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CLUB NIGHT ACTIVITY: Annual General Meeting (AGM)

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Editorial: Bordering on insanity

Good evening everyone and welcome to the Annual General Meeting. Whilst it may sometimes appear one of those ‘boring’ meetings that need to be done to ‘tick the box’, I hope people understand there is a purpose to it—which includes giving members an opportunity to influence the way forward for the year ahead—in terms of events and priorities for the committee to focus on. So I hope you do come along and take the opportunity to voice your opinions.

I was so pleased that my pup Liefie was welcomed by the club’s members so kindly at the last meeting—she behaved impeccably and slept most of the evening. So I feel proud. Next time you’ll see her, she’ll have grown and her floppy ears keep changing their mind on what position they’d like to be in: up, down or somewhere in the middle! I am taking opportunities to socialise her whilst the weather is still good—I took her to Mudeford the other day, so we could go on the little ferry to Hengistbury Head for a stroll on the beach (and a dig in the wet sand). All in the warm autumn sunshine. We had a fantastic time and she behaved so well.

One of the reasons why I want Liefie to get used to travelling is so she can come with me on journeys to the continent. The first one hopefully won’t be too far away: driving Cyril to the Netherlands to introduce Liefie to my (and her) family. She’s already had her rabies injection, which will soon be joined by her pet passport, and then she’s ready to roll!.

Last month’s article on the E10 additive really got many of you thinking about the future of our beloved Morris. I don’t know what the national club is doing to influence the government, but perhaps we can share information and maybe come up with ways to protect our little cars from future decline due to this E10. An initial starting point is found in this newsletter. Please send in your thoughts and I will provide a regular update.

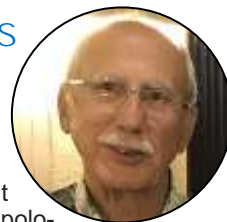
The summer season for the Morris is sadly coming to an end—what a glorious summer it was!! The Christmas stock is already in the shops, the fish and chips is booked for the Mistletoe Meander, so please get your booking slips in.

Finally an apology: I totally forgot to announce the Gardening Competition winners in the last newsletter. Please don’t blame poor Eddie—it was totally on me. Slap wrist... must do better... that’s what (puppy) sleep deprivation does to you. Finally: no puzzle this month, as we have the AGM minutes in the centre—but it will be back next month. Much love - keep them rolling!

Natasja

Gardening Competition winners

By Eddie Pateman



I would like to thank all the members for taking part in the garden competition showing and judging after very difficult season, without you there would be no show. Please see below the results—and apologies for the slight delay in publication (the Editor has apologised profusely)

Eddie

Garden competition results

Category	Winner
Sweet peas	Thelma Wear
Mixed flowers	Joyce Sheppard
Potted plant	John Jenkinson
Runner beans	Olivia Akam
Potatoes	Mike Picton
Tomatoes	Margaret Pateman
Cucumber	Thelma Wear
Onions	Chris Tilly
Marrow	John Blake



Children's Classes

Category	Winner
Flower arrangement	Charlie
Vegetable any type	Louise Blewer

Best in show trophy awarded to Joyce Sheppard

Time to get planning for next year!!

Eddie



E10 Fuel Issue considerations

Well the article in the last newsletter about the E10 fuel additive really got discussion going online and offline. Here, some key considerations discussed by Brian Wood and Mark Chapman:

Mark to Brian

I don't want to spend significant money on my car if I can't get the right fuel over the next ten/twenty years. From my not very scientific at all enquiries, it would seem that the main problems are:

- Ethanol breaking up the sand/sludge residue in the tank, which is then pumped up the line to block the filter or the jet.
- Ethanol rotting the diaphragm of the pump, and the flexible hose to the carburettor.
- Are there other potential problems with the tank sender, or even the internals of the carburettor? Might it burn hotter, and knock out the valves too?
- It would seem to be possible to obtain electric fuel pumps that don't have a diaphragm, and which are said to put up with the stuff. And Moss do some ethanol proof flexi-hose.
- The major creaser is that ethanol breaks up into something inert after about two to three months, thus making starting a bit of a problem for sit-around cars, AND , when fresh, it does about 12% less to the gallon. Big engines have less problems with E10 than small.
- Somewhere on the National MM website, there is a message from a German member who recounts that, during WW2, most German fuel was 25% ethanol. They must have had some bright and shiny engine interiors!

Lots of members don't seem too concerned about the issue, quoting the non-event that was - according to them - unleaded petrol. I wonder whether there has been any more branch post on this subject? Could be useful to get our heads together on what - if anything - has put the MM on the government list of cars which can't run on E10, and what can be done to safeguard the situation

Brian to Mark

- I have yet to see a rotten pump diaphragm in my career of refurbishing about 400 pumps so far. Don't think that's a particular problem as yet.
- Burlen now supply carburettor needles and float needles in ethanol resistant alloy so that should be ok. There is a standard 'R5' I think, for ethanol resistant fuel hose (pump to carburettor) which is commonly available now.
- The real worry I guess is the remainder of the metal bits like the tank as you say. Incidentally, the reason I don't like the braided fuel pipes is that they can quietly rot behind the braiding and are difficult to inspect.
- I'm not too worried, as I think it is a slow process and regular maintenance will be required? Solutions to individual issues will emerge as time goes on.

The killer punch for me is the fact that the fuel delivery vehicles don't deliver the fuel with the ethanol added. They deliver it separately to prevent corrosion in the tankers

Mark to Brian

Many thanks for the reassurance! I was looking for a bit of experience, and it looks like the modifications necessary are quite simple. I suppose if diaphragms did start to fail, another could be commissioned in a more resistant material.

That's an amazing fact about not carrying the ethanol in the mix. What a complete vote of no confidence in the product.

So far, I think we've only had E5 - the extra 5% of ethanol in E10 might make the brew a bit more pernicious. And I don't suppose HMG will stop at 10%, when 25% has been used elsewhere. I read a review of the newish three-cylinder Renault engine that is in the Smart, the Twingo, and the Dacia - when tested with E10, and it was pretty badly depleted in both power and economy. Another hidden issue is the cost to food production of growing the oilseed from which the ethanol is abstracted. You'd need a good-sized crop to get enough of the stuff.

If this prompts any further considerations, questions or concerns from other members, please write to Brian Wood and Natasja Dumay (contact details on page 2 of this newsletter) for continuation in future articles.

Chairman's Report



Good evening and welcome to the October Club Night. Tonight is the Annual General Meeting - another year gone; the years seem to go faster, the older you get.

I think whilst we look ahead to the next year, some thanks are in order:

- First I would like to thank my committee for all their hard work and dedication over the past year.
- Also, the catering ladies Lyn and Sue, the raffle ticket sellers, Chris and Margaret and on the regalia, Dave and Jackie.
- Also thanks to Natasja for all her hard work in editing the magazine each month.
- A big thanks, also to all the Branch Members for all their support over the past year.
- Not forgetting the businesses that advertise in the club Newsletter, which helps to pay for the Branch Newsletter each month.

It was nice to hear that Paul, the speaker on the A6 Hanratty Murder is back after his illness, so I have booked him for the November Club Night.

Also, the fish and chips are booked for the Mistletoe Meander at the same price as last year - i.e. £7 per head. So get your slips in to Jacky as soon as possible.

We are also taking bookings for the Dinner and Dance at the Dudsbury Golf Club on Saturday 12th January 2019.

The Committee has been asked to arrange another Barn Dance on February 22 2019 - so I have booked the group (same as last year) so all I need you to do is to ask your friends along, bring some food (American Buffet) and enjoy the evening. The price is the same as it was last year (£5 per head).

The committee has agreed to keep the annual membership subscription the same as £10 per individual and £12.50 for a family. This has been the same for many years now and is a reflection of the financial health of the Branch.

Anyway, that's all for now, Good Motoring,

John Jenkinson

2018 AGM minutes

MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB

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2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

5th October 2017 20:15

Apologies: Jim Eggleton, Jenny Sansom, Brian and Chris Tilly, Peter and Val Webb, Peter and Dee Houghton, Helena Carr and Kate Noon, Colin and Ruth Hughes, John and Sue Blake, Mike and Joyce Sheppard, Bob and Betty Rees, Natasja Dumay. Minutes of Last Meeting. These had been distributed at the meeting and were accepted as accurate (prop. Theresa Moxley, sec. Jackie Walker)

President's Opening Remarks

The President opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the 2017 AGM. He said that it had been another good year – with quite a few wet rallies. He proposed a vote of thanks for the work of the committee this year.

Secretary's Report

Well here we are again at another AGM. I would like to start my report by asking us to remember the friends we have lost this year – Terry Kingston, Alan Sheppard, Albert Puers, Bruce Eggleton and Keith Young. This has been another busy year for the club with events including the Mistletoe Meander, the Annual Dinner and Dance, the Chairman's Run and the wettest Mid Summer Saunter on record! Other events members attended included the Pecorama Vintage Vehicle show, Breamore Working Weekend, Classics at Sherborne Castle and the Lymington Show. Lots of us attended the MMOC National Rally at Tully's Farm in Sussex. Although we had a good weekend it has to be said that it was not the best National Rally we have had. We have also had a good selection of very enjoyable Club Nights with a variety of different speakers and quizzes throughout the year. Our own big event – Moggyfest at Beaulieu – was a roaring success despite the sad event of poor Albert's death. With 165 vehicles attending over the weekend and a record number of campers it really was a very good weekend. There were one or two learnings from the weekend which we will be taking up with Beaulieu before next years 70th Anniversary Moggyfest.

We've already started thinking about next year's events calendar so please watch the newsletters for the latest updates. On the subject of the newsletter, I would like to thank Natasja for all her hard work since taking over the reins from Brian earlier this year. As we look ahead to 2018 and the 70th anniversary of the Morris Minor I'm sure we can look forward to some excellent events to mark this landmark year.

Treasurers Report

Good evening everyone and I hope you have all collected your copy of the accounts when you signed in tonight. It has been another good year for the Branch with an overall surplus from last year of £1,442.51 – largely due to the ongoing sales of the spares.

The major capital expenditure this year was the purchase of a new shed with a good quality lock to store the club equipment. Dave and Jacky Walker kindly allow us to keep our shed at their home. This was to replace their own shed which was on loan to us. The cost of this was £796.99. Three new banners to advertise the spares at shows were also purchased at a cost of £50. The spares also needed some new storage boxes, so several more were bought to supplement those released from the newsletter distribution. Having a set of boxes of the same type helps with the storage of them at our house. These cost £253.37, but in view of the surplus the spares made this year (over £2,500.00) this was considered worth while to keep the spares in good condition and make it easier to transport them. The money raised for the charity (Pelhams) amounted to £263.00 so the committee agreed to round this up to £300.00, which John has presented to them. The National Branch Rebate was £145, so keep signing the blue folder if you are a National MMOC member. As you will notice, we have a large amount in the Reserve Account. As we have ongoing issues regarding insurance cover from the MMOC, the Committee have decided to 'self-insure' ourselves to cover any loss of assets, as I have mentioned to you all previously at a Club Night. This amount is to cover this but I will probably need to increase it next year if we are to have enough cover for everything; for example, spares, the shed and its contents (marquees, tables, banners, regalia and catering equipment). I will keep in mind the value of the assets and do this when we are able to. The books are available here and a breakdown of the Spares, Regalia and Rally are also here if anyone wishes to see them.

Thank you all for listening. Are there any questions?

The accounts were then accepted (p. Theresa Moxley, s. J. Walker)

Chairman's Report

The Chairman began by thanking everyone for coming and said that he liked the AGM as he didn't have to say much. He then thanked all the Committee and the other volunteers and asked for a vote of thanks for the Committee and the members for their continued support. He then explained the situation that led to Graham Jarvis becoming the Club President. The Branch was without a chairman in 2000 and Graham was in the Chair for 3 years until another chairman was elected. John said that the branch would probably have been closed had Graham not stepped in. He was then elected as Hon. President thereafter. John had recently handed over the branch annual charity cheque for £300 to the Pelhams Community Centre and they will be sending someone along to a future Club Night to accept the 'big' cheque.

In the absence of the Newsletter Editor, a report was given by the Spares Manager, Brian Wood.

Spares Manager's Report

The newsletter, as I am sure you will have noticed is now edited by Natasja Dumay. She quietly took over the seat for the March issue and has now got 8 newsletters to her credit and I would like to pass on the sincere thanks from the Committee for her unstinting efforts. Hopefully you will all agree that the newsletter accurately reflects the activities of the Branch and you will continue to send in articles etc. for publication (not to me!)

The website still seems to be picking up visitors – now standing at about 430,500 as compared to 306,00 this time last year. Still an increase but not as much as the year before.

The spares has managed to return another useful sum to the club funds again – approx. £2.5k this year, not quite as good as last year's figure of £3.6k. Sales were higher but the surplus was lower. It is probably due to the variability of the discount we receive from ESM. We have sold more of the lower margin items this year. We have also invested in another batch of unleaded cylinder heads which should last a while. The bonnet stays are now being produced and sold by ESM, so I can still sell them, but I will have to buy them now.

Again, don't forget to let me know if you need anything brought to Club Nights and the current price list is available on the website.

Committee Elections

Graham Jarvis said that he would be standing down as President at this AGM. Neville Gerry was also not standing for re-election. Andy Dibb had been proposed for the now vacant post of Events/Health and Safety. It was agreed that

the usual practice of accepting the revised Committee with a single vote would be acceptable.

The new Committee Nominations were as follows:

Chairman – John Jenkinson p. M.Brown, s J.Sheppard
Secretary – Laurie Blewer p. D.Walker, s.Jackie Walker
Treasurer – Jacky Wood p. M.Brown, s J.Sheppard
Events/H & S – Andy Dibb s.Blewer, L.Gerry
Spares/Webmaster – Brian Wood p.J.Walker, s. D.Walker
Membership – Brian Ford p.L.Gerry, s. D.Carey
Welfare Officer – Eddie Pateman p.L.Gerry s. L.Blewer
Elections carried 'en-bloc' on a show of hands.

Any Other Business:

The Chairman welcomed Andy Dibb to the committee and thanked Neville for his contribution over the last 10 years. He also thanked the Catering and Raffle ladies, Lyn Gerry, Sue Blewer, Christine Tilly and Margaret Pateman. Jackie Walker advised that Albert Puers' widow, Monique was coming over from Belgium to attend the Mistletoe Meander and the Dinner and Dance. Nick Odell commented that the MMOC MOT-UK event would be held in Lyme Regis/Charmouth area of Dorset this year.

The meeting was closed at 21:00

Signed,



Laurie Blewer – MMOC Dorset Branch Secretary

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Secretary's Report



Good evening everyone and welcome to the October Club Night and another AGM. That's another year flown by! Sorry about the last minute cancelation of last months speaker but thanks to Andy for sorting out some quizzes for us. John has hopefully rearranged the speaker for next month. We forgot to put the committee nominations form up on the noticeboard last month so please can I ask that you fill it in before we start the AGM tonight.

I asked last month for suggestions for any local shows we can take part in as a club but so far have not had any response. We would like to take in part in more next year than we have in recent years so any ideas would be appreciated.

You should all have received a booking form for the dinner and dance by now so can I please ask that you return them to Jacky ASAP. I have booked the singer that we should have had at the last dinner. Unfortunately, Paul had a serious road accident just before this years dinner but he is now pretty much fully recovered and working again. Tonight you should also have a booking slip for the Mistletoe Meander which we would like returned ASAP please.

We have started looking at events for next year already. We are looking at venues for Drive It Day in April and have a couple of ideas at the moment. We are hoping to hold Moggyfest at Beaulieu again in May but obviously it won't be quite as involved as this years 70th anniversary celebrations.

You have also told us though, that you would still like a Dorset Branch Rally as they used to be so we are looking at various venues for a one day get together in Dorset. If anyone has any suggestions for venues please let one of us know.

You should all receive your membership renewal forms with this newsletter so please get them back to Brian as soon as you can.

That's all from me for this month – short and sweet I'm afraid!

Happy Minoring

Laurie

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2018

30th September	Classic Cars on the Prom—Christchurch Quay
3rd October	Club Night—AGM
7th October	Portland House Open Day—Portland House, Weymouth
7th November	Club Night—Talk on A6 Murders
5th December	Club Night— pre-Christmas meeting with a glass of wine and seasonal nibbles.
16th December	Transport of Yesteryear (Dorset) Christmas Steam & Vehicle Meet— Top O' Town Car Park, Dorchester—starts 10am
29th December	Mistletoe Meander, start from Electric Club

2019

2nd January	Club Night—Minor Breakdowns - a talk on essential roadside fixes
6th February	Club Night—Charity Blind Auction
22nd February	Barn Dance—Southern Electric Club
7th March	Club Night—Talk by probation officer
3rd April	Club Night—Hobbies evening
1st May	Club Night—Antiques evening—Phil Traves

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Morris Minor Regalia Catalogue



MORRIS MINOR REGALIA - DORSET BRANCH

Our Branch Regalia stock is managed by **Dave & Jackie Walker** and is available at Club Nights and our outdoor events. (The illustrated stock list is shown on the website www.dorsetmmoc.co.uk)

Model small cars	£ 3.75	Coasters	£ 0.50
Model vans 1/26 scale	£ 3.50	Playing cards	£ 1.00
Money box vans	£12.50	Cloth caps with Dorset logo	£12.50
Club DVD	£ 1.00	Caps with LED in peak	£12.50
Greeting cards each	£ 1.35	Beenie Hats	£ 8.00
6 pack greeting cards	£ 7.00	Sweat shirts	£14.00
Key hangers in shape of cars, made in steel	£ 9.00	Fleeces	£21.00
Same as above with 2 cars	£15.00	Hoodie fleece	£20.00
Ice scrapers	£ 0.50	Waterproofs	£15.00
Sew-on patches	£ 6.50	Polo shirts with logo	£15.00
Tissue Holders	£ 1.99	Beaulieu clock	£5.00
		Key rings/bottle openers	£3.50



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