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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 Club night is an opportunity to meet the other enthusiasts and enjoy a presentation or other activity organised by the Committee.

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Is he committing
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MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB



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Is the March 6th talk on War graves

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Chairman's Report



Happy New Year everyone and welcome to this, the first club magazine of 2024. I hope you all had a good festive period and, like me, are looking forward to the fast approaching rally season.

Thanks to Peter for his talk at the January meeting on last years Dorset Branch French Trip. It looks like everyone had a great time and I wish I could join you for this years trip but, alas, some of us still have to do that thing called work! Next month we welcome along Chris Brown, the Wimborne Town

Crier who is going to give us a talk on The Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

The Christmas and New Year period was quite busy on the motoring front starting with The Mistletoe Meander on 30th December. Luckily the rain stopped just in time for the run but the amount of rain in the preceding few days had left some roads flooded. A bit of rain can't stop a Morris Minor though so everyone ploughed on through before heading back to The SEB Club for lunch.

Every New Years day for several years I've been promising myself a trip out to The White Buck at Burley for their New Years Day Car Meet and this year I finally made it. The selection of vehicles was fantastic with some fascinating pre-war cars in attendance along with newer vehicles, in fact there was something for everyone. I know other members went to other events such as Sturminster Newton, which looked like a great turnout of vehicles and Classic Cars On The Quay at Poole which also had a superb turnout.

The annual Dinner and Dance at Dudsbury Golf Club was a fantastic evening and much enjoyed by all who went. I think its so nice to be able to dress up just once a year for a proper posh do!

Well done to all of the recipients of the annual awards this year and thank you to Peter for presenting me with this years newest award – Spanner of the Year! Sadly this was the last year at The Dudsbury as they are closing down so we are now on the lookout for a new venue. We have a few irons in the fire so please watch this space.

We are having an Easter Monday Road Run this year which should be good, especially as Ian and I aren't doing the route for this one so you can't blame us for getting lost this time! You should, with this edition of the newsletter, receive your Moggyfest 2024 entry form. Please can I ask that you return your forms to Jacky as soon as you can but definitely by the end of March at the latest. Now that my hand is pretty much back to normal work has commenced in the garage again on the 4 door. Dad has actually been out there more than I have though recently and we are now ready for Terry to come along to do the welding on the passenger side floor and sill areas. Laurie

Secretary's Report



Happy New Year! I hope you all had an enjoyable Xmas and New Year. I managed to catch the flu in between Xmas & New Year, which is why I was absent from the Mistletoe Meander. I'm going to get a reputation for planning road routes that involve driving through water! I'll try to keep the next one dry, although I can't promise the weather will oblige. I had some feedback that the food served at the Mistletoe Meander was not that

great, I think that next year we will try to find somewhere different.

Thank you to all those that attended the Dinner & Dance and congratulations to all the trophy winners, especially the new Spanner award. We have a date set aside for next year, but we will need to find a new venue. The search has started but please let us know if you have any ideas. For those of you that remember Ray the singer from last year, he is available. The raffle prizes were very good, I went away with a very nice bird feeder table which I need to find a spot for.

The Southern Electric Club where club nights are held has been going through some tough times recently and there have been some changes. The cost of hiring the room has doubled as has the food. I was still ill on January's club night, but those of you who were there would have noticed the lack of food. We now no longer provide this on club nights. I know that everyone enjoyed Peter's talk on last year's French trip. I heard that the new book exchange went down well, please continue to support it by bringing your books along to club night. We have already been receiving a steady stream of entries for MoggyFest, if you haven't already then please get your entry forms in. We have ordered the stickers and Roger has been working on the design for a mug.

The events list for this year is already looking very busy, so it's time to start filling in the entry forms for those that require registration.

I am going to give my car a service this year, but it's been either too cold or raining so far. I think it will have to wait until the spring when hopefully it will be warm and dry enough to get it done.

Laurie & I are going to make the trip up to the National Rally again this year, I think a few more Dorset members are also making the journey so we should be able to put on a good show on Branch Ave.

Ian

Editors Report



Well another year has drawn to a close and we look forward to more adventures in 2024. With this in mind Joy and I made a new classic car purchase not a Morris however.

I think I know enough about cars to enable me to spot a suspect.

The new car had just finished a £8k restoration so was in good order . However the owner could not drive it because of ill health. The car had not been run in so I took it to my local classic garage who I know. Nigel said he would get it up on the lift to see if it had any faults. This was not an MOT but a more comprehensive check cost £50.

He found 23 faults 19 could be fixed in a weekend such as a loose flasher unit. 4 he classed as dangerous and fixed immediately . The brake pipe was passing close to the suspension arm and as such rubbing might have caused the pipe to rub through. Swivel arms nut not tightened. Brake pipe not fixed could have been pulled away under car. Clutch actuating arm bent.

Whilst we are not legally required to have our classic cars MOT it is wise to have them checked using equipment that most of us do not process.

I gave a light hearted talk on our exploits in France last year at January club night.

We are going again in June and now have Seven cars making the excursion to St. Malo

Brian Ford has informed us that the club is now got approximately 250 members. Brilliant news but this year, lets try and draw in members from a younger demographic so that the longevity of the club is maintained.

As the weather starts to improve we will try and organise more run outs in our cars as we have been made aware sitting in a field at shows does not appeal to everyone. Easter Monday Trip to Compton Abbas Airfield, Is currently being organised.

Your thoughts on charging at shows would be of interest as more and more shows are charging for you to bring your classic along and some don't charge the general public for viewing them there are several businesses who have been set up just to profit from running shows.

We hope you like Brian's pull-out supplement story about the Minor Million featured on the front cover.

Cheers for now

Ed

THE 'BRIAN WOOD' REPORT

and latest news from the Spares Dept.



Hello everyone, hope you have all recovered from the colds and viruses that have been circulating over the Xmas and New Year period. We have had our share. There's not much progress to report on the Minor Million, but the front seats have been away to the 'menders' James at Rawhide Trimming in Fern-down. He has done an excellent job of fitting new straps to the seats and replacing the foam and hessian in the seat bases. The old covers have been re-fitted and are now a good shape, however, being white vinyl, they are beginning to show the effects of ageing. There are a couple of areas of minor physical damage, but mostly the issue is the consistency of the colour and various small marks etc. I have obtained a re-colouring kit from Furniture Clinic (on James' advice) matched to a sample of the vinyl material. I also bought a 'repair' kit which is designed to fill and conceal small, damaged areas. From what I have seen of other applications, this seems to work well. Updates to follow. One of my Christmas presents, was Ray Newell's new book "Morris Minor Restoration Manual" (ISBN 978-0-7198-4297-9) which he kindly sent to me for helping out with a couple of the chapters. My fingers are extensively photographed in the sections on fuel pumps and carburettors. There are also few photos in the gearbox section too. I haven't read all of it yet, but it looks like a pretty comprehensive account of the intricacies of any restoration project and well worth obtaining if you are embarking on any serious restoration work.

Most of my garage time since the last report has been taken up with repairs to TDG 255 (4 door saloon) in preparation for a respray. It was probably naïve to think otherwise, but this has taken far longer and involved much more work than originally anticipated. (We have owned the car for almost 43 years and some of my original repairs have expired!) I have nearly worked my way around the external panels of the car in an anti-clockwise direction starting from the boot and am currently working on the front passenger door. This had a few small rust spots appearing at the bottom, but, you've guessed it, it needed the whole under panel to be replaced as well as letting in some patches on the outer surface. This has been a recurring feature of the task. The front panel had a couple of extra holes under the bumper line, which I thought could be repaired. However, when dismantled, it became clear that not only was the outer front panel scrap, but the bottom part of the radiator mounting panel had also dissolved. Fortunately, there is a cheap repair panel available, but there was no avoiding the significant investment for a new front outer panel from ESM. Still, the end is in sight, and I am hopeful that I can finish the preparation work before the end of February (fingers firmly crossed!). Stay tuned for more updates, next month.

Brian

Graham Puts the Heart In



Graham Melly (Looking forward to the next episode ED)

So here we go with another chapter or two.

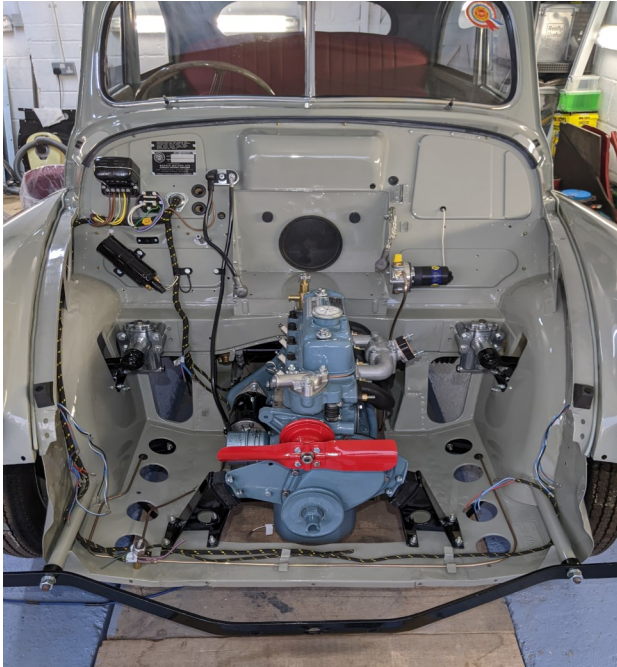
The next stage in my ongoing restoration was to put the new clutch and flywheel with the new ring gear onto rebuilt engine and attach it to the gearbox. I happened to ask that very nice man Brian to help with the hoisting of my engine and gearbox into the engine bay of my Series 2.

With lots of fleeces around the metal work to stop any damage to the paintwork, the engine with the gearbox attached went in relatively easily with no issues.

Prior to doing all this I had bought via ESM a new copper nickel fuel line that goes from the SU pump on the bulkhead down and underneath the car to the fuel tank. Fortunately I thought what was a good idea at the time having kept the original steel fuel line with all the bends in was to use it as a template. So starting at the pump end of the old pipe I started bending and adhesive taping the new pipe to the old, only to discover that the new pipe was about 6 inches too short.

ESM did not have any suggestions so I contacted a lady at Automec where the pipes are made and bought a longer length of fuel pipe and un soldered the nipple ends and re soldered them onto the new pipe bent and cut to the same length as the original fuel pipe. Success.

Next issue I will have stripped, repainted and fully rebuilt the rear axle leaf spring and attached the prop shaft.



D.M.O.C. Regalia

Members may recall that the Branch has held stocks of Dorset Club Branded regalia for most of the last 40 years. This was started when the club was founded and the second Chairman Aubrey Batt was the regalia manager for the MMOC so it became part of the DMMOC as well.



Over the previous 10 years or so, under Dave and Jackie Walker's stewardship, it became a victim of its own success whereby members all had sufficient items of shirts, hats, fleeces etc. This meant that there were excess stocks of items that no one wanted to buy. However, we have now decided that since there are quite a few new members and older items have had the chance to wear out, it is



time to get some more regalia made. Martin Harris has done some leg work and found a local company that can produce items to order. So we have agreed to buy specific items as individually ordered by members. We can also get your own items embroidered with the logo for £10 each.

We will probably accumulate the orders prior to placing them with the supplier—so there may be a small delay in delivery. Sorry it's a bit late for Christmas but there should be a regalia order form with this newsletter so perhaps you could consider what you need to order and get the forms back to us as soon as possible so you

can look cool at all of 2024's events.

The order form is also on-line on the Branch Website under the 'Branch Regalia' Tab.

<https://www.dorsetmmoc.co.uk/wordpress/admin/regalia24order.pdf>

Briefly, the items available are as follows:

Polo Shirt (as per photo) Size: X2-2XL **£22.50**, 3XL-6XL **£26.00**

Ladies Polo Shirt. Size: 8-18: **£21.50**, 20-22 **£25.00**

Drop Shoulder Sweat Shirt: S-2XL: **£22.50**, 3XL-5XL **£26.50**

Full Zip Fleece: Size: XS-4XL, **£36.00**

Ladies Full Zip Fleece: Sizes XS-2XL **£36.00**

Flat cap: **£16.50** each



There are links to all these items on the website—under the ‘Branch Regalia’ tab

DMMOC ANNUAL Dance 2024



Goodbye To
Dudsbury
Golf Club
You served
us well



Brian True Club
spirit award





**Martin Harris
1000 Convertible**



**Arthur Cox
1000**



**Peter French
1000 Traveller**



**Carlo Pegoraro
Series II**



**Carlo Pegoraro
Chairman's Choice**



**Spud Taylor
LCV**

Mistletoe Run 2023



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Branch News

Your assistance is required:-

As many of you are aware with the closure of the Dudsbury Golf club our annual venue for the prize giving has now gone. If you know of another venue that can cater for 60 plus and can provide catering and a bar we would like to hear from you. We have not got long for suggestions and places fill up fast around Xmas and the new year. Please email any suggestions to a committee member.

MOGGYFEST 2024

As many of us start preparing for the new season of shows the big one for our club is of course MOGGYFEST.

As you are aware this is held in conjunction with the Beaulieu Spring Autojumble.

We realize we all have autojumble that we know longer require.

At MOGGYFEST this year you can sell items that you no longer require on a DMMOC stall.

A cost will be set against each item for the sale this being 50p for anything under £10 and £1 for items over £10.

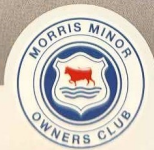
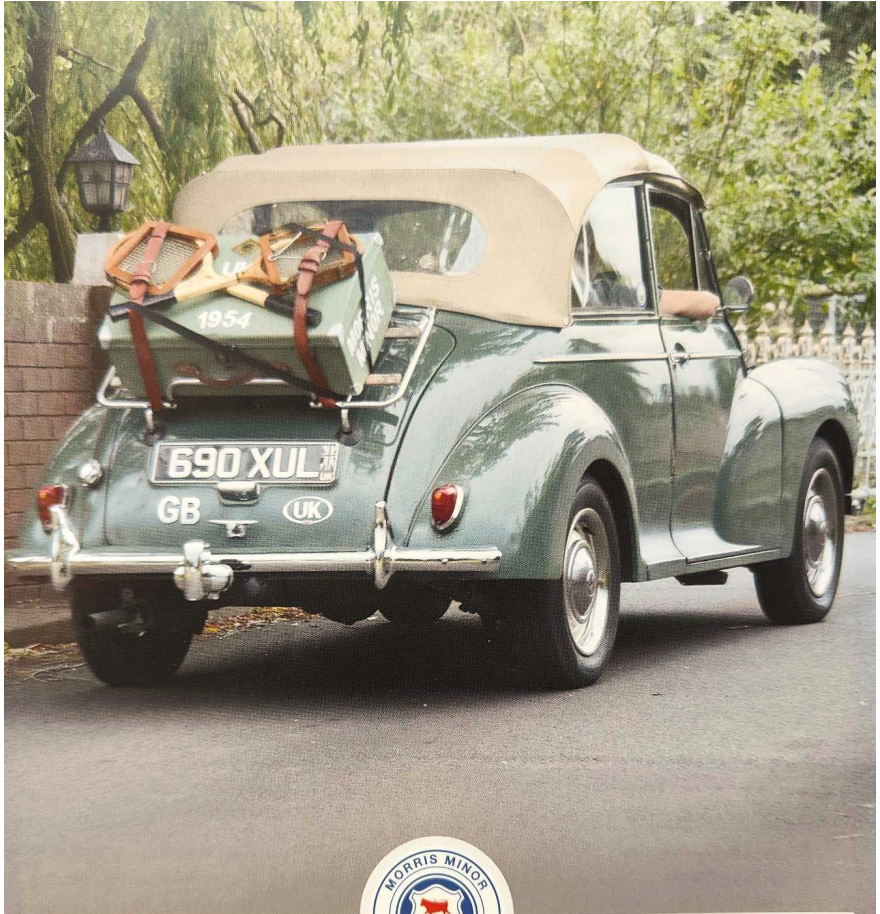
This is the time to clear away the dross to make space for more automobiles. I know, it's a disease.

More details to follow soon.

NEW MEMBERS

Victor Reilly	from	Kinson
Ian Wiggins	from	Hordle
Amanda Mercer	from	Poole
Flora Hope-Jones	from	Quidhampton
Linda Gifford	from	Burley
Michael Seymour	from	Parkstone
Greg and Nicky Hoar	from	Corfe Mullen
Trevor + Jacqui Leaton	from	Wool
John Hatcher	from	Shillingstone
Jimmy Walker.....	from	Salisbury

MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB 2024
Steve & Karon Brown's car on clubs benefit book



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Branch Event News

I have now got the date for the 2024 Sidmouth Classic Car Show which will be on Saturday 21st September. Several of went for the weekend last year, staying at The Royal Glen Hotel. We are planning to stay again this year and it would be nice to see a few more of you there. If you would like me to look into arranging a group booking again please let me know.

Thanks Laurie

DMMOC events IN RED

06-Mar	Club Night.Talk on War Graves
TBA	Poole MGOC trip to Taunton Motor Museum
31st March	Easter Monday Rd trip to Compton Abbas
01-Apr	CCOTP Christchurch Quay
03-Apr	Club Night.Feeley Bags Competition
6-7 April	Pikes Farm Organford
21st-Apr	CCOTP Christchurch Quay
1st May	Club Night.Phill Traves talk on Antique's
6th-May	CCOTP-Christchurch Quay
12th May	CCOTP -Christchuch Quay
18-19 May	Moggyfest Autojumble Beaulieu
05-Jun	Club Night.Call my Bluff
09-Jun	CCOTP Christchurch Quay
15-21 June	DMMOC adventures in France
30th June	Gaydon MIOC
03-Jul	Club Night
10-Jul	Extra meeting Model Eng Club Littledown
03-Aug	Club night Gardening Comp
24-Aug	Henstridge Wings and Wheels
6th 8th Sep	BPPC Harmans Cross
08-Sep	CCOTP Christchurch Quay

For Sale and wanted

I am a new member of the DMMOC. My neighbour has Morris Spares for sale:-

Parts include, gold seal smooth gear box, 2 clutches, some rear hubs, box of bits and pieces headlights, rear lights, fuel pumps, 2 wheels, a speedo, plus other bits and pieces in boxes.

My neighbour wants roughly £150 for the gear box and offers for the other parts.

His name is Trevor Harman from Barton on Sea.

Tel no 01425 511052. Best ring after 6pm.

Kind regards

Gary Freeman.

Just a reminder not every item put up for sale in the mag does not have to be Minor related but be advertised by a paid up member. Items will be accepted at the discretion of the committee



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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.

CLUB MEMBER DISCOUNT Dorset Club Spares give paid up members the benefit of a 10% discount on Morris Minor Spares (unless not already on offer, or a discount from the club's supplier is not available)



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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 club nights. 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 club nights. Thanks.