



# Malvern Hills Branch Newsletter

March 2018



Welcome to the March edition of the branch newsletter.

## **Dates for the Diary for 2018**

### **Thursday 15th March**

Branch Meeting at at the Huntsman PH at 7.30ish with a outside speaker. £2 for food

### **Sunday 8th April**

One of two of branch planning to go to the Malvern Festival of Transport,

### **Tuesday 10th April**

Branch Meeting at at the Huntsman PH at 7.30ish.

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### **Sunday 13th May**

Branch Rally at Witley Court. Click [here](#) for the Rally Entry form

Sorry that this is a little late, I have been on holiday and just got back. February has been a strange month in some ways. We had a great turn out at our Feb meeting with a large number of minors turning up. Including a large turnout of the Birmingham branch, I am glad that I dropped in a few days before hand as they are doing some building work and moved the café upstairs, so I was able to put a note on the web site. Thanks also for Jonathan and Mary for bringing the new sweatshirts, which are very smart. At this stage I was getting all set for spring the snowdrops were out, the daffs almost out, the first of the lambs in the fields, the birds singing and the garden centres full of flowers. Yes spring was just about to spring. Just shows how wrong I was, a few times while on holiday I wished that I had taken the morris, no it still would have got stuck if we had come across 3' high snow drifts. Though the narrow tyres are better for driving through snow and any way I have some snow chains that will fit. Still we were lucky and even though we had the strong sub-zero winds we missed the big dumps of snow, and timed our drive back from Lancashire to miss the Amber snowfall. Though it was interesting to drive past the cleared drifts, so

next year I will pack some show shoes and try and hire a sledge and some huskies.



A good turnout for the Feb meeting.

### **Treasurer's Trivia**

Hello everyone,

Our annual visit to Rowberry's nursery proved more popular than ever with over 20 members attending. Owing to building works we were seated upstairs which afforded us an excellent view of the Minors (bar for one tree trunk!) Dave took an excellent picture of the Minors which you should find elsewhere in this newsletter. Our friends from Birmingham branch were able to come and it was a pleasure to see some of our members who live some distance away. I was quite busy with my treasurer's duties. Jonathan and Mary had brought along the new sweatshirts I had ordered for members; Jonathan had already tried his on and was very pleased. He had ordered a light blue one that is a very attractive colour and suits him well. I received very good reports from everyone on the sweatshirts and I know in my case I was very pleased with the fit. I have since placed a second order following requests from members and these should be available at the next branch meeting. I was also dealing with early rally entries which were very welcome. After the meeting many members visited the garden centre and I was able to purchase some seed potatoes as hoped.

You may recall me mentioning a little while ago about the closing of the Nat West branch in Malvern where the branch account was held. The branch account is now held at Worcester. I have managed since by going to the Post

Office where I can pay in cheques. However, I recently needed to visit a branch and therefore I tried the new mobile service that visits Malvern for an hour once a week. I must admit it was very good and very much better for me than going to the branch in Worcester. The service was prompt and efficient and I will certainly make use of it again.

RALLY- Preparations are moving on apace. One of the main items the committee have dealt with in recent weeks has been the rally memento which I touched on in the last newsletter. Although it is not long since we had a mug we are having one this year that is something a bit more special to celebrate the Morris Minor 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We had hoped to have a picture of the first Morris Minor on the front but unfortunately, despite extensive efforts, it did not prove possible to get a suitable image. Ultimately, the committee decided to go with a picture of my low light and we are pleased with the proposed image to be used. The back of the mug will have the Morris badge and wording celebrating the 70th anniversary by Malvern Hills branch. At the time of writing we have received 21 entries which is not too bad at this stage but do encourage anyone with a Minor or classic car to come along. As our margins are tighter this year (the mug is a somewhat dearer memento than normal) we want to do as well as possible with the tombola and raffle so please start to think about any items you can donate.

MALVERN FESTIVAL OF TRANSPORT APRIL 8<sup>th</sup> 2018- I have received a booking form from the organizers. Following some expression of interest in going I am planning to order at least 2 tickets at this stage. If you would like to bring your Minor along to represent our branch please can you let me know as soon as possible so that I can order the tickets. Fingers crossed that the weather is kind especially as it is so early in the year and it is outside; however, the show concludes at 3.00pm so it is not a long day.

MEMBERSHIP- Branch membership renewals are due on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Cost is as last year, 5.00 pounds for an emailed newsletter and 8.00 pounds for a posted one. As we have a guest speaker at our next meeting I am happy for any members who wish to pay me to leave it until the April meeting or send their payment by post. I will be updating Dave and Bob on any changes to the membership in May so I must receive your renewal by our May meeting at the latest. I think it is worth mentioning that you are always very welcome to be a member even if you do not own a Minor. To be a Morris Minor enthusiast is the main requirement! We are still delighted to have members who

unfortunately through age and health reasons cannot now own and drive a minor but who are still very much valued and welcome to come to any meeting.

MARCH MEETING- As you will be aware we are having a guest speaker. Don't forget the meeting is on **THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup>** at 8.00pm and not on the Tuesday as normal. Please arrive in plenty of time so that the speaker can start at 8 promptly. The branch have organized some food for after the talk organized by Sue at the Huntsman that will include her homemade chips and sandwiches so I am sure this will be very tasty. As the branch is paying for the speaker it would be appreciated if members would make a voluntary contribution of no more than 2.00 pounds each towards the food (I will collect this). This should be an excellent evening so do come along and support it if you can.

See you at the March meeting,

Dave

### **Lakes Charity Classic Vehicle Show 2018**



Dear Classic Vehicle Owners,

Windermere & Ambleside Lions Club is responsible for the annual Charity Classic Vehicle Show - and owners are invited to bring along their Classic Vehicle to the beautiful Grasmere in the English Lake District to display your vehicle to the public and to fans of classic vehicles. Since its inception this Lions event has grown yearly and has attracted some magnificent vehicles, lots of visitors and has helped to raise thousands of

pounds for some very worthwhile local charities. We are pleased to announce that this year's event is scheduled for Sunday **17<sup>th</sup> June 2018** and we encourage you all to bring along your classic vehicles and display them to the public and, as usual, we will be awarding prizes to the Best Car, Best Truck, Best Motorbike and Best Tractor. There is a minimum suggested donation of £5 to enter your Classic Vehicle, which also gets two people into the show – all proceeds from our event are donated to very worthwhile charities. If you plan to attend then we advise you to enter now – and certainly before the end of May - as this will enable you to benefit from the lower-priced entry fee, and your name and vehicle details will appear in the show programme. Entries on the day will be charged at £10 per vehicle.

If you are interested, please contact The Windermere and Ambleside Lions Club.

Complete the form and send it with your payment to the address shown below. If you have already entered, there is no need to take any further action. We very much hope that, with your support, the Lakes Charity Classic Vehicle show will continue to grow and that 2018 will be even bigger and better than ever. We very much look forward to welcoming you on the day - please let us know if you have any questions.

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## **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

## 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 Dave Smith

*Susan Akrill, has emailed me details of a MM for sale. There a lot of photos, but for space here is the one. It looks like, though complete there will need to be some work to get it back on the road.*



Hi Sue

Sorry for the delay but here as requested are further details and pictures:

1954 split screen Morris tax and MOT exempt V5C with sale  
Mileage 103151  
Reg original RVS383

([www.nationalnumbers.co.uk](http://www.nationalnumbers.co.uk) valuation of £3000)

Engine has been rebuilt, including new bearings and cylinder head surface regrind

Runs really well, but has a fault, only running on three at present.

Brake system overhauled, all new flexibles and shoes, but off-side front cylinder now leaking.

Original seven inch drums.

Steering rack rebuilt.

New track rod ends and front wheel bearings.

Rebuilt gearbox fitted - new clutch (3000 miles old).

New exhaust.

Five new tyres.

Near-side rear spring hanger requires welding.

Mostly original, although 948cc engine fitted - rear lap seat belts and tow bar, both easily removable. Car not altered.

Non-period indicators.

Spares: two complete, one incomplete engine.

- Two gear boxes, one set of cases.

- Two good doors

- Two rear wings original condition (no later indicators)

- Both trafficators and the original rare switch

- Two round heaters

- Box or two of body trims and fittings

- New window seals front and rear and some other bits

EBay 18/1/18, similar 1955 fetched £1000

Price £1550 o.v.n.o.

My phone number is 07743542353 and email [steelbankworks@gmail.com](mailto:steelbankworks@gmail.com)

Cheers P Thomas

## **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



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