



Malvern Hills Branch Newsletter

December 2017



Welcome to the December edition of the branch newsletter.

Dates for the Diary for 2017 / 2018

Saturday 16th December

Branch Christmas meal at the Huntsman PH at 1pm. Contact Dave to book

Saturday 13th January

Branch Meeting at Croome Court Cafe at 12 noon.

Saturday 10th February

Branch Meeting at Rowberry's (Chaddesley Corbett) Cafe at 12 noon.

Tuesday 13th March

Branch Meeting at the Huntsman PH at 7.30ish.

Our Christmas meal has been booked, see future events for more info. Also we are hopeful that we have a branch rally venue, more info to come. We have arranged our winter meetings which will be: to Croome Park in January and Rowberries Garden Centre (near Chaddesley Corbett) in February.

Walking around Rowberry's after booking our tables I came across these Morris Minor planters, they are fiberglass rather than concrete (like the traveller planter) so will be light to transport around. Though only in red, I am sure that they can be repainted to match your minor's colour if needs be. There are other car makes also available, the Austin Healey 3000 looked very nice.



Treasurer's Trivia

Hello everyone,

With the winter days on us now my Minors are, of course, spending most of their time in their respective garages. I am making a conscious effort now, and recording the dates, of when they come out for a run. Ensuring there is a regular turnover of fuel is more important than ever so I aim to have the cars out at least every fortnight. It ensures the brakes etc. remain free too!

I very much enjoyed Clive's article on the ERF lorries. Being a David Brown owner I was particularly interested in the fact they had David Brown gears. David Brown tractor gearboxes are superbly engineered but do tend to be less quiet than others due to the straight cut gears. I notice the difference between my David Brown and Ferguson so it did make me wonder what the gearboxes were like in the lorries. Does any member have any experience with the lorries to reflect on this?

Back to branch matters. Our November meet up was certainly a quiet affair. I knew we were going to be thin on the ground as quite a few members had contacted me to let me know they could not come for various reasons. However, just 4 of us turned up at the Huntsman. Still, undeterred, we decided to make the best of it so Tim and myself together with Roger and Maurita headed off to the Bluebell in Malvern. It was relatively quiet at the Bluebell as well. It was a very pleasant couple of hours out and I was able to reassure everyone that attendance should be somewhat better for the December meeting!

Christmas meal- At the time of writing we have 24 coming. If you have not booked and would like to come it may be still possible but please ring me on 01684 593390 for an up to date position. The meal is booked for 1.00pm so please arrive in plenty of time. In order to assist those who may need assistance in locating the Huntsman the full address is- The Huntsman Inn, Green Street, Kempsey, Worcester, WR5 3QB.

Branch rally- I would imagine some of you are wondering what is happening. It is certainly taking a while to sort but fingers crossed that by early December we hope to have agreed to visit Witley Court next year. The committee are

having a site visit and meeting very shortly so by the time of the Christmas meal we should have definite news.

Doug Macmillan- Doug continues to receive treatment at the Alexandra hospital in Redditch. I know from the enquiries I have had that he is very much in the thoughts of members. If you are interested in visiting him please give Chris a ring first as he can confirm the relevant details.

New Year- As most of you know we have a rest from producing a newsletter in January so this will be the last edition until February. January will be our annual visit to Croome Court on Saturday 13th at mid-day. We will endeavour to reserve some seats as it will inevitably be very busy. In February we will visit Rowberry's nursery at Chaddesley Corbett on Saturday 10th at mid-day. Again we will look to reserve some seats. Our friends from Birmingham branch try to visit us at Croome and Rowberry's and we very much hope this is the case again. We hope to have a guest speaker in March when we go back to evening meetings. However, as we would like to lay on some food in connection with this talk, it is likely the meeting day will be different. **Please ensure you check your newsletter or refer to the website for confirmation of dates etc. in the New Year.**

A warm welcome to new member Stephen Smith from Hagley. Stephen came along to our rally at Burford and was very taken by the friendly approach he received from members so he has decided to join us. He is planning to come to our meet up at Rowberry's in February and we look forward to seeing him then.

Finally, for those of you I will not see at the Christmas meal may I wish you a happy Christmas and New Year.

Dave

FOR SALE- A wooden slatted roof rack especially tailored to fit a Morris Minor. I understand it is in good condition. I have not a price at present. It is situated at an address in Ross-on-Wye. For further information ring Phil Willett on 07813855715 or 01594 824702.

Footnote- If it is of any help, I could call in and pick it up for any member as I pass through Ross usually once a month and will certainly be going by at least a couple of times leading up to Christmas. Dave Smith

And Finally

Susan Akrill (the MMOC Branch and Liaison) emailed us this.

My name is Damien Basegmezer, one of three partners at This Fine Day, a mobile bar business based in Sussex.

We currently own a 1971 Morris Minor pickup that we call Ruby that has been specifically designed so that she can adapt to any type of event. We've used Ruby to sell home-made mulled cider and wine, craft ales, as a pop-up gin bar, cocktail bar and as a barista coffee bar. We enjoy taking this beautiful piece of British engineering and design out and about and combining it with our love of food and drink.

I'd love the opportunity to meet up with you, tell you a more about ourselves, show you our hand crafted mobile bars and explore ways we could work together at one of your events.

I have attached a few images of Ruby and I hope that we might be able to do something together in the future.

Many thanks,
Damien Basegmezer



Season's Greetings and Happy Motoring

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