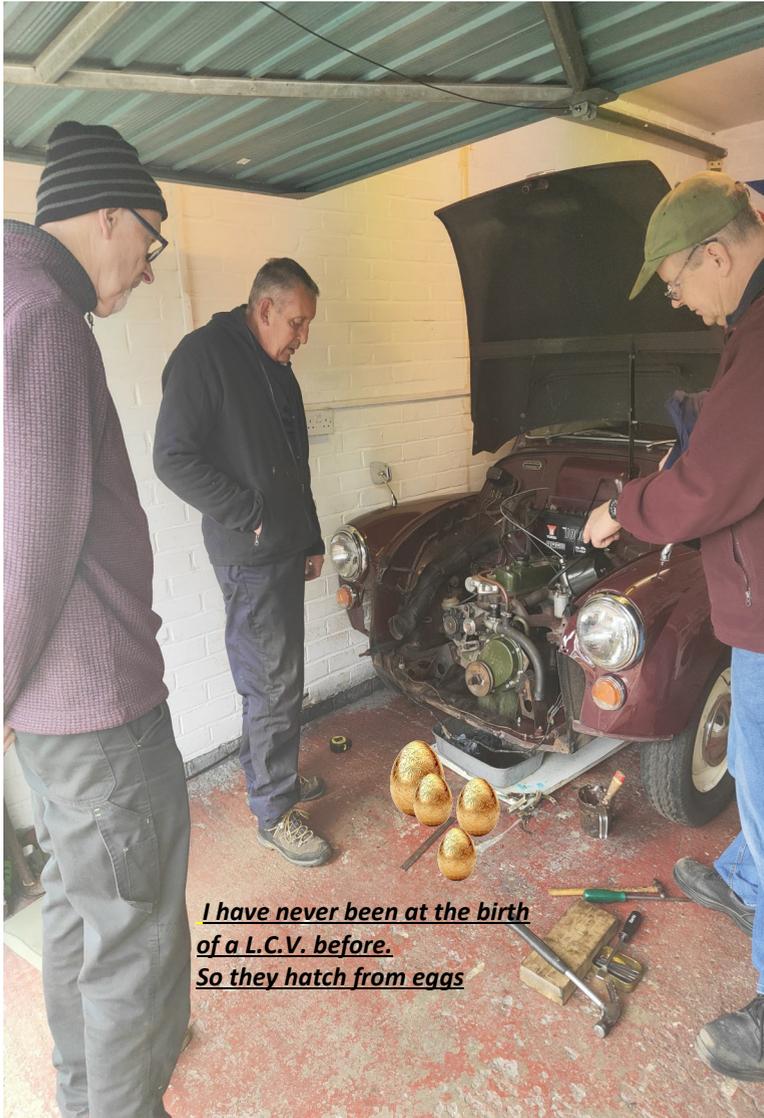


Dorset Branch

THE DMOC MONTHLY MAGAZINE



***I have never been at the birth
of a L.C.V. before.
So they hatch from eggs***



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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 Second Monday of every month (7:30 for 8:00)** at the **Bridgehouse Hotel Longham BH22 9AN**. 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 Club night is an opportunity to meet the other enthusiasts and enjoy a presentation or other activity organised by the Committee.

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Two Brians & Spud wonder
what has happened.
Happy April Fools.***

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Dorset Branch Newsletter

MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB



CLUBNIGHT - April 14th

In This Months Issue...

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News From Your Committee

Laurie:-

I hope every one enjoyed “call my bluff” at club night and we are all looking forward to the talk on the spirit of ecstasy at this month’s meeting. It was with sadness that we all learned about the passing of Rosie Hamilton . Rosie was a good supporter of the Morris community and there are many articles that have gone into detail as to what she has contributed.

Dave Walker gave a small talk on the Rosie he knew and we thank him for that . Our thoughts go out to all her family and friends.

Moggyfest entries are now closed and now the administrative burden increases. There are only a few tweaks to the display area so this is getting finalised.

Roger

It was good to catch up with everyone at the last club night. It is proving difficult to attend every club event but I will do my best.

You will see in the newsletter that the club van sign is now completed. For Moggyfest we do have a war–time themed area and part of this is an air raid shelter. I have sandbags that need filling. If you have any bulky but light plastic milk bottles, bubble wrap etc these would prove useful in filling the sacks also clean waste paper would be helpful as well.

Brian Ford :-

Little to report this month . Just prepping for Moggyfest and hopefully will have a tow bar fitted to help with the transportation of club items.

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News From Your Committee

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Brian Wood :-

Been assisting Graham in his rebuild this time in the pin-striping of the car. More about this in May's newsletter. Started to accumulate items for Moggyfest as this is one of our busiest times for club spares. We are looking at a pre-ordering system so that you can pick up your orders in a more efficient manner. Will be at Dave Walkers supervising the club van service day.

From Ed

Very little activity on the show front just the preparation for Moggyfest. We are trying to organise more run outs in the cars as we are aware that not everybody wants to sit in a field or car park, We will try and get some more included in the events listing

Jacky and Brian

The entry forms for this years Moggyfest have been coming in thick and fast many at the last minute. Final count is approaching 230 entries. As mentioned last month the entries will be posted by the club not in a self addressed envelope as normal. Well the postage for this is astronomical we have just spent nearly £300 on stamps We have had some enquires as to when tickets will be available.

We can assure you that once all entries are in and we have had meetings with Beaulieu we will inform you that posting has begun.

Stop press: We have been advised that Vintage Tyres at Beaulieu are now selling 145/14 tyres if anyone is chasing originality (from Mike Tompkins)

New Acquisition

You may remember that Dave Edbrooke was on the quest for the Unicorn that being the Pickup. Well the quest has been successful In Daves own words this is how he was successful Ed I started looking for a new car in November when my trusty daily driver Suzuki failed the MOT and was sent to the fiery furnace in the sky. I've always liked old cars and wanted one as a daily driver. I have a 1956 Land Rover, this is fine but not really an everyday vehicle. I've always liked Minors. My father had an ex GPO van. He was in the RAF and got posted all over the UK. He built bunk beds in the back for me and my sisters. We went from RAF Boscombe Down (Salisbury) to RAF Kinloss (Scotland) numerous times before the Motorways were invented. So from an early age I had a soft spot for Minor LCVs. I had been to the 2024 NEC restoration show and to the LCV stand and joined their club and your club that had set the seed for a Minor. That decided it for me, a 1098 Pickup was the car for me. So when the Suzuki died, the hunt for a pickup stepped up a notch. As you may know, pickups are few and far between. They are also all over the country, none down south. March 2025 there was an advert on Facebook for a 1969 Persian Blue Pickup, standard except for an alternator conversion, very tidy, an older restoration. Just what I wanted. The drawback was that the car was in the Wirral (Liverpool) 280 miles away. I arranged to test drive it one Saturday morning. The plan was that if it was as good as it looked in the photos I would drive it 20 miles to my nephew's and arrange a transporter to deliver it to Broadstone. I didn't fancy a 280 mile maiden voyage and my spine may not last either. It was as good as it looked in



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the photos so the deal was agreed. However the seller's bank was down and we couldn't arrange a cash transfer. We agreed to transfer the money when their bank came back on line. The seller gave me a pile of old receipts and manuals and we left. We had to be home Saturday night for a pre-arranged do so couldn't wait indefinitely for the bank to go live. Half-way down the M5 we got a text saying the bank was back on line.



We pulled into the next services and made the transfer. It dawned on me that the seller had my money, my car and the V5 logbook. To cap it all the car lived in a pub car park as the seller had no parking. I quickly arranged for a transporter to collect the car Sunday morning. I had a worrying night but got confirmation early Sunday morning that the car had been collected; it promptly arrived at 6:30pm Sunday evening. I've spent the last week working on it.



Nothing major, all work I can do. I've got a new best friend, Brian the spares man. Two spares orders down lots more to follow no doubt. I plan to keep it mainly as standard and use it regularly. I'm on holiday

for Moggyfest but intend to attend as many events as possible. I'm definitely going to the National Rally in June

Dave Edbrooke

March Club Night

“Call my bluff” was the quiz on club night and it was great fun learning new words that are in our dictionary. Thanks to Laurie for organising and to Pete, Karon & Dave for presenting the descriptions if not always true in a funny and informative way. Also at the meeting Roger our Creative Design Consultant showed the new signs that will go on the club van. As you can see Roger was having difficulty parting with the signs and kept

stroking them.

Since the meeting I have now attached the signs to the van and also put some Q.R. codes on this will enable any one with a mobile the ability to look up the club's website



Van Shakedown run to Blandford

With the winter layup coming to a close most classic owners find some jobs to do on their cars after being left dormant over winter. Funny how when you put your car away in fine fettle they come out and a fault occurs.

Decided to take the van on a impromptu run to the Dorset Car's Club event at Hall and Woodhouse Brewery . I was joined by Brian and Jacky Brian and Pauline and Spud made his own way.

We took the scenic route heading towards Tarrant Rushton Memorial on the way. During the run the smell of fuel began to infiltrate the cab of the van when we got to Blandford time to have a look.

Bonnet up and crowds appear (funny how a bonnet up attracts a crowd) .

The van has the Hardi after market pump not the normal S.U.

These pumps are renowned for being noisy and not that reliable.

The faulty top head nut on the pump was weeping , big spanner and a job complete. Spud came over during the process a bit disconcerting when he leaned over me with his roll up to ask what was wrong!!!!!!!

Ed



Graham interior design,

Firstly I want to give a huge thank you to our friend Brian Wood who with his time, help, consummate knowledge and expert advice throughout my restoration it has been a godsend. Thanks Brian.

So not a huge amount has happened this past month as the list of things to do is no longer in double figures.

As you know I have been finishing off fitting out the interior. Whilst carpets have gone in nicely, I noticed in the Morris Minor Graphoref 26 booklet that has diagrams of all the components through the stages of Minor development, that all the original carpets were secured with push button panel clips fitted to the top of the drivers and passengers footwell just below the parcel shelf.

There are also a number of fixing stud and clips through the carpet as well. So should you be fortunate to still have the factory carpet set then you will see four of these round headed push button panel clips, but like most owners these days we have replaced the original carpets.

If you look on the painted footwell you will see the 7mm holes for these clips to be inserted.

I have now fitted these and on an attached photo, it shows where these holes are situated with black arrows. Fitting the front seats by the upside down brackets with the four 5/16" hex screw bolts I had the help of my wife Pat. Whilst under the car in my pit, I pushed a small screw driver into the holes of the cage nuts and through to the under felt and new rear carpet sections. With Pat kneeling on these she had to then insert some 4" flat headed nails back through so that I knew



Graham on target for the finish line



where to hole punch the carpets for clearance of the seat bolts.

Another task that I found enjoyable was to carry out the pin striping along both sides of the car. I did



look on Face Book and the MMOC Forum to see if anyone had the colour code for the red paint, but without any luck, I decided to go for a Ruby Red or RAL 3003 paint code, as this looks about the right shade. Brian has also done the pin stripes to Jacky's green Minor and he will be detailing the process in the next edition.

A few more tweaks and then a thorough check over and detailed clean and polish for Moggy Fest. Hooray.

I would also like to thank the committee for allowing me to post the continuing progress of getting my car back on the road.



Cheers Graham

Events

D.M.M.O.C. Organised Events.

	<u>2025 events</u>
20th -Apr	Run to Blandford Brewery
12-May	Club Night Would I Lie to you
17-18 May	Moggyfest
1st-June	Run to Compton Abbas Airfield
09-Jun	Club Night Antiques
28th 29th Jun	International M.M.O.C.
14-Jul	Club Night
20-Jul	Back to the Fuschia run Stewarts
19-Jul	Holdenhurst Village Fete
11-Aug	Club Night Gardening Event
16-17 Aug	Branch Rally Wolvercroft
08-Sep	Club Night Charity Talk
13-Oct	Club Night A.G.M.

Events organised by other organisations

	<u>2025 events</u>
Dorset car club	<u>Blandford Brewery</u>
	20/04 18/05 15/06 20/07 17/08 21/09 19/10 16/11
Compton Abbas	Compton Abbas Airfield car meet
	06/04 04/05 01/06 17/08 07/09
Drive it Day	27th April Swanage—Upton Country Park leaving at 09:00
Dorset car club	Henstridge Wings & Wheels 23rd 24th August
Steam Vintage	Steam Vintage Fest Fordingbridge 22nd 24th August
B.P.P.C.	Classic Steam Norden Swanage 5th 7th September
Show	Bransgore Rotary Sun 13th July Playing fields
Pilford Heath	Heritage show 11th 12th July

Events

John Jenkins our president has negotiated with Stewart's garden centre an opportunity to look around there large greenhouses at Stewarts Nursery Broomhill BH21 7DF. The tour will give a rare insight as to how commercially run garden centres operate.

This is a limited visit so book early to avoid disappointment.

Also a lovely afternoon tea is included in the price of £12.00 per head.

The run out to Broomhill will start from Baskets and Blooms near Parley BH22 8SW .

Breakfast is served from 10:00 here and you will have to pay on the day for breakfast. The run to Broomhill will start at 11:00.

(Slips are available on the website also)

MMOC Dorset Branch



2025 'Back to the Fuschia' Run

SUNDAY 20th July 10:00 at the Baskets and Blooms
(formerly 'Ploughmans') for breakfast if required
392 Christchurch Road, BH22 8SW



**Including run to Stewarts Nursery, Broomhill, BH21 7DF
for cream tea at £12 per head (limit of 25 cars)
Includes tour of the nursery and home-made afternoon tea**

Please reserve ___ tickets.

Please return slips to Jacky Wood with payment to 18 Dukes Drive, Bearwood, Bournemouth, BH11 9SZ (or clubnight)
BY 14th July 2025.

Name(s) and contact phone number.....

Lets welcome our new members :-

Dave Edbrooke L.C.V. pickup Corfe Mullen

Mathew Horne L.C.V. pickup & 2 door saloon Chudleigh Knighton

Events



Don't forget

DRIVE IT DAY ON SUNDAY 27 April 2025 to SWANAGE

If you want to join us for the run we will be setting off from Upton Country Park at 09:00 sharp. Space is a bit limited there so we need to be getting there by about 10:00—then we can park in a group.



John Jenkins our president always recommends this local event in Southbourne. Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th June. Something for everyone young and old. Tickets £7.5 day or £10 for the weekend

Events



Entry is now closed .

We have had a huge response to this year's event with approaching 230 entries.

AFTER QUITE A FEW YEARS WE ARE PLEASED TO SAY THAT WE WILL BE HOLDING A CONCOURS DE ELEGANCE AT THIS YEAR'S EVENT .

I have been featuring for quite a while the wonderful and meticulous rebuild being carried out by our very own
Graham Melly.

He looks on course to having the car on display at Moggyfest.
I am sure he will be on hand to answer any questions on the rebuild or you can just stare in amazement at the car. Ed.



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