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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) <u>We meet on the first Wednesday of every month (7:30 for 8:00)</u> at the **Bournemouth Electric Club, Broadway Lane, BH8 OAA**. 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. **Membership currently costs £10 per vear.£12.50 for ioint membership.**

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

BRANCH REBATE SCHEME

You may be aware that the branch receives a financial rebate according to the numbers of national MMOC members who attend the monthly clubnights. We therefore need to update our records so that we can take advantage of this scheme. Please would you advise Des Waller (or any Committee Member) of your <u>MMOC membership number</u> and renewal date and make sure that you sign the attendance sheet at the clubnights. Thanks.

HOLIDAY WEEKEND—WARNERS, LITTLECOTE HOUSE, BERKS:

John is arranging a weekend break at a Warners Hotel at Littlecote House for the 8,9,10 August. There will be a fifties theme over the weekend and it is proposed to attend a classic rally in Newbury on the Saturday.

Final payments due by tonight please

The Branch Website has a <u>'Spares</u> <u>Shop'</u> which advertises (mostly second hand) spares. Why not browse the bargains or send me an ad or two with a picture.



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NEXT CLUBNIGHT <u>Wed July 2nd NOT AT ELECTRIC CLUB</u> Molly's Den at Francis Avenue 7:00pm

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.

DORSET BRANCH MMOC NEWSLETTER June 2014

Editorial

The Beaulieu Spring Autojumble has taken a bit of time to recover from, but we seem to have got all the boxes and boxes of spares finally sorted out now which is good. Any organization is only as good as those that contribute to it—and Beaulieu was a case in point. I was really amazed at how it all came together with everyone going out of their way to come with not only the ideas in the first place but actually putting in the effort to bring them to fruition. It is truly heart warming to see what can be achieved by a determined bunch of people with little budget and much enthusiasm. For those that couldn't make it, the theme of our Beaulieu Display was a BMC showroom, workshop and spares department from 1963. 'Dorset Morris Motors' was set up on the Thursday and Friday before the Autojumble. You were transported back in time to be greeted by Mr Blewer, (Head of Sales) wearing his



brown suit. Your vehicle demonstration would be delegated to Mr P.Traves who would show you round the 'new' cars in the showroom and hopefully take your order for your new vehicle to be delivered in about 6 months time! (if you were lucky) The servicing manager was a Mr Shearman and Mr Gerry and Mr Wood were the parts operatives. There was even a hidden kitchen, from which copious cups of tea materialized at regular intervals over the weekend. Those members who contributed to the construction of the set design and construction did a truly fantastic job and particular mention must go to Derek for the workshop area and Ron Tickner for his help. It was due, mostly however to the unstinting effort put in by Roger Kellow in planning, designing and creating the backdrop paintings, that the display was judged such a huge success. We are trying to come up with a plan to re-use his artwork so that the work can be enjoyed by others in the future. On the Sunday afternoon, the display was largely inhabited by professional photographers, Classics Monthly, Prac-



tical Classics, Classic Car Mart and the official Beaulieu photographger. Not forgetting of course, the DMMOC photographer designate, Richard Betteley. Thanks also to all those who helped us to dismantle everything in record time!.

What with all the Beaulieu stuff going on together with work on the 'new' convertible, progress on the green convertible has all but ground to a halt. Stewart (#2 son) has just bought a black 'H' registered pick up which has a nice home made wooden back and a badly damaged cab roof. A previous owner had fitted a sun roof and then removed it again, re-welding (badly) the cut out plate back into the hole. This resulted in the application of a thick layer of filler which had lifted in places. We are most grateful to Carlo Pegoraro for supplying a replacement roof. We started the preparation of it by trying to remove the outer skin from the frame. Do you know how many spot welds there are? Seems like thousands! About 8 drills and one spot weld cutter were sacrificed in the process. We now have the roof skin separated and the next stage will be to remove the paint, skim with filler and prepare for fitting. There are some small areas to be repaired and we will probably have a go at removing the existing roof soon. Further progress will

Bournemouth Wheels Festival



The Branch fielded 12 cars for the Bournemouth Wheels Festival Display on the 26th May. (*pictures by Editor*)







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Editor's In-Box





Dorset Branch Rally (11-13th July)

The Branch Rally is coming up very fast, so please can we have your donations of fairy / cup cakes for the Cake Stand. We would also like larger cakes as well please. We are not doing a Bric-a-Brac stall this year since this type of activity does not seem to attract much interest. We have decided to substitute a Whiskey Draw instead. The usual Raffle prizes would be gratefully received.

Also, please let us have your entries as soon as possible so we can get the guide book off to the printers.

FOR SALE: Up for sale is my Morris 1000 registered on 18th January 1958. It is MOT exempt and has the added bonus of Historical Vehicle Tax (£00.00). Two door model with the usual rust bubbles on the bottor to be doors. The rear wings have been replaced at some point and only ever to tched to with a spray can. The head-lining could be replaced if you are nit picking! Tecent overhaul on the braking system including new front drums, new linders, to be come brake master cylin-



e nit picking! Frecent Frehaul on the braking sysnew linders, Descremove brake master cylinder and lush system through. This little r never going to win any shows but with its 948cc. A series engine it will get you from to B with ease. I will even throw in the wooden clothes pegs for the thoke control!!! A good first time Aleap classic car or for full restoration £1,750 O.N.O. (more photos on website) Ashley Miller 07885 792711

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even. Hopefully, it will become a permanent fixture in the calendar. The only comment was that the parking area allotted for our cars was a very long way from Bournemouth Pier which was the centre of the display and I guess most people would not have made it all the way west to where we were. Roger (right) wants to seek advice on having his car exorcised of the demons who have recently been responsible for him needing a new engine, two new gearboxes, two new clutches, new water pump, new clutch lever and finally on the way home from Wheels—a new condenser! Brian Wood be reported in due course.

We are coming up the busiest time of the year for shows and rallies and inevitably some will clash with others and choices will have to be made. The late spring bank holiday weekend was a busy one with the Classic Cars on the Prom outing to Highcliffe Castle. This was almost full to capacity with just under 100 cars in glorious sunshine all day. Next, on the Monday, we attended the Bournemouth Wheels Festival in a Branch area on the Undercliff drive and 12 cars turned up for the display. Sadly, steady rain set in the afternoon, dampening what was otherwise an excellent and well organized



Chief set designer Roger "The Hippy' Kellow. ("Love and Peace, man!")

Chairman's Report

Good evening and welcome to Junes clubnight. First I would like to thank all the members who helped to create the BMC dealership (garage, showroom and workshop) at the Beaulieu Spring Autojumble weekend. There are too many to name, but they know who they are.

The club is very lucky to have so many members who are willing to help out at club events such as this. So, a big THANK YOU to you all.

I hope you all enjoyed the last clubnight with Phils Antique Evaluation evenening, thank you Phil.

For July's clubnight we are going to Molly's Den in Wallisdown from 07:00. Food and drink will be available. This is at club member's request. The next big club event is the Branch Rally Weekend on the 11-13th July so please can you start to bake all those lovely cakes for the cake stall. Also, raffle prizes and if you know of anyone who would like a stall please let one of us know. All the members who are going on the weekend break to Warner's Littlecote House in August, could you please let me have the final payments as soon as possible thank you.

Ann and myself went to the Wheels festival on Bournemouth Sea Front over the bank holiday weekend. The weather was a bit disappointing but for the

first time this show was OK with plenty to see and do, but I think that there is room for improvement. Richard, who organises the Branch Regalia has decided to give it up owning to family commitments, so the committee would like to thank Richard for all his work on behalf of the club. If any club member would lik to volunteer to take it on (with help from me) please let one of us know.

That's all for now, Happy Motoring, John.



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Gardening Competition

August Clubnight will be a Gardening competition. All you gardeners out there are invited to submit their efforts in August under any of the following categories:

- 1. Roses, One vase of three blooms of any variety
- 2. Sweet Peas, One vase of any variety—5 stems
- 3. Fuschia, One potted Fuschia plant
- 4. General, One vase of any mixed flowers
- 5. One potted plant of any type
- 6. Runner bean, One set of three beans
- 7. Peas, A set of five pods
- 8. Tomatoes, Plate of five 'Cherry' type
- 9. Tomatoes, Plate of five medium to large
- 10. Cucumber, One of any type
- 11. Onions, One plate of five onions or shallots

Each exhibit will be issued with a number and judging will be by club members on printed

judging forms. Prizes will be awarded accordingly and there will be a 'Best in Show' awarded by the Committee.

Hopefully, this activity will be well supported, so put those spanners down and get out into your gardens to put the finishing touches to your produce and lets see those green fingers in action. Eddie Pateman.

DORSET BRANCH SPARES NEWS IMPORTANT NOTICE

As most of you will know, new spares have been available at clubnight meetings for several years now. Members often communicate their requirements ahead of the meeting so that the parts can be brought along as necessary. However, *speculative* or 'spur of the moment' sales are sometimes quite small and we have decided not to provide a blanket spares service at every meeting. I will still try to bring along 'consumable' items, ie fan belts, hoses, radiator caps etc but in future, if you wish me to bring anything particular along, (either stock or special items) please let me know in advance, on the usual phone number (07411 116336)

AS FROM JULY CLUBNIGHT, SPARES STOCK AT CLUBNIGHTS WILL BE REDUCED



Secretary's Report

Good evening and welcome to June clubnight – would you believe it, June already? I hope you all enjoyed last month's Antiques Roadshow presented by Phil, very interesting and hopefully to be repeated next year. This month we have a very interesting talk on the story of the real African Queen by Kevin Patience. The last talk we had from Kevin on the Flying Boats in Poole Harbour was very good so let's hope this will be too. Don't forget that next month we will be going out for clubnight as usual. We will be visiting Molly's Den again for a look around the antiques followed by refreshments. Let's hope for a fine evening to allow us to get the Minors out.



The Beaulieu Spring Autojumble was a very successful event once

again. The Branch display of a 1963 BMC showroom, workshop and parts department looked fantastic. It was a shame that the ground inside the marquee was rather damp but it didn't really spoil the weekend. Very well done and a big thank you to Roger Kellow for the fantastic backdrops he painted and thank you to everyone who lent us props for the weekend. I didn't realise I had so much old stuff hanging around the garage that we could use. We were very surprised to win such a large and heavy trophy at the end of Sunday for the Best Stand. This was presented in memory of a gentleman who had a stall at the autojumbles for many, many years by his daughter. It was so heavy the staff wouldn't let Lord Montague hold it by himself! Planning has already started for next year's Spring Autojumble event – Moggy Fest South!

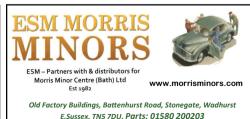
The Aubrey Batt Run was very well supported and we all had a lovely day at The Breamore Steam Up. As I write this we have just returned from the Bournemouth Wheels Festival. What a fantastic event. Unfortunately we decided to have our club display on the Bank Holiday Monday which turned out to be quite wet. It didn't distract from the event though and a good time was had by all.

Plans are now well advanced for this year's Dorset Branch Rally. Don't forget we will need all the usual volunteers as well as donations of cakes etc. If you haven't got your own entry in yet please do so as soon as possible. Don't forget the Midsummer Saunter which will finish up at Dave and Jackie's again for strawberries and cream.

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

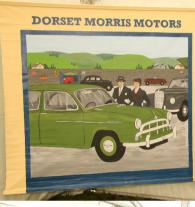
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