

Malvern Hills Branch Newsletter

August 2017



Welcome to the August edition of the branch newsletter.

Dates for the Diary for 2017

Tuesday 8th August

Our regular 8pm evening social meeting at the Huntsman PH, Green Street near Kempsey. If the weather is good we will have another go at a Bar-b-que.

Sunday 20th August

We are planning to go to the Tewkesbury Car Show.

Tuesday 12th September

Our regular 8pm evening social meeting at the Huntsman PH, Green Street near Kempsey.

Tuesday 10th October

Branch AGM 8pm at the Huntsman PH, Green Street near Kempsey.

Greetings Everybody

I hope that everyone has been enjoying the summer, though I have not been to many rallies, the Morris has been busy out and about both near and far. The latest trip going down to Lechlade with the canoe and camping gear for a weekend trip / expedition down the Thames. Though unfortunately the MOT has shown up a lot of rust in the ends of the sills. So I am taking the Morris off the road until it's fixed. It is now at Steve Bainbridges. Mind you looking at my notes on past repairs, those areas were last replaced 20 odd years ago. So sorry that I may not be driving a Morris to the next few meetings, but it is unwell. Though don't worry it will return.

Dave Bennett

Important Short Notice event

Please add a possible trip on a miniature train on the 12th August, at 2.00 near Bromyard. Could any who is interested please let me know.

This is a privately owned line which is only open occasionally, longest private line in the country. This is a charity day so we would not have inclusive use of the service. I have been trying to find what donation would be expected, but not been given a figure.

<http://thehyde.info/steam-trains/>

We will meet in Bromyard at 1.30 on the car park behind leisure centre on the Tenbury road

Many thanks

Chris

Malvern Branch MMOC AGM

This will be held at the October 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.

Treasurer's trivia

Hello everyone

It is not often I get stumped when it comes to a problem on the Minors but I was really scratching my head a few weeks ago. You will recall I had a problem with the brakes on the MM recently which ultimately resulted in me fitting a new rear brake hose. Now the brakes were perfect but I was getting a noise from what sounded like the rear of the car. I checked through everything I had done; fitting of brake cylinders, brake springs and shoes. All was spot on. I started to suspect a problem on the prop shaft; there seemed to be a bit of slack on the front bearings but nothing definitive. Then my neighbor Nigel, who is a mechanic, happened to see I had the Morris out. I, of course, poured out my woes. Get her jacked up



dave and I will come and have a look he said. After investigation Nigel hit on the problem. What was happening was where I had fitted a replacement (pattern) wheel cylinder on the nearside rear wheel the wheel bolts were catching on the outside of the cylinder(see picture). This can only happen on the Series

MM or early Series 2 cars with the Morris back axle. I have fitted countless wheel cylinders before and never experienced anything like this before. I can only put it down to the casting

being a fraction prouder and then catching the bolts. Needless to say a change of cylinder instantly sorted matters. You live and learn!

Our branch outing to the Radway Bridge garden center vintage show was a really excellent day out. I cannot remember ever going to a show where so much variety was packed into such a small area. Exhibits ranged from a bubble car to Rolls Royces and even a combine! The weather always makes a difference and we were blessed with a dry day. Sandra and myself travelled via Eastnor, Ledbury, and Ashperton in the morning and this was an



especially pleasant journey. The people were incredibly friendly and we were talking to people all day long. The garden centre was very good to walk around as well. One car that really caught my eye was a Wolseley Wasp; what a cracking car (see picture). Thank you to all members who came. The feedback I have had is that everyone really enjoyed themselves so this could be worth visiting again.

August branch meeting- Firstly, my apologies to those of you who brought food to our last meeting with the expectation of us holding our barbecue. Unfortunately, we had to cancel it because of the weather. Mary and myself had kept it under review throughout the day and only decided to call it off in the early evening. This was especially disappointing as we had a large turnout of members and the weather had been dry for a long period up to then. We now plan to have another go at our August meeting. Fingers crossed this time; if you are in any doubt on the day because of the weather then by all means give me a ring.

See you all at our August meeting

Dave

A few words on up and coming events:-

Local Car Shows

Tewkesbury Show August 20th- Based on last year this is likely to be a very packed show. I have been in contact with the organizers and we can arrive around the same time as in previous years. Please meet up about 9.45 in the layby at Ryall with a departure time of 10.00 to the show. To have a reasonable chance of being together members MUST be in our group leaving from Ryall. Driver and car get free entry; additional passengers are 5.00 pounds each. Remember also no dogs are allowed. Please let me know if you are coming at our next meeting or ring me on 01684 593390. On the day I will have my mobile on; ring 07754348843 if you are delayed.

Toddington Show September 10th- I have mentioned this event before as Clive and myself usually go as it does make for a really good day out. A plus of going is that 2 can go for the price of 1 on a return train trip to Cheltenham. You can organize your day as you wish; you can go on the train in the morning and then spend the afternoon at the show. Alternatively, do like Clive and myself; spend the morning at the show, have lunch and then go off on the train. That works right for a cup of tea before heading home. Clive and myself have booked so if you are interested I suggest getting your entry into the Gloucestershire/ Warwickshire Railway asap.(see www.gwsr.com)

Other events members might be interested in are the Gloucestershire vintage show at South Cerney on the 4th,5th & 6th of August(see www.glosvintageextravaganza.co.uk) and also that weekend is the Trimpley vintage rally at Bite Farm, Trimpley. They have an auction on the Saturday and the show day is on the Sunday.

Thank you.

Look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting.

Dave

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