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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 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.

Membership currently costs £15 per year—£20 for joint membership.

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Laurie presenting chair-
man's choice to Terry
Blissett.
For his Traveller which
covered over 4,000miles to
Croatia and back.
Did have a hiccup at
Wolvercroft but had suc-
cessful roadside fix.***

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item within October Edition please:-
30th September 2025**

Dorset Branch Newsletter

MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB



CLUBNIGHT - 8 September talk from Amada Ovey on Wessex Cancer Trust and DMMOC Cheque Presentation

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Dorset Branch Members-It's Your Magazine - It's Your Club !

**The Editor encourages and welcomes any written contributions (or emailed) photos please of topical interest, from the branch members suitable for inclusion.*

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News From Your Chairman

Laurie:-

Hello, I must start on a sad note. As a lot of you know already we sadly lost long term member Roy Gale last month. We have been friends for almost 40 years and I will miss him enormously. My love goes out to Sue and their son, Andy at this very sad time. I hope we manage to give him a send off to be remembered.

August was a very busy month for us with shows as well as our holiday across to France.

Very many thanks to everyone who came along to the Dorset Branch Rally at Wolvercroft. All the help we receive is very much appreciated and makes the weekend go smoothly. We had a lot of members camping this year and I heard comments that it was like the old days at Avon Heath where we always a really big number of campers. The weather, of course, was on our side with wall to wall sunshine all weekend. I have already emailed Wolvercroft regarding the date for next year.

It was good to see Roger over the weekend and subject of Mogyfest arose There will be a double theme for next year – 50 years of the MMOC and 70 years of the Minor 1000. Our main concentration will be the 70th birthday of the Minor 1000 and we have already started sourcing a few very early cars for the marquee.

We are hoping to put on a display of 1950's artefacts as well so if you have anything that we can borrow please let me know. Nothing too precious though as sometimes things do get damaged or mislaid altogether unfortunately.

As I write this we are getting ready to go to Wings and Wheels

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News From Your Chairman

(Continued from page 4)

tomorrow morning. The weather forecast is looking really good and it should prove to be a very good day out. Coming up also is The Isle of Wight Rally which is always one of our favourites followed the next week by The Beaulieu International Autojumble which I never miss. This year we are taking along a Minor to enter into the classic car display which is a brilliant way to do the jumble as you always have to go to sit down! September will also see us taking our annual pilgrimage to Sidmouth and the Royal Glen Hotel for the Sidmouth Classic car Show. I will do reports on these events for future newsletters.

Whilst I am on the subject of reports for the newsletter we really could do with some more input from you, the members please. Pete has not been getting many, if any, contributions lately so please write us an article on any shows you may have attended or on anything you may think will be of interest – it doesn't have to be Morris Minor related. Pete will be pleased to receive any contributions to his inbox please.

As some of you know I have recently become the new custodian of the 1956 1000 4 door saloon that used to belong to Gill Brewster. It really is a lovely car and since recommissioning it after a 20 year lay up I have completed over 100 trouble free miles. We are hoping to take her to France for the 2026 MOT trip which will be my first foray onto French soil in a Minor. I will do a write up on the cars fantastic history for a future newsletter – I think you will be fascinated. Obviously, this has meant that the '57 4 door has taken a bit of a back seat recently but I hope that work will resume soon.

I think that's enough from me for this month so until next time
Happy Minoring

Lymington Show

The Lymington show was organised by Ashley Miller and his wonderful team of volunteers. Ashley, as you may be aware also organises classics on the Quay etc. Coinciding with this event was Jacky Wood's pre-birthday celebration. We would all agree that Jacky is the glue that holds the club together so we thought it only proper to celebrate her special day in style. Pauline Ford made a exceptional cake with a very intricate decoration . Joy French and Sue Taylor blinged up a new clipboard for Jacky as this is her weapon of choice and also her trade mark. Pictures from the event ..



Lymington Show



Garden Show ***11-August***

Well I think we can all agree it has been hot. Now with all things horticulture water and the right environment are essential.

So, what a great turnout for our annual Garden show? As always Martin and Sue organised the event and with the help of our judges Tracey & Theresa, a splendid result all round.



Winners were:-

Pauline Ford, Shelagh Hunt, Diane Martin , Sue Cooper, Sue Grundy, Sue Cooper , Ron Ticker, Dave Martin, Quentin Stone, John Blake, Dave Saggs, Nigel Christopher, Karon Brown, Shelagh Hunt, Sue Grundy.



Garden Show 11-August



Wolvercroft Club Rally

16-17 Aug

Our annual rally held at the Wolvercroft garden centre at Alderholt just outside Fordingbridge. Set-up started on Thursday and the L.C.V. team were in attendance to ensure marquees were erected and that the grounds had plenty of pop-up shelters as it was going to be HOT.

Jacky and Brian arrived and set up main control to welcome our guests.

Camping numbers this year were up so positioning was crucial . Stewart from the garden centre as always was on hand and we are so grateful to his team for allowing us on the site. We had an added bonus as the Sticky Bun Café had been refurbished and now had air-con brilliant. Well worth a run out, the plants and café are excellent.



Chris Tilley & Brian organised the fish and chip supper for Saturday night. Piping hot and delicious. (Food that is!!)



Wolvercroft Club Rally

16-17 Aug

John Jenkinson was tasked at patrolling the rows of cars on display so that best Morris Best visitor and Chairman's choice could be selected.

Great selection - Terry Blisset chairman's choice, Tony Parker 1000 pick up and Colin Archer as best visitor with his lovely Rover P5B coupe.



Wolvercroft Club Rally Saturday Road Run

As is tradition, we had a Saturday run out covering more than fifty miles through the countryside and ending up at the Sixpenny Handley brewery. The brewery itself has a tap room which to say is quirky would be an understatement. We had excitement along the way with a blockage by a campervan at Tarrant Monkton. We are so lucky to have such scenery on our door step. At the start I started to get away and is common, I am followed by a loyal group who assume I know where I am going. Well I foxed them as they began to follow, I pulled over to use the garden centres convenience. That will teach them!



At Sixpenny Handley, we could all relax and have a cooling beverage before heading back to Wolvercroft. I managed to get Brian W just where I wanted him. I suppose a stick of dynamite is normal in these parts. *(Hopefully not my parts –BW)*



Wolvercroft Club Rally Saturday Road Run



Thanks to Ian and Laurie for organising the run with superb weather.



Henstridge Wings & Wheels

Ten D.M.M.O.C members made their way to Henstridge airdrome just on the Somerset border. A well co-ordinated route was planned led by Brian Ford, cars were picked up along the way so that we could all be positioned together at the show. In previous years the weather has not been kind but this year it was perfect. As Chris Wood who organises it says it is not an airshow just a fly in day!!!! Well the fly ins did not disappoint with over 120 planes flying in and past the show it was a real treat. The Swordfish of WWII fame touched down for a taxi and take off. A break in the flying meant we could mingle along the runway and get up close to the aircraft was a bonus. The cars on display were a variety of makes and ages and our very own Laurie was on the microphone singing the praises of our cars and club. If you wish to go next year bookings can be made through Dorset Car Club Wings and Wheels.



Henstridge Wings & Wheels



**Bookings Now being Taken for our annual dinner dance
and prize giving.
10th January 2026**



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DORSET BRANCH MMOC ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

10th January 2026

at Hotel MIRAMAR, BOURNEMOUTH

7pm Saturday January 10th 2026



The Menu for the evening has now been finalised and is listed below .
Forms will be issued with the newsletter (October) and will also be available on line
at:

<http://www.dorsetmmoc.co.uk/wordpress/admin/dindanceticket26.pdf>

Please return your slips by DECEMBER CLUBNIGHT.

The cost will be **£41.00pp** for the three course meal including tea and coffee and
one free drink voucher per person, plus entertainment.

Starters:

Bubble & Squeak (Poached Egg, Dressed Leaves & Bearnaise Sauce (GF)

Tomato, Olives & Feta Salad (V,VE Option)

Broccoli & Stilton Soup (served with crouton) (GF option)

Main Course:

Beef & Horseradish Pie (potatoes and seasonal vegetables & Red Wine Jus)
Seared Sea Bass Fillet (GF) (roast new potatoes, vegetables and Chive Cream
Sauce)

Wild Mushroom & Spinach Tagliatelle (V) (Cream Sauce , Rocket & balsamic
Glaze)

Desserts:

Tiramisu

Fruit Salad

Blackcurrant Crumble (Lemon Sorbet) (G.F.)

Events

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

	<u>2025 events</u>
08-Sep	Club Night Charity Talk Amanda Ovey
13-Oct	Club Night A.G.M.
10-Nov	Club Night
15-Dec	Club Night
28-Dec	Mistletoe Run
10-Jan	Dinner Dance at the Miramar Hotel Bournemouth 7:00 for 7:30



Events organised by other organisations

	<u>2025 events</u>
Dorset car club	<u>Chris Brown Dorsetcarclub.com Wings&Wheels</u> <u>Blandford Brewery, Henstridge Wings & Wheels</u>
B.P.P.C.	Norman Kimber, Derek Mitchell Swanage Norden Corfe Castle, Organford Show
Classics on the Quay	Ashley Miller Classic on the Quomps, Classic on the Quay, Lymington Show

Spares Dept



*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 ,but sometimes postage charges apply. **Brian***

Cars or Spares for sale or Wanted ,entries are Free to club members or £5 per entry for non-members . Traders display adverts in newsletter from £30 per year subject to size.

Indicator Stalk Repair Kit

We can supply a new indicator stalk end to replace broken ones which house the green repeater light. £6 each



Reverse Light Switch Update

I have had further discussions with a local 'hobby' engineer who could be willing to make a small number for us. This might be a good market test to establish potential demand? Stay tuned for more updates...





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DAN THE HANDYMAN

Any DIY jobs need doing? Around the house? Things need fixing? Painting or tiling. Patios, small garden walls. 25 yrs experience. Can turn my hand to most things, **Dan 07464424007**





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You may be aware that the branch receives a financial rebate according to the numbers of national MMOC members who attend the monthly club nights. We therefore need to update our records so that we can take advantage of this scheme. Please would you advise the Membership Secretary of your **MMOC membership number** and renewal date and make sure that you sign the attendance sheet at the club nights. Thanks.