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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

Advertising: Cars or spares for sale or wanted £5 per entry (Free to members). Traders advertisements: £30 per year.

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### A Travellers Tale (part 1) Cont.....

Included are some photos taken during the rebuild. There's still more to do of course, but it's slowly coming together.

Nigel is now putting more metal back on than he is taking off!

The quality of the welding and work done so far is very impressive.

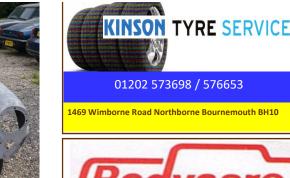
The plan is to have it on the road by the end of March – but these things always take longer than planned----!

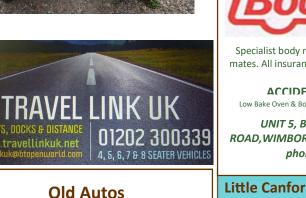
When it is finished it will be a 1959 built car that will be fit for driving on the roads in 



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# A Travellers Tale (Part 1)

What started out as an idea is now turning out to be a reality!

It all started when I asked Nigel Seymour if he knew anyone selling a Traveller. I was planning on selling my 1971 Morris Minor Pick-up and going for something a bit more practical for myself and the Management.

A Traveller would also be able to accommodate one of my N-gauge model railways when taking them to exhibitions.

Just by coincidence, Nigel had picked up a 1959 traveller that morning from Torquay. It was in need of complete restoration, but a deal was done.

With a complete ground up restoration it would at least pave the way for a few modifications, including changing the colour from Black to Frilford Grey but retaining the red interior.

Firstly everything that could be taken off was taken off and the body shell sand blasted. We were delighted to see that there was some metal left between the holes! But never mind. Nigel was sure that whatever panels were not available he could make. A start was made. Engine and gearbox change. Out with the 1098cc engine and in witha completely overhauled 1275cc Midget engine (Brian Wood the expert here) coupled up to a 5 speed Sierra gearbox sourced from Glasgow.

Complete overhaul of the rear brakes with new wheel cylinders, brake shoes, brake drums, brake pipes, oil seals, etc. Road springs retained, gas shock conversion. Front suspension overhaul with gas shocks, anti-roll bar, Marina disc brakes, remote brake servo and master cylinder refill, hydraulic clutch master cylinder.

Panels so far replaced or repaired - front panel, front inner wings, engine tie plates, chassis rails, floor, inner and outer sills. A and B posts, rain gutters, scuttle, roof, rear inner wings, cross member, spring hangers.

Other mods include, 2 speed wipers and changing the "clap hands" to later type, LED lights, electronic ignition, up rated coil, alternator, HT leads, wiring harness etc. Also of course all new wood which has had a preservative, an undercoat and will have two top coats of Sikkens Light Oak.





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### NEXT CLUBNIGHT

**ANTIQUES EVENING Hosted by Phil Traves** 

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DORSET BRANCH MMOC NEWSLETTER May 2019

## **Editorial**

### Welcome to May (It's Spring!!)

With natures own signs of spring fully established and in spite of the sometimes fickle 'on and off' British weather . Summer is actually just around the corner as I now start off as your 'new 'fledgling' Editor ......

Welcome to the May edition!

"Spring is sprung & the grass is riz" was the old saying regularly quoted in our household this time of year, when as a very young lad I was lucky enough to be brought up in the town of Sherborne, Dorset.

It's a super thought that we can look forward to the prospect of enjoying more of our 'great

outdoors', together with many more proposed club events. The longer days ahead being a good reason to be driving out in our own special Minors.

### Some events request 'pre-booking 'and .a few events don't.

When forthcoming events ask for some type of pre-booking from you - I will, whenever possible indicate this in future as a reminder on the Events ListingPage .( for the very latest event updates see www.dorsetmmoc.co.uk) The Minor's younger 'sibling' relation the Mini is 60 years old!

Particular thanks to Stuart Keeping for his excellent article (pages 8/9) featuring that other (revolutionary at the time ) small car, launched 1959 and sharing it's Morris/BMC 'DNA' heritage with the Minor. The second Alec Issigonis 'Inspirational drawing board concept' that became a reality.

'Meet the Dorset Club Team' I hope you like no.1 of a brand new proposed running feature (pages10/12) - the first in a series of short profiles intended to acknowledge key club members contributions and commitment over the years to the Dorset branch by particular individuals.

### Any 'Club News'? - We would all like to hear!

Any items of news or information you may feel would be of particular interest to other fellow Dorset MMOC Branch Club Members.

Please do send in to the 'Editors In Box & News Desk' Ideally 10 days before the next clubnight, in time for the next Newsletter publication on web and printed version subject to space each month.

In the meantime simply enjoy driving 'out and about' (wherever you choose to go) in your own special Minor ......Roger Kellow



Olivia Akam—Welcome to Olivia's amazing crafted 'mini me 'world even including a miniature car tool kit.



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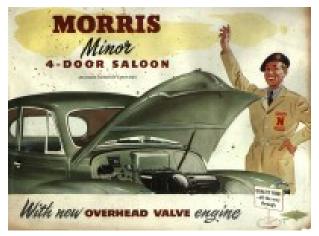
Also with thanks to the following other members for also displaying their Hobby items:

HOBBIES EVENING Cont.....

1965

Sue Parrington - Interesting and unusual Books Tony Ware—'N' Gauge miniature locomotives and rolling stock Ian Chivers - Kayak boats and equipment (Apologies to anyone I may have missed—Ed.)

FOR THOSE WHO SAID THEY DO NOT HAVE MUCH TIME FOR MANY 'OTHER' HOBBIES .....THIS IS FOR YOU!!



### **CLUBNIGHT HOBBIES EVENING Editors Special Report**

I always thought the greater majority of Morris Minor owners generally prove to be rather interesting individuals - We tend to really appreciate things made in the older traditional ways and also those hand crafted items that require a degree of dedication and skill.

The April clubnight proved this very much to be the case when several club members brought in and displayed examples of their other hobby interests (beside Morris Minors) Here's just half a dozen photos I managed to take :-

### **Don Carey** -Car Footpumps (dating form 1911-on)



David Delanev— High Precision steam locomotive project example.



Dee Houghton - Colourful and Intricate embroidery



Andv Dibb - 'All things Bells' with St Thomas's Church old bell 'clapper')



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# Editors In Box & \*NEWS DESK

On Saturday April 6th Chris Hope-Jones married Rachael at St Mary's Church Dintol \* REPORT by DAVE WALKER

Natasja's Traveller was on bridesmaid duty and a very nice T series Bently ran as the bridal car. They had kindly arranged a road run to where the reception was being held. The run was all around the small villages towards the west of Salisbury and a really great drive. They even provided drinks and nibbles for us all which was very kind.



Unfortunately we were unable to stay for the additional evening run due to a pre-existing Theatre visit but if it was anything like the one in the afternoon it would have been brilliant. You can see some of the classic cars in the picture and for the sake of the honour of Dorset Branch our Cavalier was kept out of it. As you can see the selection of vehicles includes TVRs and a Land Rover which are Chris' other make interests. Two of the Minor owners expressed interest in joining Dorset Branch so contact details have been forwarded. Chris and Helen Kinloch who organise the Minors on Tour in their green traveller were there and one Minor owner even drove over from Essex! Many of us old car enthusiasts commented that it was the first time we had seen Chris without his shorts on! Don't misunderstand this, he did have the correct trousers for the formal attire! (sorry but could not get a picture to confirm this. Rachel looked superb as in the photo and we were lucky with the weather. Dave Walker.

BURTON SCOUT CARNIVAL A reminder from Brian Tilley ... If your'e thinking of going please be on site by 11am July 6th as Martins Hill Lane closes after then for the Carnival . Craft tent, Stalls, food, central arena with timed activities. No entrance fee for any classic car—booking not required, just turn up as per above timing.

### \*CLUB MEMBERS VISIT DUKES

Sat 6th April. On view were Toys & Collectables, Vintage Radios and Retro Clothing etc. A fascinating morning thanks to Phil Traves The full report on this, together with Phil's Clubnight Antiques Evening (1st May) will appear later in the June edition Newsletter.



# Secretary's Report

### **SECRETARYS REPORT - MAY 2019**

Good evening and welcome to the May clubnight. Last month's Hobbies Night brought out a good mixture of different interests – all miles away from Morris Minors. Following on from our visit to Dukes in Dorchester last month, tonight is Phil's Antiques Roadshow which always proves to be a brilliant evening. Next month we welcome along Darren from Timeless Classic Cars Co who will be giving us a talk on restoration.



This years Moggyfest plans are pretty much there with an excellent number of entries received. As usual we will need some help with the marshalling but by about 9am or thereabouts your day will be yours to do as you wish. Hopefully the passes etc are sorted by the time you read this and you've now got yours.

Don't forget to let me know if you want to attend the A30/A35 Owners Club International Rally at the Swanage and Wareham Rugby Club on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May. If you have put your name down for the Bradford Abbas Festival Of Wheels on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June I still have 4 places left. If you are on Facebook take a look at their page – it looks like it going to be an excellent day. I have details of another new show for us to which we have been invited. The Broadstone Fun Day is on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July and is free of charge to enter. It is being held on Broadstone Recreation Ground and the entry forms are here for you tonight. So far I have only had a couple of members who want to attend the Sherborne Castle Classic Car Show on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July. Unfortunately, it's not worth booking a club stand for 2 cars so unless I get more interest I won't be booking a club stand and you will have to enter as individuals. As I'm sure you are all aware club member Maggie Gardner sadly died a few weeks ago. John and I have been over to see her husband and to advise him on the best way to sell her vehicles. Therefore, if anyone is looking for a really nice 1962 4 door saloon or a newly restored 1970 Traveller please have a word with either John or myself.

We have just returned from a 5 day break in Cornwall. I was very surprised that I only saw 1 Minor in the whole time we were there – a Traveller pulling strongly up the hill out of Perranporth! When we got back it was time for the Classic Cars on the Prom gathering on Christchurch Quay. Although it was an extremely cold day there was, amazingly, 384 cars in attendance. If the sun shines for their next one who knows how many will turn up!!

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

# Forthcoming Events see also www.dorsetmmoc.co.uk

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

| MAY 1st        | CLUBNIGHT Antiques Evening hosted by Phil Traves   | NO             |
|----------------|--|----------------|
| MAY 11th/12th  | Breamore Steam Up  | NO             |
| May 18/19th    | MOGGYFEST - BEAULIEU (At the Spring Autojumble)  | YES            |
| JUNE 1st       | Wimborne St Giles Fete   | YES            |
| JUNE 5th       | CLUBNIGHT Talk -Darren Budding Classic Car Restorations  | 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            |
| JULY 3rd       | CLUBNIGHT ( * NOT AT ELECTRIC CLUB) RUN OUT to<br>Beach House, Milford-On-Sea, SO4 0PT<br>* If food is wanted see Jacky for arrangements and forms | *Meal<br>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 ,<br>Shepton Mallet, Somerset.  | YES            |
|                | •  | •              |

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# For Sale - Spare Parts & Wanted

Please mention where you saw the ad when you respond, thanks



Much admired 1972 Morris Minor LCV pick up 56,000 miles present owner 10 years and heated garage stored . No known mechanical faults, needs minor TLC to body work. Mods include servo assisted brakes, reconditioned engine and clutch, tow bar. MOT until January 2020. Phone Derek Shearman on 01258 857492 / 07593 623721. (East Dorset) PRICE ON APPLICATION.

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 invit-

ed. Tony Parker—01425 652396

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!



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



**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 7)

**Dave Walker,** has, for the benefit of members , recently negotiated a discount of 10% from **MOTABITZ** — on production of your valid DMMOC membership card

(Maybe check with Motabitz on an item that may be already on special discounted offer.)

### MINOR WHEELS, GOING FREE:-

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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!

07517127458



Call any member of the team on 01202 894080 to get exclusive MMOC discount across a range of vehicle parts and accessories!

We also offer cycle parts and accessories!



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 -

In the time we have been doing this we have come up with 3 new ideas for improvements to the Minor and invested in small scale production of them.

We are still selling the extendable bonnet stay which now appears to be quite a popular item invented by us and made exclusively now by East Sussex Minors. The normal price is £33 (£29.70 to Branch members).



Some of you may have seen the electronic brake light switches which we have also produced. A dozen or so prototypes were distributed and seemed to work well. These get around the problem of the unreliability of the standard hydraulic switch and operate the brake lights as soon as you touch the brake pedal. We have had one on our 4 door saloon for over 2 years now and there have been no problems so far. We now have the production ones for sale at £39.50 (£35.55 to members). (See photo)

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# FROM 'MINOR' TO 'MINI' MINOR (and Austin Seven!) HAPPY 60th

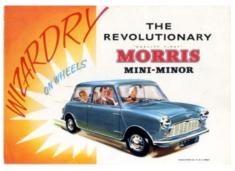


### By Stuart Keeping

60 is a number that could mean a lot or not, that would depend on your take of the passage of time, your classic car which now takes pride of place in your garage will have influenced the next generation of car, but our Morris car which was born in 1948 from the austerity of the peace at the end WW2 has one major character which it shares with the next generation of vehicle design, that design was so radical it changed the face of motoring forever, two vehicles that share the same de-

signer who was of course called Alec Issigoniss.

The Morris Minor conventional in its design and mechanical layout followed for its entire production life a path of only cosmetic improvement it was never flash or loud it was not in your face motoring screaming round corners and upsetting the vicar, Morris was respectable staid and driven by the vicar trusted like a favourite Aunt, petted as



good friend but now as a classic car cosseted by it's present owners.

So why did this designer deviate from classical design to give birth to the Mini? launched onto an unsuspecting motoring public August 1959, meaning this year the humble mini is 60 years old.

We know BMC and its Chairman whose thoughts influenced by the Suez crisis were determined to destroy those nasty little 3 wheelers that were being imported from the continent, who amongst us now remember those two stroke smokers? some



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of us would now not admit it but we actually wanted one, they were dryer than cycling to your workplace in the rain! and if you got lucky you got a girl or boy to share that cozy space whilst you cruised the open road.

The mini was not when launched an immediate best selling motoring icon, the general public in 1959 liked a car that looked like a proper car not a small boxy car with tiny wheels, so after a flurry of press releases the

### MEET THEDORSET MMOC KEYMEMB ...Cont.

**Lyn Gerry** was born in Dover in 1951 and grew up in the same area. It was later on as a teenager from around 15 that Lyn liked to attend the popular Friday night dancing at the local dance hall in Dover. The dancing was the modern up to the minute style that younger people enjoyed at the time. It was at this time that on one Friday Dance Night in 1966 that a young man introducing himself as Neville approached Lyn and asked 'Can I take you home in my car' It turned out that his seemingly confident young man

aged 17 was named Neville Gerry (Today one of the Dorset Branch longer serving members who for many years was the original Events and H & S manager for the Dorset branch.

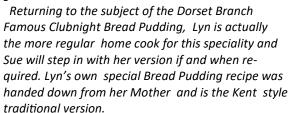
That first car Neville owned at the time was a two tone black/blue 1935 Morris 8. Sooner or later a more modern car ,a Morris Minor 1953 saloon in grey replaced the older regarded '8' during their courting years (A 16 year old Lyn is pictured with that first ever Morris Minor shown right)

Lyn and Nev's wedding took place in Aug 1970 at Christchurch Church in Dover.

Today they own their 4th Morris Minor since that special year, now a splendid Traveller in Smoke Grey seen with it as regular participants in the

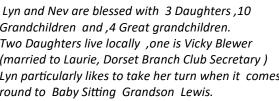
greater majority of branch activities. Lyn and Nev can always also be seen volunteering in very many ways together supporting the club in

general.



Grandchildren and ,4 Great grandchildren. Two Daughters live locally ,one is Vicky Blewer (married to Laurie, Dorset Branch Club Secretary) Lyn particularly likes to take her turn when it comes round to Baby Sitting Grandson Lewis.





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I am sure you would agree Sue and Lyn deserve a 'Big Thank You' for their hard work over the years - two of the Dorset Branch's long serving unsung heroes.

# MEET THE DORSET CLUB

# MEET THE DORSET MMOC KEY MEMBERS



**Sue Blewer & Lyn Gerry** are the two **'Dorset Branch Catering Executives**Their 'behind the scenes' preparation provides club members (as if by magic) the very popular Sandwich & Cakes buffet feast offering on our clubnights when each month they alternate respon-

sibilities . Lyn and Sue together also provide their catering expertise for the other main club events such as Beaulieu Moggyfest and the Branch Rallies etc, etc **Sue Blewer** was born and brought up in Lewisham ,South East London 70 (ish) years ago . It was later on at the local Lewisham dancing venue when Sue met Lawrence Blewer . (A slightly younger Sue is shown pictured above in the 1960's )They had permission at that time to use Lawrences Dad's 1937 model Standard Flying 14 car Their regular 'Strictly Come Dancing' routines eventually blossomed and the couple were married at Lewisham Registry Office in 1970.

Sue's Father In Law around that time (rather sadly) eventually decided to flog what was left of the Standard 14 to their regular Dustman for a fiver!!!

It was in 1977 (Queens Jubilee year) when Sue and Lawrence moved to Bournemouth with young son Laurie. Their car, one of many owned in succession, was a 1972

Morris Oxford (Farina) at that time including a well remembered replacement to a rather nice sounding new shape d Daimler! Their son Laurie (Today our long serving club secretary) had soon acquired a particular fascination for cars and somehow persuaded his parents later on to buy him his first Morris Minor at age the age of 10!! This was a series 2 saloon Sue recalls that he later finally drove at age 16 (but



that's another story for another later edition!)
Mention really must be made of the 'Famous Clubnight Bread Pudding, a regular clubnight offering.
Sue's own particular recipe was handed down from
her Gran and is the 'London recipe' whilst Lyn's is a
slightly different version (see Lyn's story on next page)
Sue has loyally and tirelessly put in many, many hours
incredibly over the last 25 years preparing food and
home baking for our Dorset branch.

It is very obvious indeed that Sue adores her two Grandchildren ,'Baby Blewer' Lewis age 9 months and Louise Blewer age 10.

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mini then struggled to meet its manufacturers sales expectations, meanwhile the Morris 1000 continued to sell well during that first winter of the mini, it quickly became obvious that this new mini interloper was built in haste was unreliable especially when It rained also it leaked like a sieve and got your passengers wet when they exited, but that mini went on to become an icon of the twentieth century voted to be one of the most influential cars ever built.

Issigonis creations both found a place in our motoring world, both models went global, and how many of us at 60 can say we are more cherished now than we were as beginners.

It's a sobering thought that the Morris Minor most successful production year was 1958 when the Mini was already in pre production, this tiny interloper would be the death of a car that ultimately sold 1.6 million, it also actually made a profit

for its builder but then in 1973 faded away, whilst the Mini won the Monte Carlo Rally was driven by royalty and pop stars and unfortunately for the company barely made any profit even after nearly 6 Million were made, it became an astonishing export success and now has become an icon of the motoring world. I wonder if he were still alive today and we could ask



him which car Alec Issigoniss would like to be remembered as the designer of. -

A true genius of his time!

Stuart Keeping

(Stuart with his pride & joy and like Twiggy above looking good at that age 'The car I meant!' Ed:





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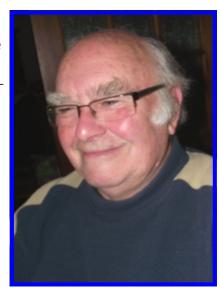
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# Chairmans Report

Good evening and welcome to the May Clubnight meeting. Tonight is the antique valuation evening with Phil Traves from Dukes Auctions (and Dorset Branch Member of course) so I hope the members bring along some interesting antiques for Phil to give you an idea of value etc. On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April, Ann, Charlie and myself went on the run to Dukes Auction preview day starting at the Vines Tea Room for a lovely full English breakfast and a mug of tea. We then went on to Dukes where I put in bids for 9 radio lots and one record player. All I won, was the record player which was in quite good



condition after it had a good clean, the name of the player is 'Ajax' – I think it could be German. I shall know when Phil (my radio and record player repair man) takes a look at it.

Now the weather is getting warmer I have started to sort out the greenhouse ready for the branch Gardening Competition on 7 August clubnight. The Branch Rally on 13-14 July is coming together with members booking Saturday night meals also stalls for Sunday – we could do with a few more stalls so if you know of any charities or friends who would like a stall, IT'S FREE. Please let one of the Committee know. Also we shall need a FIRST AIDER for the Sunday. Can you help with this?

All the entries are now in for Moggyfest and the numbers are looking good for Saturday night meal in the Brabazon Restaurant. I have arranged 3 comedians for the entertainment – for a change, so I hope that everyone enjoys the show.

That's all for now, good motoring, John Jenkinson (Chairman)