



Morris Minor Owners' Club



Malvern Hills Branch

INVITATION TO MALVERN HILLS BRANCH RALLY SUNDAY 8th JUNE 2025 – HANBURY HALL

The 2025 Branch Rally takes place at Hanbury Hall, School Road, Hanbury, Droitwich Spa WR9 7EA. We held our Rally here in 2013 and again in 2023 and we are delighted to be welcomed back by The National Trust to this wonderful Hall.

Hanbury Hall

From the Norman Conquest onwards, the Hanbury Estate was within the boundaries of the Royal Forest of Feckenham. When Feckenham's royal status was lost in 1629, local families bought up land to increase their own estates – including the Vernon family, who began building the hall in 1701. As the estate passed down through the family, the hall and garden evolved with changing fashions and now present an impressive 18th Century country retreat.

The Vernon family home

From their beginnings as the Elizabethan rectors of Hanbury parish, the Vernons became one of the most prominent families in Worcestershire. The Vernon genes brought forth the famous lawyer Thomas Vernon, several local MPs and a baronet. However, the same genes also gave rise to a Vernon who created one of the great domestic scandals of the late 18th century and another who felt more at home in Argentina than the green acres of Hanbury.

The George London formal garden

The original garden at Hanbury Hall was designed in 1705 by George London, a predecessor to other renowned designers Kent, Brown and Nash. He was the most celebrated garden designer of his time, creating gardens for royalty and nobility at Chatsworth, Hampton Court and Kensington Palace. English gardens at the time were heavily influenced by William of Orange's gardens at Paleis Het Loo in the Netherlands, as well as those of Louis XIV at Versailles. In George London's interpretations, garden designs became softer and more akin to the surrounding English Landscape. London created gardens where people could escape the tumultuous early 18th Century world with his formal designs, using mathematical precision and newly imported plants. He created a haven for drama, fun and recreation. Towards the end of the 18th century, the gardens at Hanbury were swept away and were replaced with wide open spaces and uninterrupted views. They remained as such for the next 200 years.

Tearoom

The Courtyard Kitchen and our dog-friendly Stables Café are open from 9.30 am – 4 pm on weekends. Every tea, coffee and slice of cake enjoyed in the cafés helps to protect and preserve Hanbury as a special place for everyone to enjoy for years to come.

Rally timings

The Rally is open from 10 am to 4 pm. Please do not arrive before 10 am as the committee needs time to set up but do make it before 1 pm at the latest. Prize-giving starts at 3 pm. The Rally entry fee is £6 per car: this includes a special commemorative memento. Your Rally number and card will be issued on arrival. The committee is hoping to secure a Rally group discount for entry to the Hall. If you wish to attend the Rally, please complete the entry form below and send it with your remittance to The Treasurer whose details are below. Come along and enjoy a fabulous Morris Minor day out!

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RALLY ENTRY FORM

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Your details (block capitals please):

Name: **MMOC No (if applicable):**

Adults: **Children:**

Address:

..... **Post Code:**

Telephone numbers:

Home: **Mobile:**

Your car details:

Registration number: **Year:** **Body:**

Judging Category (please tick):

	Model:	Engine size (cc):
MM/Series II:
2-Door Saloon:
4-Door Saloon:
Convertible:
Traveller:
Commercial:
Customised/Modified:
Open (non-Morris Minor):

*Send this page with your remittance to **Dave Smith at the address below**. Cheques should be made payable to **MMOC Malvern Hills Branch** (if you would like acknowledgement of your entry, please enclose a SAE).*

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