



Malvern Hills Branch Newsletter

April 2019



Welcome to the April branch newsletter.

Dates for the Diary for 2019

Thursday 11th April

Talk on Hanbury Hall by National Trust 8pm Branch meeting at the Huntsman PH Green Street near Kempsey.

Thursday 9th May

Noggin 'n Natter 8pm Branch meeting at the Huntsman PH Green Street near Kempsey.

Thursday 13th June

Noggin 'n Natter 8pm Branch meeting at the Huntsman PH Green Street near Kempsey.

Friday 22nd to Sunday 23rd June

MMOC National Rally at Kelmarsh Hall, Northampton

Sunday 7th July

Branch Rally at Hanbury Hall, Worcestershire.

Thursday 11th July

Noggin 'n Natter 8pm Branch meeting at the Huntsman PH Green Street near Kempsey.

A big thank you for the articles from Clive about the Ordnance Survey and from Bob about driving in Europe. Having just returned from the Branch Liaison meeting at Derby, I can update Bob's article as we had a talk by Footman James. It now looks like in the event of a no deal exit from the EU, Green cards will be needed for the car and any caravan or trailer. Proof of ownership, and an International Driving Licence are also required. As they will take a few weeks to arrange if you are travelling abroad in the next month or so, it's best to get these arranged as soon as possible.

The new MMOC message board is still work in progress, so the old one carries on as normal. Though if you need admin to set anything up like emails, this could take a few days as there is only one person involved. There is a tick box in settings where you can show if you are a member of the MMOC. Though this is optional.

There is a MMOC Facebook page called "Morris Minor Owners Club", if you "like" it you will be notified each time something happens. This is something that will be developed as it appears to be a future way of sending out info to people interested in Morris Minors. Having a quick look at Facebook There are a few branches that have pages. Would it be useful to have a Malvern Hills MMOC Facebook page and is it worth trying to include a few technical tips in future newsletters?

I will do a fuller report on the Branch Liaison meeting for next month's newsletter.

Dave

Treasurer's trivia

Hello everyone,

Our first Thursday evening meeting was very successful and bodes well for the future.

Members were stretched from just inside the entrance door, past the bar, and up into the room nearest the road. Although busier than a Tuesday there was no problem in members finding somewhere to sit if they so wished. We were pleased to welcome two new members, Simon and Sarah Warbrick from Bleathwood near Tenbury. I know they had been hoping to get along to one of our meetings for some time so we were delighted they were able to make it. I hope you both enjoyed coming. It was a very busy evening for me with a constant stream of membership renewals and rally entries to deal with (very good to see too and all part of being treasurer!) I think everyone left having enjoyed a very pleasant social evening and thank you for your support.

David Ritchie- I know some of you have been concerned to know how David has been progressing since his very serious car accident last year. Although not able to drive still he is progressing well and is hoping to attend our April meeting. We are very much thinking of you David and hope you will be well enough to make it.

Membership- Thank you to all members who have renewed their membership so promptly. This has helped me enormously now that I am attending to the rally entries. Those of you who wish to continue your membership and have not yet renewed, please can you let me have your subscription as soon as possible (5.00 pounds for an emailed newsletter and 10.00 pounds for a posted). I am planning to issue new membership lists to Bob and Dave in May so must have your subscription by then.

Rally – Organizing our rally continues apace. Bob has put a lot of work in producing updated forms for the rally packs and is also working on an improved rally programme. The rally mementos have been ordered. You will no doubt be interested to know what we are having for this year. Rally entrants will have a china tea bag tidy in the shape, as you have probably guessed, of a teapot. A Morris Minor Traveller or saloon will feature. So you will now have a Morris Minor tea bag tidy to put your tea bag on after making your tea in your Morris Minor mug! Rally entries are coming in steadily with 20 to date which is very good at this stage. I will have rally entry forms with me at branch meetings or you can download one from our website.

Brake lights- This is a subject you will know has featured in a recent edition of Minor Matters. Sandra will tell you I ask her regularly to check mine on all my cars. Recently, when checking them on the MM it was noticeable just how hard I had to press the brake pedal before they came on. As this is such a safety critical matter I decided to fit a new brake light switch. The difference was immediately noticeable with the lights operating with a much lighter pressure to the pedal. So if you have not checked yours for a while it could well be prudent to do so.

April branch meeting- We are delighted to be welcoming Mr. Neil Cook from Hanbury Hall to give us a talk. As you all know we are having our branch rally at Hanbury Hall this year so this will act as an excellent introduction to where we are going. Although the house will be covered the emphasis of the talk will be on the work to restore and maintain the grounds. Neil has worked at Hanbury for some 30 years so will be coming to us with considerable experience. The talk will include slides. Now that we are meeting on a Thursday, refreshments such as chips, may be ordered on the evening. This should be an excellent evening so do come along if you can. Talk starts at 8.00pm in the skittle alley at the Huntsman.

Other events in April- Clive and myself are going to the Transport festival in Malvern on Sunday April 7th. By time you read this it will be too late to pre book but you can always go on the day but you will have to pay the normal entry cost. If you want to meet up with Clive and myself before going then give me a ring.

Birmingham branch have their rally at Witley Court on Sunday April 28th. This is an excellent location and perfect for a Morris Minor rally. I, along with other branch members,

are planning to attend. For details contact Roy Copsey on 07890497680 or go to www.birmingham.mmoc.org.uk.

See you at the next branch meeting.

Dave

Request for information / Help

Hello,

I wonder if you might be able to offer some info about any garages within reach of Herefordshire/Worcestershire that carry out Morris Minor repairs?

I have an accident damaged saloon that I keep thinking should be mended, but are there any local garages left? (like the chap in Malvern I first took it to nearly 20 years ago!!) Where do your members go??

Any suggestions gratefully received!

Many thanks

Rosemary

Can any info about suitable garages or workshops be passed to Dave Bennett (Branch Contact) and I will forward them across to Rosemary. Apparently the car has front and rear damage but is not twisted. The Morris Minor Centre has provided a quote for repairs but it's expensive and she is looking for a cheaper option.

DRIVING AFTER BREXIT from Bob

I had hoped not to have to mention Brexit but this information has been taken from the Newsletter of the Hereford Austin Seven Club:

If there is no deal with the EU, you may need to obtain an International Driving Permit (IDP) to drive in the EU. An IDP is a document which, when carried with your driving licence, allows the holder to drive outside UK including in EU countries. There are different types of IDP: which one you need depends on which country you are driving in.

If you currently drive outside the EU, for example in some states of the USA and countries including Japan, you may already be used to obtaining an IDP. You may be turned away at the border or face other enforcement action, for example fines, if you don't have the correct IDP. You may also need an IDP to hire a vehicle when you are abroad. Two types of IDP are required by EU countries and each is governed by a separate United Nations convention.

One type is governed by the 1949 Geneva Convention on Road Traffic whilst the other is governed by the 1968 Vienna Convention on Road Traffic. Which version of the IDP you would require depends on which EU country you are visiting and whether it is party to the 1949 or the 1968 convention. Each type of IDP is valid for a different period; the 1949 convention IDP lasts for 12 months. After 28 March 2019 in the EU, a UK-issued 1949 IDP would be recognised in Ireland, Spain, Malta and Cyprus. The 1968 convention IDP, on the other hand, is valid for 3 years or until the expiry of your driving licence is valid, if that date is earlier. UK ratified the 1968 convention on 28 March 2018 as part of our EU exit preparations. The 1968 convention will come into force for UK on 28 March 2019. After 28 March 2019, a UK-issued 1968 convention IDP would be recognised in all other EU countries, plus Norway and Switzerland.

Visiting the EU

After March 2019, you would need both the UK driving licence and the appropriate IDP if you drive in an EU country as you would need both types of IDP if you are visiting EU

countries covered by the different conventions, such as France and Spain. You would need both a driving licence and an IDP whether you're driving in a private or professional capacity.

The government will begin providing IDPs from 1 February 2019. From this date, you will be able to apply for both the 1949 and 1968 types of IDP at 2,500 Post Offices across the UK. An announcement of which Post Office branches will offer IDPs will be made in early 2019. More information can be found on www.gov.co.uk.

Ordnance Survey – Clive

We are all familiar with maps and even those with sat nav will need a map reference which they can refer to. A set of global co-ordinates are meaningless on their own.

The Ordnance Survey (OS) is the national mapping agency of the United Kingdom and covers the island of Great Britain. The agency's name *Ordnance*, stems from its original military purpose, which was to map Scotland during the Jacobite uprising of 1745. This was a formidable task, as there were few reference points which could be used for accurate mapping at the time. There was also a more general and nationwide need for mapping in light of the potential threat of invasion during the Napoleonic Wars.

The origins of the Ordnance Survey lie in the aftermath of the Jacobite rising of 1745 which was finally defeated by forces loyal to the government at the Battle of Culloden in 1746. Prince William, Duke of Cumberland realised that the British Army did not have a good map of the Scottish Highlands to locate Jacobite dissenters such as Simon Fraser, 11th Lord Lovat so that they could be put on trial. In 1747, Lieutenant-Colonel David Watson proposed the compilation of a map of the Highlands to help to subjugate the clans. In response, King George II charged Watson with making a military survey of the Highlands under the command of the Duke of Cumberland. Among Watson's assistants were William Roy, Paul Sandby and John Manson. The survey was produced at a scale of 1 inch to 1000 yards (1:36,000) and included "the Duke of Cumberland's Map" (primarily by Watson and Roy), now held in the British Library.

Roy later had an illustrious career in the Royal Engineers (RE), rising to the rank of General, and he was largely responsible for the British share of the work in determining the relative positions of the French and British royal observatories. This work was the starting point of the Principal Triangulation of Great Britain (1783–1853), and led to the creation of the Ordnance Survey itself. Roy's technical skills and leadership set the high standard for which Ordnance Survey became known. Work was begun in earnest in 1790 under Roy's supervision, when the Board of Ordnance (a predecessor of part of the modern Ministry of Defence) began a national military survey starting with the south coast of England.

As is often the case, many of the major steps forward which have been made by humanity, are the result of just one person's efforts. Roy's birthplace near Carlisle in South Lanarkshire is today marked by a memorial in the form of a large OS trig point.

By 1791 the Board received the newer Ramsden theodolite (an improved successor to the one that Roy had used in 1784), and work began on mapping southern Great Britain using a five-mile baseline on Hounslow Heath that Roy himself had previously measured; it crosses the present Heathrow Airport. (a baseline is a line of known length, drawn between two trig points)

In 1801 the first one-inch-to-the-mile (1:63,360 scale) map was published, detailing the county of Kent, with Essex following shortly afterwards. The Kent map was published privately and stopped at the county border, while the Essex maps were published by

Ordnance Survey and ignore the county border, setting the trend for future Ordnance Survey maps.

Ordnance Survey has been instrumental in creating accurate mapping of many other areas of the world. Today, with global positioning systems, it is possible to pinpoint anywhere on Earth within a few centimetres (inches for Morris Minor owners!)

Bobs Dates for your Diary 2019

Note that all Branch events (in bold) take place at The Huntsman except where otherwise indicated. The committee is trying to arrange Speakers on Branch evenings: these will be notified as and when they become firm.

- Sun 7 Apr: Malvern Festival of Transport, 3 Counties Showground
- **Thurs 11 Apr: Hanbury Hall talk by National Trust.**
- Sun 21 Apr: Easter Sunday
- Sat/Mon 20/22 Apr: Easter Model and Collectors' Show, Bromsgrove B60 4AL. Website: www.shakespearesrally.com
- Mon 22 Apr: Coleford Carnival of Transport
- Sat/Sun 27/28 Apr: 40's w/e at GWSR Toddington
- Sun 28 Apr Birmingham branch rally at Witley Court www.birmingham.mmoc.org.uk.
- Sun 28 Apr Bicester Heritage Sunday Scramble. Website: www.bicesterheritage.co.uk
- Sun 28 Apr Drive it Day: get your Morris Minor out and drive it – anywhere!
- Sat/Sun 4/5 May: Droitwich Classic and Vintage Fair
- **Thurs 9 May: Noggin 'n Natter**
- Sat/Sun 11/12 May: Bidford Vintage Gathering
- **Sunday May 19th** Ernies house in Bromyard for afternoon tea sandwiches and cake from 2-4 (more details to follow from Chris)
- Sat/Sun 18/19 May: Spring Autojumble at Beaulieu. Website: www.beaulieu.co.uk/events
- Sun 19 May: 40's w/e at Forge Mill Needle Museum, Redditch
- Mon 27 May: Wings and Wheels at Bidford/Bickmarsh
- Fri/Mon 31 May/3 Jun: Gordon Bennett Irish Classic Car Run, Laois, R o I
- **Thurs 13 Jun: Noggin 'n Natter**
- 15th-16th June Shelsley Walsh Classic Nostalgia day entry £18 weekend entry £36
- 21-23 June MMOC National Rally at Kelmarsh Hall, Northampton
- **Sun 7 Jul: Branch Rally, Hanbury Hall**
- **Thurs 11 Jul: Noggin 'n Natter**
- Sat/Sun 13/14 Jul: Hill Climb at Château Impney
- Sat/Sun 13/14 Jul: Stourport Vintage Steam Rally
- Sat 20 Jul: Defford Air Show (tbc)
- Sat/Sun 20/21 Jul: Much Marcle Steam Rally. Website: www.muchmarclesteamrally.com
- Fri/Sun 26/28 Jul: Welland Steam Rally. Website: www.wellandsteamrally.co.uk
- **Thurs 8 Aug: Noggin 'n Natter**
- Sat/Sun 10/11 Aug: Tortworth Vintage Rally, Wickwar, Glos GL12 8LF. Website: www.shakespearesrally.com
- Wed/Mon 21/26 Aug: VSCC 85th Anniversary celebrations at Brands Hatch. 5 days of exciting vintage motorsport. Website: www.vsc.co.uk
- Sat 24 Aug: Gloucester Festival

- Sat/Mon 24/26 Aug: Pershore Plum Festival. Website: www.pershoreplumfestival.org.uk
- Sun 25 Aug: Open Day at Webbs of Wychbold. Visit the gardens and enjoy a cup of tea. Website: www.webbsdirect.co.uk
- Sat 31 Aug: Peopleton Village Fête (£2 entry fee at gate)
- **Thurs 12 Sep: Noggin 'n Natter**
- Sat/Sun 14/15 Sep: Stoke Prior Steam Rally, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire B60 4LF. Website: www.shakespearesrally.com
- Sat/Sun 14/15 Sep: Stoke Prior Steam Rally
- Sun 22 Sep: Fun in the Park, Tudor Grange Park, Solihull (tbc)
- **Thurs 10 Oct: AGM**
- Sun 13 Oct: Malvern Classic Show. A very large classic car and vehicle show. Booking required. Website: www.threecounties.co.uk
- **Thurs 14 Nov: Noggin 'n Natter**
- **Sat 7 Dec: Christmas Meal (tbc)**

Happy Motoring

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