



Malvern Hills Branch Newsletter

August 2018



Welcome to the August edition of the branch newsletter.

Dates for the Diary for 2018

Saturday 11th August

Drive out to Bromyard (see newsletter for details)

Tuesday 11th September

Branch meeting at the Huntsman PH Green Street at 8pm

Tuesday 9th October

AGM at at the Huntsman PH at 8pm.

I had planned to just send out an email listing a few up and coming events as I am away a lot at the moment. However there is a lot going on at the moment so hence this newsletter. We may have to change the meeting day as the pub was closed in June, so we drove to another nearby PH. The August meeting is away from the Huntsman, we will be visiting the railway between Bromyard and Tenbury on Saturday August 11th. Meet up at the Conquest car park in Bromyard for 1.30pm. **Remember- there is no meeting at the Huntsman in August.**

What with the recent dry spell I have not had to use the wipers, so was annoyed when they ground to a halt when I came to use them. This often happens if the windscreen is dry. However this time there was a grinding noise. Eventually after dismantling the motor, which involves being a contortionist to get to the mounting bolts. I identified the problem. The plastic wheel box was badly worn where the arm is fully extended. Looking on the internet there were only second hand ones available. Also as the motor could be worn I was looking at replacing that as well. I also noticed that there was a two speed modern version available from the likes of the Bath and Birmingham Morris Minor Centres. As my morris is non original that sounded like an option. I drove up and got the parts I needed, fitting the motor is a bolt on task. Then you need to fit the wiring which comes as a new loom section. This is the interesting bit. Made more complicated for myself as I had fitted an intermittent wiper relay (now removed). As I had to remove the speedo and glove boxes to get to the wiring I replaced the fascia around the speedo, this meant I needed to remove and refit the choke cable. Take my advice and don't. Wiring complete and everything reassembled I tested it. Great it works, though it looks like they are sweeping backwards? After checking the wiring they are still going backwards. So I dismantled the glove boxes again but the wiper wheel boxes upside down and now things are working ok. A good tip to avoid the wiper arms

damaging the bodywork or blowing the wiper motor is to temporarily replace them with cloths pegs. This way you can have the bonnet up while you are setting things up. So at last I have working wiper motors.

I have had a request for a wedding car

For August 25th. The wedding is at Yarpole and they are setting off from Weobley. Costs are being offered as well as a donation. Please contact Mark on 07791984305, the bride is a wheelchair user but can transfer across to a seat ok. I also had an enquiry from a lady asking about a garage with 20 morris minors near Great Witley, though I could not help with that as I did not know of any. Anyone else know where they could be. Dave

Treasurer's Trivia

I am sure I speak for everyone by saying that the barbecue at our July meeting was a wonderful evening with perfect weather and the hospitality of our hosts, Steve & Lou, could not have been bettered. I arrived about 7.40(having passed through a surprising depth of water in the ford considering the weather) with Jeff and Julie at my rear. Even before getting out of the car the tempting smell of onions being cooked wafted across the grass. As ever Steve and Lou had everything well organized for us with the barbecue running, plenty of seating and tables for members to relax at and, of course, a lovely setting. Members starting arriving apace and before long we had 11 Minors on site. It was a great pleasure to see Barry and Pauline Reading, our members who mainly live in Spain, come along whilst they spend time at home in England. We also had Robin join us who has moved down from Scotland and now lives in Ledbury with his Trafalgar blue Minor. Apart from all the grilling of burgers and sausages the ladies in our club looked after us with a variety of sweets including a trifle from Maurita and a raspberry flan from Joyce. We did lose one member for a while when Jonathan disappeared with a gentleman in his car. We were starting to get increasingly concerned when he arrived back. Apparently he had given him a lift home but home was much further than he had been led to believe! A huge thank you to Steve & Lou for having us and we very much hope it is not too long before they join us at a branch meeting again.



Stourport Steam rally- Sandra and myself went along on the Sunday morning and what a super show it was. Jonathan was there with his traveller (Mary came later, we saw her when



leaving) and alongside him was former member, Don Roles, with his 1957 traveller. This is a particularly lovely traveller with all its original 948 running gear and original timber. Don has owned it 19 years and the only upgrade he has done is to fit 8inch drums on the front. I've included a photo for you to see. There were the usual array of stalls to visit and with the very warm weather it made for a pleasant morning out.

Don Roles and Jonathan's travellers

Much Marcle rally- Again, an excellent rally. As I always do I headed for the auction first but my money stayed firmly in my pocket! There were some cracking commercial Minors on show this year besides some excellent saloons. It was great to meet up with branch member Richard Crane who had one of his Wolseley stationary engines together with a Wolseley engine belonging to his future father in law running. I had hoped to get a picture of Richard with them but at the time of passing he had gone to the auction in the hope of purchasing another engine to add to his collection. Still, I have included a picture of the engines for you to see. Incidentally, Richard had told me earlier in the show that he was hoping to purchase shortly a late smoke grey saloon so fingers crossed he was successful. I always find the Much Marcle show a really enjoyable event to visit and I invariably meet up with quite a few people I know from the Forest.



Minor maintenance- I have been doing some maintenance on the 948 of late. Firstly, whilst checking round the car I noticed the exhaust was loose on the connection to the manifold. Now I have never needed to touch this and was surprised the coupling consisted of a nut and bolt on the one side and a rivet on the other. I have only seen them with 2 nuts and bolts before but this did look like this was how it had been made. I am sure many of you will

know the answer to this as I have more experience with the MM exhaust which is quite different. As the cost was very modest I put a new clamp on with the 2 nuts and bolts which I am happier with. I have also renewed the nearside eyebolt bushes. I have been experiencing some uneven wear on the nearside tyre only so felt it was less likely to be a tracking issue. I had renewed the offside ones in 2005 so felt it would do no harm to check these out. Although there was some wear evident they were not too bad after 59 years of use but with new ones now fitted I can rule that out as a problem and will monitor how things go.



Eye bolt ready to refit on the 948

Tewkesbury car show August 19th- This is usually enjoyed by a number of members. However, entry details have changed this year. The advice is to book in advance which now costs the driver and car 5.00 pounds(7.50 on the day) A similar cost applies to any passengers. You can find details on www.tewkesburycvf.org. Meet up in the Ryall lay -by about 9.50 for departure at 10.00. Please let me know if you are coming as part of our group so that I can look out for you.

I went down last Saturday afternoon to the Defford air day for an hour. It brings back memories for me visiting as this is where my 948 Minor lived before I bought it. I only saw mainly model aircraft flying this year but it was all quite spectacular and it made for a very interesting hour out. Unfortunately, I had left my camera at home so could not take any pictures. One of the classic cars on show that caught my eye was a high light Series MM in very original order; looking inside was just like looking in mine. The Defford airfield history group had a stand and I was able to learn some more detailed history of items covered in the talk we had earlier this year. I know some of our members have visited in the past; entry is free with the money raised going to very worthwhile causes.

Other events coming up- Finally, 2018 is turning out to be a year of weddings within our branch. Back in May, branch member Thom Birmingham was married and on September 1st long standing member, Richard Crane, gets married to his fiancée Nicky. As you can imagine there is only one car that fits the bill for the wedding car! We wish them both well for the future.

August meeting- Just as a reminder we will be visiting the railway between Bromyard and Tenbury on Saturday August 11th. Meet up at the Conquest car park in Bromyard for 1.30pm. **Remember-** there is no meeting at the Huntsman in August.

See you at the railway

Dave

Other Events

On the 3rd, 4th & 5th of August is the South Cerney show near Cirencester. This is quite a large event that Jonathan and Mary normally attend and I hope to get to this year. Also on the same weekend is the Trimpley steam rally near Kidderminster.

Classic Car & Bike Show at The Swan pub (field behind pub) High Street, Chaddesley Corbett DY10 4SD. Bank holiday Monday, 27 August 2018 from 10.30am. Live music. BBQ available.

It's a bit steep at £10 per car but proceeds all going to Kidderminster & Worcestershire Prostate Cancer Support Group, so a good cause which ties in well with the Club's chosen charity for the year. 100+ vehicles expected.

Pre-booking not needed. Further info available from John on 07976 427248.

Cheers.

Tom B.

From Bob

Members,

I have been contacted by Paul Eden of Shakespeares Rally Promotions who has invited us and other motoring organisations to attend the following events:

11th/12th August: Tortworth Vintage Rally, Wickwar, Gloucestershire GL12 8LF

15th/16th September: Stoke Prior Steam Rally, Little Intall Fields Farm, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire B60 4LF

All events are open to all makes and types of Classic and Vintage Vehicles, Tractors & Machinery. Full details and entry forms are available from the website:

WANTED

Hello I re-joined the MMOC a few months ago and hope to come along to your meeting on 15th March.

I previously had a Morris Traveller which I had to sell a few years ago and am now hoping to buy another one. Do you know if any members of the Malvern Hills branch or other branches have a traveller for sale now or will do soon? I would need one in good condition and good working order as my technical skills are limited!

Can you advise what is best in terms of brakes - eg discs or standard brakes with a servo?

Many thanks and best wishes Nicole Willett

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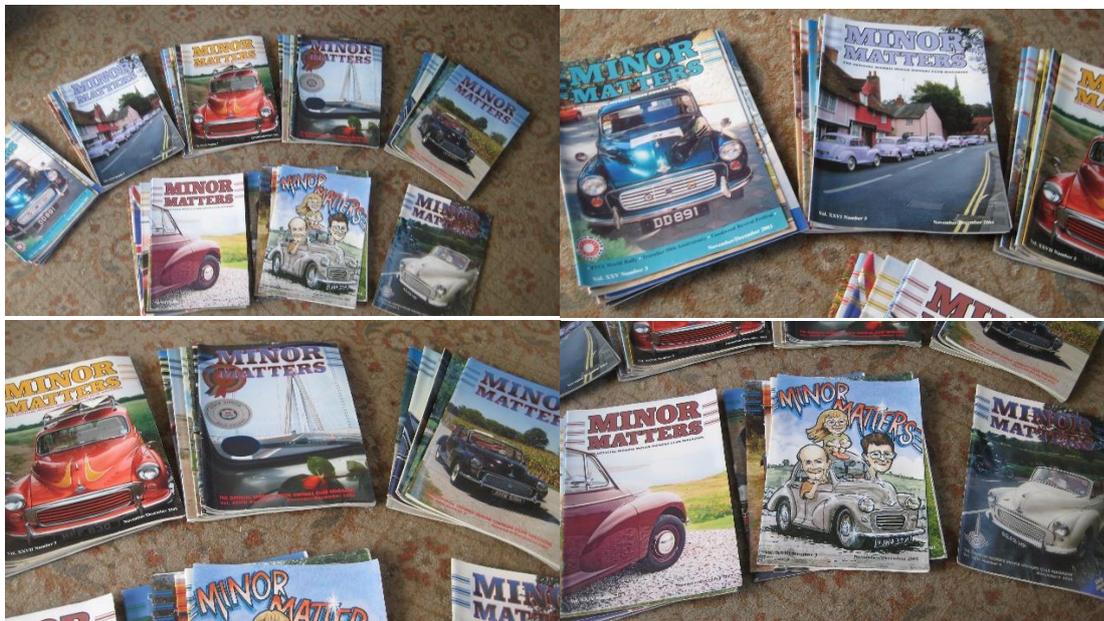
Michael Jefferies is looking for a 2 door saloon Morris 1000. Please contact me and I will forward the information across to you.

FOR SALE

Doug's convertible, see Chris for details

Leonard Rees has some old Minor Matters that he wants to sell, contact me for details.

Morris minor magazines - MINOR MATTERS - 7 year collection. Very desirable for the minor fan. Years 2001 to 2008, excellent condition. To be sold preferably as a collection or at £30 per yearly issues



Happy Motoring

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