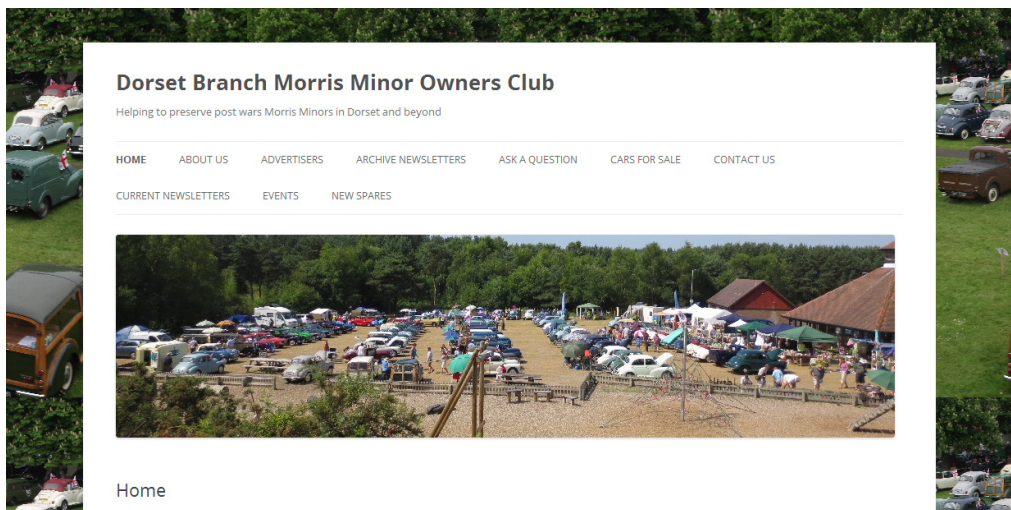


## Rear View

This is what you should see if you log on to the website as from the end of August. It has been recycled to make it easier to view on different shaped screens. The events section is now clearer and each page has a reminder of the upcoming events. I am still working on other pages such as Photos and Second hand spares. Any comments— to Editor please...



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## The MMOC Dorset Branch

was founded in 1977 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 Clubnight is an opportunity to meet the other enthusiasts and enjoy a presentation or other activity organised by the Committee. Please note that the Dorset Branch MMOC will accept no liability in respect of goods or services provided by advertisers. No recommendation is implied.

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### FRONT COVER

One of Phil Traves' photos from Sri-Lanka in honour of his clubnight talk on his recent trip. (Isn't that Jacky's 4 door in the middle distance?)

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***(Don't forget to check the website for latest updates to events)***

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26th August—Brockenhurst Carnival & Fete

1st September—Isle of Wight Branch Rally

4th September—Clubnight (Phil Traves' Talk on Sri Lanka)

7-8th September—Beaulieu International Autojumble

15th September—Three in One Run

27th September—Skittles at Bloxworth v 2CV club

2nd Oct—Clubnight Annual General Meeting

6th Oct— CCOTP Farewell Meet at Christchurch Quay

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## CLUBNIGHT ACTIVITY:

Phil Traves talk on Sri Lanka

## MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB

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## NEXT CLUBNIGHT

### Annual General Meeting

The Dorset Branch Newsletter is published on the first Wednesday of the month and sent by post to paid-up members. It is also available for download from the Internet usually about 10 days before the clubnight.

## Editorial

Hi Everyone and welcome to the September newsletter. Thanks to Dave and Pam Holton and Roger Blakeley for this month's contributions, both photographic and written—all gratefully received.

At the time of writing, the new website is *almost* finished! Hopefully, by the time you read this it will be available, so don't forget to have a look and tell me what you think. The new version is a bit more 'friendly' towards different shaped screens so it should re-format itself on your phone or tablet etc.

We have several exciting events still to come this year so make sure you check the events diary and come along if you can. We have now arranged a venue for the 3 in 1 run which will be on 15th September and we will need a quick decision on your attendance.

We enjoyed the Brockenhurst Show on the Mid Summer Saunter a few Sundays ago and the Lymington Show was good too (photos on next page), but we had to skip that one unfortunately. At the time of writing, we are looking forward to the Isle of Wight show; we are going over for the weekend and I have specifically asked the organisers to arrange the weather for us.

For those reading on-line, there will be limited spares availability at September Clubnight so please let me know in advance if you require anything urgently.

Apologies, if you were looking forward to the next installment of 'All you need to know about Back Axles', but it has been held over for next month due to lack of space. You will find your membership renewal forms with this newsletter, so please get these back to us as soon as possible. The cost has been held at £10/£12.50 so it is still good value.

## Editor's In Box

We would just like to say thanks to everyone who helped make the strawberries and fizz after the Mid Summer Saunter happen. To name but a few;- Laurie and Nev for putting up the club gazebos. Angi, Julie and Nick for their catering assistance; Andy for car park duties; Olive the greyhound, the security patrol/ dog warden and lastly everyone who helped taking down the tentage after the event. The list would be too long to print but many thanks. Your help made it so much easier. Apologies if we missed anyone out. Dave and Jackie

Dear Brian

Until recently I have bought stainless fasteners at autojumbles etc. mostly from spivs who didn't know what they were selling. I have just discovered the following company while looking for some M6 socket button head screws. No order too big or too small and very helpful.

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I would recommend them, Bruce Eggleton.



Unfortunately the Minor's dashboard arrangement does not leave a great amount of scope for the fitting of extra gauges without doing permanent damage. Favourite locations, which will not disfigure your car irreversibly are below the dash on separate brackets, or on a panel, usually of wood, fitted into the driver's glovebox aperture, thus gaining extra mounting space but preventing its normal use.

One thing I must stress before we go any further is that I do not condone the drilling of holes of any size in the dashboard face of your car! It spoils the originality, usually looks awful and will undoubtedly devalue the vehicle, whether it is a Morris, a vintage Bentley or a Fordson tractor.



With a wooden panel you are on your own when it comes to manufacture. There are fibreglass replacement glove box doors with three 2" holes available via the internet. Metal underdash brackets are easily available and can accommodate one, two or three gauges. They are not too difficult to make at home, but remember to cut the large hole(s) first!

All auxiliary gauges will require either extra wiring or tubing which passes through the

bulkhead. Care must be taken here to avoid chafing; the main wiring harness grommet can usually accommodate these. For ease of assembly at the factory the grommet and its clamping plates are split, removal of the three self-tapping screws will release the assembly and give access.

One of the simplest gauges to install is the voltmeter or "battery condition indicator" and it is with this that we will begin our series in the next issue.

## Old Time Music Hall Variety Show

Neil Mitchener has asked me to mention the above show which is based on the TV show 'The Good Old Days' and it is in aid of Allendale Community Centre in association with the Dorset Wildlife Trust. The dates are Friday 27th September at 7:30 and Saturday 28th September at 3:00 pm and 7:30 pm at the Allendale Community Centre in Wimborne. Doors and bar open 30m before shows. £7.50 per standard ticket, £6 children, OAP's and Key Cards or book an 8 seat table for £50. W & D bus numbers 3,4 and 13 to Wimborne. Tickets available at the Allendale on 01202 887247, Carolyn 07983 886685, Jacqui 07907 080002 on sale from 5th July 2013. "Do come along and join us for a show of singing, dancing, comedy and more. Feel free to come along in Victorian costume (not compulsory!) and win a prize for being the best dressed 'Victorian' in the audience." Proceeds will be donated to the Allendale Community Centre in Association with the Dorset Wildlife Trust.



## "We all Run on Two Clocks" (by Roger Blakeley)

Proclaimed Max Lerner, at the beginning of his hypothesis concerning the human 'body clock'. Ever since their introduction car speedometers and other gauges have been, with a few exceptions, erroneously nicknamed 'clocks'. In this and following articles we will look at a few auxiliary gauges or 'clocks', and their fitting.



Before taking Mr. Lerner's ideas on metabolism too seriously we must remember that he was not a physician but a journalist. In keeping with his notion however, the standard (post series MM) Morris Minor was a "two clock" layout comprising a speedometer and a petrol gauge; rather basic perhaps but cost - cutting was just as



important then as now.

A little further up the price range, most family saloons had a little more instrumentation on their dashboards, always a fuel gauge plus any combination of oil pressure gauge, temperature gauge, ammeter and timepiece. Such gauges, if working properly, are of much practical use particularly on vehicles which are used for long journeys,

and in the next few articles it is proposed to discuss the fitting of these. Perhaps the most useful is a temperature gauge followed by voltmeter/ammeter and oil pressure gauge. The timepiece is well - worth preserving if an original fitting, otherwise can be considered superfluous in these days of electronic watches, mobile phones etc. Personally I am a devotee of the manifold vacuum gauge, rarely an original fitment and an acquired taste which does not appeal to all.

The best- known and commonest make of gauge is Smiths, and it is the only make for anyone hoping to compile a matching set. The Smiths Instrument Company has moved into higher technology but Caerbont Automotive Instruments Ltd. in South Wales has carried on where the original company left off, and with it's blessing, still uses the 'Smiths' name.



There is a full range of auxiliary instruments available from a relatively small number of stockists.

Second hand gauges of various makes are available, eBay usually having quite a few on offer at all times. It is of course vital to ensure that used items are in working condition, some types being easier to test than others. Voltage indicators are often inaccurate and temperature gauges with electrical sensors are the least likely to give a correct reading unless some careful component matching is achieved.



## Brockenhurst Fayre (with steam!) 18th Aug

Photo: Helena Carr



## Lymington Show 4th Aug

Photos: Tina Waller



Neville has fixed up the dates for next year's Sidmouth Weekend at the Royal Glen Hotel. It will be 25th-27th April 2014. The costs will be £75 for standard or selected rooms (2 nights) or £73 for 3 nights. Superior rooms £82. All prices per person, per night.



## Secretary's Report

Good evening and welcome to the September clubnight. I hope you all enjoyed our annual visit from Stewart Timbrell last month – very entertaining as usual. Tonight, Phil is giving us a talk on his recent trip to Sri Lanka. Please remember that next month is the AGM and your support will be very much appreciated for what I know is *not* the most exciting evening of the club year (*don't 'big it up' too much then Laurie—Ed*)

August has been a very busy month with events. Starting off with the Bygone Days Show at Ibsley where another large bag of books and goodies were picked up from the usual enormous barn full of bits and bobs for sale. The vintage flying displays were fantastic as always with the highlight being the dogfight between the Messerschmitt and the Spitfire. The following day was the Lymington Show where we decorated all the club cars with birthday banners and 100<sup>th</sup> birthday balloons. The display was very popular with the public and lots of very positive comments were received.

Next weekend was the Purbeck Rally – once again a good selection of cars and commercials on display as well as a very good car boot sale and a good selection of trade stalls. We did seem to spend a lot of our day at the bouncy castle, hook a duck stall and roundabout though!

The Midsummer Saunter was very well supported this year. After breakfast at Avon Heath we drove out to the Brockenhurst Show – with Steam. This was the first time we had been to this show and very good it was too. Once again a good selection of stalls and the usual roundabouts, bouncy castles etc. – money, money, money!!! Well done to Tracy and Lisbon for winning a prize in the dog show.

I'm writing this just before the Bank Holiday weekend where we will be attending the Frogham Fayre on the Saturday, Beaulieu Simply Classics on Sunday and the new event at Brockenhurst College on the Monday. Hopefully the sun will have shone and a good time will have been had by all. The following weekend a good contingent of us will be going across to the Isle of Wight for their rally.

I must apologise to all of you who receive your Minor Matters this month. There is no report from the Dorset Branch or rally review. I just ran out of time to write them but they will be in the November/December issue.

All is well with the convertible so far with a few jobs having been done. The rear seat belts have been fitted and hopefully the front ones will have been by the time you read this. I have bought some wing mirrors which I also hope to have fitted very soon. I managed to pick up a correct speedo on Ebay to replace the incorrect one that was fitted. The odometer didn't work either and I found that very frustrating.

That's all from me for this month so until next time, Happy Minor, Laurie.

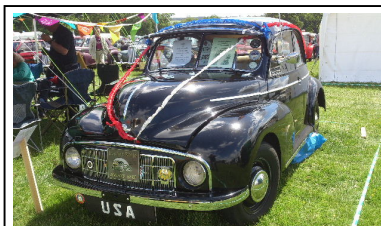


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## For Sale & Wanted & Club Notices

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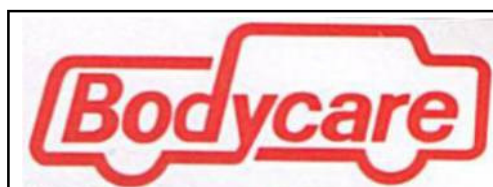


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For the benefit of newer members who may not be aware of it, the Branch operates a Morris Minor New Spares service. All profits go back to the Branch to help keep subscriptions low. We usually have a spares table at the monthly branch clubnights and we have a presence at some shows (particularly the Branch Rally and the Beaulieu Autojumbles). Spares are available most other times using the contact details given below. The spares are mostly sourced from ESM (East Sussex Minors—who support our branch rally also) and the prices charged generally reflect their prices. The advantages are availability of parts and *usually* no postage charges. Some locally reconditioned items are also available, such as fuel pumps, carburettors and radiators. . .

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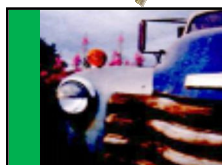
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## Chairman's Report

Good evening and welcome to September Clubnight. I hope all of the members who went on the Summer Saunter Run to Brockenhurst Show on Sunday 18th August enjoyed the day and also a big thanks to Dave and Jacky for their welcome to their home and the afternoon tea, strawberries, cream and 'fizz'. Next month, October is the Branch AGM—so as usual the names for the new Committee will be on the notice for nominations and seconds. Also if any of the Branch members know of any businesses who would like to place an advert in the magazine, please let us know. The 3 in one Run is on a Sunday this year—we are going to Lord Shaftsbury's estate at Wimborne on 15th September (see below). Please note the early start!

Tonight, we have a talk on Sri-Lanka by Phil Traves. I hope the members enjoy the evening and my thanks to Phil for his time. It was nice to see Laurie's latest Morris—a convertible. We have quite a few convertibles in the Branch, now. I know why—it is to let the fresh air flow through our hair! Happy motoring, your Chairman, John.



## 3 in One Run (Waterloo Show)

John is arranging the above event with a run to Wimborne St Giles to the Waterloo Show, which we understand is in aid of military support. We plan to meet up at Avon Heath for a departure at **7:30** sharp (Norman please note!) Slips are available with this newsletter and should be returned AS SOON AS POSSIBLE please. Cost is £5 per car and we need to get passes ordered for you.

The Waterloo Show and Military Fair takes place on the 15th September at Wimborne St Giles and aims at raising funds for bereaved military families who have lost their loved ones. Proceeds will be distributed to service charities that deliver care to these families. These include the Soldiers Charity (ABF), Caring for Courage, Scotties Little Soldiers, Combat Stress, SSAFA and the Defence Medical Welfare Service.

The show consists of a Tattoo (Massed Military Bands, Pipes and Drums, Red Devils, White Helmets, Action Gun Team, as well as the Blades and Great War Air Display Teams), a Display Area (Army Display Teams and Armoured Vehicles, Dorset and Hampshire Fire and Rescue, Police Displays, Air Ambulance as well as the Military Vehicle Trust and Classic Cars), a Countryside Area (Countryside Ring, Trade Stands, Country Displays, Lawn Mower Racing, Dog Show, Pony Show). In addition there will be other attractions such as clay pigeon shooting, archery and paint balling. There will be a major Children's area with a Fun Fair, Go Karts, Bouncy Castles, Punch and Judy as well as a Food and Drinks village.

## Meet—Road Run—Waterloo Show



## Minor LCV Reg 60th Anniversary (by Dave Holton)

"or Rupert Goes to Gaydon". Well, this is turning out to be a fantastic year of celebrations for our chosen breed.

The weekend of the 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> Aug saw the Minor LCV Register 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Heritage Motor Centre at Gaydon Warwickshire.

With an entry of 120 LCVs and members vehicles and visitors from as far a field as Australia, New Zealand, Holland, Sweden, Denmark, Ireland, Scotland and Wales it was a sight for sore eyes. We also had coverage of the event in the Sunday Express.

Minor commercials fit in just about anywhere - at Classic events, as everyday transport and especially as a great advertising medium for businesses. They still do the job they were made for all those years ago.

Both Rupert (our van) and I thoroughly enjoyed the 2 days - lots of looking and chatting - the time flew past. Rupert sat a fantastic venue for such a tarmac area for the display, to visit the Museum.

I'm already looking forward to also at Gaydon on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and looked splendid. Gaydon is gathering with a very large also you have the opportunity the Traveller's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Sept. At the time of writing the latest update says already 90 Travellers are entered. So if you want a good day, out venture north and come and join us (J13 on the M40). All Minors are welcome. We will be there with Molly our Traveller. *(We will be there too—Ed)*

The classic vehicle movement is now nearing a turning point whether the old school brigade like it or not. Look around our roads - how many pre 2000 vehicles do you see working for a living? Vehicle life is not what it used to be. Companies now lease vehicles instead of buying hence they are renewed every five or less years. In the Minor's day vans and pickups were bought, run into the ground, cobbled together again for service for another year or so and then finally parked up and cannibalised for the next vehicle. Not any more - death is quick! And why are they dying an early death? Not bodywork failure, no it's electronics, soft engines and gearboxes. Also the price of scrap is high, so who is going to keep an old van or truck lying about with storage costs at a premium.

In 10 years there won't be any 20 year old motors to restore and even if there are who will have the knowledge to sort the electronics? No, give me a MINOR to tinker with any day. They will be around for a number of years to come. Enjoy them while you can.

Dave Holton (Dorset MMOC member 272).....Silverstone Correspondent.



Photos: D.Holton



## DMMOC Annual Dinner & Dance 11th January

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Very Special Price for overnight accommodation £22.00 per head to include breakfast in standard en-suite or £27.00 in superior room

## Rainbow Paints, Ferndown (discount scheme)

Rainbow Paints of 25 Telford Rd., Ferndown Industrial Estate, Ferndown BH21 7QS 01202 896458 have agreed to give Dorset Branch members a discount. They supply most types of paint and associated products for our hobby. I have recently used their excellent 3M underbody spray sealant and the discount was very worthwhile. They also make up rattle cans (sorry don't know the technical term) to your choice of colour. They might ask for your membership card so it's not a bad idea to take it with you. Ask for **Kim** when you go.

Dave Walker