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**Its car show time,
Get the family
onboard , Lets Go**



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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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One of the stalwart's of
the classic car shows,
And multiple Morris
owner***

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Dorset Branch Newsletter

MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB



NEXT CLUBNIGHT

Is the March 6th talk on War graves

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Chairman's Report



Hello and welcome to the March newsletter. I'm sure that you, like me, are looking forward to the onset of Spring and the lighter evenings. Thank you to everyone for putting their hands in their pockets last month for the annual charity blind auction. We raised a fantastic £255 for The Encephalitis Society.

The events diary is filling up for 2024 with details of lots shows, runs etc coming in. Our next event will be the Easter Run on Easter Monday. If you get lost this time you can't blame Ian or me though as the route will be done by Peter! So far we have 6 couples booked in for the weekend away to Sidmouth in September incorporating the Sidmouth Classic Car Show. Last year's show was superb and we all had a great weekend staying at The Royal Glen Hotel. If you are interested in joining us for the weekend and would like to know more please ask me.

The Dudsbury Golf Club has now closed meaning that we will not be able to hold the annual dinner and dance there in 2025. We have been looking at alternative venues and have finally decided on The Miramar Hotel in Bournemouth. The date for your diary in **Saturday 11th January 2025**. More details on this later in the year.

Thursday 22nd February was World Encephalitis Awareness Day when important landmarks around the world are lit up in red to bring awareness to this devastating condition. Roger arranged for Christchurch Priory to take part and we also took a few Minors along to add to the occasion. We were also joined by Russell, the freelance photographer, and hopefully some of his fantastic photographs will appear in the national press. Last month you should have received a regalia order form with your newsletter. If you would like to order anything please return your form to Jacky along with the required payment as soon as you can. You should also have had an entry form for Moggifest 2024. Please remember that these need to be returned by **31st March** in order for us to collate the numbers and to allow Beaulieu to sort out the required number of passes, wristbands etc.

Work has been progressing well on the 4 door with Terry having made several visits to do the welding. Just one or two more days should see the body shell fully repaired. I think that's all from me for this month, so until next time.

Happy Minorng, Laurie

Secretary's Report



Thanks to everyone who supported the blind auction last month, we managed to raise over £250. Well done to Steve for a brilliant job as auctioneer and his glamorous? assistant Laurie. Extra special thanks to Karen who did all the running around delivering purchases and collecting money. Thanks to everyone who brought along an item for the auction there was quite a lot to get through on the night. I got caught out when

my phone rang, which I answered apparently accepting a telephone bid on the item under the hammer!

We are having to change the company we use for hiring a van for MoggyFest, fortunately, we plan ahead with plenty of time to adapt to changes.

Roger has provided some artwork for MoggyFest which is fabulous news. Besides the Traveller and LCV anniversary, we are having Poole Borough Band come along and play for us, celebrating the centenary of the Morris Motors Band.

It looks like we will have a good turn out at the National Rally this year already. We also have a decent number of cars entered into the Sidmouth Classic Car Show. I have had an invitation from Breamore to enter the Countryside Museum Working weekend on 12th May. If you'd like to attend please email rustyspanner@icloud.com or call 07790354505.

I went along to support Roger on World Encephalitis Day, 22nd of Feb. It was a particularly wet day, I had to get the car out in the rain. Martin Stoker made the long trip from Bristol in his Morris, braving the grim weather. It was very chilly in the wind. As we were early, we went for a hot chocolate in a local café to keep warm. The skies cleared but it would still be a while before dusk, so I decided to go for a walk down to the quay to keep warm. I'd left my car locked up at the Priory, when I got back Laurie had managed to gain entry, start it and was driving it down the path to where the photographer was setting up the scene. Martin bought some chips for everyone to share which went down well. Our Facebook posts were tagged with the hashtag and we got some nice comments from the Encephalitis group.

Ian

Editors Report



February has now gone and what terrible weather we experienced rain and rain. Luckily this is always a quiet month for events as everyone seems to be recovering from the Xmas New Year's festivities. This being the case Joy and I escaped to Florence to take in the culture and also have a cooking lesson from an Italian chef.

Lovely city overdosed on museums and learnt some new culinary skills.

Back home and we have started in earnest getting the plans together for Moggyfest, we have now got the Poole Borough Brass Band playing for us on both days. This is to celebrate the Cowley Brass band Laurie wrote about when he visited the museum last year.

Had a lovely phone call from our Roger Kellow, he gave me some input for Beaulieu and is looking forward to seeing everyone there. Roger was on good form and sounded like his old self, however I'm aware we do not want to exhaust him until he is fully fit and well.

Attended the Encephalitis event in Christchurch it was raining cat and dogs and very cold. Roger and I were freezing first thing then the Canon Stewart and the clergy came in for 5pm prayers. When they came out of the Priory so did the sun, you will see in the pictures that Canon Stewart was indicating that he took all 'kudos' for the change in the weather!!

The route for the Easter run is being finalised remember April 1st behind the West Parley Memorial hall gather at 9am leave at 10am.

Wasn't it great to have the Million booklet produced by Brian excellent detail as usual one to treasure.

Ed

THE 'BRIAN WOOD' REPORT ***and latest news from the Spares Dept.***

Hi everyone.

Not much has happened to the Million since the last report – most garage effort having being channelled into the respray job on the 4 door (TDG 255). My preparation work is almost complete and by the time you read this, it should be off to the spray shop for its new paint job in (GN12) Dark Green. While it is away, I plan to get on with the cleaning/refurbishing jobs on all the other ancillaries. The wheels have been sent away for shot blasting and re-enamelling in (GR3) Birch Grey. I decided to refurbish the engine bay myself. I masked and bagged up the wiring harness and removed all the other bits and masked up the rest – ie the shock absorbers, exhaust, wiper rack etc. As I have heard of some people spraying entire cars with aerosol cans, I decided to try to do the engine bay with a couple of cans of green from ESM. The result has turned out surprisingly well. The paint seems denser that it used to be in times gone by. There is a bit of an issue with 'mayonnaise' build up in the rocker box. This is caused by short runs which result in insufficient heat build up to boil away any condensation. I am therefore reluctant to strip it right down, as I know it will end up with the full treatment if I do. It has a rattling timing chain which I will replace with a duplex one and the water pump looks a bit dodgy. Graham Melly has kindly donated some blue enamel paint of the correct colour (Prussian Blue) so that will be applied. Since I find gearboxes a bit easier to build up than engines, I might break that down and replace the bearings and springs etc. It could do with a new clutch too. Otherwise, the rest is mostly cosmetic. The interior just needs a little refresh. I might re-colour the grey seats and panels – some of which need some minor repair. The headlining (which was replaced in the eighties rebuild) should be ok but the front plywood panel behind the windscreen has moved and it looks like the small clips that secure it have vanished. So that should be repairable with a bit of patience(!). The carpets will be replaced as I only bought cheap ones 'back in the day' and they have now served their purpose. They are unusual in that they are run across the car from left to right instead of front to back (as most others do). The chrome bumpers are a little tarnished but will be re-used. Most of the rest is ok also but the rear light fittings are past their best, as is the chrome grille surround. Stay tuned for further developments.

Finally, don't forget to use the discounted Branch Spares service, as the surplus goes towards the club funds as well as saving you money. Also, larger orders can always be sent directly to your address (if more than an oil filter etc) saving you a trip to Bearwood into the bargain.

Brian

A Note from Roger to accompany photos on page 10—11

Hello Peter

Great to see you yesterday and many thanks indeed for coming to the Priory to support 'World Encephalitis Day' Thanks also for trying to keep me under control from being too over enthusiastic and mobile with everything as usual, I certainly am totally feeling 'banjaxed' and wacked out being the 'day after' I hope the following, or some of it may be of use for the mag. I am particularly chuffed that Laurie explained that the Encephalitis international charity is going to be nominated as the chosen branch club charity of the year! When the press photographer sends some of his photos I will forward on any. Also hoping that he is able to do some media coverage for all concerned including the DMMOC of course. Kind regards
Roger

(If published in the major press this will be Roger's article)

May I extend the warmest thanks to those fantastic Dorset branch Morris Minor owners who brought along their Morris Minors and to those other members and friends who also attended to celebrate Encephalitis International's 'World Encephalitis Day' for the Thursday evening on the 22nd February at Christchurch Priory for the special floodlighting of the building. Branch member Martin Stokes specially made an amazing round trip of 200 miles from Bristol to join the Dorset branch at Christchurch Priory. What an incredible gesture of support from such a Morris Minor enthusiast We were lucky to have a window of clear dry weather after an extremely wet day during the evening for the press photographers photo shoot.

Having personally experienced the profound impact of being diagnosed over 6 months ago with Viral Encephalitis that led to 14 days unconsciousness and two brain seizures with further side effects of other life threatening issues. Following the effect this had on various individuals, family, and friends, I am passionate about raising more awareness of this life-threatening brain condition and the importance of early diagnosis for people effected of any age group. Without wishing to be melodramatic I do count my lucky stars each and every day as I am still here to tell the tale purely down to the rapid action of one of the amazing Neurological team of medical professionals within the high dependency unit within Royal Bournemouth Hospital that came up with the diagnosis suggestion that I had actually contracted this neurological condition of Viral Encephalitis

Despite affecting more than 500,000 people globally each year, encephalitis remains relatively unknown when compared to other neurological conditions. Our aim is to change this by “shining a light” on encephalitis. The prevalence of encephalitis is rising not only in the United Kingdom but also worldwide.

What is Encephalitis ? - Key Facts

Encephalitis is inflammation (swelling) of the brain.

Anyone can get Encephalitis irrespective of age, gender, nationality or culture.

There may be up to 6,000 new cases each year alone in the UK and many more thousands worldwide.

Encephalitis can be caused by an infection (e.g. virus, bacteria etc.) or an inappropriate immune response directed by the body against oneself. In some cases, a specific cause cannot be found at present despite extensive testing

The variety of causes and presentations, along with the rapid onset (often dramatic) may often make the management of this condition a challenge for doctors.

Essential early and adequate diagnosis, leading to appropriate treatment, most often improve outcomes dramatically.

The length of time spent in hospital and severity (acute illness) can vary from days to months.

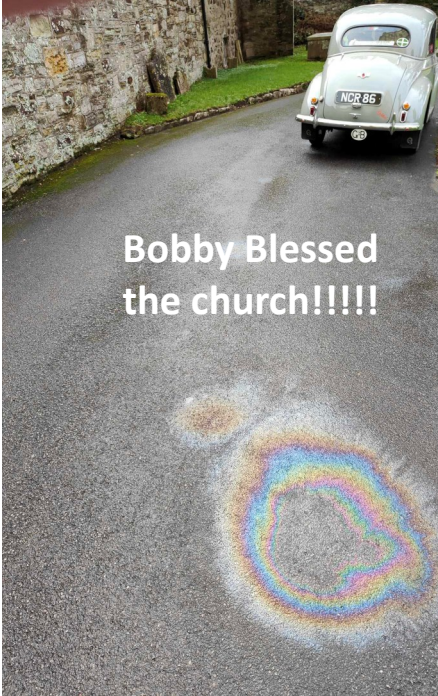
Unfortunately Encephalitis can have a high mortality rate depending on the underlying cause and how quickly it is recognised and given an essential early diagnosis.

Niagra Falls, CN Tower, Sydney Olympic Park, and Piccadilly Lights, BT tower, Alexandra Palace in London to name a few, (and this also included our own local ‘namesake’ town of Christchurch in New Zealand) with red lights to shine a spotlight on encephalitis. For 2024, we replicated and surpassed the 2023 achievement by securing even more iconic locations globally on 22nd Feb 2024 to celebrate World Encephalitis Day. 2024 holds immense significance for us, as it commemorates our 30th anniversary as a charitable organisation.

Thank you most sincerely to the Dorset Morris Minor Owners Club for nominating Encephalitis International as their chosen charitable organisation for 2024

Roger Kellow

World Encephalitis Day

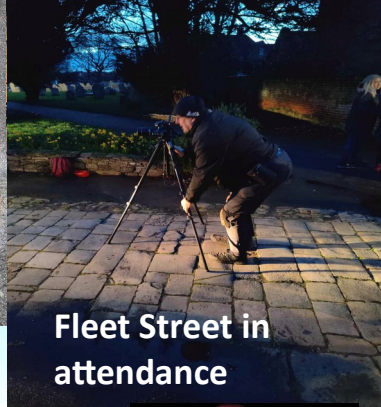


**Bobby Blessed
the church!!!!**

**Canon James Stewart , he is
telling us that the weather
was his intervention. He
loved the cars.**



Chips

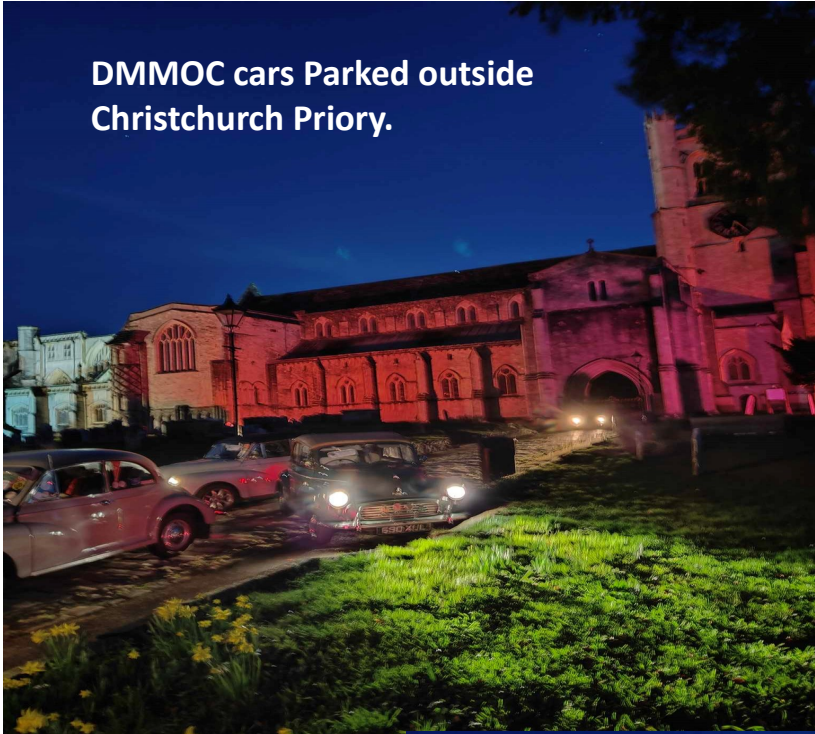


**Fleet Street in
attendance**



Monuments around the globe were lit to bring attention to this disease.

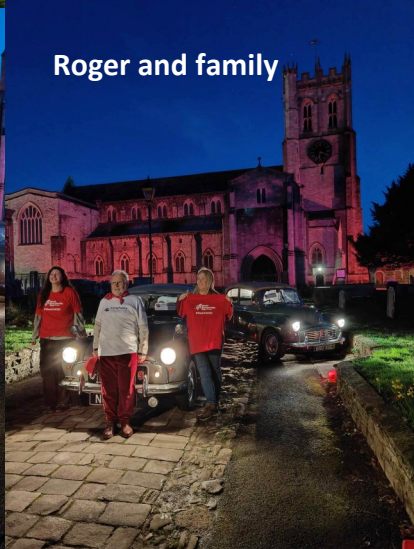
DMMOC cars Parked outside Christchurch Priory.



Roger at his best



Roger and family



Branch News

EASTER RUN

Remember Easter run Monday 1st Apr starting from behind West Parley Memorial Hall. Meet up for 9am start run at 10am directions will be given. There will be a tea and comfort break on the route.

MOGGYFEST 2024

As many of us start preparing for the new season of shows the big one for our club is of course MOGGYFEST you now have very little time to enter. Sorry no late entries.

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

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

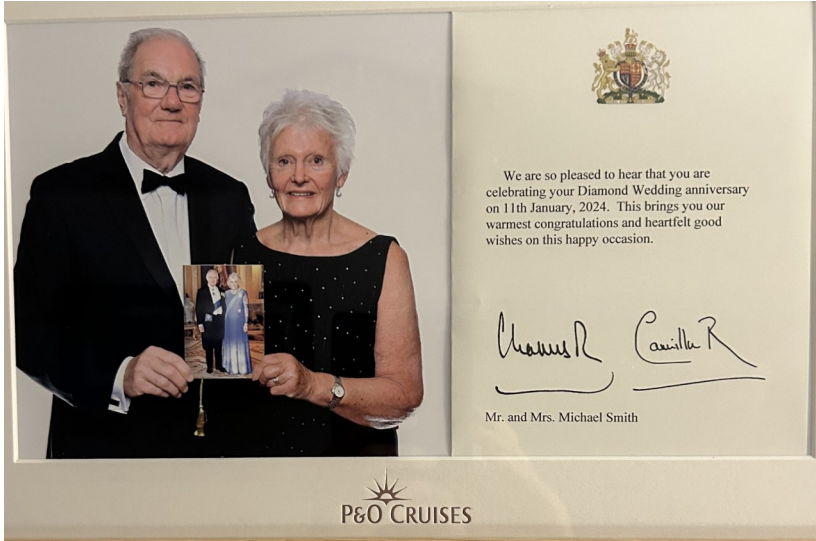
A cost will be set against each item for the sale this being 50p for anything under £10 and £1 for items over £10.

This is the time to clear away the dross to make space for more autojumble.

I know it's a disease.

<p>NEW MEMBERS John Mitchell</p>

**Branch Members
Mike and Enid Smith
Celebrate Diamond Wedding Anniversary**



**Mike and Enid's
new acquisition
Gertie.**



Branch Event News

IN RED DMMOC events

TBA	Poole MGOC trip to Taunton Motor Museum
1st-Apr	Easter Monday Rd trip
01-Apr	CCOTP Christchurch Quay
03-Apr	Club Night-Feeley Bags Competition
6-7 April	Pikes Farm Organford
21st-Apr	Swanage Carnival
21st-Apr	CCOTP Christchurch Quay
1st May	Club Night-Phill Traves talk on Antiques
6th-May	Bransgore Show
6th-May	CCOTP-Christchurch Quay
12th May	Lulworth Castle car show
12th May	CCOTP -Christchurch Quay
18-19 May	Moggyfest Autojumble Beaulieu
05-Jun	Club Night-Call my Bluff
8th-Jun	Corfe Mullen Carnival
09-Jun	CCOTP Christchurch Quay
15th-Jun	Fete on the field Ferndown
15-21 June	DMMOC adventures in France
30th June	Gaydon MMOC
03-Jul	Club Night
6th-Jul	Burton Carnival
7th-Jul	Broadstone Fun Day
10-Jul	Extra meeting Model Eng Club Littledown
3rd Aug	Burley Fete
07-Aug	Club night Gardening Comp
10th-Aug	Ellingham Show
17-18 Aug	Annual DMMOC Wolvercroft
24-Aug	Henstridge Wings and Wheels
6th 8th Sep	BPPC Harmans Cross
08-Sep	CCOTP Christchurch Quay

For Sale and wanted



Indicator Stalk Repair Kit

We can supply a new indicator stalk end to replace broken ones which house the green repeater light. £6 each



Suspension Leg Trunnion Seals

These are now available as a 'car set' with 4 of each type to allow replacement of all the upper and lower trunnion seals on your car. Normal price would be £48 but the cost for the set is only **£39.50** (Individually £12 each pr)



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.

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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.