

The 1980's



Anthony Collett arrived in this 1983 Itala ex AA Van—we won't mention anything about breakdowns, will we?



This Morris Marina Sun Tor caravanette was purchased new by a retired couple in 1977 but sadly both passed away before they could use it. Owned by E. Furnell from Uxbridge.

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Hello and welcome to our 'bonus' booklet to celebrate the first 100 years of Morris cars—founded in 1913 by William Morris. The story of what later became the Nuffield Organisation is well documented elsewhere, but it is worth emphasising the contribution to our motoring heritage that was made by Morris (later Lord Nuffield). He built the company up from repairing cycles to a major global manufacturer of motor vehicles. He did this by shrewd management and timely acquisition of supplier companies. He led a fairly frugal personal life despite becoming an extremely wealthy man. He was also very generous and

donated vast amounts to good causes—mostly medical. It is a little known fact that he once had an appendix operation and had a serious reaction to the anaesthetic. To show his gratitude he endowed Nuffield professorships on Medicine, Surgery and Anaesthesia in the University of Oxford. Whilst initially reluctant to establish a professorship in anaesthetics, the offer of £2m (which, in the 1930's was too good an offer to pass up.) His anaesthetist, a New Zealander, one, Dr Robert Reynolds Macintosh was appointed as the first Professor of Anaesthesia in UK and he went on to design an instrument which is still used by anaesthetists today. So remember to spare a thought the next time you are counting to ten... In the meantime, we have included some photos taken at Beaulieu Spring Autojumble and at the MMOC National Rally at Cornbury Park. These are laid out in decades which pictorially represent the years of production and hopefully it will bring back some memories for you.

We hope you find this booklet an interesting reminder of the two Centenary events the Dorset Branch have been involved in during the year and the philanthropic businessman and engineer who made it all happen.

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Morris Marina 2
Great range
great value.

Pablo Geeven brought this ex-army all the way from the Netherlands! It is a late 1971 model which started life with the British Army stationed on the Rhine.



This is Tony and Anne Adams' 1970 Sunbeam Camper based on the A60 and found abandoned on a river bank for 17 years. Looks like it has been polished up a bit, now though!

The 1960's



This Morris Mini Minor 'Deluxe' dates from 1960 having been supplied to the current owner's father from new in Lymington (a few miles from the show). Owned by John D. Raffle.



Another 1960 vehicle, this Oxford is owned by Chris Murfet of Southampton and is a low mileage example of the model.

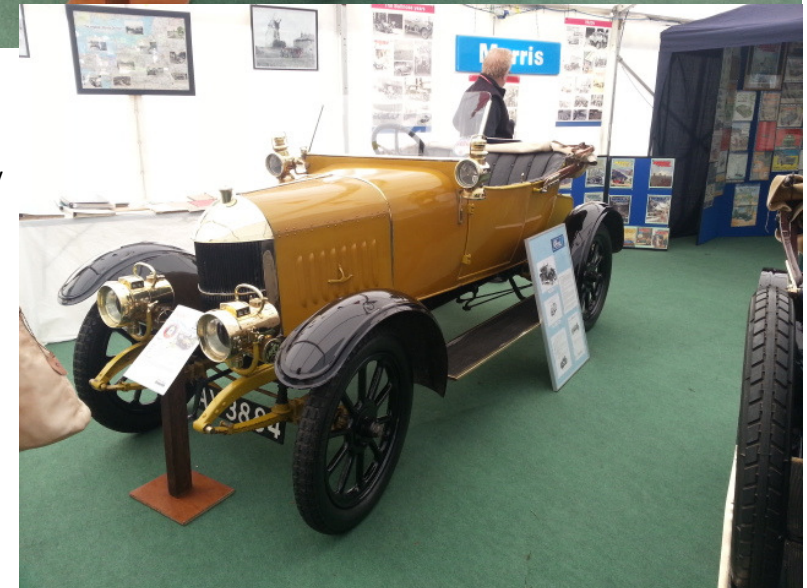
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The Early Years



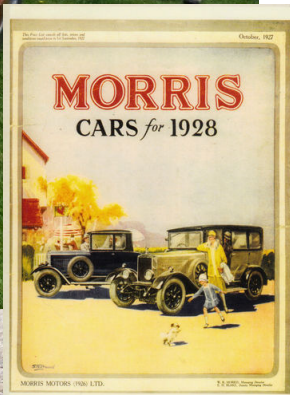
We were lucky to get these two beauties –loaned for the weekend by Caffyns group—their transport costs being generously subsidised by Beaulieu and MMOC. Top is the 1913 Bullnose Oxford with the younger 1914 model shown below.



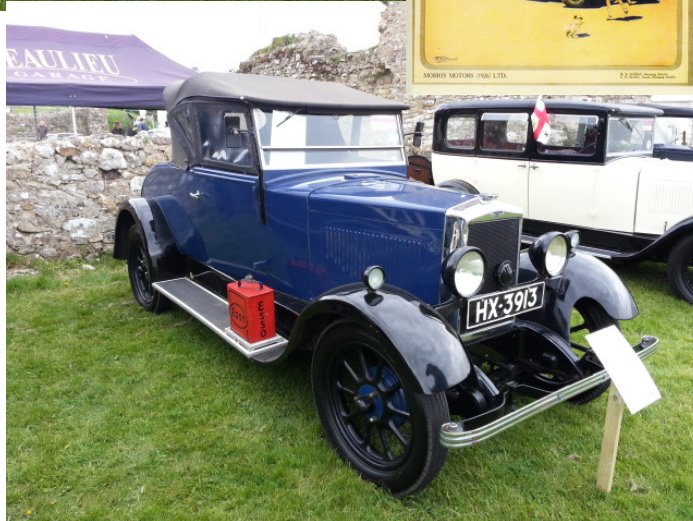
The 1920's



Owned by John Anson of Farnham, this is a 1924 Morris Cowley Bullnose. (top)



With a major rebuild completed just weeks before the event was Dave Walker's (from Ringwood) 1929 Morris Cowley 'Flat Nose' (right)



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The 1950's



Here is Tim Rouse's 1953 MO Oxford in Empire Green



Paul Jarrot from High Wycombe in Bucks brought his Morris 8 Series Z Telephone Engineer's Van. This is a 1952 model now in use in a mainly promotional role for the owner's painting and decorating business.



The 1940's



The New MORRIS Six

Clive Silcock from West Moors, Dorset owns this 10 'Tilly' truck which dates from 1944 and was restored back to its original appearance by the owner.



Look, we have got to page 8 before mentioning the Minor. This is an early lowlight model

from 1949 brought by Jeremy Bayliss from Reading. Believed to be one of the earliest in existence!

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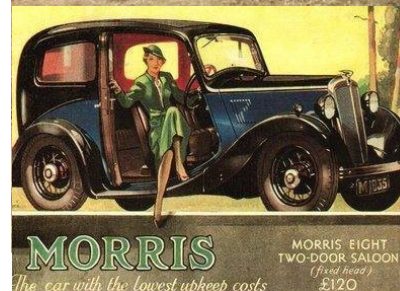
The 1930's



Ian Carruthers from Lymington brought this 1937 14/6 Series II and saved it from a sad end in banger racing. Restoration took 6 years.



This nice commercial is owned by Norman Reynolds of Southampton. A 12/4 truck it was rescued from a 20 year stay in a scrapyard.





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The Dorset Branch visit to the National MMOC/International Morris Centenary Event on 15-16th June 2013.