

# MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB

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# Dorset Branch



The Morris Minor 1948 -1971



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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

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## Editorial

Welcome to the November edition ... may be just me, but just recently I feel that there have been a lot more of those friendly, impromptu acknowledgements in the form of a smile and a wave from otherwise total and complete strangers . At least its nice that along side all the present economic and political 'news', we seem to be able to bring a brief welcome helping of 'happy nostalgia' feeling to many people we often encounter when out driving our Minors. Usually it;s family members or relations being reminded when seeing our cars triggering so many fond past memories of owning or driving a Morris Minor within their own family years ago .'Lets continue to encourage it to the full ! 2023 will mark another 'landmark' year for our favourite car - being 75



years since the 'Brand New' Morris Minor was first launched at the 1948 Earls Court London Motor Exhibition (Earl Court in 1948, photo left, also see paragraph on the next page and more on this within Laurie's usual P 6 )

Sorry to be that person once again to annually remind you 'winter is around the corner' and to tradition-ally look ahead to being prepared in readiness for those colder winter months ahead . Although you may well accom-odate the Minor safely under cover and away from the worst of the rigours of adverse conditions that may come , and barring those winter 'road runs and the odd 'fine day'

local winter car meet etc. . It's always worth being prepared well ahead with your own personally preferred 'my car winter less used list' I am sure you will have included consideration of the age and condition of the present Anti -Freeze mixture due to the fact that it's recommended that the traditional Blue Glycol is the grade always recommended for the Minor - Reminders of 'correct Anti freeze/Coolant appear once again on Page 22 .

In the Dorset branch 'Research & Development Dept' our resident inventor Brian has been busy working on what certainly looks like being a very effective upgrade option of the original design of the gearbox 'scroll type' oil seal— Brian's usual pages P14/15

Fellow enthusiast for 'all things Morris Minor History' Dennis Suape (keen member of the North Devon MMOC branch) who had brought his 'Minor Million' , along with 5 other owners, each with their respective 'Millions', to our Beaulieu Moggyfest event last May kindly lent us for the event a copy of a rare dealer information text book type manual printed in 1961. It must have been presented to each BMC dealership, designed for staff and salesman's training and information along with each display model of the special edition Million Minor for display in each dealers showroom . Included in this interesting manual I found listings of sources of supply and companies who Morris Motors relied upon for the various compo-nents used in the complete manufacture of the Minor . In addition to familiar names like Lucas , Dunlop, Lockheed, etc. I thought it was interesting to see other sources and names that are perhaps not so familiar. I've attempted to share this information on P 20&21 (to be continued) and for added interest I have added period adverts where possible available from elsewhere .Of course lot's of those original owned British firms , alas ,are no longer in business - Hope you find it of a little added Minor historical interest'

**ROGER**



## The 42nd DMMOC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(The DORSET BRANCH of the NATIONAL MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB) was held on Wed Oct 5th 2022 at the Electric Club, Broadway Lane, Bournemouth. During this years well attended AGM, a motion was proposed from the floor calling to vote in the return of the complete, existing committee.



## NEXT YEAR ... IT'S 75 YEARS !

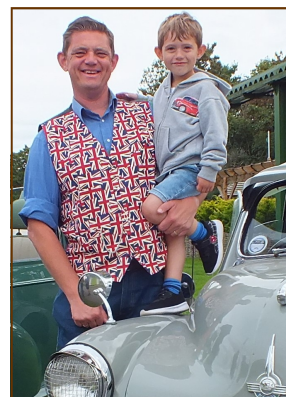
2023 will see an important celebratory milestone reached for our favourite car, the Morris Minor. It will be 75 years since the launch of the Minor at the first post war Earls Court London Motor Show in 1948. The Dorset branch are just beginning the planning stage in order mark this special anniversary year at our Dorset Branch Moggyfest Event Incorporating the National Southern Rally at Beaulieu over the weekend of 13th & 14th May 2023, also of course our Annual Branch Rally in August.

Letter to the Editor ... I thought that having seen a few photos of Morris Minors alongside AA boxes in England within recent copies of the National club Minor Matters magazine I would enclose a photo of my traveller by our box No 925 in Guernsey, which is now in a local private garden. Sorry to say it looks a bit worse for wear (that is the box, not the traveller). The AA box was originally sited in the north of the island, where there is now a much less interesting electric transformer. It's near the crossroads by L'Ancrese / Chouet in the Vale parish. As per the second photo taken today, again with my car. The box was moved many years ago and was bought by a local AA collector, who also has an AA motor cycle and sidecar. He also owns an AA cyclists uniform.

With thanks to GRAHAM RENOUF (Dorset branch member in Guernsey)  
(Hope no-one was making an emergency call from the box when it was tied around with the rope ! Ed.)



## Chairman's Report



Hello everyone and welcome to the November edition of our newsletter. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the AGM last month. Thanks for your continued support this year and as we head towards 2023 and the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the Morris Minor we can look forward to some fantastic events across both Dorset and the whole country. Tonight we welcome along Joanna Gardner who is going to be giving us a talk on medical detection dogs.

We will soon be starting planning for next years Moggyfest with thoughts already progressing for the main marquee display of the Morris stand at the 1948 Earls Court Motor Show. I have asked Tim Rouse to help me source an MO Oxford and a Morris 6 which were also introduced in 1948. Morris had initially thought that the MO would be the biggest seller of the new range but, as we all know now the Minor was the star of the show and was for many years to come. We plan to dress the stand with some period articles and one particular thing we are on the look-out for is one or even two old 1940's desks so if you have one, whatever condition, we could borrow, do please let myself or Roger know.

You should all have received your booking forms for the Dinner and Dance with recent newsletters so please can I ask you to return them to Jacky as soon as you can. Details are now finalised for the Mistletoe Meander and the booking slips should be enclosed with this newsletter and once again I ask for them to be returned as soon as possible. All that's left to do is for Ian and I to plan the route which we hopefully won't leave until the week before as we did for the last run!

Brian and Jacky were in Sidmouth in September on the day of the Sidmouth Classic Car Show. I am hoping to organise a weekend away in Sidmouth staying at The Royal Glen Hotel again for next years show which is on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. As soon as I have some costings for the hotel I will let you know and we will try to contact the show organisers to see if we can book some of our cars in for next year.

With the rally season now at an end it's time to start planning your winter maintenance program for the Minor. Don't forget that all your parts are available to order from Brian from a very reasonable price. For myself I'm planning on replacing the rubber bushes etc on the rear axle as well as replacing the steering rack gaiters which are definitely showing their age! This along with all the routine maintenance should keep me out of mischief throughout the winter months.

I think that's about all from me for this month, so until next time.

Happy Minorng Laurie.



## 'AUTUMN AMBLE'

### SUNDAY LUNCH ROAD RUN

The London Tavern once again did the Dorset branch proud. This time with a very tasty and 'generously' portioned excellent Sunday Roast. At least 26 DMMOC members with a good turn out of Minors all said they had really enjoyed their 'Grand Sunday Outing'. Early morning rain had cleared with sunny skies, all as if specially arranged just on time for the run. The clear fair weather lasting for the rest of the day. It gave those convertibles taking part the opportunity to fully enjoy the Autumn sunshine with their hoods down.



Above :London Tavern Landlord Phil Hoyle



## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Dorset Branch MMOC organised Events are headed thus.. **DORSET MMOC**

NOV 2nd	<b>DORSET MMOC</b> <u>NOV CLUBNIGHT TALK ...</u> With a special speaker representing the charity <b>MEDICAL DETECTION DOGS.</b> ( Article page 10 )
NOV 11th -13th	The Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show NEC Birmingham (reputed to now be the largest classic car show event in the world) Ticket and all details <a href="http://www.thenec.co.uk/whats-on/classic-motor-show">www.thenec.co.uk/whats-on/classic-motor-show</a>
NOV 20th	Classic on the Quay (Christchurch Quay) opening hours ,11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Entrance fee is £1 & a drip tray required . (CCOTP event )
DEC 7th	<b>DORSET MMOC</b> <u>DEC CLUBNIGHT</u> Seasonal Noggin 'N Natter
DEC 11th	Classic on the Quay (Christchurch Quay ) opening hours , 11a.m. To 2p.m. Entrance fee is £1 & a drip tray required , (CCOTP event)
TUES 27th DEC	<p><b>DORSET MMOC 'MISTLETOE MEANDER'</b></p> <p>Meet at Electric Sport &amp; Social Club Club ,Castle Lane . 10.30 a.m. for Coffee/Teas . Followed by the Winter Road Run Then return to Electric Club for lunch (cost £8.50 per head *pre booked by form ) *booking forms return to Jackie by December clubnight please</p> 
	2023
JAN 4th	<b>DORSET MMOC</b> JAN CUBNIGHT Call My Bluff Evening
JAN 14th 2023	<b>DORSET MMOC</b> The Dorset Branch Annual Dinner & Dance Dudsbury Golf Club & Hotel (Booking forms available soon)
FEB 1st	<b>DORSET MMOC</b> FEB CLUBNIGHT Blind Auction for nominated Dorset branch charity
MARCH 1st	<b>DORSET MMOC</b> MARCH CLUBNIGHT Invited Speaker (Subject to be announced)
AUG 19th/20th	<b>DORSET MMOC</b> Dorset Branch Annual Rally at Alderholt (Proposed date TBC )



**DORSET BRANCH MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB  
ANNUAL DINNER and DANCE  
Saturday January 14th 2023  
At DUSDSBURY GOLF CLUB HOTEL**

**Choice of MENU :-  
STARTERS  
Bacon Leek and Potato Soup \***

**Drawn and Crab Tian \*  
served on a bed of Mixed Leaves  
and Buttered Brown bread**

**Melon, Mandarin and BlueBerry Cocktail (V,GF)  
Served with an Orange Sorbet**

**MAINS  
Baked Fillet of Salmon \*  
served with a Parmesan and Herb Crust and Lemon Butter**

**Roast Loin of Pork \*  
Served with Apple Stuffing, Crisp Pancetta and Cider Sauce**

**Caramelised Red Onion, Cherry Tomatoes  
& Goats Cheese Filo Parcel (V)**

**DESSERTS  
Chocolate Orange Cheesecake**

**Amaretto Creme Brulee \*  
Served with a Shortbread Biscuit**

**Fresh Fruit Salad (GF)  
Served with Fresh Cream**

**£30 per person –includes one free drink +after dinner coffee  
ENTERTAINMENT by Singer ROY FOSTER  
Booking Slips, Please return to Jacky Wood by 7th December**

(\* = Gluten Free Alternative available  
GF = Gluten free : V = Vegetarian )



**Medical  
Detection Dogs**



**THE SUBJECT OF OUR NOVEMBER CLUBNIGHT TALK**

*The charity Medical Detection Dogs trains dogs to detect the odour of human disease with the aim of developing faster, more efficient and less invasive diagnostics for better patient outcomes.*

*We are at the forefront of the research into the fight against cancer and other life-threatening diseases, including Parkinson's disease, diabetes, prostate cancer and covid. Our Bio Detection Dogs are trained to find the odour of those diseases in samples such as urine, breath and sweat and our work has the potential to benefit millions. Study results published only a few weeks ago have proven that our dogs can detect the most lethal prostate cancers and can differentiate between prostate cancer and other prostate diseases. Our dogs are 94% accurate at detecting covid – far more accurate than lateral flow tests used widely at present.*

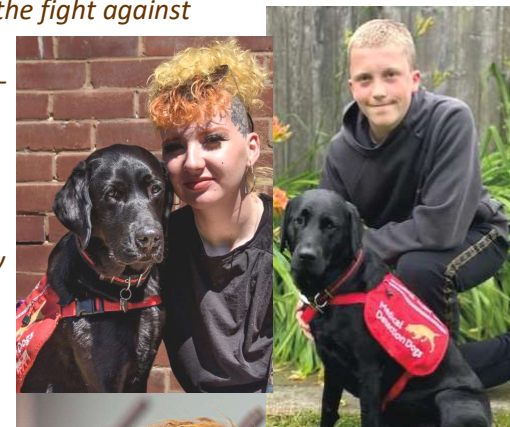
*We already apply what we know about the science of canine olfaction to benefit people by training Medical Alert Assistance Dogs to detect minute changes in an individual's personal odour triggered by their disease and alert them to an impending medical event, helping them manage complex, life-threatening medical conditions and improving their quality of life.*

*(Above ) 1. Detection Dog 'Bear' with Paige  
2. Detection Dog 'Grace ' with Thomas 3. In Covid Dog Test Room*

*(left) Our Evening Guest Speaker JOANNA GARDINER  
at home with her beloved pets Freddie & Basil*

*Joanna started her career as a translator and interpreter on the stock exchange in Paris, followed by a short period in Germany. She returned to the UK and worked in international marketing communications for companies in the newspaper industry, analytical instrument manufacture and computer software design. The last twenty years of her career were spent in international healthcare research. Upon her retirement, she became a volunteer with the National Trust and is now a volunteer speaker for Medical Detection Dogs.*

**MEDICAL DETECTION DOGS Contact details :-**  
**General enquiries phone number 01296 655888**  
**[www.medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk](http://www.medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk)**





## Secretary's Report

After over a month in the garage we've finally concluded that it's time my old Volvo is taken off the road. It has served me faithfully for the past 18 years and 209k miles. I was clearing it out this past weekend and going through the service records which I had duly kept over the years. Adding up all the bills came to a total of £10,500 spent on maintenance. I don't think I have spent that much restoring or maintaining my Morris!

While the mechanics and electrical wizards were trying to bring my poor old Volvo back to life, I have been using my Morris as a daily driver, although I can't transport kayaks & canoes on it. I took Ethan out to a Scout camp at Ferny Crofts which is close to Beaulieu on a Friday evening in the Morris. We took our usual back road route out there but having dropped him off at 9PM I decided to take the A35 back home. Just past New Milton I felt the car accelerating on its own, knowing that the return spring had failed I switched off the ignition and parked up on the verge. Fortunately, the remains of the spring was still dangling from the carburettor, the bottom of it was missing that attached to the bracket on the exhaust. It was dark and I couldn't manage to hold the spring to bodge it back on, so I called the AA. I had a very interesting conversation with them that went along the following lines ...

Can you switch your hazard lights on please?

No, I don't have any hazard lights.

Do you have any lights showing on your dashboard?

I don't really have a dashboard.

Are you suffering from a loss of power?

No, it's the complete opposite.

The AA man turned up very quickly and I was able to show him the problem, he promptly took the spring off to his mobile workshop and uncoiled and fashioned a new hook in under 5 minutes. Hopefully I'll be able to find a new modern car soon and the Morris can resume its accustomed lifestyle. It has been very useful having it available as a backup though.

The car that was donated to the National club by a lady in Blandford and made roadworthy by Brian has now been transported to Derby. On the return trip Roger's timeline of the Morris that you may remember from our display at the inaugural Moggyfest has been returned to us. We're planning on using it at next year's event. The mistletoe meander has been booked, we just need to plan a road run for it.

Ian.



Following a superb road run from Burley in early morning sunshine encompassing lovely open forest moorland landscapes, branch members arrived at Beaulieu. - 'Simply British', being an event that has such a huge additional amount to see (far more than just a line up and gathering of cars) Lots of additional owners from further afield swelled the total number of Minors all parked up together, whilst many other British makes of interesting pristine classics filled the central arena area. Amongst those attending were (photos below - anti clockwise) were - 1. Artur Novikovas with his 1969 original Police Panda. It was the Panda featured within the June Jubilee procession along The Mall receiving national media coverage. Artur also mentioned the Queen Consort waving at him from the Royal Box! 2. Brothers Peter and Richard Fox most impressively woke up at 4.a.m to catch the early ferry from the Isle -Of -White to bring Peter's 1954 Ser II to the event. Richard drove as Peter who actually owns the car is about to take his driving test. 3. Ben Coleman (Beaulieu Press Office and DMMOC member) shows off his series II having recently finished it in special M.O.D specification Air Force Blue/Grey finish—the matt body effect with white wheel rims does suit the car surprisingly well, enhanced by the custom bonnet vents proven to be effective, says Ben, in recent high temperatures. 4. Tim Rouse with David Grice both DMMOC members justifiably proud to show off Tim's Splendid Oxford MM (big brother to the Minor) he has owned for over 25 years.



**SIMPLY  
BRITISH  
2022  
at BEAULIEU**





Beaulieu staff member Cliff Blackman (top r ) drove the reproduction vintage London Bus when several Dorset branch members took 'top deck' seats including members Peter & Joy French (right) Angela Willis who is one of the Beaulieu museum staff team ( mid right) hosted the Motor Museum's special outdoor booth display, showing off an 1928 Austin 7 'Chummy' tourer version (the competitor to the earlier Morris Minor model at the time) Angela is in fact the specialist curator to the Motorhome and Caravan Club exhibit dept. found on show within the main museum . Angela has care of masses of M&CC Club archives dating back to the turn of the century when the hobby of mobile caravanning and the earliest motor caravans started off to an elite few . One star exhibit being the 'Royal' children's scaled down authentic mechanically 'working' caravan.

All in all a most absorbing and interesting Sunday 'Day Out' It was noticeable amongst the crowd that a few more owners of classics this year had decided to make an effort in order to 'fashion match' their cars in order to do full justice to the 'Simply British' theme for the returning to normal of this special event . A couple of the Beaulieu staff together commented "We certainly applaud and encourage those keen towards creating that extra special 'Beaulieu Revival' atmosphere " .

**ROGER**

## THE 'BRIAN WOOD' REPORT ( & News from the Spares Dept.)



Hello again, everyone. The donated National MMOC Morris Minor that we recovered in July has finally made its way up to the headquarters in Derby. We used the services of Alderholt Transport – a chap named Jez Crowther. He tows a trailer with a large Fiat van and therefore has a versatile capability. We made use of that by getting him to collect the 20m plus long 'Time Line' display ,made specially for the 70th Minor anniversary some time ago by Roger , which had been loaned to the MMOC for a recent National Rally and stored at Derby. We are currently planning our displays for Beaulieu 'Moggyfest' event for the 75th Morris Minor Anniversary Year in May next year and it's appropriate that the Timeline display is due for another appearance in the marquee.



ALDERHOLT TRANSPORT

jezcrowther@hotmail.co.uk 07966 698211  
3, Hayters Way, SP6 3AX

Roger's 'Timeline' display boards originally made a few years ago for the 70th Minor Moggyfest Beaulieu event. Now safely collected from loan from the National MMOC Club at Derby .





The latest workshop project is a modification for the gearbox front cover to incorporate a modern oil seal to replace the original 'scroll' type oil seal. This has involved the early purchase of my Christmas present in the form of a lathe. The design is still being finalised, but it involves boring out the hole in the existing front cover to about 38mm and then making an aluminium sleeve which will fit in the enlarged hole and also contain a 35x23x7 oil seal.

The covers are commercially available as new castings, but are a bit pricey, so, following a discussion with Branch member, Michael Tompkins (who suggested making one at home) – I decided to have a go myself using an old front cover. As you can see from the photo, the sleeve hasn't been fitted to the cover yet, as it needs to have a small further adjustment in size.

The plan is to make it an 'interference fit' – involving heating the cover and cooling the sleeve. I am planning to fit the cover to a rebuilt 948 gearbox in due course. If it is successful, I'll make a few more and convert a few 1098 ones as well.

We now also have the new batch of reconditioned cylinder heads (with unleaded conversion and modern valve stem seals) in stock. The Club member prices are (currently) £405 for 1098 and we still have a couple of 948's at the old price of £211.50. We also should have reground crankshafts by the time you read this – prices on application.

That's all this time BRIAN



## New Morris Minor 'Club Spares' ...are available through the club

The full current list is posted on the website under the 'New Spares' tab.  
We can also order other items for you— usually saving the postage costs  
(\*Also some S/H spares) Contact : Spares Manager BRIAN 07411 116336

[dorsetmmoc.co.uk](http://dorsetmmoc.co.uk)

## DORSET MMOC BRANCH CLUB SPARES DEPT. PAGE

**NEW CLUB SPARES** for your Minor are available through the Branch at up to 10% discount (to Branch Members)

Call or email Brian Wood

07411 116336

([brian.wood@dorsetmmoc.co.uk](mailto:brian.wood@dorsetmmoc.co.uk))

### Sample prices on New Parts

Oil filter: paper: £3.74 screw-on: £3.15

Air filter: £5.40, NGK spark plugs

£2.07ea

Distributor Doctor Condenser £8.55

Lucas Contact points £2.70

Distributor cap (push in) £4.95

1098 Clutch kit (2-pce) High quality reconditioned (Precision Clutch Components) £89.10 exchange.

**Coming soon: Reconditioned cylinder heads and crankshaft kits.**

(All prices are member's discounted rates and are subject to change without notice)



### Indicator Switch Covers

These are now available for single (indicator/flash etc) or double (inc. wiper switch on left) for £48.50 and £79.00 respectively. They are supplied with full instructions and all parts except the switches.

(See website 'Special Items' Page for more details)

**Refurbished Stock**  
Fuel Pumps £54.00 exchange  
HS2 Carburettors £150 exch.  
Gearboxes:  
803, 948 or 1098 (from) £375

### 3D Print Department

This month sees the introduction of small device to help prevent mis-fuelling. The Minor fuel filler neck is big enough to allow the insertion of a diesel nozzle at your fuel station of choice. This simple restrictor will only allow the insertion of a standard unleaded fuel nozzle. It is compatible with standard and locking fuel caps. Special introductory price is £3 each. (Any feedback gratefully received)  
The Split Trunnion seals are selling well and are now also supplied by ESM  
Split lower trunnion dust seal £8.10 per pr.  
Upper/lower trunnion to leg seal

£10.80 per pr.





## **DORSET BRANCH MEMBERS ADVERTS VEHICLES, SPARES ETC .FOR SALE & WANTED**

Any paid up Dorset Branch club member can advertise **FREE** on this page.

(Any other 'Non Minor' items, i.e. of the Minor era, advertised here will be accepted on discretion of Editor and subject to any remaining available space each month)

Please send your preferred advertisement wording and any photo to the Editor by the \*next print deadline (\*Page 2) for inclusion in the next magazine. Please note an advert may not appear after two to three months entry, in the event of 'no sale' in that time. This is to make room for new adverts. However the same advert may be included again in a future edition with any amendments required subject to space. Please contact the Editor [roger.kellow@dorsetmmoc.co.uk](mailto:roger.kellow@dorsetmmoc.co.uk)



UNWANTED,  
UNUSED OR SURPLUS  
SPARE PARTS & 'BITS'  
TAKING UP SPACE  
IN THE GARAGE?  
... FLOG 'EM HERE'



## **Beaulieu International Autojumble - 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022 (Special Report By Laurie Blewer)**

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September saw me and Dad up with the lark ready for the drive across the forest for this years International Autojumble. I was lucky enough to have the Series II excepted into this years vehicle display which was themed "Nifty Fifties". An uneventful drive across the forest saw us arriving on site at 7:45 where we joined the display vehicles which had already arrived. A couple of other club members



were there, namely Ben with his 4 door and Carlo with his "Lowlight".

The first stop once parked up was some breakfast so we made our way to the catering area for a bacon and egg roll before venturing off into the autojumble fields. This was Dads first time at the International Autojumble and I think he was surprised at the size of it and the sheer number of stalls!



We'd only been walking for less than 5 minutes before I made my first purchase which had nothing to do with motoring whatsoever! It was a really nice clock which I picked up for only £5! It has the most unusual chimes but unfortunately doesn't work at the moment. It looks nice on the shelf though and I will get it repaired one day. Of course, walking around with a large clock we had all the usual comments of "have you got the time?" so thinking I'd take it back to the

car I was greeted by an enormous crowd of eager autojumbblers waiting to get in so carried on carrying it for another hour or so.

We met up with John at his stall where he was selling his usual selection of radios etc with help this year from Terry House. He was staying in his motorhome this year which made free tea a welcome relief! Thanks Terry!



Several purchases later, mainly books, we made our way back to the car to deposit our finds and then made our way across to the Automart where we met David Grice who was trying to sell his immaculate Traveller which I think found a new home by 9:45! There were some very interesting cars for sale including a really nice and very reasonably priced Mercedes 2 seater open sports for only £2495! If I'd been after a modern car I would have snapped the guys hand off – needless to say it didn't take long to sell. There were several other Minors for sale but some were really not the worth the money people were asking. After lunch several more purchases were made and we eventually left for the drive home at 5pm.



Sunday saw the exact same morning routine with another lovely drive across to Beaulieu. This time a full breakfast was bought before heading off for more browsing in the fields. More purchases were made before we headed back for lunch. With the Bonhams auction having taken place on the Saturday we decided to have a look around the marquee and auction sale area where there really were some fantastic vehicles. As you all know I do have a particular love for pre war cars and there were a lot I would have liked to take home. The Riley 9 shooting break was, I think, my favourite closely followed by the bright yellow 1920's Rolls Royce 20/25. If you watch Poirot you will have seen the Lagonda that Hasting drives and there were a couple of those in the sale both of which sold for in excess of £100000! Back at the car we were chatting to the owner of a very rare Daimler convertible only to find out that he was the guy who had purchased the Traveller from David Grice the previous day. He seemed a very knowledgeable man so I don't think David has any worries that the Traveller will be looked after.



All too soon the autojumble was drawing to a close and we headed back home. I realised that amongst everything I had bought over the week-end there were 14 new books for the library meaning that I have had to rearrange all the books again!



ALTHOUGH ... 'CREATIVITY' MAKES UP MUCH MORE THAN IT'S TOTAL PARTS

**WHAT 'BITS' DID MORRIS USE, AND FROM WHERE, TO BUILD THE MORRIS MINOR?**



By 1961 One Million Morris Minors had been built Each car comprised of thousands of individual items - large and small . From the start of Morris Minor production in 1948 Morris Motors had established a reliable chain of supply to smoothly supply the Cowley Oxford assembly line. Larger essential components such as bodies engines and gearboxes, radiators, carburettors etc. as we are aware were built within 'in house' own factory resources (Morris, Nuffield Organisation , then later B.M.C. ) however certain established component companies were consistently and regularly relied upon to supply many specific items ...

**IN THIS SERIES THE EDITOR EXPLORES SOURCES FOR THOSE ORIGINAL INDIVIDUAL ITEMS COWLEY USED FOR THE MORRIS MINOR SALOON .**

**PART 1**

**COMPLETE BODY SHELL (unitary construction )**  
**Nuffield Metal Products.(NMP) Birmingham**  
**(Morris Motors, Bodies Branch )**  
**(from original acquisition by Morris of the**  
**Fisher & Ludlow Car Bodies company )**

*The familiar 'NMP' Minor Body Plate >*



**ENGINE & GEAR BOX 'A' series engines + gearboxes (from 1953)**  
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Darlaston, Staffordshire**



**Editors note: Within This Series ...most records of suppliers have been taken from British Motor Corporation (BMC) published information to 1961. Obviously some firms are no longer in business whilst certain trade names /trade marks that have continued, very often , have changed ownership. From 1961 onwards a few additional or alternative firms would have supplied specific items for certain model types and particularly nearer the end of Minor production in the early 1970's**

**To be continued... ROGER**

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**With the temptation of many brands of later 'longer life' products on sale the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs and the Classic Car industry agree that 'Classic' cars \*should still only use one type ,being suitable for 'older' designed engines , as found in the Morris Minor :-**

**\*THE 'TRADITIONAL' BLUE ETHYLENE GLYCOL is still a highly effective antifreeze; it contains silicates as an inhibitor to help prevent corrosion in engines with mixed metals in their make-up. Bluecol and Blue Star are well known brand names and both are declared suitable for a classic cars such as the Morris Minor . Halfords also sell this same type of anti-freeze as an 'own brand' product and is also perfectly suitable . However please be aware that there are also low- or no silicate ethylene glycol formulations (usually red) available which may not be suitable for older engines.**

**Propylene glycol is another well-known and less toxic antifreeze formula and usually contains silicates. However, Comma, the main manufacturer, has now discontinued it in favour of an ethylene glycol product Recently, problems have been reported concerning the use of antifreeze mixtures using Organic Acid Technology (O.A.T.) used in classic cars O.A.T. was introduced in the mid-1990s and the products are biodegradable, recyclable, do not contain either silicates or phosphates and are designed to be longer lasting. However, these products do seem to cause problems in older engines. Over and above the ability of antifreeze to find the smallest crevice and leak, O.A.T. antifreezes have been accused of destroying seals and gaskets and causing a great deal of damage in 'old' engines. For this reason, the manufacturers do not recommend their use in historic vehicles. These products are usually coloured red, pink or orange.**

**The last category is H.O.A.T. products using Hybrid Organic Acid Technology in an ethylene glycol base with some silicates in the formulation alongside the organic corrosion inhibitors. The product is usually coloured green and not recommended for use in historic vehicles.**

**To Summarise :-**  
**\*Only use traditional blue coloured ethylene glycol antifreeze in historic vehicles.**  
**\*Thoroughly flush out the system before replacing the old mixture .**  
**\* Check the condition of all hoses for any cracks**  
**\*Always replace the coolant if possible within the time scale specified as the corrosion inhibitors break down over time.**  
**Traditional Blue Ethylene Glycol is recommended for the Morris Minor and when diluted correctly is designed to have a fully effective life of 2 years**  
**Finally - there is a modern alternative 'WATERLESS' liquid coolant available that is designed not to need changing as above (e.g. Evans Waterless Coolant) If changing to this technology there is a particular grade recommended for classic cars . Also a 'pre-preparation' mix should be initially used ( A budget of around £100 is estimated to cover 5L of Waterless Coolant and 5L of pre-preparation treatment )** **ROGER**



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