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# Dorset Branch Newsletter

**MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB**



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*Is the July 3*

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

After all the month's of build-up Moggyfest is over for another year. What a fantastic event it was and the weather was on our side for a change. I'm not going to say very much about it as there will no doubt be a whole section on the weekend elsewhere but I would like to say thank you to anyone who helped us in anyway over the weekend. Without our willing band of volunteers none of this would be possible. I managed to pick up a few prize items on my way across from the camping area. Now, doesn't everyone buy a large 19th century grandfather clock at a car show!!! Thanks to Dave for getting it home for me. It looks amazing in its chosen space in the house but I'm having trouble getting it to run for a prolonged period. I don't think there's anything really wrong with it so if you know anything about setting up a grandfather clock perhaps you could give me a hand. Facebook has been covered with praise for this year's event which makes all the hard work worthwhile knowing people have enjoyed themselves. No more about Moggyfest from me now apart from to say thinking caps on for next year's theme! The week before Moggyfest we made our annual visit to Breamore House Countryside Museum for their annual steam up event. This is always one of our favourites and this year was no exception. There was a superb array of traction engines, steam lorries and miniature engines. They have done a lot of work in the shop and the café is now looking superb. I can thoroughly recommend the pork pies in the shop! The number of vintage and classic cars seemed to be down on previous years but there was a lot of other events taking place that weekend. I know we were all disappointed that Phil and Craig were unable to come along last month for their annual Antiques Roadshow event but we have re-arranged them for later in the year. I'm hoping that by the time it's June club night I will have arranged that July's club night will be at The Den again as it was last year. I'm still waiting to hear back from them. Our next major event of course will be The Dorset Branch Rally at Wolvercroft but before that we have been invited to take part in another event there. The Variety Club are organising their first classic car show to raise funds and they are holding it on Sunday 28th July also at Wolvercroft. Another event that I try to get some cars along to every year is The Holdenhurst Village Fate which this is on the afternoon of Saturday 13th July. Meeting their at about 11:30 please. Right, that's enough from me. If I write anymore Peter will have to be cutting bits out again! ( Cut and Polished Ed)



# ***Secretary's Report***



Last month we had an earlier than usual committee meeting, so that we could prepare any last-minute details for Moggyfest, so we haven't had the official debrief yet. Brian Ford hired a van for a week so that he could transport all contents of the marquee to Beaulieu, this year Brian made 2 trips out with Pauline and Peter riding shotgun. We managed to squeeze it all back in 1 load for the return, Dave Walker took some back in his trailer to ease the load. Phil & Craig also provide some props for the display which they bring along themselves.

I helped load up the spares onto the van Wednesday afternoon, there are some heavy boxes containing brake parts & clutches! Thursday, I drove out to Beulieu to help unload the spares and assisted erecting the club marquee and registration tent. I also managed to sneak off and put our own tents up in the camping field.

Working on the spares stall is always an education and you get to meet all sorts of people. Aside from the usual Dutch contingent we had Phil from California who owns an incredible 18 Morris Minors. It's amazing what you come back with from the auto-jumble, Laurie now has an antique Grandfather clock, and my wife has a paddleboard.

All the feedback that I have seen has been very positive, we have had some great coverage in the media.

Thanks to everyone who helped over the weekend, there are too many to mention but it is very much appreciated, and we couldn't do it without you.

Ian.

# ***Editors Report***



Well what another fantastic Moggyfest.

Please excuse the slight self indulgence of the committee but we thought it warranted a special addition.

In this newsletter we are trying to show what goes on in the background that makes this event such a success.

You may have noticed that we managed to get into the major press and on YouTube plus on a Blog. Now some of these news sources are new but it is where the younger generation now get their information and to keep the club relevant we do need younger generation to come on board.

I have tried to capture the essence of our event that being totally inclusive where all makes of cars are welcome and so are there owners

However none of this would happen without the team of volunteers who give up their time to make it such an success. I have managed to capture some behind the scenes images but I have bound to have missed out something or somebody I apologise for this but from me personally a big heartfelt thankyou.

Now you may have noticed a Roger Kellow yes this is our Roger who after last year's event was so ill driving was banned and he was confined to quarters. Yet here he is again front and centre producing his much envied backdrops and holding court with his normal *Bon-homie* great conversation with our guest speakers.

They say a picture can speak a thousand words so I do hope you enjoy those contained within this month's newsletter.

Cheers for now Ed

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



The dust has settled on what appears to be morphing into a 'National Event' rather than a local one as it seems to find increasing favour with those located 'not in Dorset'. I recently gave Laurie a hand with his Series 2 as it was intermittently running rough. When he went to start it, it hesitated as though it had a flat battery. Another swing on the starter got it running. So, we gave it a thorough health check. Plugs and points had already been renewed, a new condenser and rotor arm was also fitted and the points gap re-adjusted. A compression test was then carried out and showed a healthy 120 psi on all four cylinders. Distributor cap looked fine and the copper HT leads all looked in good condition. However, the engine still refused to run smoothly. After some more head-scratching we wondered whether the timing was correct. We loosened the distributor and retarded it (ie turned it clockwise) until the mis-firing stopped. Problem solved! If the timing is over advanced, the spark occurs too soon, when the piston has not quite finished the compression stroke. This has the tendency to try to return the piston backwards the wrong way for that firing stroke. This is exactly the effect that was observed when we first tried to start the engine – the lack of flywheel inertia being the reason for the apparent difficulty to rotate the engine with the starter- hence the impression of a flat battery. Whilst feeling a bit stupid for not taking the hint when we first tried to start it, it does demonstrate the wonderful feature of Morris Minors have, to tell you that something is wrong. Its just a case of interpreting the clues with eyes, ears and a little common sense.

As I rapidly approach the eighth decade of my time walking the earth, I feel the need to reflect more often – sometimes sounding a bit like Victor Meldrew ("I don't believe itttt"). My favourite classic car magazine now seems to favour 'classics' from the nineties . Although I don't mind reading the odd article about more 'modern' stuff, I prefer older classics. The classic car hobby evolves over time, so that the current dearth of buyers interested in thirties cars is due to the diminishing pool of elderly potential owners. It seems like the same is starting to happen to post-war cars. Our club has some younger members who will hopefully take on the continued appreciation of the British post-war classic and others of the era and in particular the Morris Minor. We will be in France when the big 'Seven-oh' arrives, so I will be a septuagenarian next time I write this column.

Bye for now, Brian

# Moggyfest 2024 setup



Dave  
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all the  
goodies



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back.



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1 1957 UXH 143 GPO Van Chris Pratt





# ***E.S.M. Sponsored Prize Winners***



# Prize Winning Cars





# ***Prize Winning Cars***



# Characters around show



Martin trying to bribe the Judges.  
Richard & Janice



Even when you are young you nod off.



# Characters around show

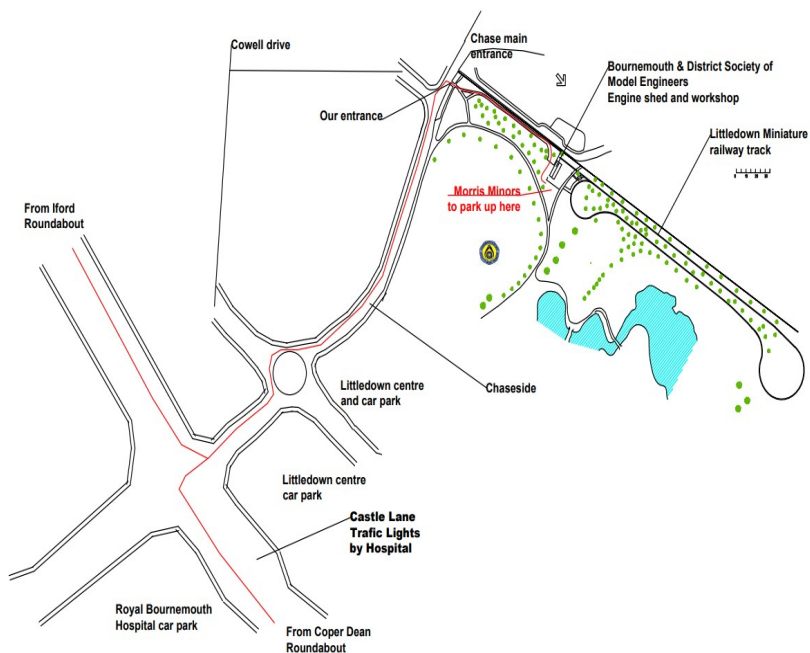
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## ***Branch Event News***

<b>05-Jun</b>	<b>Club Night.Call my Bluff</b>
8th-Jun	Corfe Mullen Carnival
09-Jun	CCOTP Christchurch Quay
15th-Jun	Fete on the field Ferndown
<b>15-21 June</b>	<b>DMMOC adventures in France</b>
<b>30th June</b>	<b>Gaydon MMOC</b>
<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
6th 8th Sep	BPPC Harmans Cross
08-Sep	CCOTP Christchurch Quay

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



Update for Dorset Morris Minor Owners club BBQ at Littledown 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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