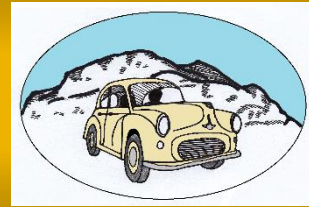


Malvern Hills Branch Newsletter

December 2016



Welcome to the December edition of the branch newsletter.

Dates for the Diary for 2016/7

Saturday 10 December

The Branch Christmas Meal is at 12.30 at the Sun and Slipper at Mable, [Click HERE](#) for instructions on how to get there.

Saturday 14th January

Drive out to Croome Park, meet at 12 in the cafe.

Saturday 11th February

Drive out to Rowberrys Garden Centre, meet at 12 in the cafe.

Tuesday 14th March

Back at the Huntsman PH for a social, meet from 8pm.

There will not be a January Newsletter as I will be away visiting relations, though there will be a Feb edition. Due to some confusion, the letter I sent to Minor Matters is replacing the article I sent in for the branch news. So here is our Christmas Branch news. One of the reasons it was replaced by a letter I sent in was as Sue Cook said "it was a change from eating and the Minor Marathon". The letter I sent in was about meeting up with another morris minor traveller while on a canoe trip to the Dudley Tunnels Trust.



Malvern Hills Branch Report

Looking back on the year, the most memorable thing was the Morris Marathon, when we went to Malvern and collected £300 for the MMOC charity as well as waved the flag for Morris Minors. Thank you all from other branches for coming along for the Malvern to Ledbury leg.



Our winter season started off with a drive out to Malvern, where eight moggies enjoyed the sunshine. Driving out to The Bluebell on the eastern edge of Malvern. For a bite to eat and a chat.



Our Christmas meal is at the Sun and Slipper PH at Mable on 10th December, Mary and Jonathan recommend it.

The rest of our winter meets are. On January 14th we meet at the café at Croome Court at about 12ish to blow away the Christmas cobwebs. Then on February 11th we meet at the café at Rowberrys garden centre, Chaddesley Corbett. Then we are back at the Huntsman PH for our normal evening meeting on March 14th at 8pm.

We are still arranging our Branch Rally. More details will be posted early next year. For more details please see our website www.malvernhills.mmoc.org.uk

Season's greetings from the Malvern Hills branch.



Hello everyone

Our November meeting was very successful. It could easily have been very different for me though. A couple of days before I had backed the Morris out of the garage to check the oil etc. Initially all seemed well. Then I noticed oil on the ground below the oil filter. For some reason I have had to tighten the bolt through the oil filter bowl again; this has only occurred since changing the last filter. Not sure why this is happening. Then I smelt petrol. I then discovered petrol seeping both ends from the flexible fuel pipe to the carburetor. Subsequent investigation found the internal rubber having deteriorated requiring a new pipe. To top it all my arm rubbed against the overflow pipe on the radiator and it fell off! That was badly cracked. I checked my service records (I keep a detailed record of everything I do to the Morris) and found I had renewed both pipes in the summer of 2006. So they were just over 10 years old. Thank goodness I had checked the car; I would undoubtedly have broken down on the Saturday if I had not. So if you know your petrol pipe in particular is over 10 years old it is probably a good idea to check the condition. It is also a reminder how vital it is to monitor the condition of flexible brake hoses. Returning to our meeting we had a lovely run over to Malvern. Departing about 12.20 from the Huntsman we headed to the Blue Bell in Malvern via Upton. The sun was out and it made for a very pleasant journey. Chris had arranged reserved seats for us and it proved an ideal meeting venue for November.



CHRISTMAS MEAL- We have the grand total of 27 adults plus Chris and Laura's daughter, Becky, coming to the Sun and Slipper on the 10th. I think this must be a record number. Let's hope it does not snow! To update you on the money side, the branch will subsidize each meal by 1.95. Therefore 3 courses will be 20.00 pounds and 2 courses 16.00 pounds. I will collect the money from everyone after the meal. PLEASE CAN YOU BRING CASH TO PAY ME. I am very pleased so many members are coming especially as it gives a chance to meet up with members who cannot make it to our meetings very often. Mary has written some excellent directions for members on getting to Mamble which you will find elsewhere in the newsletter. If anyone still needs assistance on the location by all means give me a ring on 01684 593390 or Mary will be happy to advise. Look forward to seeing you all.

It is quite a long time since we last had a consignment of sweatshirts etc for members to purchase with the Malvern Hills logo on them. I have been in contact with our suppliers, Delta Print, and subject to interest from members, would be able to order a batch in. I need a minimum order of 10 items. If you are interested please could you let me know? No obligation at this stage; if I get sufficient interest I will ascertain cost per item, colours available etc. Sizes will vary from small to XXL.

JANUARY MEETING (14th)-As there is no January newsletter this will be my last chance to update you. This will be our annual visit to Croome Court. For those members who wish to come earlier the grounds will open from 10.00am closing at 4.30pm with the house opening at 11.00am and closing at 4.00pm. We will meet up at 12.00 as usual. Julie is very kindly arranging reserved seating for us on the day.

I expect some of you may have read in Practical Classics which classic car came first in a recent vote. It was, of course, the Morris Minor and all of us Minor enthusiasts can understand why. It is straightforward to work on, is economical and a delight to drive. Our National secretary, Ray Newell, was featured with his superb low light tourer. Second place went to the E type Jaguar which is still a stunning looking car.



Other info

MORRIS 1000 LOOKING FOR A GOOD HOME

After 40+ years of owning Morris (3) and approaching 300,000 reliable miles we regret the time has come when we have decided to sell. John had to surrender his driver's license shortly before moving to Malvern due to sight problems and Bridget now finds the Morris difficult having become used to P.A.S. J. now finds it difficult to polish (ask Jonathan!) (October 2016)

Some of you may remember the car- a 1967 Trafalgar Blue 2 door, genuine mileage approaching 25,000, MOT just obtained. We recently had an acceptable offer 'as seen' which fell through at the last moment. If any member is interested in this car please contact us by phone (sorry not on line) John & Bridget Ripper (Malvern) 01684 569433 (October 2016)

Simon from Hereford needs an axle and diff for his 1970 Morris. If you have got a spare one you can sell him. Can you contact him on 01432 839312. (November 2016)

Michael Biddle, from Kempsey, has a 1967 Morris for sale. It has a recon engine and a MOT so is a runner. If interested, can you contact him on 01905 820552. Sorry don't know what model or colour it is. (December 2016)

Season's Greetings from Dave



Use Full contacts

Chairman Chris Perfect

Treasurer Dave Smith

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Here is the Christmas meal menu.

Gun & Slipper Inn



Christmas and New Year Menus

Christmas Fare

Leek and potato soup
Creamy garlic mushrooms served with toast
Chicken liver parfait served with damson chutney and toast
Smoked fillet of trout with avocado, prawns and Marie-rose sauce
Cantaloupe melon with raspberry sorbet
Tomato and mozzarella salad with basil

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Traditional roast turkey served with homemade chestnut stuffing
and cranberry sauce
Roast sirloin of beef with Yorkshire pudding
Pan fried breast of pheasant with bacon, shallots
and mushrooms cooked in red wine sauce
Poached salmon steak in white wine with cucumber, prawns and cream
Vegetable and chestnut cutlet served with tomato and garlic sauce

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All main courses served with fresh seasonal vegetables
and potatoes

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Christmas pudding with brandy sauce
Dark and white chocolate terrine
Sherry trifle
Bread and butter pudding
Various ice creams
English cheeses with biscuits and grapes

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Freshly brewed coffee
with mince pies

£21.95 including vat
£17.95 for 2 courses