



# Malvern Hills Branch Newsletter

March 2017



Welcome to our March edition,

## Dates for the Diary for 2017

### Saturday 14th January

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

### Saturday 11th February

Drive out to Rowberrys Garden Centre at 12.

### Tuesday 14th March

Return to our regular 8pm evening social meetings at the Huntsman PH, Green Street near Kempsey.

### Tuesday 11th April

we have a speaker from Marie Curie at 8pm at the Huntsman PH.

### Tuesday 9th May

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

### Saturday 13th May

Our branch rally will be at Burford House near to Tenbury Wells. To download the Rally entry form click [here](#).

Our branch Rally will be on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May from 10 to 4, at Burford House, Tenbury Wells. Burford House is a great place with a garden to visit. For more info please see our website and the attached rally entry form.

Our March meeting will be back at the Huntsman PH, Green Street at 8pm our usual venue for a social chat. For the Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April meeting, we have a speaker from Marie Curie at 8pm at the Huntsman PH.

## Treasurer's Trivia

Hello everyone

I am writing this a couple of days after the storm. We are very exposed here and the wind was terrifying; luckily the electric stayed on. Jonathan and Mary were not so lucky with their electricity going off at 10.00am and was still off when I spoke to Mary at 7.00pm that evening. I can remember when we had the farm how vulnerable we used to be to power

cuts. A wind like we had this week or the first clap of thunder and that was it. When I was young one regular job in the autumn was to take the Petter A1 engine off the bale elevator and bolt it down next to the milking vacuum pump as a standby. It was invariably wanted. Standby lighting in the cowshed was a mixture of old headlights fed off batteries and the tractor running with the headlights on shining through the entrance. Interestingly, when we had to have a new vacuum pump in later years we fitted that up to run off my rotavator!

Back to Morris Minor matters. The committee recently visited our rally venue at Burford. Fingers crossed for good weather as the setting where the cars will be sited is lovely. I think we should have sufficient helpers but if you are able to help please let Chris know as it is always useful to have some names as a standby. As always we will need prizes for the tombola and raffle. The wrapping of the tombola prizes proved very successful last year and we intend to repeat this again. Any donations may be given to one of the committee. If you would like to enter our rally you can go to our website or alternatively I will have entry forms at our next meeting. If neither of the above are convenient I am happy to put an entry in the post to you; just give me a ring me on 01684 593390.

Our meeting at Rowberry's was very successful. The weather was miserable and cold but this did not deter members. It was especially good that we could all sit together. We were also pleased to welcome our friends from Birmingham branch who I am delighted to report have entered our rally as well. Having a daytime meeting north and south in the early months of the year continues to have been a very positive move. Many thanks to Dave Bennett for arranging the seating reservations.

REGALIA- I am going to bring the regalia to the next meeting. We are looking to try and move on some long held items so if you are interested in anything don't be afraid to make me an offer. You may also remember me asking for expressions of interest in having some new sweatshirts/t-shirts produced. Unfortunately there was insufficient numbers for me to justify an order at the time. This does not preclude me from making an order in the future so do let me know if you are now interested.

MALVERN FESTIVAL OF TRANSPORT, 3 COUNTIES SHOW GROUND, APRIL 9<sup>th</sup> 2017(9.30-3.00) - Clive and myself are planning to go if the weather is good. We are not planning to pre book but pay on the day if we go. If there was interest from a group of members in going on behalf of the branch I would be happy to order some pre booked tickets. Please let me know if you are interested.

MEMBERSHIP- As mentioned previously March is renewal time. If you are not paying by standing order please let me have your subscription ASAP. I will be issuing Bob with a new membership list in May so anyone not renewed by then will not be shown.

Finally, don't forget our next branch meeting is back at the Huntsman on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm. See you then.

Dave

## **How to get noticed.**

Recently I decided to drive the Morris to a Canoe meet in Dartmoor, the car performed without a problem going there and driving around parts of Dartmoor. Even fully loaded with a canoe on the roof. I had plenty of nice comments about the Morris, and enjoyed driving it around. Though driving back home it started to sound a lot noisier as I got past Bristol. I was not losing power but when the accelerator was pressed the exhaust note got a lot noisier. I had planned to stop at a motorway service station for a break, but decided to get a bit closer to home. I eventually stopped at the service station at Hartlebury, at which stage the Morris sounded like I had fitted a V8. I had a coffee and let everything cool down, then investigated what was going on. The carb and exhaust manifold was still firmly attached, so the next stage was to check the exhaust pipe. Where I discovered a crack where the pipes joined. I was only a few miles from home at this stage so I decided to get it fixed later.

At home I checked the internet for a replacement. Luckily I found that I had still got the receipt for it, as the rest of the exhaust system was last replaced in 2002 I ordered a complete system from the Minor Centre in Birmingham. It was where I had got the previous one. As I remembered fitting the last one I went for the option of ordering the parts and getting a local exhaust fitter to take the old one off and fit the new one. A good move as every nut had seized and it took them almost 2 hours to complete the job. The Morris is once more a pleasure to drive, though I should give it a check over to see if anything else looks like breaking.

Dave Bennett

## **Help Needed**

I am a MMOC member living in Hereford and am trying to trace a Morris Minor owner living in Malvern by the name of Steve Molson. I once sold him a lowlight Minor (and would dearly like to buy it back).

The sale of the platinum grey lowlight was about 10 years ago but I don't believe it has ever been returned to the road in that time as it was a barn find before. I last saw him in 2008 when he was driving a white four door, I am reasonably sure that if someone has met them they won't have forgotten him

He has since moved and an ex neighbour has told me he stores his cars at Powick  
I wonder if you know him and if you could put him in touch with me.

Kindest regards

Alan Reed

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All the Best and happy motoring. Dave

## **Use Full contacts**

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