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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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***With our Major event of the year completed .  
The news letter gives a flavour of what happened.***

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# Dorset Branch Newsletter

**MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB**



**CLUBNIGHT - June 9th**

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# ***News From Your Committee***

## **Laurie:-**

Well it seems a long time coming and then suddenly its over. Blessed with good weather the turn out was huge for Moggyfest show plus the autojumble. A heart felt thankyou to all who helped put on this event, and especially Beaulieu and all it's wonderful staff who went out of their way to accommodate us and we are very lucky to have this as our venue. I could name names but I'm sure to miss someone so a huge thankyou for all who helped in no matter what categories all your help which you give freely is very much appreciated by the club. But let's not forget the cars are the stars.

## **Roger:-**

For the first time this year I had brought along my newly acquired pod caravan.

This enabled me to be on site at Beaulieu far quicker than normal. Laurie and I dressed the marquee with the help of the "DMMOC logistics team" as I think we should call them. Smashing to see L.C.V.s being used in the way they were intended. During the show we had many guest speakers who gave a varied insight to our cars and the Beaulieu Museum we are indebted to them for sparing time to pass on their wisdom and views to the classic car scene.

## **Brian Ford :-**

Apart from the small problem with my gearbox! What a great event, I helped around the site with Pete and Spud setup and break down. I am so pleased that the vans were used in this way. You may have seen my spotlight that I scratch built for the display. It was big! Roger has passed it on to a charity I am sure he will report on this and how it is being used.



## **Brian Wood :-**

Preparations began well in advance to stock up on the items which sell well at

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# ***News From Your Committee***

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Moggyfest and then doing a stocktake to replenish supplies afterwards we had a couple of busy weeks. Big thanks to the rest of the team Ian and Ethan, without them it would have been pandemonium. Thanks also to logistics team everything got there and back in one piece—fabulous effort. We had an increase in parts being sold so in that respect we go from strength to strength.

## **From Ed**

I have shown what we carried out in my separate article . But there are some unsung heroes Chris Tilley and her team manning the Tombola and raffle an essential part in generating club funds. The parking marshals arriving early with a smile on their faces ensuring we are all parked safely. Nev getting the urns turned on so that hot drinks are ready from 7am.

## **Karon.**

Like the group the floaters Steve and I are lucky that we can assist in most areas of the Moggyfest show. Steve helps with the spares and marshalling and also helps me when I'm on drinks duty

## **Jacky and Brian**

With the increase in numbers at the show it was important that we ensured that we complied to all the correct rules governing shows. One added item was that we had to note all staff helping to ensure they were covered for insurance purposes. Big thanks to Lewis, my gate helper. I normally have Laurie as well but he was transferred to the main Church entry gate normally manned by Craig and Phil. Ethan took over the breakfast duties and Sue Cooper and Karon (with others) on distribution duty - great effort when it is cold first thing. I would like to thank the tea ladies, who manned the Lyons Tea corner throughout the weekend.

We as always have a wash up meeting after the event we do explore where we succeeded but also where improvements could be made. As always your committee is always open to any suggestions regarding Moggyfest or any other club activities.

# ***Moggyfest Behind The Scenes***

As you can imagine events do not just happen, it takes a lot of planning discussion and commitment to put on such an event, and also remember it is all carried out by volunteers whose sole aim is to ensure everyone has a good time.

Planning for next year is already underway .

2024 Moggyfest concluded on a high and we had to come up with a theme that we could build around for 2025 and so Morris Pre 1956 and the war years seemed apt as we would be commemorating V.E. day in the same month.

Beaulieu, as normal would be our venue so it was important that all phases of the planning and layout met with their approval as we are their guests . We had an initial planning meeting with Beaulieu early in the year. People were tasked, designs were finalised, meetings were had and we all now knew what we needed to do. From Mugs, window stickers, entry forms and set design it was all coming together. The Monday before the show our marquee was erected ahead of time - this was great as it gave us an extra day. So Tuesday set up began:- first get every thing we needed over to Beaulieu, I have mentioned before that we would try using the clubs L.C.V. van this year and also Spud Taylor pick up, plus Brian Ford's van.

Now truthfully I did not know if it would all fit in or in fact if the club's van could pull Roger's trailer. I drove to Roger's to meet Laurie and discover what Roger needed transporting. Step one was to mend Roger's trailer. Laurie and I soon discovered that the brake lights were not functioning. We mended them .

Next disaster Brian's van had a major failure the gearbox was kaput. Now we are down to two vans. Our van towed the trailer to Dave and Jacky Walker's where they look after all our bits and bobs in the club shed. Spud Taylor was waiting when I got there. We then began re-arranging the trailer and Spud's van and we were away to Beaulieu to unload and set up.

Wednesday Brian had discovered that a gearbox tooth had broken—but luckily he had just rebuilt a gearbox so was going to fit it ASAP. Brian met us at Beaulieu and we then began



# ***Moggyfest Behind The Scenes***

the erection of our own Marquees and ancillary gazebos. After laying out the electrics we called it a day and went home..



Thursday overnight we agreed that Brian should stay home and try and fix his van. So Spud, Sue and Joy in our Traveller went and carried on with the setup. Laurie and Roger were setting up displays as cars would be arriving soon to be located into the main marquee. We are lucky that we have friends from other clubs and one such person is Martin Stoker, Martin kindly delivered cars for us and all this in between his normal job. We transported club spares on Thursday as Brian and Jacky would be in attendance from Thursday onwards to



oversea this operation . The club van brake light switch gave up and Terry House soon fixed that. So Friday cars start arriving Jacky was ensuring all insurance requirements were covered and we went into final set up mode. Show closes and as instructed we have to be off site Sunday evening so four

days setup has to be removed in a few hours. Brian's van was not ready so 'Superman', Dave Walker arrives with his trailer behind his trusty Cavalier to fill the gap. Mike Pope and I transport the first set of spares and then we came back for the other items . Spud and Dave depart and we would all meet up Monday to redistribute everything back to its rightful home. I finished by five on Monday afternoon

Knackered, yes, we proved that we could accomplish the transport by using our classics. A big thank you to all the team who stepped up to the plate. Cant wait until I retire (Oh, I have.) Pete (Ed)

# *The Cars are the stars*



# Pre War Morris Minor



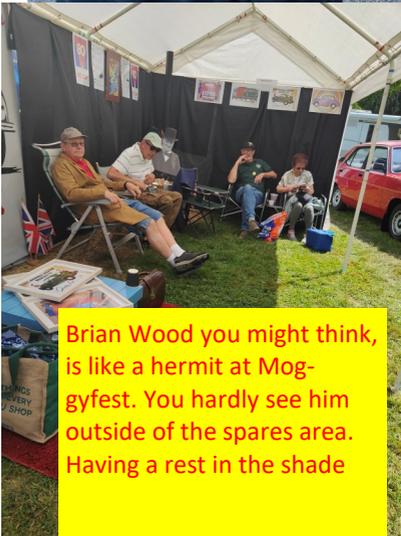
# Some of our speakers



# *Show winners and trophies*



As rare as a Dodo-Jacky letting Mike Pope use her clipboard a very rare sight indeed. Mike needed a sit-down after the shock.



Brian Wood you might think, is like a hermit at Mog-gyfest. You hardly see him outside of the spares area. Having a rest in the shade



She may be small but she can put it away. Does Spud know?  
Pauline pocket dynamo



Our friends from the Canary Islands. What a pleasant group they were and they said that the show was fantastic. One show attendee when I mentioned where they had come from remarked did they drive their cars here!!!!!!.



Other publications show dogs so why not us. Winners of last years best outfit having a rest.



YES THAT IS Brian Ford. Showing off the scratch-built spotlight. Made in his garden shed.



Roger wondered why this group were not clapping. Well these dummies were loaned by Carl and Criag

## ***You don't know until you Try Graham put the car to the Test***

Well what a brilliant weekend, excellent weather, and very unexpected surprises.

I have to say that this time everyone in the club have gone above and beyond on previous yearly Moggy Fests. Absolutely stunning and a massive pat on the back for everyone who has pulled all the stops out to achieve a spectacular event. Too many people to list but thank you for making our weekend special. Better than the National, I hear.

As you all know my Series 2 got there on Martin Stoker's transporter with Laurie's pre-war Minor. We arrived on the Wednesday but I was still finishing off my car on the Tuesday evening, having got back that morning my kick plates from Ferndown Powder Coating. A bit of a tight time to say the least.

My car was exhibited in the huge marquee next to Martin's 1949 MM saloon as the Post War exhibits with Rogers fantastic back drops. I hate to think of how many hours Roger spent in his room painting away.

My car had been entered into the Concours judging on the Sunday which I thought was a long shot as never having any idea of what was expected of the conditions for entry, let alone what standard the cars had to be in to have a good chance of gaining a satisfactory result.

Well, come Sunday afternoon when all the prizes were being awarded such as Steph Holloway's period dress award which was eye catching spot on. My friends next to me were saying sorry Graham you haven't won anything, when out of the blue my name and Second in the Concourse awards were spoken from the PA system.

I didn't expect that at all. So a very nice feeling to have been selected .

The main judge Mark Havard (smashing guy) gave me some post award feedback on where he said I had dropped marks.

Firstly, I lost 20 points for not driving my car there which is ok as I could have been disqualified in previous years. His marking totalled 217 out of 300.

Then he had a list, that to this day there are remarks that I cannot decipher. (Neither can Brian)

One thing that would have helped in my restoration would have been



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## ***Didn't he do well***

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an original car to use as a reference to make sure I kept everything like it had left the factory.

The things that I am now in the process of correcting are:-

The Jepson white number and lettered registration plates. These, unknown to me having flat topped digits should have been pointed ones such as Ace Peak plates, as my original ones. (photo of original over Jepson plate)



The wiring loom that Autospark eventually made correctly after me having to instruct them that they had been producing wrongly for over 40 years. This has the trafficator wires entering the boot but I did not buy spare braided correct coloured cables to go from the main loom up and over the rear wheel arches to the trafficators. I have since purchased 2m each of green/white and green/red cables.

On the sides of the bulk head are black rubber buffers for the bonnet to damp against. Originally they are rounded on the top outer and inner edges. These are no longer made and I had bought what ESM sell which have angular edges. (Photo for comparison)



The boot hinges are later ones post 1963 that are thicker and more rounded at the ends. Again the originals are no longer made in the UK



but can be bought in India or should you locate a pair not too badly pitted they can be re-chromed.

Lastly the front metal valance attached to the bumper blade were protruding past the line of the wheel arches.

A few more things to address before the next rally but none too difficult to deal with. I will be driving in future for those elusive extra 20 marks.

Graham.

*Graham on a personal note what a great achievement as you say just a few amendments and you will be in the top league. Pete (Ed)*

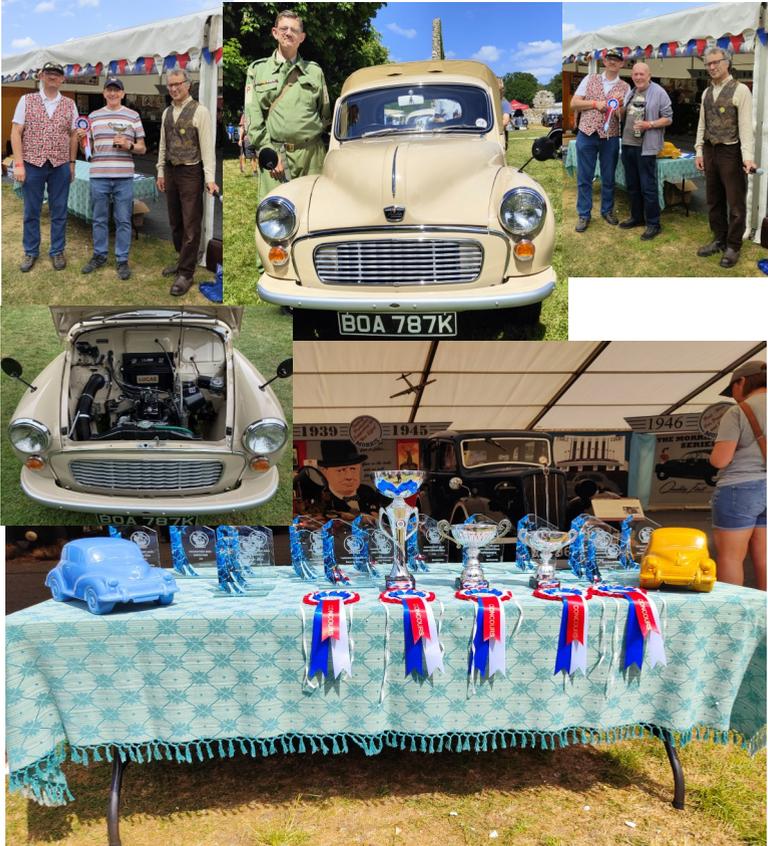


Thanks to E.S.M. for sponsorship of the trophies and our wonderful judges Richard Lee and Janice Clegg.

Pos	Year	Model	Owner
1	1936	Morris 8 series 2 seater tourer	Martin Swatridge
1	1950	Series MM-2 Door Morris Minor	Andrew Wallis
1	1954	Series 2 Morris Minor Traveller	Simon Austerfield
1	1969	2 door saloon	Gary Freeman
2	1969	2 door saloon	Andy Ranson
1	1968	Morris 1000 Traveller	Phil Rendle
2	1964	Morris 1000 Traveller	Steve Lodge
1	1957	Morris 1000 Convertible	Richard Brown
1	1969	Morris Minor Post Production Convertible	Edward Pateman
1	1962	LCV's—Minor pickup	Peter Wells
1	1960	Modified Minor Convertible	Amanda Hazlett
		Special Interest	
1	1930	Model A Ford	Colin White
		Best Visitor	
1	1984	Morris Ital	Gary Alcroft
2	1961	Ford Thames Van	Marcus Gilbert
		Best in Show	
1	1971	Austin Pickup	Chris Nuttall

With the Introduction of a MMOC Concours event we had added an extra judge this year (Mark Havard of Canterbury Convertibles). Thanks to all who entered and again to E.S.M. for sponsoring the event

		<b>Grand Masters</b>	
<b>1971</b>		<b>Austin Minor Pickup</b>	<b>Chris Nuttall</b>
		<b>Concours</b>	
<b>1967</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Morris Minor Convertible</b>	<b>David Wingrove</b>
<b>1954</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Series 11 Morris Saloon</b>	<b>Graham Melly</b>
	<b>3rd</b>	<b>Post Office van</b>	<b>Chris Pratt</b>
<b>1971</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>Morris Minor Traveller</b>	<b>Robert Browning</b>



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# **Events**

## **D.M.M.O.C. Organised Events.**

	<b><u>2025 events</u></b>
<b>09-Jun</b>	<b>Club Night Antiques</b>
<b>28th 29th Jun</b>	<b>International M.M.O.C.</b>
<b>23rd July</b>	<b>BBQ Littledown Model Railway</b>
<b>14-Jul</b>	<b>Club Night</b>
<b>20-Jul</b>	<b>Back to the Fuschia run Stewarts</b>
<b>19-Jul</b>	<b>Holdenhurst Village Fete</b>
<b>11-Aug</b>	<b>Club Night Gardening Event</b>
<b>16-17 Aug</b>	<b>Branch Rally Wolvercroft</b>
<b>08-Sep</b>	<b>Club Night Charity Talk</b>
<b>13-Oct</b>	<b>Club Night A.G.M.</b>



Our very own Ashley Miller is organising this event we have booked a spot come along and bring a picnic.

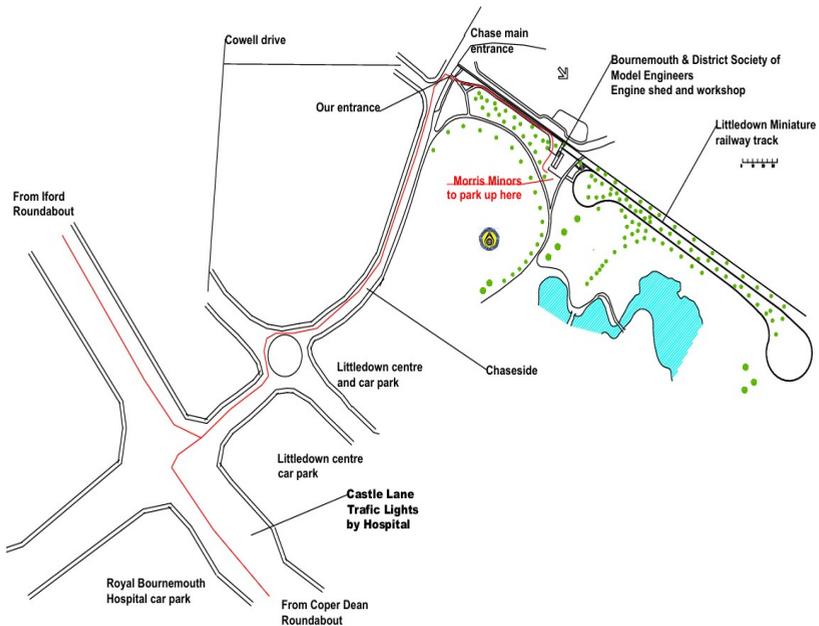
## Events

We have been kindly invited back to Littledown and the Miniature Railway. This event has been coordinated by our very own David Martin . The same format as last year with a B.B.Q. being put on for us. A cost of £3.00 p.p. will be needed for the B.B.Q. Jacky Wood will be organising the numbers and payment methods for this event.

So save the date Wednesday 23rd of July @ 18:00.

There is a controlled entrance and the map below explains what is needed to enter the site.

Once again a big thank you to Littledown Miniature Railway for putting on this event and especially David



**Quick reminder from our Brian Tilly  
Burton Scout Carnival is on July 5th. Free entry  
please be on site by 11:30**





Sometimes life gets in the way. Mike and Enid have made the difficult decision to give up Gerty their faithful 2 door saloon. However Mike and Enid as members will still be joining us on days out and club nights but in a more modern car. What's happening to Gerty ? Well, I am pleased to say she is staying within the club as I will be taking on ownership. So carry on waving I might not be honking the horn as vigorously as Mike. I will also be taking this lovely couple out and



***The Spares Department now has a few 3D printed interior light fittings left over from Beaulieu. Only £22.50 each to Branch Members. See Brian W.***



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