



Malvern Hills Branch Newsletter

November 2018



Welcome to the November edition of the branch newsletter.

Dates for the Diary for 2018

Thursday 1st November

Trip to Bath Morris Minor Centre

Saturday 10th November

Drive out from the Huntsman PH at midday.

Saturday 22nd December

Branch Christmas meal at the Crown and Sandys PH Ombersley Worcestershire @ 1pm

Saturday 12th January

Branch meeting at Croome Court, Worcestershire at midday.

Saturday 16th February

Branch meeting at Rowberrys Garden Centre, Chaddesley Corbett at midday.

The evenings are drawing in and what with the colder weather makes doing maintenance on the morris less appealing. Unfortunately the longer nights and the colder weather put more strain on the cars electrics. I am trying to resolve a problem with the indicator at the moment, I expect that it is a combination of worn parts, bad earth and tired electrics. What often happens is that the copper wire in the bullet connectors eventually corrodes. They look ok from a visual inspection but are corroded inside. It's not my favourite part problem to solve as its hard to trace at times. Especially where the car has had electrical accessories added over time.

Dave.

Malvern Branch MMOC AGM

The 2018 AGM was held at The Huntsman at 8 pm on Tuesday 9th October. The committee has been re-elected, but Chris will need to stand down this year due to family commitments.

Branch Christmas Meal

Has been booked at the Crown & Sandys, Ombersley for 1.00 on 22/12/18. They require a £10 deposit and pre planned meals. Numbers and deposit to Chris ASAP. The menu is attached with this newsletter.

Treasurer's trivia

Hello everyone,

Once in a while our branch makes a visit that stands out from others we have made both in terms of the interest to the members present and in the courtesy shown to us. Our visit to the Waterworks museum in Hereford was one such visit and I am sure I speak for everyone when

I say this was a fascinating and absorbing day out where we were treated by everyone at the museum in a most welcoming manner.

Our group of 10 met up just before 11.00am at the museum where, following refreshments, we had an introductory talk by Dr. Noel Meake. He gave us a brief overview on the history of water supplies to Hereford and the surrounding towns followed by an explanation behind the founding of the museum at Broomy Hill in 1974 and its development since then. Whilst all this was happening volunteers were starting the process of getting the steam engines up and running. Following Dr. Meake's talk, we were then taken on a conducted tour of the museum by the current chairman, Richard Curtis. Richard took us outside initially to indicate how the buildings gradually developed as the demand for water grew and greater pumping capacity was required. We then went back inside for a highly informative tour of the many exhibits,



dominated by the engines and pumps, in the museum. A highlight of the tour was the starting of the 1895 Worth Mckenzie triple expansion steam engine; an incredible sight. The sheer scale and engineering involved in so many of the engines was awesome. For me personally it took me back to my days in water treatment. One section at

the museum covered sand filters and the treatment of river water which at one stage I was very much involved with. There were so many highlights to the tour that I could fill up this newsletter and although quite a lengthy tour we were not bored for a second. Our tour concluded at lunch time, where after a break, we could wander back around the museum or, as some members did, visit the Broomy Hill miniature railway adjacent. What has been achieved at the museum by Dr Meake, Richard and all the volunteers is remarkable and a tribute to all their hard work over many years. Thank you to Chris for organizing this most interesting trip out for us; with the constant ongoing development we could well return again in the future.

MOT TESTS. – If you wish to, or need to, get your Minor tested branch member Gordon Chamberlin recommends Streffords garage at Gregory Mill Street, Barbourne, Worcester. Gordon tells me that they have a very good knowledge of the older car and are ideal for taking a Minor to.

AGM- Thank you to everyone who came along to our Annual General Meeting. I know Bob is ensuring members receive a copy of the minutes together with a copy of my treasurer's report and balance sheets. Based on quite how many subject areas were covered at any one time I think Bob has done a remarkable job bringing it all together into the coherent minutes that you will all be reading. One aspect of the meeting I will refer to is Chris wishing to stand down as chairman. This is entirely understandable; with a full time job and a very young

family he has more than enough commitments to worry about. I know from corresponding and talking with him on a regular basis just how seriously and conscientiously he has taken the role of chairman and I thank him on behalf of our branch for all he has done. Chris is in discussions at present with one of our members with a view to standing as chairman and hopefully you may have received news by the time you read this newsletter.

MALVERN CAR SHOW- Unfortunately, the weather was dreadful with continuous heavy



rain. Clive and myself kept in contact but by Sunday morning it was clear the weather was not going to improve so the Minors stayed firmly in their garages. Clive very understandably decided to stay at home whilst I ventured over in the focus for a couple of hours. I mainly went round the auto jumble inside (to stay dry!). One very interesting display was a group of electric cars being shown

by the Electric Automobile Association; there were representatives to speak to and written information to bring home. I did have a walk around the classic cars that had ventured out but it was difficult to speak to anyone with the rain. However, I did manage to speak with the owner of an ex-army Traveller and took a picture for the newsletter (see below). With so much dry weather before and since the event this was a great shame with the rain but unfortunately this is what sometimes happens. Hopefully the spring event will be better.

One of the great benefits of being a member in a branch like ours is that there is always someone you can speak to if you have a problem and need some help. I recently had a



problem on the MM. Starting became difficult and the running became very lumpy with the car spluttering badly when driven. I did all the usual checks and narrowed it down to the carburettor. The suction piston appeared to operate ok and I use the correct SU oil. All filters were clear. I subsequently had a chat with Jeff about the situation and he offered to check the carburettor over for me. Jeff stripped and cleaned the carburettor for me; he found the jet to be clear but the jet needle was quite badly

contaminated. With the SU refitted starting was almost immediate and the tone and smoothness of the engine was noticeably better. I went for a run and there was not the

slightest hesitation. As you can imagine I was relieved to have my MM in top form again and was very grateful to Jeff for his help.

TRIP TO THE MORRIS MINOR CENTRE NOVEMBER 1st- Chris has sent the details out on this and it may have occurred by time you read this. Unfortunately, at the time of writing and owing to family commitments, I will not be able to make it but I am sure it will be an interesting trip.

BRANCH MEETING SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10th- We now move to daytime meetings for the winter months. Meet up at the Huntsman at midday and we will then have a drive over to Malvern to the Blue Bell in Guarlford Road. I will arrange some reserved seating for us.

Finally, I have a few things I am looking to dispose of both Minor related and otherwise. They are all free to any branch member who would like them.

Firstly, I have a wide patterned blue rear seat back for a 2 door saloon (59-61era). I bought it originally for my 948 but subsequently had the old one repaired. I have tried to sell it in the past with no luck. If it is of any use to a branch member I am happy to let it go at no cost.

My son was given 2 internal panelled doors. We think they may be Edwardian and have all the furniture attached. Measurements are 77 X 30 and they are in excellent condition. I cannot make use of them and when I asked at the local auctioneers they told me there would be no interest. We have tried advertising locally as well without success. Would any branch member be interested in them?

See you at the next meeting

Dave

FOR SALE

Leonard Rees has some old Minor Matters that he wants to sell, contact me for details.

Morris minor magazines - MINOR MATTERS - 7 year collection. Very desirable for the minor fan. Years 2001 to 2008, excellent condition. To be sold preferably as a collection or at £30 per yearly issues



Happy Motoring

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