happy Minorin—Laurie.

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04 September 2023

Dear Laurie

I wanted to write to thank you and the Morris Minors Owners Club very much for your kind donation of £300.00 in memory of Mike Sheppard. We are very grateful that you chose to support Julia's Home in this special way. We are so sorry to hear of your loss.

Your donation will help to provide frequent, regular support wherever and whenever it is needed - home, in the hospice or in the community - and helps to break the cycle of exhaustion and isolation giving parents a much-needed break. Thank you for changing lives.

On behalf of everyone here at Julia's House, thank you.

Sally

Sally Woodford
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To: Cash for Kids. We have recently held our annual Morris Minor Rally at Wolvercote World of Plants in Alderholt. We were requested to make our donation to their monthly charity and accordingly enclose a cheque for £100.00.

With Compliments

To: Julia's House. We have voted your charity as our 'Charity of the Year' for this year and enclose a cheque for £300. It is also in memory of our late member Mike Sheppard as his family chose JH in lieu of flowers at the funeral.

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We learnt recently that Branch Member Clive Silcock passed away after a bout of Covid. We send our sincere condolences to his family. Some will remember his 1944 wartime Austin 'Tilly' van GOT 620 which was a familiar sight at various rallies and Military Vehicle parades.

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Cars or Spares for sale or Wanted ,entries are Free to club members or £5 per entry for non-members . Traders display adverts in newsletter from £30 per year subject to size.

Photos from Yeovil Steam Centre Show 20th August



Beautiful day, with a well organized classic cars, BBQ, and train rides.

We had the only 1938 taxi, plus mad max type of car. Minis, panther, lots to look at. Voted competition for best car.

The railway had as many rides as you wanted. It's only 1/4 mile at the mo-

ment but looks to expand. Volunteers dressed up as steam punk.
As well as plenty of tea being served with either a full English or bacon rolls.
Let's hope we get another next August.

Regards Glynis.



Gardening Competition-Results

Gardening Competition 2023

Thank you to all - a great turn out. As you know Marilyn Kellow stood down as a judge owing to Roger's health. Jackie Walker took her place alongside Sue Cooper and we also brought Eddie Pate-man out of retirement as a third judge. Considering the weather we have had this year we were delighted with the amount of pro-duce and flowers exhibited. Next year it is intended to hold the competition in AUGUST 2024 with a slight change of categories - any suggestions would be most welcome

Congratulations to First Prize winner's as follows:

Dahlias	Pauline Ford
Mixed Flowers	Joy French
Potted Plant	Patricia Newbury
Rose	Sue Cooper
Soft Fruit	Theresa Moxley
Runner Beans	Sue Cooper
Tomatoes	Michael Smith
Cucumber, Courgette, Squash	Andy Dibb
Onions, Shallots	Chris Tilley
Marrow	Geoff Newbury
Peppers, Chiles	Olivia Akam
Wonky	Brian Ford



Best in Show:

First Prize: Diane Martin
Mixed Flowers - winning the
Plaque and a £20 Garden
voucher

Second Prize: Sue Cooper
Potted Plant - winning a bottle
of wine

Third Prize: Theresa Moxley
Bunch of Grapes winning a
box of chocolates



Looking forward to next year - Martin & Sue



UPCOMING

04-Oct	BRANCH CLUBNIGHT - Annual General Meeting
08-Oct	Sherborne Antiques Centre Run
27-Oct	Halloween Quiz Night 7:00 for 7:30 £12.50 to include fish and chip supper. Bring own nibbles and drinks. Please let Colin Hughes know (colinhvanman@hotmail.com)
01-Nov	BRANCH CLUBNIGHT - Toy Donation Talk from the Variety Club (details TBA)
16-Nov	Inter Branch Quiz (MGOC event) Hamworthy Sports Club on Magna Road starting at 7pm for 7.30pm
06-Dec	BRANCH CLUBNIGHT - Noggin and Natter and Baby photo competition
13-Jan	2024 ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE



HELLISH HALLOWEEN QUIZ

In support of the Dorset Multiple Sclerosis Centre, there is a Halloween Quiz night at the MS centre which is at Church Lane, West Parley, BH22 8TS. The date is Friday October 27th at 7pm for 7:30 start. The cost is £12.00 to include fish and chip supper or vegetarian alternative. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. Please let Colin know if you wish to attend. (See above box)

Bournemouth & Poole MG Owners Club is this year hosting the automotive inter-club general knowledge quiz. It will take place on the evening of Thursday 16 November at Hamworthy Sports Club on Magna Road **starting at 7pm for 7.30pm.**

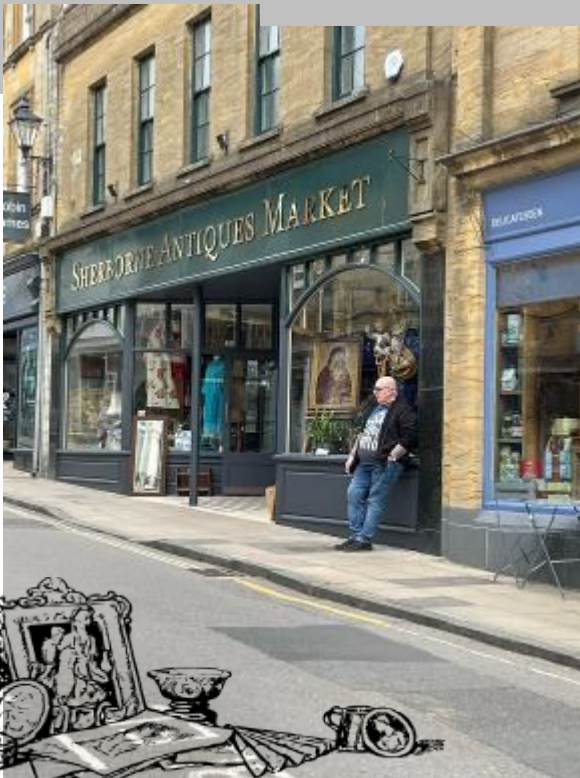
It is free to enter a team (of up to six people) or teams, we just ask each team to bring a prize for a raffle to help raise money to finance the hire of the room. There will be a prize for the winning team. Please let me know if you would like to enter a team or teams. Any questions feel free to ask. Chris Adamson email: chris@1020mg.org.uk
Tel: 01202 424781

UPCOMING (Cont.)

We have arranged a club run to Sherborne on **Sunday October 8th** to visit the Sherborne Antiques Centre run by Phil and Craig. We plan to arrive at Sherborne at 11:00 and will arrange a meeting place for those who want to go in 'convoy' - to be confirmed nearer to the time. Refreshments will be laid on (sausage and bacon baps) and tea and coffee will be available. There is no charge, but we would like to know how many are coming. Please fill in the entry form which is currently on the website Events page and return to Jacky by 4th October club-night.

ITINERARY

- 10am** Leaving Canford Magna garden centre
- 11am** Arrive at Sandford Orcas Manor House in Sandford Orcas, DT9 4SB with teas
- 1pm** arrive outside Sherborne Abbey Close, DT9 3LQ park up in front of the Abbey
- 1pm onwards look around the Artisan Market, filling the streets around the Abbey
- 2pm** onwards rolls and tea at Sherborne Antiques Market
- 4pm** market closes
- 5pm** latest.....remove cars from Abbey close





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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.