

# Malvern Hills Branch Newsletter

June 2017



Welcome to the June edition of the Branch newsletter.

## **Dates for the Diary for 2017**

### **Tuesday 13th June**

Our regular 8pm evening social meeting at the Huntsman PH, Green Street near Kempsey.

### **Tuesday 11th July**

Our regular 8pm evening social meeting at the Huntsman PH, Green Street near Kempsey.

### **Tuesday 8th August**

Our regular 8pm evening social meeting at the Huntsman PH, Green Street near Kempsey.

### **Sunday 20th August**

We are planning to go to the Tewkesbury Car Show.

### **Tuesday 12th September**

Our regular 8pm evening social meeting at the Huntsman PH, Green Street near Kempsey.

We have had a new arrival in the form of Bethany Perfect, a little sister for Becky, who was born shortly after our branch rally. So congratulations to Chris and Laura.



## A message from Laura

In April the club received an email for a request of a white Morris minor. After giving a few suggestions, it was decided that mine would be adequate. I visited the bride (Kate) over Easter, who I had never meet before and went through all the days' plans. I explained that we were about to have our second child.

So after lots of cleaning, polishing, and checking the car over, I arrived at Kate's house on the 6th May at 10, and made the short from her to Leominster priority. After the service there was tea and cake, with Morris dancers performing outside the church. We drove her and Stephen to the Salway arms for the reception.

The following Saturday we had our rally at Burford house, Tenbury wells, this was a very successful day. Many thanks to everyone who helped, donated prizes and turned up. We also managed to donate some money to the charity green fingers, which Burford house supports.

The following Tuesday we made our way to Hereford hospital to have a second child, Bethany rose may. Many thanks for your good wishes and cards.



## Malvern Hills Branch Rally Report

Branch Rally was held at Burford House, near to Tenbury Wells, on Saturday 13th May. About 50 cars, both Morris and other makes arrived for our first Saturday rally event. We parked in the grounds of Burford house, next to the garden centre. Though not the blazing sun forecast, it stayed dry for us.

### The winners

	<b>First</b>	<b>Second</b>
<b>MM/Series 11</b>	Thomas Birmingham (251YUA)	Bob Prophet (RNE425)
<b>2 Door Saloon</b>	Dave Smith (41AFK)	Michael Rochelle (JWK999E)
<b>4 Door Saloon</b>	Stephen Smith (805UXY)	Ken Knight (295XYB)
<b>Traveller</b>	Doug Prothero (NDV259F)	Graham Monk (YUY153G)
<b>Custom/Modified</b>	Roger Payne (SFO596)	Doug Macmillan (YTJ362J)
<b>Convertible</b>	Phil Heeley (393AYP)	Rob Beavan (LRG482G)
<b>Commercial</b>	John Barley (DDG974J)	Peter Turner (ROA488G)

<b>Open</b>	Randell Proctor (UWP979)	Jonathan Swift (G428WVT)
<b>Best in Show</b>	Doug Prothero Traveller	
<b>Furthest travelled</b>	Tony Finch	

Well done to all winners and thank you to everyone who came to our rally. I have posted up the rally photos onto the Malvern Hills Branch web site.



## Branch Rally at Burford House

I know that other members will also have written a thank you letter praising the efforts of all those people who organised this year's branch rally. You can't have too many words of thanks though and I wanted to add my own voice to thank all of those who helped to make it such a lovely successful day. In particular I want to thank Chris Perfect, Dave Smith, Dave Bennet and Bob Prophet for their part in organising the event, We must also give a special thanks to the ladies, Mary, Julie, Sandra and Dulcie, who manned the Rally control, Tombola and raffle stands. It is a long day being tied to these duties, especially if the weather is not too good and we all know how attractive the gazebos are to wind!

The weather, whilst far from perfect, was also kind to us and did not spoil the day. Malvern Hills branch has been very lucky over the years with weather. We have had cool windy days, but in the 10 years I have been in the club, we have never actually been rained off, and forced to abandon the rally, like many other branches have. I believe we should always count our good fortunes.

*Clive*

## **Treasurer's trivia**

Hello everyone

Our rally is over for another year and what a super day it turned out to be. We were down a bit on numbers this year but that was more than made up for by the warmth and friendliness of the rally entrants together with one of the loveliest settings we have had for

a rally. It reminded me very much of the first rallies I attended in the late seventies and early eighties.

It had been fingers crossed on the weather front as it had rained quite heavily at times the day before (desperately needed rain too). Our luck was in. Saturday morning dawned fine and it made for a most pleasant and relaxing drive through the Teme valley to Tenbury. (I believe a number of vehicles, including Jonathan, had become stuck behind me nearing Tenbury; Clive will know how they felt!) Putting the gazebo up, as sometimes happens, caused some head scratching (I must get it out before the rally next year to refresh my memory) but it was soon sorted and we could get unpacked. Cars started arriving very early so it was all systems go from first thing. I was slightly anxious to see how my changed booking in system fared. I had tried changing it to make my life a bit easier with the bookings beforehand and hopefully to work better on the day. Feedback from Sandra and Dulcie was positive so this may be used again. The egg cup mementos were very popular and we even sold some additional ones. We ended up with 40 entrants on site and a fine display of all models. I was particularly impressed with the display of Series 2 cars this year, one of the best I can remember. Branch member Thom Birmingham brought his Series 2 for the first time; an exceptional car and well deserved winner. One winner I was particularly pleased to see was Doug Prothero from Hereford with his Traveller. Doug had put enormous effort into restoring his Traveller and was rightly very proud of what he had achieved. I enjoyed going around the reclamation yard and was pleased to purchase a perfect oil can to fit my Bamfords trailer mower.

Thank you to all the branch members who helped on the day and thank you for all the donations to the tombola and raffle which made these a great success. Thank you also to Rebecca and Dave Bennett for their cash donations. These were added to the tombola total to make £108.00 as our donation to the Greenfingers charity. (Greenfingers create gardens and areas for staff and guardians at children's hospices) The committee have also decided to give £30.00 to Marie Curie for the speaker who visited us recently. Next year will mark 70 years since the introduction of the Morris Minor Series MM. It would be good if we could do something a bit special next year to commemorate this so if you have any suggestions do let us know. The main thing NOT to do will be to drive at the speed of a Series MM!

SPARES- I have a few spares to dispose of if anyone is interested. I have a complete front sidelight/ flasher unit for a 64 onwards Minor. It looks new and unused. I also have an additional lens only. I have 2 black face speedometers as well; I cannot confirm if working but general external condition is good. Give me a ring on 01684 593390 if interested.

A plastic bowl has arrived back to me from the rally in the regalia box. I have no idea who this belongs to so let me know if you are missing one.

A belated thanks- Back at Easter time when we were meeting in the skittle alley an Easter treat appeared at my table. At the time I was not sure who it was from. I now know these were brought in by Maurita Williamson. This was a very kind gesture by Maurita and I want to put on record our appreciation.

Tewkesbury Car Show, Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup> 2017- I know this is a little while off but is such a popular event with members I thought I would give you plenty of advance notice to put it in your diary. Further details on meeting up nearer the time.

Branch meeting June 13<sup>th</sup> unless there is information to the contrary in the newsletter we will be meeting at the Huntsman as normal. Chris was hoping to arrange an evening visit out but at the time of writing this was unconfirmed.

See you all in June

Dave

All the Best and Happy Motoring!

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