

# Malvern Hills Branch Newsletter

May 2017



Welcome to the May edition of the branch newsletter. 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.

Dates for the diary

8th May meeting at Huntsmen planning for rally

13th May Branch Rally Burford House

12<sup>th</sup> June meeting at the Huntsmen

## **Other Events or Rallies that I have been sent info on**

June 4<sup>th</sup>, Shropshire Branch's rally is at RAF Cosford, Contact Kathy Ling on 01952 882603 or Diane Heaton on 01952 253474

June 18<sup>th</sup> the Top of Town Classic Car Show, Stroud (see attached flyer)

July 14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> The Royal International Air Show at Fairford (see attached flier!)

August 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> MMOC Area 1 regional Rally at Sandiway (see attached flyer)

## **Treasurer's Trivia**

Hello everyone

I cannot predict what the weather will be by time you read this but at the moment it remains incredibly dry and I am constantly watering to keep my vegetable patch going. I can only hope that nature does not put matters right at the time of our rally!



The Malvern show was a most enjoyable day. The sun was out and after meeting in Hanley Swan at 9.45 Clive and myself headed to the Three Counties. We were able to park in an excellent position with other Morris Minor owners and also some Morris Motors vehicles parked adjacent. I was reminded the sun had been out the next day when I had a sore head from not putting my sun hat on. It will teach me not to forget another time! There were some

interesting cars on display among which were a Railton owned by a gentleman from Bewdley (a beautiful car but I dread to think what the fuel consumption is), a lovely little Austin 7 that caught the eye of both Clive and myself and a particularly fine Morris Minor Traveller. The Austin 7 was for sale and from the information given appeared a very genuine car. There was a modified Series 2 that was quite superb; I had hoped the owner could have come to our rally but unfortunately he had another event booked for that day. There was the usual auto jumble for sale outside and in the halls. Clive and I spent a lot of time speaking to other owners and we were particularly pleased to see some of our branch members who were visiting the show. All in all this was a pleasant day out; the weather of course makes all the difference.



Thankfully there were no hiccups with the Huntsman being open for our last meeting. We welcomed Rachel Nash from Marie Curie who came to give us an insight into the work of this fine organisation. A case history she read out brought home the situation so many families experience and the invaluable support Marie Curie give. We thank Rachel for her time in coming to speak to us.

RALLY, MAY 13th- There is still room to enter at present if you have not already done so; I will also bring entry forms to the next meeting. Please can you bring donations of tombola prizes to our May meeting, already wrapped if possible. Donations of raffle prizes may be brought also or on rally day itself if you are coming. We will be discussing final arrangements for our rally at the next meeting; if you cannot make it and are willing to help please let Chris know as it is always useful to have some backup names.

MEMBERSHIP- If you wish to remain a member and have not renewed yet please let me have your subscription ASAP. I will be printing the new membership list during May for Bob and Dave so if you are not on it the May newsletter will be your final edition.

SPARES- I still have a rear seat back in blue for a late 1950s Minor 2 door. It is in excellent condition. I have tried to sell it in the past without success. If it is any use to any branch member I am happy to let it go for free. We have also been contacted by a gentleman called Steve who wishes to sell some Minor items that have been stored for 30 plus years and belonged to his father. The principal item is a BMC gold seal gearbox for a 948 Minor and a casing for a 1098 gearbox. I believe he has a few other items as well. He is looking to sell it

all in one lot and when I spoke to him briefly on the phone a figure of 250 pounds was mentioned. If you are interested he can be contacted on 07955553684.

RALLIES- Besides our own rally in May, members may have seen that Shropshire branch are holding their rally on Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> at RAF Cosford. I understand there is no entry fee but you do need to ring and book so that they know numbers. Contact Kathy Ling on 01952 882603 or Diane Heaton on 01952 253474. I am sure this will be an excellent rally and venue to visit.

Finally, I have recently had the pleasure of experiencing a smell that I have not really smelt properly since the early 1970s. Before you think Dave is sounding a bit odd let me explain. Up until the mid 1970s we had an Allis Chalmers tractor on the farm that ran on TVO (tractor vaporizing oil). TVO had been produced for many years and was listed by BP as available in 1920. It was in the late 1930s it really took off as a cheaper alternative fuel to petrol. It had a lower octane rating than petrol and tractors designed to run on TVO had to have a small petrol tank fitted so they could be started on petrol before switching to TVO when hot. However, diesel powered tractors rapidly replaced petrol /TVO models in the 1950s and by the 1970s the supplies of TVO dried up. I always loved the smell when the engine was running on TVO and recently I was able to purchase some to use in my David Brown. It has been a great success and it was pure nostalgia to smell TVO again. The main thing I have to remember now is to switch back to petrol for a couple of minutes before stopping the tractor!

See you all at the next meeting

Dave

Other News

TEWKESBURY CAR SHOW, SUNDAY AUGUST 20th 2017- This is a popular event with members. Entry is free to each car and driver with additional passengers being £5.00 each for admission.

CLASSIC VEHICLE DAY, GLOS/WARWICKSHIRE RAILWAY, SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>

I will be bringing the Box of spares I was given in March to the branch rally, they will be free. So if you need any of it help your selfs.

Look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting.

Dave

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