

Malvern Hills Branch Newsletter

June 2016



Welcome to the June edition of the Branch newsletter. The Editor regrets that it is a bit sparse in content as he is in the middle of moving house (you can't get much in the boot of a Minor 1000...!).

Dates for the Diary for 2016

Sunday 5th June

Mid-Shropshire Vintage Show

Saturday 11th June

Upton School Gala: contact Dave for info

Tuesday 14th June

Branch Barbecue at Steve and Lou Reeve's house (see Treasurer's Trivia)

Saturday 18th June

Branch outing to the Severn Valley Railway: contact Dave or Mary for info

Treasurer's Trivia

Hello everyone,

Despite plenty of worries beforehand, our rally was a great success. The one major concern at the back of my mind with this rally was how we would manage if it turned wet during the day. This is not an unusual concern as, whenever you are on grass, you always think about the weather. However, the gently sloping nature of the field was an added concern this time. If it had turned very wet we could have been in real difficulty with moving cars. So, imagine how I felt when we reached Bringsty in the morning to see large puddles in the road! It was a matter of keeping my fingers crossed and hoping that things were not too bad. It was clear as we drove down the long driveway to our rally site that they had experienced a sizeable shower but it was a relief that conditions were not too bad on the rally site, although we had hoped for the grass to have been mown a bit shorter which would have helped when it is wet. As always, it was a wonderful team effort getting the rally up and running. This was not easy as, despite the weather forecast of fine weather, we experienced rain showers with some being quite persistent. Entrants started arriving very early - even before we had put all the class signs out! The rally mugs we had as a memento this year proved very popular, especially the ones with a Series II on. By mid-morning, the skies started to brighten and we then had a beautiful day. It was a lovely setting with a great display of Minors and open class cars. I was

particularly struck this year by the people themselves who attended; they were clearly enjoying the day and were so interesting to talk to about their cars. Brockhampton is a great place to visit and we have received many comments of appreciation both verbally and in writing for our rally. Thank you to everyone who attended and a very big thank you to all the members who helped on the day.



SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY TRIP. We now have a group of 20 coming on our day out to the SVR in June. At the time of writing, there are a few spare places left; please contact Mary on 01299 832476 to check availability. One important point for everyone coming is that, if you want to have a meal at the Engine House, it **MUST BE PRE-BOOKED**. Please contact Mary for this and she will arrange. As an alternative, I understand that there is a pub, The Ship, close to Highley station where meals may be purchased.

MID-SHROPSHIRE VINTAGE SHOW. This show is held at Berwick Road, Shrewsbury, on 5th June. Mary and Jonathan are going and I understand that it is a very good event if you would like to attend.

JOWETT RALLY. I went along to the Jowett car rally in Upton on 28th May. It was a lovely event (very much like a Morris Minor rally except with Jowetts!). Looking in the engine compartment of a Jowett always makes me think of what might have been with the Series MM if it had been fitted with the horizontally opposed engine. Another point I thought about looking at them was the amount of rear leg room in a Jowett Javelin which is extremely good for the size of car. A couple of photographs from the event are below.





JUNE BRANCH MEETING. Our June meeting on the 14th will be our annual barbeque. We will be holding it again at the home of Steve and Lou Reeves at Naunton Beauchamp. Steve and Lou have not been able to attend our meetings for a while owing to family commitments so it will be especially pleasing to meet up again. This is always a very relaxing evening and we thank them for kindly having us to their home again. This will mean, of course, that there will be no meeting at the Huntsman. For those who have not been before, it is in Seaford Lane, Naunton Beauchamp, and Steve normally puts some direction signs out. Bring your own food and drink and arrive about 7.30-8.00 pm.

All the Best and Happy Motoring!

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