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MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB

NEWSLETTER



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The MMOC Dorset Branch

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 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 year, £12.50 for joint membership.** Please ask Branch Secretary if you require a copy of the Dorset Branch Constitution. (Also available on website.) For more details contact Laurie Blewer on 01202 522673 or John Jenkinson on 01202 576690

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Forthcoming Events see also www.dorsetmmoc.co.uk

(Where Events Request **PRE -BOOKING** see 'YES' or 'NO')

JUNE 1st	Wimborne St Giles Fete	YES
JUNE 5th	CLUBNIGHT —Talk ,Classic vehicle restoration	NO
JUNE 8th	Bradford Abbas Festival of Wheels	YES
JUNE 8th /9th	Moors Valley Grand Summer Gala	YES
JUNE 22/23rd	Bristol Classic Car Show (Bath & West Showground Somerset)	YES
JUNE 30th	Classic Cars On The Prom , Christchurch Quay	NO
JULY 3rd	CLUBNIGHT (* NOT AT ELECTRIC CLUB) RUN OUT to Beach House, Milford-On-Sea, SO4 0PT * If food is wanted see Jacky for arrangements and forms	*Meal Forms
JULY 6th	Burton Scout Carnival , Martins Hill Lane , Burton . *Please be on site by 11 am as road then closes for the carnival procession	NO
JULY 7th	Broughton Pageant of Transport, Buckholt Rd, SO20 6AB	YES
JULY 13th/14th	DMMOC BRANCH RALLY—Wolvercroft Garden Centre SP6 3AB	YES
JULY 13th	West moors Village Fete	YES
JULY 28th	CLUB MID SUMMER SAUNTER TBC	NO
AUG 4th	Lymington Car Show, Woodside Park, Lymington.	YES
AUG 7TH	CLUBNIGHT Gardening Evening, hosted by Eddie Pateman	NO
AUG 9th/11th	Purbeck Rally, Worgret Rd, Wareham, BH20 6AB	YES
SEPT 7th/8th	Beaulieu International Autojumble N.B. * No DMMOC club stand this year	YES
NOV 2nd/3rd	Classic vehicle Restoration Show, Bath & West Showground , Shepton Mallet, Somerset.	YES

2020

18 January 2020: Dinner and Dance Evening —Dudsbury Golf Club

Dorset Branch Discount arrangement with Motabitz

by Dave Walker

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NEXT CLUBNIGHT

Talk on Classic Restoration

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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

Welcome to the June Newsletter - post Beaulieu 'Moggyfest' Edition—(Pages 7, 16, 17, 18 & 19)

I have always thought that any local Morris Minor owner simply has a much greater advantage from being a member of the Dorset Branch Morris Minor Owners Club than not being a member. The comparatively modest subscription brings some real and tangible benefits.

Firstly the wealth of Morris Minor knowledge that abounds across the many diverse members. Should you be seeking advice on a 'Minor' related issue it is very unusual that someone doesn't know 'someone else'. If a second opinion is needed, they may even know 'someone else' again within or allied to the club in some way that is bound to have the eventual and definitive answer.

There is also the extensive range of Minor parts available through 'club spares' mostly at preferential member rates and most often combined with a saving of postage costs. Parts can be ordered and later picked up at one of our monthly club nights being a very convenient option. Of course the popular social side of the club brings fellow Morris Minor owners and enthusiasts together particularly with monthly club nights and an assorted programme of Dorset Branch and other events. It's always down to the individual members to decide how much they wish to participate —In essence it's there to enjoy - a common friendship, enhancing that unique 'special nostalgia' of owning and driving a Morris Minor.

'Caveat Emptor' .. Latin for 'let the buyer beware'. Apart from those very few individuals that actually purchased their Morris Minors 'brand new' say in the mid 1960's—early 70's (needing to be around my age or older!) No doubt the rest of us can remember that particular day when we decided upon purchasing that pre-owned Morris Minor. Less apprehension perhaps if bought from a known and long term Minor owning club member or perhaps from a respected local specialist.

The **Dorset Club 'Black Museum'** series (starting page 8) is certainly not in any way intended to depress anyone hunting for or about to buy that 'particular' discovered Minor. It's mainly for interest and reflection towards highlighting some mechanical issues discovered by club members in the past that have sometimes been purchased probably more on trust and of unknown provenance maybe from a website or other odd distant based adverts of unknown individuals in the past, often described as 'Barn Finds' - "It always started and ran perfectly when last used!" There are happy endings as 99% of the mechanical problems featured can be fixed to a greater or lesser degree in parts and time required. The common denominator with nearly every one of these surprise and unwelcome finds in the end is that it was rather handy being a member of the DMMOC, finding guidance, help and advice towards the most effective way to sort out that particular inherited problem.

In the meantime, enjoy driving your very own special Minor.ROGER



2. 'ANTIQUES ROADSHOW' CLUBNIGHT EVENING



Meanwhile back at the clubnight presentation :-

There was an extremely varied assortment of old items, artifacts and antiques that many club members brought in for Phil to evaluate giving us all the benefit of his broad knowledge on the subject. The diverse selection of items brought included - silver plate-Dolls from the 1930's and 40's.-Delicate embroidered items including an old hand made ladies blouse - a 'retro' American style jacket -first edition books. postcards -a Morris Motors cigarette case, dinky toys etc. (only to name a few) Phil reminded us that in the majority of cases it's the sentimental and family linked stories behind individual treasured items as part of our social history being the fascinating part. One of the most interesting and rarer items Phil said that was brought in was the Victorian 'ladies skirt lifting tongs' (designed specifically to hoist long skirt ends clear of muddy streets) He also singled out the Japanese sword as the most valuable item being of such high quality, c. 1850's worth £200-£400. Possibly more!

Phillip Traves is a long serving member of the Dorset branch and has worked for Dukes of Dorchester for 16 years. Phil is the Manager/Auctioneer/Valuer at the Dukes Avenue Salerooms. Dorchester.

Phil started his career in the world of antiques at Riddett Adam Smith in Richmond Hill Bournemouth at the age of 16. He then moved on to Rumsey & Rumsey Auctioneers in Parkstone.

Dukes, a local Dorchester firm, was established in 1823, often seen on TV shows like 'Flog It'. Phil is the proud owner of a splendid 1956 Series II traveller that he bought when he was 16 years of age and can be regularly recognised as 'Phil's traveller' at the vast majority of main club events. Phil also administers the Minor Series II Traveller Register.



Phillip Traves - 1. Dukes Dorchester Visit (Editors two Special Reports)

Of all the more regular clubnight activity events, one that is always popular and regularly well attended is 'Phil's Antiques Evening'. This was very much the case during the recent clubnight when many club members brought in their various old antique heirlooms and precious artifacts with the purpose of hearing with great interest Phil's expert explanations and appraisals.

Prior to this, a few weeks before, a group of members visited Phil's place of work - Dukes, The Avenue Auction House premises in Dorchester. We had a very interesting auction preview (hosted by Phil) with many Antique Toys, Radios, Retro Clothing items, and similar Collectables all on show.



Top items sold in the toy section on the following days in that auction were - A Victorian Doll that sold for £3,300, A 'Corgi Major' toy racing car transporter with 3 racing cars in original box that sold for £450, and a 'Captain Marvel' set of tiny toy figures, sold for £1,000.



There were of course other potential 'Big Spenders' at the preview!



Editors In Box & News Desk



WELCOME NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Our Club Membership Secretary Brian Ford and everyone else in the Dorset Branch MMOC extends a very warm welcome to the following members who have joined since the start of this year :-

Benjamin Wanklyn from Merley : Gerry Strickland from Moordown : Michael Tomkins from West Parley : Ted Brooke from Lampeter South Wales : Carole and Peter Trickett from Salisbury : Sarah and Rob Murray from Sway : Sam Petitt from Seaford East Sussex : Joanne Snowdon from Alderholt : Chris Slade from Highcliffe.

THE DORSET BRANCH CHARITY FOR 2019

Each year members have the opportunity to propose a charity for the branch to support and then members at a notified club night early each year are invited to vote for their choice. This year the chosen charity is **The LOGRES TRUST** a Poole based community and support centre for the medical condition **LUPUS**, - Briefly defined by NHS as an auto immune disease, meaning the body's natural defence system (immune system) can attack healthy tissue.

POLICE CONFUSION OVER HISTORIC VEHICLE MOT EXEMPTION!

From Geoff Lancaster of the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs :-

Following a recent incident where the driver of an historic vehicle was erroneously given notice of intended prosecution by a police officer, The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs (The Federation) has made efforts to avoid similar incidents by contacting the parties responsible seeking clarifications (Policing Roads Dept and Dept for Transport) **continued page 9**
(Obviously it's still the drivers legal responsibility to keep a car roadworthy used on roads)

CLUB MEMBERS VISIT HAYNES MUSEUM

We had 7 cars at Vines for breakfast, the Walkers attending an alternate venue, only 6 continued on to Sparkford with five classics including a Citroen 2CV. We passed several other car club outings passing the opposite way who all gave the obligatory 'Drive it Day Wave'. Sparkford Museum is always worth a visit and there was a book of condolence in the foyer following the recent passing of John Haynes, the writer of car maintenance manuals and founder of the Museum. A good day out, with good weather - and no breakdowns (as far as I know). ... Brian



EDDIE'S AUGUST GARDENING SHOW CLUBNIGHT

Please note : One extra class has been added to the Gardening Show listing (by popular request since you received last month's newsletter insert leaflet - now making a total of 14 classes in Aug. The extra class is— **Any set of 3 Peppers or 3 Chile Fruit**. Also the **Sweet Pea** class should read - **One Vase of 5 blooms**.

(A reminder of the entry listings with all the classes will be published again in the July Issue)

Items for 'IN BOX & NEWS DESK' intended for inclusion in the next website & printed issue - If possible please send in 10 days before next Clubnight date. (Subject to space available)

Secretary's Report



Good evening and welcome to the June newsletter. Very many thanks to Phil for his excellent "Antiques Roadshow" last month and thank you to all of you who brought along things to be valued. Tonight we welcome along Darren from Timeless Classics to give us a talk on restoration. Don't forget that we are out for the July clubnight at The Beach House – NOT at the SEB Club.

Well, that's it – Beaulieu has now been and gone for another year. Moggyfest 2019 was extremely successful and I would like to thank all those who had a hand in the organising and running of the event and, of course, everyone who attended with their cars. We have had lots of positive comments from everyone who entered and from Beaulieu themselves. I'll leave it to Roger to say more about Moggyfest. Looking ahead to next year we will be celebrating 40 years of the Dorset Branch so I will be looking for lots of photographs of club events over the years. Please start looking out those photo albums and, if you don't mind me borrowing them, let me have them.

Plans for the Dorset Branch Rally at Wolvercroft Garden Centre in Alderholt are now coming together. If you know anybody who would like to come please invite them to come along on the day. Also, if you know of anyone who might like a stall please let them and us know.

If you have put your name down for the Bradford Abbas Festival of Wheels I now have the final instructions which I will let you have. It looks like it going to be a very good event, all we want now is good weather so keep your fingers crossed.

Keep an eye on the events diary as there are lots of events coming up over the summer months.

We have been on several events since my last newsletter report. The Drive It Day Run to the Haynes Motor Museum, although not very well attended, was a very enjoyable day out. Quite a lot of us went along to the Breamore House Steam Up where we were blessed with sunshine. It is a very laid back rally with lots of friends there to talk cars with!

By the time you read this we will have been down to Beer in Devon for the Pecorama Classic Car Show and been to Wimborne St Giles village fete. More about these next time.

That's all from me for now, short and sweet as they say!

Happy Minorng Laurie.

BEAULIEU MOGGYFEST 2019 Award Winners



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'The Judge'
Richard Lee



MARK HARVARD
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(MMOC Chief CONCOURS Judge
Ian Murray)



Special Prize (Furthest Driven Minor)
WIN LEVITT - 140 Miles
In his 1955 Minor Saloon

BEAULIEU MOGGYFEST 2019 Award Winners



ANDREW WALLACE from Gillingham, Dorset wins Series MM Class with his 1949 MM saloon. (Also the earliest made Dorset Club Minor!)



JOHN AYRES Series II, 1954 2 door **HELENA CARR** Minor 1000 1954 2 door **MIKE POPE** Minor 1000 1966 4 door



IAN MEAKIN Traveller 1961 (Ian's Son NIGEL above) **PHIL RANDLE** Traveller 1968 **IAN MEAKIN** 1000 Convertible 1961

Round Britain Charity Driver' visits Moggyfest Beaulieu



I had the privilege of interviewing Debbie Gibbs at Beaulieu during our recent 2019 Moggyfest and National MMOC Southern Regional Rally event.

Debbie started driving her 1969 Old English White Convertible Minor 1000 around Britain on 30th April from her home at Westward Ho North Devon, (she purchased the car a year ago and it then unfortunately needed extensive costly work undertaken) This was on behalf of Cancer Research UK 'Classic Car Relay For Life'. Debbie was inspired to undertake this mammoth journey as her best friend's 15 year old daughter was suddenly diagnosed with a large and serious brain tumour.

Reaching Beaulieu marked approx 75% of the clockwise direction trip, having just come from Portsmouth to Beaulieu with Burton Bradstock. Dorset the next overnight stop. Various MMOC branches have driven in convoy with Debbie and the most recently formed North Devon MMOC branch (with just 8 members has the volunteer, Sharon McCallum driving her Minor van (signed and used for her musical instrument repair business—see photo) to escort Debbie all the way for the journey stage to from Beaulieu to Lands End. There has been no mechanical issues to date with her Morris and Debbie says it is a car she intends to keep for as long as she can drive, having fallen in love with it big time.— I wished, on behalf of DMMOC, a very determined and inspirational Debbie the best of luck on the completion of her long journey in her Minor back to Westward Ho ! (I am pleased to report that Debbie says the 15 year old girl is responding very well to initial treatment)

Roger Kellow



DORSET MINOR CLUB BLACK MUSEUM



All classic car owners have a horror story concerning components which have been seriously worn, corroded, broken, held together by string or are simply the wrong item pressed or bodged into service. ***The Editor would like to encourage readers to forward a photo and short description of any such examples for publication.*** There is no prize except the satisfaction of making owners aware of the many potential disasters that can lurk beneath the shiny exterior of a 'pre-loved' vehicle.

We start the ball rolling with something which is most definitely from one of our favourite cars, in this case a late 50's model Minor with the 948 engine Broken Exhaust Valve

A few years ago a newly recruited member bought a well-used Minor from an internet auction for what one might describe as an 'advantageous price'. He elected to drive it home, a return journey of around two hundred and fifty miles on one of the wettest days of the year.

The joy of the newly-acquired classic was dampened not only by the rain but by the fact that it only ran on three cylinders, a small detail which had been overlooked by the seller.

Our stalwart Minor owner recovered well from the traumatic journey and shortly afterwards presented his recent purchase to a small panel of 'physicians' in order for them to suggest a cure for the stuttering. A few turns of the starting handle suggested that the engine had compression on only three cylinders, so before long the head was off, revealing a badly-damaged exhaust valve on number two cylinder.

Clearly the engine had been run for a considerable time with this problem but surprisingly there was no damage to the valve seat. Repairs were swiftly carried out and our new owner drove home, firing on **all four!**

Anyone name this exhibit from the club's 'BLACK MUSEUM' ? No prizes afraid but the answer and the first knowledgeable winners will be published in the next newsletter . Ed

Photo courtesy - Martin Feltham M.R.S. Classics , Mobile Mechanic.



BEAULIEU MOGGYFEST 2019



Brian working 'the 72 hours' on spares (non stop)



Front line team briefing . National MMOC stand



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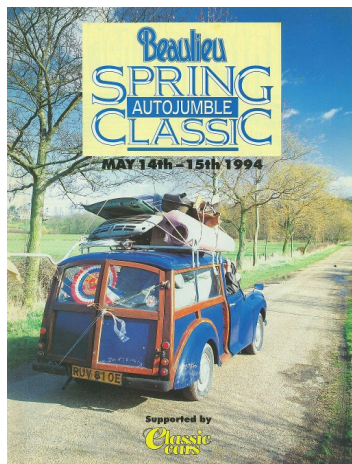
BEAULIEU DMMOC MOGGYFEST 2019

Editor's Special Report

Another successful Dorset Branch Morris Minor Owners Club 'Moggyfest' event, combining the National MMOC Southern Regional Rally, has just been held at the 25th Spring Autojumble event. At Beaulieu.—In 1994, 25 years ago, the late Edward Lord Montagu decided to augment the main Autumn Autojumble with an additional smaller 'Spring' Autojumble event, then called the 'Beaulieu Spring Classic' - To mark this special occasion Dorset MMOC staged a special display within the Dorset club's main marquee with a re-creation of the original Beaulieu 1994 programme title photo and also used on the 1994 colour supplement souvenir publication issued with Classic Car Magazine.



Lord 'Eddie' Montagu



Chris with his traveller (false number plates)

With very special thanks to :-
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STEVE LODER (for the loan of the 'autojumble' spare parts and customised number plates)
ANDY DIBB (for the loan and fitting of authentic roof rack)
PHIL BELL (Editor of Classic Car Magazine - for permission to reproduce their supplement cover.
and.. **BEAULIEU Motor Museum** (for printing the large poster copies of the original 1994 photo (also used on the original 1994 Spring Autojumble show programme)
Minors at '2019 Moggyfest' - Beaulieu recorded 8,512 event visitors that weekend !!



Police Clarify Their Stance on Historic Vehicle MOT Exemptions

(Conclusion of FBHV Letter from page 5)

We have already made available to our members (FBHVC) through the website [*\(www.fbhvc.co.uk\)](http://www.fbhvc.co.uk) a letter from the Department for Transport clarifying the position on exemptions, but it was still the case that enforcing officers had no access to a database of declarations by owners of VHIs as this data when supplied by owners is not recorded.

We therefore have sought and have just received assurances from Chief Constable Anthony Bangham, Lead on Roads Policing of the National Police Chiefs' Council that they are in agreement with the Department for Transport's letter of 11 January, which we shared with you earlier and now repeat.

Chief Constable Bangham has confirmed that police recognise that there is a presumption that where a vehicle meets the criteria as laid out by the Department of Transport (DfT) it does not require an MOT Certificate and any person using such a vehicle cannot commit an offence. Officers will not rely on declarations made at relicensing times to police this matter.

Our advice for anyone who remains concerned is simply to print a copy of the Department for Transport letter of 11 January and carry it with your other documents. (*Available to print from FBHVC website above*)

Geoff Lancaster, 07860 562659, commsdirector@fbhvc.co.uk

Editor's notes

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NEWS From The CLUB SPARES MANAGER



I hope you all had a great weekend at Beaulieu at our Moggyfest Show for this year. For me it seemed to go very quickly and the spares tent was very busy – and as usual more busy on the Saturday than the Sunday. Roger's displays were very well received and we got lots of complimentary comments about it. We are truly blessed to have the services of someone like him. Beaulieu is about the only time approximately 90% of the spares see the light of day. Some items only seem to sell when they are on show. Some people come in with lists but most try to remember what they need and if they don't see it, they don't buy it. The layout of the items is quite important and there is probably a little room for improvement in that department. Where the volume of different items has grown over the years, the storage situation has become a little haphazard lately. I have resolved to rationalise it somewhat over the next few months so that things are a little easier to find (as well as all the other things that need doing!) hanks to those that helped out in the 'shop' over the weekend – particularly Ian Chivers



Electronic Ignition. Opinions are divided as to the merits of electronic ignition. On the plus side, it is one less thing to worry about at servicing time, as it needs no maintenance. Also, they produce a more efficient spark at the plugs which burns the fuel more efficiently and aids cold starting. On the negative side, people who have a healthy distrust of 'black boxes' are justifiably wary of anything that cannot be fixed at the roadside. In my experience, the only way to make things last for ever is to carry a spare one in the boot. The answer then, to make sure it never breaks down, is to carry an old but known 'good' distributor in the boot as a spare so you or the AA man* can put it back in. We have had a few members install Electronic Ignition kits lately. The club has in the past supplied the 'reasonably priced' Accuspark kits which fit into your existing distributor. However, we had several unserviceable units returned – so we didn't order any further ones. With hindsight, it appeared that (probably) most of the units that were returned failed because of (a) incorrect electrical connection or (b) use with a 'suspect' ignition coil. The former problem is a fatal error with no second chances. Due to the low cost, I suspect that the circuit does not incorporate a protection diode to stop this from frying the innards. The second issue is less obvious but use with an old coil with a low resistance will permit too many amps to pass through the delicate electronic module. This, of course doesn't matter with standard points. The electronic ignition module would then fail after a short time. My recommendation was for the Lumenition kit for the standard 25D distributor which was sold by ESM. I have had them fitted to our Traveller and 4 door saloon for many trouble free years. However, I recently found that ESM don't supply them any more and now recommend the **Accuspark Electronic distributor** (as shown in the photo). This too, is reasonably priced (about £64 to members) and is much easier to fit. They do strongly recommend that you take the precaution of fitting a new coil. I would add the further precaution of making sure you wire it correctly as well – since they will still be destroyed by incorrect connections!

*Other roadside breakdown services are available.

Brian Wood

For Sale - Spare Parts & Wanted

Most of you will be aware that the Branch has had it's own Morris Minor Spares Department for quite a while now. It continues to do well and returns a reasonable surplus to club funds every year. So it would appear to be a relevant and useful part of the Dorset Branch activities. Please try to support it when you can. I can usually bring your orders along to the Branch Meetings (or other activities - if I am going to them!). We also have at least one annual 'outing' for the spares tent, usually at Beaulieu and our Branch Rally where you can buy your bits. Don't forget also that most parts can be bought from us with a 10% discount. We can also get larger items delivered directly to you ,but sometimes postage charges apply. **Brian Wood**

FOR SALE: 1098cc Engine and Gearbox.

Believed to be in usable working order when removed. Offers invited (see below):

Rear Traveller GRP wings: Again, offers invited. Tony Parker—01425 652396



Rebuilt **HS2 carburettors** for 948 and 1098 £105 each plus £25 exchange surcharge. (Others reconditioned to order—please ask Brian)

Unleaded 1098cc reconditioned cylinder heads now available. £210 exchange. (Small Stud packs £10 and gasket set £10.75) (Branch Spares). JUST ONE 1098 and TWO 948 LEFT!



CLUB MEMBER DISCOUNTS Dorset Club Spares give paid up members the benefit of a 10% discount on Morris Minor Spares (unless not already on offer or a discount from the club's supplier is not available) Spares parts available from Club Spares Manager **BRIAN WOOD**.

(Also see Brian's 'Club Spares News Page' on page 15 opposite)

Dave Walker, has, for the benefit of members , recently negotiated preferential terms from **MOTABITZ** — on production of your valid DMMOC membership card (See page 22)

MINOR WHEELS , GOING FREE :-

Brian Tilley has 9 used Minor wheels if you need a spare or spares ! Some have tyres of unknown condition . **CONTACT BRIAN**
Or they will be dumped end of June !

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We also offer cycle parts and accessories!

Chairmans Report



Good evening and welcome to June's clubnight. Tonight is a talk on Classic Car Restoration, Darren Budding of Timeless Classics. This is the first time the club has had a talk on car restoration so I hope the members learn something and also enjoy the evening.

July Clubnight will be a run to the Beach House (Lord Nuffield's House at Milford on Sea) THE MEETING IS NOT AT THE ELECTRICITY CLUB. Also, on the 6th July is the Burton Scout Carnival. Please be on site by 11:00 am because the road will be closed for the carnival parade. The Branch Rally is back by popular demand by Branch Members and friends – so just turn up and enjoy the weekend. If you would like to join us for the Saturday evening meal, please complete the bottom of the rally form and return it to Jacky Wood. If you would like to book a stall at the rally, or know someone involved with a charity, the pitch is free of charge. Please let one of the Committee know.

Moggyfest this year went very well with the Beaulieu Events team very impressed with the Branch Display in honour of the 25th Anniversary of the Spring Autojumble event. Many thanks to Roger for his display of . Thanks to Chris Slade for the loan of his very nice Morris Traveller and Steve Loder for the loan of the parts for display on top of the car. Also, thanks to the Committee volunteers for their hard work over the weekend. Of course, big thanks to the members for donating all the lovely cakes – served with a cup of tea or coffee by Lyn and Neville Gerry.

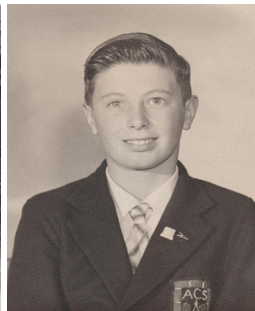
The Branch Newsletter is looking good with some new ideas – thanks to Roger for taking over the post of Editor.

I was sorry to hear that Lyn will be standing down as one of the Catering Ladies in October – so a big thanks for all her hard work over many years.

That's all for now, happy motoring, John Jenkinson.

MEET THE DORSETMMOC KEY MEMBERS

Jackie and Dave Walker (Dorset Branch Regalia Department.)



Dave and Jackie are two long serving, very well known active club members who regularly can be recognised at the vast majority of club-nights and many club events. Dave was born in Cheshire in 1943 and then after his dad sold the family business (A flour milling company that actually the predecessor of the large Kingsmill company today) the family moved down to the Brentford, London area. Jackie was born and brought up in that very same

area. Later on in the 1960's when Jackie was aged 16 and Dave was aged 17, both in their early days of employment, by chance worked in the same main administration office of British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC). They formed a genuine 'workplace based' friendship and got along extremely well. Jackie particularly remembers Dave driving his new Messerschmitt 3 wheeled car at that time, it provided the convenience of dry covered transport using his moped licence.

Eventually they each decided to move on from the BOAC offices each choosing to go their own separate ways and to explore the outside world and far flung places. It was later on (again by a chance timing) that personal circumstances dictated that it would be preferable for each to return to where they used to know as home. Having kept in touch since their earlier days of working together they decided to re-kindle their original friendship, and this time it soon led to the decision to marry. The ceremony was held at Brentford Registry Office in 1972. Although it was a very happy day for the couple Jackie recalls it rained heavily all day and the hired photographer was extremely late due to being caught speeding by the police. He arrived in such a panic he only had time to take a few quick photos. Unfortunately his professional expertise did not include the fact that if you take photos of people against a large mirror the flash will ruin 'all' the photos (discovered after developing!) One relative did take just one 'fuzzy' photo and that is the only cherished picture the couple have today of that happy event at Brentford in 1972.



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After Brentford, seven years later (early 70's) saw Dave's responsibilities in the Insurance industry taking acceptance of a posting to Wolverhampton. During this period they owned their very first Morris Minor, it was a black Minor 1000 traveller. In the late 70's and through into the 80's more posting with more job responsibilities followed. Croydon next and then onto East Grinstead when Jackie then owned Minor no 2 (her own 2 door Minor for work) A whole string of different cars followed in the next few years including a Triumph, Hillman Hunter, Ford Corsair, VW Split Screen Camper, and a Jag, etc. - together with the odd Minors explains Dave!! Into the 90's and then Dave finally accepted his final promotion to Frizzell House Bournemouth. Involving the decision to live in St Leonards, where they still live happily in very the same house today.

Dave is now retired and ever since Jackie first met him, she recalls, has always maintained a very keen interest in classic 'older' vintage cars and particularly vehicles of the 'more unusual'. **The Walkers today now own Four Morris Minors**, one of which, a two 2 door, is unusually, automatic. Also a series II convertible and a smoke grey 4 door 'named 'Satan' due to the number plate having numbers 666 (All together a splendid total of 10 Minors have been owned during all the years they have been together!) Today their impressive collection of vehicles include a 1924 Morris Cowley, a Ford Model 'T', A Studebaker, purchased in the States, not forgetting an extensive assortment of classic mopeds and scooters (Just to name a few) Jackie also still finds time to enjoy folk dancing and gardening as other enjoyable hobbies. Jackie and Dave have been running the Regalia Dept for at least 5 years, having previously been raffle organisers and fulfilling an assortment of other voluntary roles in the past for the Dorset branch. The club's large storage shed is even housed, courtesy of the Walkers, in their garden for storing various Dorset branch rally event items. **All in all a very supportive and committed pair of popular branch members.**



The Studebaker 'all the way from Vegas'



Please don't forget to browse through Jackie and Dave's selection of Club Regalia next time you see them at any future event - having taken a lot of time and effort transporting and displaying their merchandise. There are some innovative items they have sourced including a range of bespoke personalised /illustrated tool boxes and some interesting old classic style signs etc. (No obligation just to look, and I always find they listen to any feedback)—you may even be tempted to buy a special present for yourself, or perhaps 'another' featuring the Dorset Branch's name —Roger