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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.

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### Forthcoming Events (see also [www.dorsetmmoc.co.uk](http://www.dorsetmmoc.co.uk))

#### 2019

6 March: **CLUBNIGHT**—Talk by Probation Officer  
3 April: **CLUBNIGHT**—Hobbies Evening  
6 April: Dukes Auction Preview Day  
16 April: Quiz—Hamworthy Club at 7:30 for 8:00 start  
28 April: Drive it Day run to Haynes Motor Museum, Sparkford  
(meeting at Vines for breakfast at 8:30-9:00) No entry form but need names for breakfast (to Jacky)  
1 May: **CLUBNIGHT**—Antiques evening hosted by Phil Traves  
11-12 May: Breamore Steam up  
18-19 May: **MOGGYFEST AT BEAULIEU SPRING AUTOJUMBLE.**  
1 June: Wimborne St Giles Fete  
5 June: **CLUBNIGHT**—Talk on... (not decided yet)  
8 June: Bradford Abbas Festival of Wheels  
8-9 June: Moors Valley Railway Grand Summer Gala 2019  
22-23 June: Bristol Classic Car Show—Bath and West Showground Shepton Mallet  
23 June: HAMMOC Rally at the Bursldon Brick Works (Pre-booked only)  
3rd July: **CLUBNIGHT (NOT AT ELECTRIC CLUB)** Run out to The Beach House Milford on Sea SO41 0PT.  
7 July: Broughton Pageant of Transport, Buckholt Rd, SO20 8DA  
13-14 July: **DMMOC BRANCH RALLY** Wolvercroft Garden Centre SP6 3BE  
13 July: West Moors Village Fete  
28 July: Mid Summer Saunter  
4 August: Lymington Car Show, Woodside Park Lymington  
7 August: **CLUBNIGHT**—Gardening Competition hosted by Eddie  
9-11 August—Purbeck Rally—Worgret Road, Wareham BH20 6AB  
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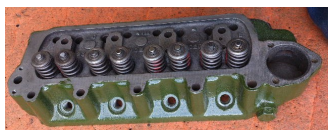
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# Dorset Branch Newsletter

**MORRIS MINOR OWNERS  
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**Volume 22 Issue 4**



**CLUBNIGHT ACTIVITY:**  
Talk by Probation Officer

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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

Hello and welcome to the March edition of our newsletter—the official ‘mouthpiece’ of the DMMOC. You have probably realised that we are seeking a new volunteer to edit the newsletter in the future following Natasja’s resignation last month. On behalf of myself and the Committee, I would like to thank Natasja for her contribution to the branch over the last (almost) 2 years of unfailing newsletter production. Your effort was much appreciated.

We have got a new advertiser this month (page 6) - Motabitz of Fern-down. They have agreed to give us ‘trade’ discount on their extensive parts range on production of a current membership card. Thank you to Andy Dibb for his article on ‘souping up’ your Moggie to the tune of 5Hp. (Well it all helps!) Unleashing extra power like that usually means slightly better fuel economy. There are lots of other tips in ‘Vizard’ and we will have to investigate a few more of them for the newsletter in the future.

We have got lots of exciting ‘stuff’ lined up for this year as we have decided to hold Moggyfest as usual in May (18-19) although we are in a different location this year (still at Beaulieu!). In addition, due to popular demand, we are having a ‘traditional’ branch rally in July (14th). See the article in this newsletter.

On the 6 April, we have arranged to go to the Duke’s Auction room in Dorchester for an antiques auction viewing in the afternoon—courtesy of Phillip Traves. John has arranged a trip to the Juke Box show in Brighton on 27th April. See JJ if you are interested. The following day is the annual ‘Drive it Day’ when we are all encouraged to get out in our classic cars. Most of us don’t need much prompting—so we are having a run to Sparkford Haynes Motor Museum at Yeovil. We are meeting up at the Vines Garden Centre for breakfast at 08:30-09:00 leaving at about 10:00 for the drive to Yeovil.

So—plenty of activities planned for this year, no excuses—get those Minors rolling!



*Brian (Temporary Guest Editor) Wood*

gaskets and you will get another 5 bhp more performance.

I have gone a step further and fitted a heated manifold off of a mini/metro which will further increase performance as it is shaped to increase fuel flow into the engine. (you will need to replace carb with a HIF type). These are easily found in any of the mini suppliers catalogues and not unduly expensive.

Fitting the heated manifold requires cutting the copper heating tube that runs around the rocker cover to suit and fitting 2 pieces of heater hose, with 4 jubilee clips.

This modification can be reversed quite easily as cast manifolds are still easily available and the heated manifold can be reversed as well but with the addition of a new copper heating pipe easily available still.

I have been asked if I notice the difference and the answer is yes, however I think if I had the saloon engine then the increase in power would have been greater.

I hope this article is of interest and that I may have encouraged you to gain a few more BHP out of your Minor. I cannot take any credit for this mod as it is Viz’s research.

*Tuning the A series engine by David Vizard, Haynes Publishing, ISBN 1 85960 620 2. page 135 single SU inlet manifolds.*

*Photos show the manifold after splitting into two separate pieces.*





## How to Get an Extra 5HP—Andy Dibb

After stripping down the van engine to see what needed replacing or re boring I discovered that the engine was an original low compression type with dished pistons which meant low bhp (not much vroom vroom vroom).

The plan was to use the van as a run-around and not a load carrying vehicle. I had fitted a saloon differential which helped to increase the top speed however not the performance of a saloon.

I had the idea of replacing the pistons but due to the excellent condition of the bores and pistons I dropped that idea.

My daughter found a copy of the famous and at the time hard to get hold of Vizard's tuning the A series engine book on the Amazon website. As members are probably aware the A series engines were fitted to most BMC cars of this era either inline or transverse.

She ordered Viz's masterpiece and I spent many winter evenings daydreaming about boring out the engine to extremes and fitting high lift cams which would spin up the A series to frightening high outputs. Eventually as always happens sense prevails I found a mod for a gain of 5 bhp which would involve a bit of my effort and not a lot of cost.

The cast iron manifold combines both the exhaust and carburettor inlet in one casting, which I would imagine was down to manufacturing cost. The problem with this arrangement is the heat transfers from the exhaust into the inlet side and partly vaporises the air fuel mixture causing power loss.

The way to gain extra power is to separate the two. It is possible to do this however it is much easier to obtain 2 manifolds and chop the inlet off one and exhaust side from the other.

You will need to use a cutting disc (thin one) to take off the unwanted sections and a grinding disc (thick one) to grind away the piece joining the two together. It is important you clamp the manifold firmly while working on it and most importantly wear eye protection (googles are best) and stout leather work gloves.

You grind away the previous joining area until you achieve a small gap between the two where air can pass. Then refit the separated halves with new

## Editor's In-Box



'A change is as good as a rest' as the saying goes. We broke with the tradition of the last 4 or 5 years of using the Liston Hotel in Boscombe for our annual dinner and dance and went, instead to the Durdley Golf Club at Ferndown. The date for the annual fixture was Saturday 12 January 2019 and the attendance was adequate at about 66 or so. The meal was pretty good – we didn't hear too many complaints and Paul, the DJ did an excellent job on the music front with some live music followed by the usual dance floor favourites. Some of the participants stayed the night. The room charges were a little higher than usual but you had free run of the

hotel's facilities (ie gym, pool, sauna etc) . We didn't really have an excuse as we only live about 10 minutes away. The trophies for the various car classes were awarded with the following winners:

Laurie Blewer- Series 2, Mike Sheppard – Series MM, Brian Ford- Commercial, Olivia Akam – Convertible, Roger Kellow – 4 door Saloon, Traveller – Andy Dibb, Nick Odell – Chairman's Choice.

We had a great time, and already looking forward to next year.



## Secretary's Report

Good evening everyone and welcome to the March newsletter. Thank you to everyone who came along to last month's clubnight and the annual Blind Auction where you raised the fantastic sum of £305. Tonight we are having a talk by The Probation Service. Don't forget that next month is Hobbies Night where we ask you all to bring along examples of your other hobbies apart from Morris Minors! For this year's July clubnight we will be having a run out to The Beach House Hotel at Barton on Sea. This is a beautiful hotel and was once the home of William Morris, Lord Nuffield.



We have got lots of events in the diary including some new ones. On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April we will be visiting Dukes Auctioneers in Dorchester. The Wimborne St Giles Village Fete is on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June from midday. This is a lovely event in the heart of Dorset held in a very picturesque village. No booking is necessary, just turn up. I have booked us a club stand at The Bradford Abbas Festival of Wheels on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June. This looks like it will be a good show and they already have over 160 vehicles booked in. Our club stand is for 15 vehicles and 8 places are taken already. Please let me know if you want to come. The Lymington Show is on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August. I know that lots of you will have booked in for this great show but could you please let me know if you have so I know how many to expect on the club stand. The Sherborne Castle Show is on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July. Please let me know if you are interested in coming along and if there is enough interest I will arrange for a club stand.

We have now finalised the arrangements for the Dorset Branch Rally which will be held at The Wolvercroft Garden Centre in Alderholt on the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July. This will include a visit to Westival in West Moors on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>. An entry form will be available shortly for this event.

Have you got your entry form in yet for Moggyfest 2019 at the Beaulieu Spring Autojumble? Entries for this are coming in at a steady pace everyday but you only have until 31<sup>st</sup> March to get yours in!

You may have noticed that this newsletter has not been edited by Natasja who has decided to step down as editor. I would like to thank her for her hard work during the period she has been putting the newsletter together. We are now on the hunt for a new editor so if you fancy the challenge please let one of us know. That's all from me for this month, so until next time, Happy Minor-ing Laurie.

## Chairman's Report

Good evening and welcome to March Clubnight. Tonight is a talk by a probation officer, so those members who have been a bit 'naughty' had better sit at the back of the hall!

It was a shame that the Committee had to cancel the Barn Dance due to lack of support. I would like to thank all the members for their support on the February Clubnight which was the Charity Blind Auction, also the Auctioneer, Mr Roy Gale for all his enthusiasm and hard work in raising £305.00. Well done to all the members and thank you.

April's Clubnight is Hobbies Evening and for any new members I will try to explain. We are all interested in the Morris Minor but some of us have other hobbies, such as: photography, painting, collecting car badges, radios, model cars and ceramics—just to mention a few. So bring them along to clubnight so that the other members can see what you get up to and what your other interests are.

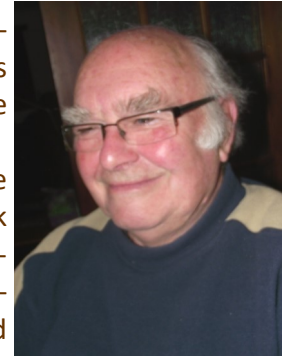
Moggyfest at Beaulieu is on the 18-19 May and it is filling up so get your booking forms in as soon as possible. Laurie and I went over to Beaulieu last week to look at the new location to sort out the power and water for the tea and coffee stall. We also looked at the possible layout for the display of vehicles and the marquee for the spare parts.

For July's clubnight we are going on a run to Lord Nuffield's old house at Milford on Sea. This is booked and Andy, Denise, Ann and I have been to have a look at it and speak to the manager. He was very pleased to be able to host the club and some Morris Minors.

The Branch Rally on 12-14 July will be at the Wolvercroft Garden Centre near Alderholt. On Saturday 13 we are planning to do a display of vehicles at the West Moors Village Fete. Sunday will be the main Rally day.

I would like to thank Natasja Dumay for her stewardship of the Branch Newsletter for the last 2 years—best wishes to her for the future.

John Jenkinson





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It's not to go and fight for King and Country, however, but just to edit our Newsletter every month from now until... well, whenever you can?

Ideally it needs to be someone who can attend the branch meetings every month and hopefully the Committee Meetings as well. Committee night is usually the third Wednesday of the month. You will be entitled to evening refreshments as well! You will be inundated with material for the newsletter each month and will have to get a bigger inbox to cope with it all. (Sorry, got carried away there). You might get the odd contribution from the membership, who actually aren't too bad at writing stuff. They sometimes need a little positive coercion, however.

So, what else can I say? If you do it methodically and start the next newsletter when the last is finished, any contributions or ideas etc throughout the month can be added in. Then you can tidy it all up ready for sending to print about 10 days before the Branch Clubnight. Seriously, though, it need not take up a huge amount of your time. I am happy to assist the Editor and I usually manage the printing process and the issue of the web version of the newsletter to those that want to see it online. I have always used Microsoft Publisher for the newsletter, but its not compulsory. You will need access to a computer and suitable software. We might be able to help with the purchase of the software if you don't already have it.

If you think you can help (PLEASE—otherwise I'll have to do it again for the next 20 years and you don't want that!) let's have a chat. Oh, nearly forgot, Salary £0.00 per year, no expenses, but a cup of tea and a bikkie at Committee every month. **Brian Wood.**



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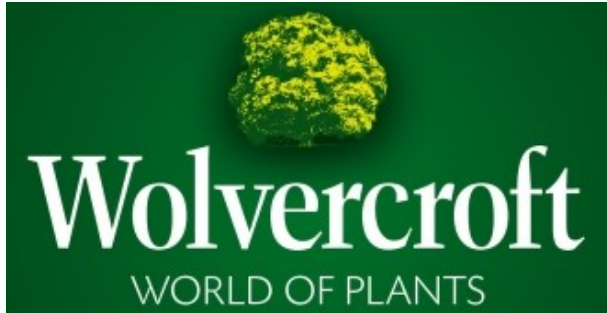
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Hurrah!, the Branch Rally is back this year by popular demand following a break of a few years. Our last regular venue—the Avon Heath Country Park was gradually shrinking due to development at the same time our Rally was growing. Having been organising the Moggyfest events at Beaulieu every Spring for the last few years, we didn't think there was a demand for the 'traditional' Branch Rally in the summer—as well. But quite a few of you have expressed a desire to have a one-day rally—like we used to do. After much research, we have settled on The Wolvercroft Garden Centre in Alderholt near Fordingbridge. We checked it out during the February 'Heatwave'. As you can see from the photograph it is quite a big field. It is situated on the B3078 between Alderholt and Fordingbridge (to the west of Fordingbridge). The address is: Wolvercroft World of Plants, Fordingbridge Road, Alderholt, Dorset, SP6 3BE. There is a Tea Room which will be open all day and available for a Saturday evening meal for those that want it. We have also arranged for camping on site, again for those with tents or caravans among you. We are planning to attend 'Westival' on the Saturday afternoon. Details to be confirmed, Stalls will be allowed as long as they are not competing with the Garden Centre. There will be no charge for the stalls, but you are politely requested to make a donation (especially if you have a good day!)

The meal choice is as follows:

- (1) Baked potato with Chili con Carne
- (2) Baked potato with Coronation Chicken
- (3) Baked potato with beans and cheese



There will be a licensed bar for drinks. Cakes and Ice creams will also be available for purchase if you want them. (Hot drinks as well).

We will also have the spares tent on site with spares available on the Sunday.

So, we would like to see a good level of support for this Rally, so we have included an entry form with this newsletter and you can also download it from the website Events page.

**Charges:** There is no charge for entry into the Rally.

There will be no charge for camping but you need to book

The meal cost will be £6.00 per head (pre-booked and paid)

So there can't be any excuse for not coming. Lets have those forms back as soon as you like.

*Brian*

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