

# Malvern Hills Branch Newsletter

May 2016



Welcome to the May edition of the branch newsletter.

## **Dates for the Diary for 2016**

### **Sunday 8th May**

Branch Rally Brockhampton Hall, near Bromyard.

### **Tuesday 10th May**

Social at the Huntsman PH meet at 8pm.

### **Saturday 11th June**

Upton Gala, contact dave for info

### **Tuesday 14th June**

Social at the Huntsman PH meet at 8pm.

### **Saturday 18th June**

BRANCH OUTING TO THE SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY,  
contact dave or mary for info.

Dave has asked for suitable Tombola prizes for our rally in May. Can you bring them along to the branch rally.

I went to the open day at the Morris Minor centre in Birmingham, there was a good turnout, almost like a mini rally. It was good to catch up and have a chat with people.



Spot the difference.

## **Treasurer's Trivia**

Hello everyone

April is a busy time for me and other committee members. For my part not only are there the membership renewals but also the rally entries to deal with. The weeks leading up to the rally are always a bit fraught. There is so much to remember; we have to make sure we have people allocated to the various roles needed and ensure the many small, but important, aspects are covered. Things like the tombola drum, stakes for marking out the classes and general signage, tables, raffle tickets and ensuring the walkie talkies work are just some of the items to be sorted. There is also the very important part of confirming arrangements with the National Trust that Chris has been doing. As I write this the many parts are coming together. The memento mugs arrived a few days ago and along with the trophies form two major items sorted. I am just about to do the rally packs to box up ready. The one thing I hope is gone for our rally is this bitterly cold wind we have at present. We are usually quite lucky with the weather for our rallies and fingers crossed it is warm and dry this year. Don't forget that if you have not booked for our rally you can still enter or turn up on the day.

### CLASSIC CAR SHOW, MALVERN MAY 15th

The classic car show at Malvern will be held on May 15<sup>th</sup> which is somewhat later than in the past. The ownership and operation has also changed from Andrew Greenwood to Classic Shows. If anyone is interested in going and representing the branch please let me know as I have a booking form and can send off for tickets.

### BRANCH OUTING TO THE SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY, JUNE 18TH

The branch are having an outing to the Severn Valley Railway on June 18<sup>th</sup>. This has been organized by Mary and Jeremy and has a really good itinerary. It should be a brilliant day out. Below this you will find all the details I have copied and pasted from an email Mary sent to me. Would everyone who would like to go please let me have a £5.00 per person deposit as soon as possible following our rally next month as I have enough to do before then! I will collect the remainder on the day. Note also that options need to be paid for on the day.

The proposed trip on the Severn Valley Railway will take place on Saturday 18th June and places have been booked at the group travel rate of £15.50. We

will leave Kidderminster on the 9.45 to Bridgnorth and seats will be reserved. This train is hauled by a heritage diesel and is due into Bridgnorth at 10.51. Members then have a choice of two tours. A visit to the Engine Shed has been booked and also a guided tour around Bridgnorth. It is anticipated that the men will be interested in the Engine Shed and the ladies will be more interested in the tour around Bridgnorth but this is not cast in stone!

However we do need a minimum number of 10 people for the tour of Bridgnorth. This tour costs £3 each and the tour of the engine shed is for a donation. The tour of Bridgnorth is around an hour and a half and the guide will meet us at the station. It does mean that everyone going on this tour will need to cope with the walking.

After the tours we intend to catch the 12.40 from Bridgnorth and alight at Highley at 1.09 where there will be time for a visit to The Engine House (entry included in train ticket) and a meal at the restaurant or a picnic in the station grounds. Depending on the weather there will be a chance to walk to the Country Park or the River Severn as we plan to catch the 3.24 arriving back at Kidderminster at 4.06. However we will have individual tickets which means there is scope for catching the earlier train from Highley at 1.54 or even staying later. Individuals will have plenty of choice.

Most trains will be steam hauled although on this timetable a diesel will make two return trips including the first train of the day. However this should not detract from the enjoyment of the trip which is good whatever the motive power. There is a possibility that there will be a few extra places for friends and family. *Please book your place as soon as possible by sending £x to Dave Smith or see us at the Rally. Please also specify which tour you wish to go on.*

*Jowett Car Club Rally Members may be interested to know that the Jowett car club are having a rally at Upton upon Severn on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May. This will be held on the sports field between 10.00am and 4.00pm. It is free of charge to visit if you would like to go along.*

*Upton Gala June 11<sup>th</sup> 2016 The friends of Upton school are holding a gala to mark the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. There is to be a parade in the morning with a wide variety of events in the afternoon. Entry is free and I have an entry form. If anyone is interested in coming then please let me know.*

*Finally, for the mechanically minded, I changed the rear wheel cylinder on the Series MM a couple of weeks ago. As always it was a pleasure to work on the MM. I thought I would enclose a couple of pictures for those only used to working on a Minor 1000 back axle to highlight the difference between the old Morris back axle and the later type. Personally I find the earlier one better to work on but that may be just me.*



*If I don't see you at the rally I will see you at the next meeting.*

*Dave*

### **Other info**

We are well in to making arrangements for our rally in May and the rally entry form is now available on the website, or ask Bob or myself to send you a copy.

The route for the Morris Marathon is now arranged and we get the car from the Gloucester Branch on the afternoon of the 26<sup>th</sup> September, passing it on to the Ross branch midday on the 27<sup>th</sup> September. We need to do some charity fundraising on the Tuesday morning. So we need to work out who stores the car overnight, and what activities we want to do.

**All the Best and Happy Motoring.**

**Use Full contacts**

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