

# Malvern Hills Branch Newsletter

December 2015



This is a few lines letting people know what is happening

As we start the winter season, we move from evening meetings to Saturday lunchtime meetings at various venues.

## Dates for the Diary for 2015/6

### Saturday 14th November

Drive out, meet at the Huntsman PH Green Street, near Kempsey 12 noon for a drive to Malvern.

### Saturday 12th December

Christmas meal at The Rose and Crown Severn Stoke. 12th December at 12, Contact Dave Smith for details.

### Saturday 9th January

Drive out, Meet at Croome Court 12ish, meet in the cafe to blow away those christmas cobwebs.

### Saturday 13th February

Drive out, Meet at Rowberry's Nursery at Chaddesley Corbett at 12 ish.

### Tuesday 9th March

Back at the Huntsman PH meet at 8pm, we are arranging a talk by Footman James

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New year to everyone. This month's newsletter has an article from Clive, about the hand drill and Dave has also sent me an article as well. I am a bit limited as to what I can send and receive as my internet is very poor. So apologies if I have missed any thing out.

The next event will be our Christmas meal at the Rose and Crown Severn Stoke. Which I am looking forward to, Dave Smith is collecting names for this event and he should be the first point of contact. My only worry at the moment is the height of the River Severn at the moment, hopefully it will not be a problem.



## Treasurer's Trivia

Hello everyone,

Having written to you all in the past as either secretary or chairman it is now my turn to write to you in the capacity of treasurer. I must admit that taking on the role of treasurer has felt the most daunting responsibility so far. Indeed, when I went to see Mary and she showed me the box of folders and books she kept my initial thoughts were 'What have I done'! Still, as always, Mary could not have been more helpful and by time she had run through it all with me I certainly felt more at ease. My main responsibility to date has been the Christmas meal. At the time of writing we have 24 members attending. If you have not booked there is still time to do so but the very latest date to let me know is December 5<sup>th</sup>. The meal, as most of you will know, is booked for Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup> at 12.30pm. The cost of the meal does not include coffee at the end but coffee and biscuits are available at an additional cost of £1.90 for anyone who would like them. The Rose and Crown is very straightforward to find but if anyone has any concerns by all means give me a ring.

We had an excellent turnout of Minors for the November meeting. I had planned to have the run out over the Malvern Hills. However, the wet weather led me to curtail the length of journey to just take in Upton and the outskirts of Welland. Still, the Blue Bell at Malvern made for a very pleasant destination. Although we are the Malvern Hills Branch it is quite rare we actually head to Malvern (apart from shows at the 3 Counties Showground) so it felt quite appropriate to be in the area for a change. The only real downside of the afternoon was the time it took me to dry the Morris off when I arrived home! Incidentally, being out in the rain reminded me just how bad the windscreen leaks on the driver's side. Any recommendations for a good sealant I can try would be most welcome.

As you will know we are having our branch rally at Brockhampton House near Bromyard next May. It was 2004 we last had a rally here. Those of you who came to that one will remember we were at the top of the site with a shuttle service running between rally site and the house. This time the plan is to be in the overflow car park at the bottom adjacent the main car park. The committee will be meeting early in the New Year to get the organisation under way and more details will follow in due course.

Finally can I wish all those members I will not see at the Christmas meal a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Dave.



## The Marvel Of The Hand Drill !!

Almost forgotten about now, with our obsession with power tools and electric drills. But just consider its merits against electric drills. These are:-



1) Quick and easy to set up. 2) Always ready to use. No tiresome expensive batteries which are always flat when you want to use the drill or won't hold a charge due to age. 3) Easy to position and locate the point where you want the hole. 4) Easy to control and keep the correct line. 5) Quicker for small light jobs than electric drills. 6) Safe, little risk of injury, won't grab your tie or shirt and choke you. 7) No noise, won't damage your hearing like a hammer drill, or annoy the neighbours. 8) Cheap to buy. 9) Durable (the one in the picture is 35 years old) 10) little maintenance, just oil every few years. 11) No special requirements for disposing of worn out drill and hazardous batteries. Most electric drills go to scrap because the battery has failed, not the drill itself.

Clive

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**Seasons Greetings from the Malvern Hills MMOC**