



Malvern Hills Branch Newsletter

March 2019



Welcome to the March branch newsletter.

Dates for the Diary for 2019

Thursday 14th March

Noggin 'n Natter 8pm Branch meeting at the Huntsman PH Green Street near Kempsey.

Thursday 11th April

Talk on Hanbury Hall by National Trust 8pm Branch meeting at the Huntsman PH Green Street near Kempsey.

Thursday 9th May

Noggin 'n Natter 8pm Branch meeting at the Huntsman PH Green Street near Kempsey.

Thursday 13th June

Noggin 'n Natter 8pm Branch meeting at the Huntsman PH Green Street near Kempsey.

Sunday 7th July

Branch Rally at Hanbury Hall, Worcestershire.

Thursday 11th July

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Firstly sorry about making a mistake on the Nov / Dec Article in Minor Matters where I wrote down the wrong Saturday for our Feb Meeting. Though our web site and later newsletters had the correct date it still resulted in drivers being disappointed that they missed the meeting. Though not on the list of dates above I plan to go to a branch Liaison meeting in Derby on 31st March where I will learn more about the National Rally at Kelmarsh Hall in June
Dave

Treasurer's trivia

Hello everyone,

Firstly, **REMEMBER**, we go back to evening meetings in March and we are changing to the second **THURSDAY** of the month rather than the second Tuesday so our meeting will be at 8.00pm on the 14th. It is likely to be busier as the restaurant is open; we will have to see how it works out but certainly the pub should always be open. Our annual visit to Rowberry's garden center made for a very pleasant get together. The weather could not have been better and with seating reserved by Dave Bennett we were well set up. We were pleased to meet 2 delightful ladies, Nicol and Linda from Ledbury, who came along to see us. They have recently acquired a Traveller and hopefully we will be welcoming them as members. Another unexpected visitor was a black series 2 Morris Oxford. It was in excellent condition. I was struck by how roomy it was inside helped by the bench seat and column gear change. There was a good turnout of our favorite car as well and I have included a picture of Jonathan's 2 door. I have since become aware of some confusion over the meeting date which resulted in

at least one member coming on the incorrect Saturday. Although I believe the number of members affected was small I do apologize for any inconvenience caused.

Jonathan's 2 door at Rowberry's



Birthday time for my MM

My Series MM will be 70 years old in March. As most of you know the Morris has been in our family all its life with me having owned it 47 years. I was telling the committee recently how I have always been amazed by how quickly it went from being built to being on the road. The Morris was built on the 13th & 14th March 1949, it was dispatched from Cowley to Wycliffe Motors in Cheltenham on the 18th and my great uncle had it registered in his name on the 23rd. You couldn't get much quicker than that! It has provided great pleasure to me over the years and continues to do so. I hope to own it for a good while yet.



Branch rally- As most of you will know our rally is taking place at Hanbury Hall on Sunday July 7th. The setting for our rally is glorious with the cars being positioned either side of the main entrance drive leading up to the house. Entry will be 6.00 pounds as per last year which will also include a memento. The committee recently met on site and preparations are now well under way. Bob is preparing the entry forms and I will be sending these out to last year's entrants in the very near future. Those of you who I normally see at a branch meeting I will give you your entry form then. Dave will be putting an entry form on our web site as well so you can always download one. I am, of course, happy to post one to anyone who requests

one. Weather permitting this should be an excellent rally so make a note in your diary and come along if you can.

New member- We are pleased to welcome Nigel Lewis from near Hereford who has joined us. He has owned a very original 1955 4 door series 2 for 18 months and from what he has told me it sounds an exceptional car.

Membership- Membership renewals are due on March 1st. The subscription rates for a year will be 5.00 pounds for a member having a newsletter e-mailed and 10.00 pounds for a posted newsletter. I would be grateful if members who do not pay by standing order forward me your subscriptions as soon as possible. This will allow me to process these early before I start with the rally bookings. I will come to our next meeting prepared for anyone who would like to pay me then. Cheques should be made payable to MMOC Malvern Hills Branch. If posting send to – Fowlers Farm Cottage, Green Lane, Naunton, Upton Upon Severn, Worc, WR8 0PY.

We are starting to put together a number of visits and hopefully some talks for members to enjoy over the coming months. Details for most events are still being formulated; however, Chris has organized an interesting visit for us to a car collection at Bromyard, including afternoon tea, on May 19th. From the brief details he has given me to date this sounds excellent. Further details will follow.

A few other events members may be interested in. If you fancy a mooch around an auto jumble, and if you get your newsletter in time, there is one on at the Three Counties Showground on Sunday March 3rd. There are a couple of events on April 7th. There is the Malvern Festival of Transport at the Three Counties Showground and also the Bromyard speed festival. See www.classicshows.org and www.bromyardspeedfestival.co.uk. Don't forget also the Morris Minor rallies I mentioned in the last newsletter.

Exhaust manifold wanted-Branch member John Lawrence has been in contact with me. He is trying to obtain a replacement manifold for his 1098 Minor. If you can help please give John a call on 07914679849.

I am now going back to enjoy this wonderful weather we are having for February.

See you all at the next meeting.

Dave

Bobs Dates for your Diary 2019

Note that all Branch events (in bold) take place at The Huntsman except where otherwise indicated. The committee is trying to arrange Speakers on Branch evenings: these will be notified as and when they become firm.

- Sun 3 Mar: Classic car and bike Autojumble, 3 Counties Showground (10am - 2pm)
- **Thurs 14 Mar: Noggin 'n Natter**
- Sun 17 Mar: 'Normous Autojumble, Newark Showground
- Tues 19 Mar: VSCC event, Curborough Sprint Track, Fradley, Lichfield.
- Sun 7 Apr: Malvern Festival of Transport, 3 Counties Showground
- **Thurs 11 Apr: Hanbury Hall talk by National Trust.**
- Sun 21 Apr: Easter Sunday

- Sat/Mon 20/22 Apr: Easter Model and Collectors' Show, Bromsgrove B60 4AL. Website: www.shakespearesrally.com
- Mon 22 Apr: Coleford Carnival of Transport
- Sat/Sun 27/28 Apr: 40's w/e at GWSR Toddington
- Sun 28 Apr: Bicester Heritage Sunday Scramble. Website: www.bicesterheritage.co.uk
- Sun 28 Apr :Drive it Day: get your Morris Minor out and drive it – anywhere!
- Sat/Sun 4/5 May: Droitwich Classic and Vintage Fair
- **Thurs 9 May: Noggin 'n Natter**
- Sat/Sun 11/12 May: Bidford Vintage Gathering
- **Sunday May 19th** Ernies house in Bromyard for afternoon tea sandwiches and cake from 2-4 (more details to follow from Chris)
- Sat/Sun 18/19 May: Spring Autojumble at Beaulieu. Website: www.beaulieu.co.uk/events
- Sun 19 May: 40's w/e at Forge Mill Needle Museum, Redditch
- Mon 27 May: Wings and Wheels at Bidford/Bickmarsh
- Fri/Mon 31 May/3 Jun: Gordon Bennett Irish Classic Car Run, Laois, R o I
- **Thurs 13 Jun: Noggin 'n Natter**
- **Sun 7 Jul: Branch Rally, Hanbury Hall**
- **Thurs 11 Jul: Noggin 'n Natter**
- Sat/Sun 13/14 Jul: Hill Climb at Château Impney
- Sat/Sun 13/14 Jul: Stourport Vintage Steam Rally
- Sat 20 Jul: Defford Air Show (tbc)
- Sat/Sun 20/21 Jul: Much Marcle Steam Rally. Website: www.muchmarclesteamrally.com
- Fri/Sun 26/28 Jul: Welland Steam Rally. Website: www.wellandsteamrally.co.uk
- **Thurs 8 Aug: Noggin 'n Natter**
- Sat/Sun 10/11 Aug: Tortworth Vintage Rally, Wickwar, Glos GL12 8LF. Website: www.shakespearesrally.com
- Wed/Mon 21/26 Aug: VSCC 85th Anniversary celebrations at Brands Hatch. 5 days of exciting vintage motorsport. Website: www.vsc.co.uk
- Sat 24 Aug: Gloucester Festival
- Sat/Mon 24/26 Aug: Pershore Plum Festival. Website: www.pershoreplumfestival.org.uk
- Sun 25 Aug: Open Day at Webbs of Wychbold. Visit the gardens and enjoy a cup of tea. Website: www.webbsdirect.co.uk
- Sat 31 Aug: Peopleton Village Fête (£2 entry fee at gate)
- **Thurs 12 Sep: Noggin 'n Natter**
- Sat/Sun 14/15 Sep: Stoke Prior Steam Rally, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire B60 4LF. Website: www.shakespearesrally.com
- Sat/Sun 14/15 Sep: Stoke Prior Steam Rally
- Sun 22 Sep: Fun in the Park, Tudor Grange Park, Solihull (tbc)
- **Thurs 10 Oct: AGM**
- Sun 13 Oct: Malvern Classic Show. A very large classic car and vehicle show. Booking required. Website: www.threecounties.co.uk
- **Thurs 14 Nov: Noggin 'n Natter**
- **Sat 7 Dec: Christmas Meal (tbc)**

Info on the MMOC National Rally

Hi All,

Now that we have got Christmas and New Year over and all Rebate Forms are being processed it's time to look forward to hopefully a lovely long hot summer like last years.

This email is another reminder to give you plenty of time to put your thinking caps on with regard to our Branch Avenue Theme for the National Rally at Kelmarsh Hall in June. This year the theme is TV shows and there are quite a few that have Morris Minors in them, or just pick your favourite from a by gone era, it is up to you! I have also attached two forms for you to explain the judging process and give you the guidelines, as last year I think there was some confusion. Again we are inviting two categories, those of you who wish to put on a display and get dressed up and those of you who just wish to have a selection of cars. There will be prizes in both sections up for grabs along with the Footman James Trophy.

I will leave it with you, although I would like to know who of you out there is planning on taking part as this makes life easier for those who mark out. Your allotted space to work with will be 3mts x 3mts.

Then just to give you all more to think about we are proposing a real fun Inter branch Challenge for you to take part in! This challenge will be a knock out run over the two rally days (Saturday and Sunday) Sunday being the Grand Finale.

A Soap Box Derby!

For those of you familiar with the field at Kelmarsh you will have noticed the gently sloping hill - this is the location for you to prove your skills at Soap Box riding! Soap Boxes must have 4 wheels (no Reliant Robbins)! Built to hold one or two persons only, with adequate steering and no mechanical propulsion. That's it, easy! So go back to your youth and get creative! There will be a full Risk Assessment carried out before you 'ride' to comply with the dreaded 'Health & Safety', then let's have some fun!!

I know that you will all be full of ideas, this is your National Rally and we would love everyone to take part to make the weekend another one to be remembered in the MMOC history books!

Kind Regards

Susan Akrill MMOC Branch and Register Liaison

Happy Motoring

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