



Malvern Hills Branch Newsletter

June 2018



Welcome to the June edition of the branch newsletter.

Dates for the Diary for 2018

Tuesday 12th June

Branch Meeting at at the Huntsman PH at 8pm.

Sunday 17th June

Witley Court is holding a Classic car rally on Fathers Day.

Tuesday 10th July

Branch Bar b Que (venue to be arranged)

Tuesday 14th August

Branch Meeting at at the Huntsman PH at 8pm.

Our branch rally was held at Witley Court in north Worcestershire. The lovely weather was much appreciated and it was great to meet and chat with other enthusiasts while basking in the sunshine. It was a great time to visit Witley Court as the late spring and early summer flowers were out. We had 52 cars ranging from a series 2 right up to some J reg saloons and traveller. We also had a good range of other makes which included some early Land Rovers and a few Riley's. We raised £60 for a prostate cancer charity and as a change from last year, we decided to pool the auto jumble to one place. We got people to attach a tag to the item with their rally entrant number and how much they thought that it was worth. Then we would record a tally of what was bought and give a cheque to the seller at the end of the rally. This appeared to work ok though worked better with single items rather than assortment boxes.

The winners

	First	Second
MM/Series 11	Graham Ryder	Bob Prophet
Door Saloon	Mike Rochelle	Alex Smith
4 Door Saloon	Stephen Smith	Ken Knight
Traveller	Graham Morris	Doug Prothero
Custom/Modified	Roger Williamson	Bob Hancock
Convertible	Phil Heeley	David Ritchie
Commercial	John Barley	Peter Turner
Open	Graham Dell	Godfrey Dingley-Jones
Best in Show	Graham Morris (Traveller)	
Furthest travelled	Colin Jenks	

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.



Treasurer's Trivia

Hello everyone,

Well our branch rally is over for another year and what an excellent day it was. A beautiful setting, glorious weather and a fine array of cars made for a cracking get together of Minor owners and other classic car owners.

I arrived at about 8.50 and a short time later the Witley Court manager arrived to unlock the site. This was a great help as initially we were told we would not be able to get access before 9.30. Once on site setting up was hugely advanced by Chris having gone down on the Saturday afternoon to put up the gazebo and put out the class signs. Thank goodness he had as the first rally entrants started arriving before we had rally control fully up and running. The first half hour or so is always especially busy with getting rally control organized together with the tombola stall, sorting the raffle prizes and putting the signage out. This year we also had the auto jumble stall. This was an idea of

Bob's where we sold auto jumble for members at a 10% commission. This proved very popular with entrants helped by the fact there were some good quality items for sale. By lunch time we had 51 cars on site out of 55 booked. Every class of Minor was well represented with the open class also displaying a varied selection from Land Rovers to a Ford Prefect. Witley Court itself enjoyed a steady stream of rally entrants throughout the day; I know we had a number of people who had not visited Witley Court before and thoroughly enjoyed it. Every rally entrant who came had a special 70th anniversary mug that the branch had commissioned and the feedback I had was that people were very pleased with them. Prize giving time soon came around at 3.00pm. Amongst branch class winners were Bob with his lovely Series 2, Mike Rochelle with his 2 door, Stephen Smith won with his 4 door, Roger Williamson and Bob Hancock both won in the custom/modified section and John Barley in the commercial section. David Ritchie was also a winner with his convertible. This was David's first win and I know how thrilled he was; Well Done David! With prize giving over and the raffle done it was time to head home and reflect on a successful day. We made over 100 pounds and plan to support the National Club with a donation to the Prostate Cancer charity. The months leading up to our rally is a busy time being treasurer so I am looking forward to a bit of a breather now. Thank you to everyone who came and supported us and a huge thank you to all those involved with running the rally.

Birmingham Branch Rally- Birmingham held their rally on the Sunday before us at Avoncroft museum. I had not pre booked but as it was a lovely day Sandra and myself decided to go. We went the back roads from Pershore and it was a particularly delightful drive with the blossom out. Unlike when we held our rally, Birmingham were situated on the picnic area to the side of the main car park. Jonathan and Mary together with branch member Stephen Smith were already there when we arrived. The setting was very pleasant and we enjoyed mingling and talking to the other rally entrants. Going to a rally where you are not worried about running it is certainly more relaxing! The railway on the museum site was not officially running on the day we went but after some gentle persuasion from Jonathan they allowed us a trip. The driver certainly knew how to operate the throttle as we zipped round the track at what seemed a very fast speed. Great fun! We very much enjoyed going and it was an equally relaxing journey home.

Tyres and tracking - I recently had a conversation with branch member John Ripper about tyres and tracking. He was telling me about correspondence he had with Michelin tyres in 1976 relating to tyre pressures and tracking. Although over 40 years old now and relating to tyres of the time it is a most informative letter and John thought it could provide some useful guidance to members. You will find a copy of the letter he received attached. It would be interesting to know what other branch members do today. When I had my 948 it had radials fitted and I was advised to keep the pressures at 28 all round. This has always seemed very satisfactory. Relating to cross plies as on the MM I have always worked on the basis of 22 on the front and 24 on the rear although I believe 24 is more when you have 4 passengers in the car. The tracking toe in as indicated in the letter for radials appears to be very minimal; I must admit I have never altered the tracking on the 948 so it would be interesting to know what other members have their tracking set to. Many thanks to John for a most useful contribution on this subject.

June meeting- This will be at the Huntsman at 8.00pm. Hopefully, we will be able to sit outside.

We are planning to have our annual barbecue at the July meeting. We have been kindly invited by Steve and Lou Reeves to their home but at the time of writing I have not been able to definitely confirm the July date. Details will be in the next newsletter plus on the branch website. Chris is hoping to organize a trip out for the branch in the near future; there may be details elsewhere in the newsletter or details will follow.

I have been writing this whilst taking a break from doing some work on the MM. I had the gasket leaking between the manifold and exhaust. As many of you will know the MM set up is completely different to the A series cars with a flange and 2 bolts making the connection. Needless to say the 2 bolts did not want to budge although it is only 20 years since I put them on! I've sorted it now and as always loving every minute I am working on the MM.

See you at the next meeting,

Dave

From Bob

Members,

I have been contacted by Paul Eden of Shakespeares Rally Promotions who has invited us and other motoring organisations to attend the following events:

11th/12th August: Tortworth Vintage Rally, Wickwar, Gloucestershire GL12 8LF

15th/16th September: Stoke Prior Steam Rally, Little Intall Fields Farm, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire B60 4LF

All events are open to all makes and types of Classic and Vintage Vehicles, Tractors & Machinery. Full details and entry forms are available from the website:

WANTED

Hello I re-joined the MMOC a few months ago and hope to come along to your meeting on 15th March.

I previously had a Morris Traveller which I had to sell a few years ago and am now hoping to buy another one. Do you know if any members of the Malvern Hills branch or other branches have a traveller for sale now or will do soon? I would need one in good condition and good working order as my technical skills are limited!

Can you advise what is best in terms of brakes - eg discs or standard brakes with a servo?

Many thanks and best wishes Nicole Willett

WANTED

Michael Jefferies is looking for a 2 door saloon Morris 1000. Please contact me and I will forward the information across to you.

FOR SALE

Doug's convertible, see Chris for details

Happy Motoring

Use Full contacts

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