

# Malvern Hills Branch Newsletter

August 2016



Welcome to the August edition of the branch newsletter.

## **Dates for the Diary for 2016**

### **Tuesday 12th July**

Social at the Huntsman PH meet at 8pm.

### **Tuesday 9th August**

A talk by Brightwells classic car auctions at the Huntsman PH meet at 8pm in the Skittle Alley.

### **Sunday 21st August**

Tewkesbury Car Show, contact dave for info. As its on school playing fields, no dogs are allowed.

### **Sunday 11th September**

Classic vehicle day at Glos/Warwickshire Railway

### **Tuesday 27th September**

Morris Marathon drive to Ledbury

## **Malvern Branch MMOC AGM**

This will be held at the September meeting, the committee will be up for reselection, so if you are interested in helping support and guide what we do next year please ask the committee members what is involved.

## **Treasurers Trivia**

I almost did not make our last meeting in the 948 Morris. I had had my suspicions previously about one of the back wheel cylinders not fully releasing and sure enough when backing out of the garage it was apparent that there was evidence of binding. I operated the hand brake and foot brake a few times which seemed to help free things up and after driving the car up and down the drive a few times it felt quite good. I decided to take the Morris but by time I arrived home at night I could tell attention was needed. A few days later on inspection I replaced the offside rear wheel cylinder and all is now well. When I

checked my service records I found I had never replaced this cylinder so after 12 years use by myself I cannot complain.

There was much discussion at our last meeting about the Marie Curie fund raising in September and it was great to hear so much enthusiasm from members to help make this a really successful event. Much clarification on tying up with other branches etc has happened since then and it is coming together very well now. Dave and Chris are putting a lot of effort in to this and on behalf of the branch I thank them for all they are doing. All the details I am sure will be in the next newsletter and of course a full update will be given at our AGM which occurs shortly before. Talking of the AGM this will be our September meeting and you will find notice of this elsewhere in the newsletter. Do let Bob know if there is anything you want placed on the agenda. This will be my first report as treasurer to you and I will provide a few more details in the next newsletter. Basically I will provide balance sheets on the same basis as Mary for members to study and ask any questions on. I have quite enjoyed being treasurer over the past year and will be writing up the accounts ready for the AGM over the next few weeks.

**A few words on up and coming events:-** As you will probably see elsewhere in the newsletter we have a talk at our August meeting from Brightwells classic car auctions. Do come along and support this if you can as it should be an interesting evening. Don't forget Tewkesbury car show on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August and let me know if you are coming. We will meet in the lay-by at Ryall about 10.00am with departure to Tewkesbury at 10.15. We also have an interesting talk being planned for all you local history enthusiasts. I am in the early stages of arranging a talk on the Malvern Water Cure by the curator of Malvern museum which should be quite a fascinating evening. At present we are hoping to have this at our October meeting but I should have more details to report in the next newsletter.

I have been enjoying visiting a few of the local steam rallies recently and particularly at Much Marcle there was a good showing of Minors. I do love having a good mooch around the auctions. Part of it I suppose is nostalgia as I see implements for sale models of which I have experience of using. To me the tractors and implements made when our Minors were in production were much more friendly and less damaging to the land than the enormous tractors and machinery used now. I find it hard to believe that this huge machinery now

used is not detrimental to the soil structure. Still it is the way of the modern world and only time will tell if my concerns are realised.

See you all at the August meeting.

Dave

### **Local Car Shows**

TEWKESBURY CAR SHOW, SUNDAY AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup> 2016- This is a popular event with members. Unfortunately, last year's show had to be cancelled because of the weather. Hopefully they will be more fortunate this year. Entry is free to each car and driver with additional passengers being 5.00 each for admission. I will need to let the organizers know how many of us are going so please let me know if you would like to go (01684 593390). I would imagine us meeting up at Ryall about 10.00 with departure to Tewkesbury at 10.15. Do keep in mind that dogs are not allowed because of the site being a playing field.

CLASSIC VEHICLE DAY, GLOS/WARWICKSHIRE RAILWAY, SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>2016

This lovely gathering of vehicles that Doug, Clive and I have previously attended is again on in September. However, the rail travel side of things is not quite so good now; the railway now offers 2 for the price of 1 rather than a free ticket to each driver. I am still debating whether to go as there is a show on down in the forest on the same day that I might consider instead this year. If you would like to go visit the Gloucestershire/Warwickshire railway website for an entry form; it is certainly a very pleasant day out.

Finally, can all members who are also members of the National Morris Minor Club, please bring along your membership cards to our next meeting for me to verify on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

Look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting.

Dave

### **Other info**

**From South Wales Branch MMOC**

**CITY of the UNEXPECTED**

The title may seem little odd but believe me the oddness will soon be explained hopefully.

We have been approached by a media arts production company to supply forty Morris Minors for the centenary celebration of Roald Dhal the Children's Author in Cardiff on the weekend of the 17<sup>th</sup> of September 2016.

No city has ever attempted a transformation quite as magical as that planned in Cardiff on the 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> of September. The event is titled the 'City of the Unexpected' it will see an orchestra of 200 people playing from the battlements of Cardiff Castle Talking Gargouyls on the bridge, a mobile Choir, JCB Diggers performing Ballet around the City centre, The national Theatre of Wales performing on the city streets, The National Ballet Company of Wales dancing on the streets and much more.

Organisations involved include National Theatre of Wales, National Ballet Company of Wales, Welsh National Orchestra, Cardiff University of Performing Arts and Media, City of Cardiff Council, The Welsh Assembly, South Wales Police and Fire & Rescue Service The Red Arrows The RAF and the Army A twelve foot high giant peach. The list goes on.

The Director of Events is Mr Nigel Jamison. Who's he some of you may ask? Nigel Jamison directed the opening ceremony of the Sydney Olympics and the closing ceremony of the Manchester Commonwealth Games. Maybe now this will give you an idea of how big this event is going to be.

What does this have to with Morris Minors you may ask?

Nigel Jamison has asked the production company to supply forty Morris Minors and for them to be directly involved with the centenary celebrations. Owners will be driving the cars around Cardiff City centre with members of a Choir singing from the vehicles. With a conductor up front in the lead car.

If interested please contact

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### **Minor Marathon**

The route for the Morris Marathon is now arranged and we get the car on the afternoon of the 26<sup>th</sup> September, passing it on to the Wye Valley branch around 2pm in Ledbury on the 27<sup>th</sup> September. We need to do some charity fundraising on the Tuesday morning, which will be at the Marks and Spencer car park, Roman Way, Malvern, WR14 1JQ. Those of you following the marathons developments will be pleased that we will no longer have to drive across to Newcastle Emlyn in West Wales, which would have been interesting in an unknown car.

And finally, I have moved into our new house and am back on a land line so back onto the internet. Though still unpacking boxes and trying to find things.

All the Best and Happy Motoring Dave

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