

# Dorset Branch

*Couple of weekends  
work and that will  
be on the road.*



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***Laurie our Chairmans find  
maybe his next project !!***

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# Dorset Branch Newsletter

**MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB**



***NEXT CLUBNIGHT***

*Is the July 3*

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## ***Chairman's Report***

Hello everyone, I have, arranged for a visit to the Den on Wednesday 14th August. They will be opening up especially for us from 7pm so we will have the car park to ourselves and they are opening the café for refreshments. Please let us know if you are coming. If you don't know where The Den is the address is Unit 9, 11 – 15 Francis Avenue, Bournemouth, BH11 8NX. Please remember that we are also having an extra club night this month as well on Wednesday 10th when we will be visiting the Littledown Miniature Railway. If you are coming in the Morris parking will be available .There is also going to be a barbeque so please make sure that you have returned the booking slip to Jacky so we know how many to cater for. Thank you to club member David Martin for organising this.

We decided to take the Series II along to Christchurch Quay for CCOTP. The turnout was spectacular and the weather was kind to us. The following week we went to The Moors Valley Summer Steam Gala. The weather was good, apart from one very small shower of rain and we had a great time. The fact that we get free rides on the steam trains all day meant that we were on there quite a bit. Unfortunately, 1 of us had to either walk there or back every time as dogs aren't allowed on the train! The Dorset Branch trip to France looked fantastic from what I have seen on Facebook and I look forward to a presentation on it later in the year. We will also have been to The National Rally at The British Motor Museum at Gaydon. There is a good contingent of Dorset Branch cars going .Whatever events you are attending over the summer months I hope you have a great time.

Don't forget that any contributions for the newsletter are gratefully received by Peter as we can't be everywhere and we do rely on our "roving reporters". I have been asked to provide some cars for the Holdenhurst Village Fete on Saturday 13th August. Please come along and support this lovely traditional fete which is held on the village green . It is only for a few hours from about 11:30 onwards and is well worth a visit. With the Dorset Branch Rally at Wolvercroft coming up next month we are looking for donations for the raffle as usual please. As you are aware, we always have a run out on the Saturday and I have arranged for us to visit the nearby Rockbourne Roman Villa for a guided tour at the extremely reasonable price of £3.50 per head. You should have a booking slip with this magazine which we would appreciate being returned promptly. That'll do from me for this month so until next time , Happy Morrising.

# Secretary's Report



After a recent service my car was struggling at low revs, on closer inspection the carburettor throttle spindle and probably some other parts appeared to be well worn. I believe that it's the original, so it had more than served it's time with distinction. The refurbished replacement from the spares dept seems to have solved the problem.

Hopefully everyone got the message about the July club night being moved back to the SEB club and not The Den. We're have rearranged the visit to The Den later for Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August. Don't forget that we have an extra club night this month at the Littledown Miniature Railway with a BBQ thanks to David. Details were published in last month's magazine, but I was warned about the possibility of midges being present.

As part of this year's Saturday road run at the Dorset Branch Rally at Wolvercroft we are planning a visit to the nearby Rockbourne Roman Villa with a guided tour. The cost is only £3.50 per head for a group, we will need an idea of numbers so please let us know if you'd like to come along.

We have finally got the bottom of the missing Branch News in the Minor Matters magazine. Our reports were ending up in the editor's spam folder and being automatically deleted. Apparently, this has been happening to other branches as well, we now have the editors personal email address. Unfortunately, we missed the deadline for the next edition, but hopefully the Dorset Branch news will be returning soon!

Well I'm not doing his report , I have enough on my plate





## ***Editors Report***

Well here we go off to France for a second time with club members.

This year we are traveling further south to the St Malo area.

We will visit Dinard, Dinan and Mon St Mitchel as well as other villages in the area.

This year we are lucky as we have two L.C.V.'s with us (more carrying capacity for trinkets like booze ) driven by our Brian & Pauline and Spud with Sue. We will have some tales to tell on our return.

When we return our feet will not touch the ground before we are off to Gaydon for the International.

Not driving the Morris as we are going exploring during our stay near by. We will be bringing some of the clubs spares for Brian as you know he doesn't only support the Dorset club with his wisdom .

Hope you all enjoyed the call my bluff, it seemed to make everyone laugh Joy says no one will believe what comes out of my mouth again, did they anyway?

The Committee are still debriefing from Moggyfest. New ideas for next year are always welcome. We are thinking of a pre-booking form so that spares can be ordered before the show and picked up on the day. The second hand stand went well for our first attempt but we need to get our booking system more organised however to ease John's load.

Visual aids well the sun spoiled (not complaining ) the projector so next year we will use large screen T.V. to display some moving images of Morris cars.

We are still looking at a theme so any suggestions most welcome.  
Au revoir , A bientot for now Pierre.

**THE 'BRIAN WOOD' REPORT  
Is on page 8 & 9**



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## ***THE 'BRIAN WOOD' REPORT***



Every so often, we start doing a job and it causes so many 'ripples' that we wish we had never started. As we are planning to drive the EOS 444 – the Million, to the British Motor Museum in Warwick for the MMOC National Rally in July, I thought it would be a good idea to give it a good service and check over.

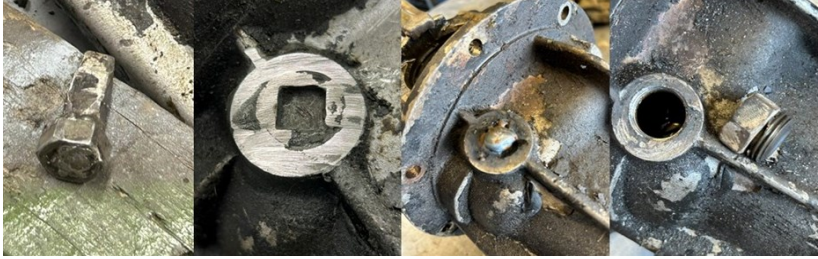
The car was obviously well maintained and serviced by the previous owner and there were no significant running issues with it. So, I did all the usual things – change the oil and filter, plugs, points, condenser rotor arm etc. The distributor cap looked a bit aged so I changed that for a new one. I greased the steering, checking for play, split boots etc and all was well. The gearbox was full – as was the master cylinder. I then went to check the rear axle and reached for my special, home-made plug remover. The filler plug on these is an approximately 10mm square drive for which there are purpose made spanners with various sized drive 'squares' at each end. My home-made one is welded to a 19mm nut which permits easy removal with the appropriate spanner. Or so I thought! Gentle force with a normal ring spanner didn't work so I tried it with my longer 'breaker' bar with the ½" square drive. This failed, but mainly because the home-made insert is not a particularly good fit into the plug and the increased torque tends to make it slip out. The next step with this type of situation is to reach for the cordless impact driver (previously known as the 'windy gun'- when one has to hook it up to the compressor). Now there are two possible outcomes under impact driver conditions: (1) It is successful (2) Something breaks. In this instance – it was (2) – something broke. The sustained force of the impact driver shattered the square drive plug, making any further progress impossible. Since I was fairly certain that it contained sufficient oil for now, I left the next stage until another day. So having recovered my composure, there was no practical alternative other than to remove the differential.

This is fairly straightforward – if a little long-winded. The axle half-shafts have to come out, so this was done and the offending differential placed upon the bench. I cleaned up the damage and filled the re-

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# ***THE 'BRIAN WOOD' REPORT***



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mains of the square part of the plug with weld. It was probably because the welding current was up to the maximum that I managed weld the tip on the welding torch to its swan-neck (The bit it is screwed into). This meant that further progress had to wait until this 'ripple' had been dealt with. I ordered a new swan-neck and packet of tips from Machine Mart, but in the meantime, managed to cobble the welder back together in order to complete the original task. I then built the blob of weld on the plug up and carefully shaped it to make a short 'column' about 10mm high. I could then fit a large nut loosely over the top of it and continue filling the hole with weld – which would now, of course, stick to the nut. This seemed to do the trick and with further use of the impact driver and the now considerable heat cycle inflicted upon the stubborn plug – it was finally liberated from the differential casing.

Now don't get me wrong, but I have nothing against doing fastenings up tightly. But how tight is tight enough. So long as you have used new spring washers or Loctite, you don't have risk stripping threads. However most fluid retaining threads are usually tapered. This means that you don't have wind them up to the torque necessary to hold the wheels on to a London bus. With a tapered thread, the friction comes in gradually so they are very unlikely come loose of their own volition if they are tightened 'adequately'. Whoever did the filler plug on the Million must have either used an impact wrench or have muscles like Arnold Schwarzenegger. Here endeth today's lesson.

Bye for now,

**Brian**

## ***For Sale***

I have owned my car since 1989, so 35 years.

One of the first document I have for her is an MOT certificate dated 12.05.1989 where the mileage was 17,783.

The current mileage is 28,389. I seem to have averaged 321 miles a year. There was a long period where she was stored on a farm.

My uncle, who is an amateur mechanic, restored her in 1989 and then again in 2016 when he also spray painted her.

There are signs of paint pimples on the roof and the brightwork is pitted in places especially on the rear light surrounds.

There are small signs of rust. The car has subsequently been living in Hampshire and has been serviced by a local garage.

I am only selling her as I just do not get the opportunity to use her sufficiently to justify running and maintaining her.

She has been much loved, and I really do want another person to care for, and enjoy her, as much as I have.

Best Regards

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# ***Holiday Encounter***

## **A Brief Story of Morris Minor 199 RAE**

On our weekend break on the Isle of Wight in April. We met Keith Bright who had driven down from Bristol in his 1962 Morris Minor.

The car has been in his family for 58 years with Keith's father purchasing the car in 1966 for the sum of £400 with 39,000 miles on the clock and part exchanging a Morris Eight series E.

The car still retains its original registration number. In the early years Keith's father drove the car, then passing it on to his wife with Keith taking the Morris on in 1990, In its 62 years the car has covered 230,000 miles and is on its second engine and being well maintained by Keith himself, starting on the first turn of the key.

Keith will be 80 years young this year 'Well done Keith'. We also spotted at Osborne house tucked in a corner of the car park was a bunch of Austin, A30/A35's but unfortunately no owners in sight.

One for Charlie (John Jenkinson's Grandson) who owns a scooter, parked in the car park was an Innocenti scooter from The Lazy Sunday scooting Club Canterbury.

All in All a very nice weekend.

Martin Harris & Sue Collins



***Roving reporters Martin Harris and Sue Collins***



# Club Events



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SUNDAY 18 AUGUST 2024 AT 10:00

## Morris Minor Owners Club Dorset Branch Rally

Wolvercroft Garden Centre

Checkout the show on YouTube I drive a classic



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Moggy Fest 2024 - 100s of Morris Minors all in one place!!!

Moggy Fest was held at Beaulieu spring autojumble (as it is every year!) to fi...



# ***M.M.O.C. at Gaydon***

June signals the start of Summer , so now its July what a good idea to start thinking about the annual dinner dance on the 11th January 2025. New parliament will be in place and time to save the date and maybe purchase some new glad rags to highlight your moves on the dance floor. The Miramar Hotel looks lovely and I'm sure will be a good venue after the closing of the Dudsbury.



## ***New Branch Members***

John Mitchell	from	Ringwood
Richard McClland	from	Parkstone
Hazel Nixon	from	Parkstone
Brian Fletcher	from	Moordown
Alexandros Petroudis	from	Bournemouth
Aaron Ford	from	Plymouth
Aby Ford	from	Plymouth
Andy Maw	from	Verwood
Chris Payne	from	Bridport
Sandy Payne	from	Bridport
Steve Varney	from	Billingshurst
Mick Jarrett	from	Crossways
Stephen Nield	from	Three Legged Cross
John Beaumont	from	Verwood
Carol Beaumont	from	Verwood
Mark Summers	from	Ferndown

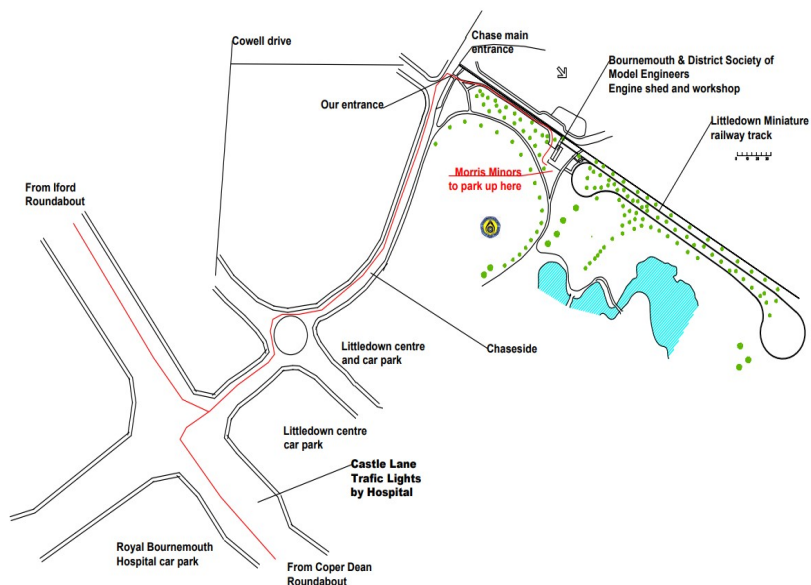
## ***Branch Event News***

<b>03-Jul</b>	<b>Club Night</b>
6th-Jul	Burton Carnival
7th-Jul	Broadstone Fun Day
<b>10-Jul</b>	<b>Extra meeting Model Eng Club Littledown</b>
3rd Aug	Burley Fete
<b>07-Aug</b>	<b>Club night Gardening Comp</b>
10th-Aug	Ellingham Show
<b>17-18 Aug</b>	<b>Annual DMMOC Wolvercroft</b>
24-Aug	Henstridge Wings and Wheels
04-Sep	<b>Club Night</b>
6th 8th Sep	BPPC Harmans Cross
08-Sep	CCOTP Christchurch Quay
02-Oct	<b>Club Night</b>
08-Oct	CCOTP Christchurch Quay
06-Nov	<b>Club Night</b>
04-Dec	<b>Club Night</b>
11-Jan	<b>Dinner Dance</b>

D.M.M.O.C. Event being arranged mid week at The Den.  
 Dates to be confirmed more info to follow.

At Wolvercroft we are anticipating a visit from A35 club

# ***Information for 10th July***



**Update for Dorset Morris Minor Owners club BBQ at Little Down Miniature Railway on the 10th July 2024 6.30 PM for 7.00 PM.**

We have arranged parking for those who are bringing their Morris Minor by the railway. The map shows the way in off Castle Lane and the picture shows the entrance into the park by Chase main entrance follow the red line. The opening is 90 inches wide no problem for the Minors but could be for any large cars. We have a bollard at the entrance which will be lowered on the night but it is 4 inches high when lowered so any body with lowered suspension - be warned! Non Morris cars will be parked by the cars as you come through the entrance. Parking is available Free in the BH Live Active Leisure Centre Car park but limited time of 3 hours only please be warned if you park over this they will fine you.

David



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