



# Malvern Hills Branch Newsletter

## November 2019



Welcome to the November branch newsletter.

### Dates for the Diary for 2019

#### **Saturday 9th November**

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#### **Saturday 7th December**

Christmas meal at 1pm in The Old Barnhouse restaurant at the Malvern View Country Park, Stanford Bishop.

#### **Saturday 11th January 2020**

Provisional Lunch time social at Croome Court cafe

At Malvern Hills Branch AGM, which was at the Huntsman PH on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October the committee was re-elected. Though we will need to make arrangements to organise the branch rally.

So far its been a damp autumn, as I found out at a weekend event in north wales last week. My next modification is to drill some holes in the foor so the water drains out. I am hoping for some warm dry weather to dry the car out a bit. It is also the last time to prepare the morris for winter, grease the chrome, check the anti freeze deal with all those small jobs you put off doing in the summer, before it really gets too dark and cold to do any thing.

Oh well its off to dry the carpets out, fit a new windscreen rubber, check the anti freeze and do some rust proofing under the car ect, ect.

Dave

### Stop Press

**Just seen on facebook, and confirmed by looking at the Bull Motive web site. Bull Motive have stopped supplying bits for Morris Minors, They have transferred their stock and tooling to ESM.**

*Just a heads up that I can not update our web page at the moment, as I can not connect up to the newsletter server, or what ever its called. So I will send out info via email until its back working again.*

## Treasurer's trivia

Hello everyone,

**\*IMPORTANT\***

**Before I move on to other matters please note the position regarding our next branch meeting. We now move to day time meetings in November and our next branch meeting is on Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup>.** Meet up at the Huntsman at midday before we have a run down the A38 to visit The Wheelhouse at Upton Marina. We have for several years gone to the Blue Bell in Malvern but following discussion at the AGM it was decided to have a change. Sandra and myself visited earlier this week for some light lunch and I must say we enjoyed it very much. The food was excellent and we thought good value. Our drinks were also reasonably priced. I am going to reserve some seating for us so if you are planning to come please could you drop me a line (davidsmith955@btinternet.com) or give me a ring so that I have some idea of numbers. There will of course be the opportunity to visit Upton if you so wish which is only a couple of minutes down the road.

**MALVERN SHOW** -My plan to take the MM to the Malvern show was unfortunately brought to a halt by the weather. The forecast had not been good but I had kept my fingers crossed it might be better than predicted; however, Sunday dawned wet and I soon reached the conclusion it would be a non starter. This was immensely disappointing as I was very much looking forward to taking the MM for a change. Clive rang me just after 8.00 to say, quite understandably, he was going to give it a miss and I decided to see how the weather progressed and review it later. By about 10.15 the rain eased and I decided to venture over in the focus. I had forgotten my pre booked ticket was only valid until 11.00am and I just managed to scrape through using it at one minute before!

Obviously, the weather had put a dampener on matters but there were still some interesting vehicles to inspect. A Trafalgar blue Morris Minor Traveller caught my eye and those of you who receive Minor Matters will recognize it. This was the Traveller featured in the last edition owned, at the time, by Sian Lloyd from the BBC who had used it in a film she had recently made. She had now sold the car and it had been purchased by a couple from Caerphilly in South Wales. They had driven up that morning and were staying overnight in Malvern. It was a lovely car and had only done 49,000miles. Another fascinating exhibit was a Morris lorry of 1952 vintage that had only lived within a few miles of Malvern all it's life having been first supplied new to an owner in Kempsey.

I was quite taken with a Ford model Y 8hp saloon that only lived down the road in Hanley Swan. This was a rival, as you might have guessed, to the Morris 8. Amongst car clubs in attendance the Daimler and Lanchester club had put on an excellent display. Most of the autojumble stalls were inside and these seemed quite busy. Despite the weather I made the best of it and had a very pleasant couple of hours on site. Hopefully the weather will be better for the April show and I can experience again the wonderful cruising (on the level!) of the MM going up to the showground.

Morris Traveller at the Malvern show



**AGM-** Although we were a little thin on the ground we had an excellent meeting. All the committee were re-elected. Bob is completing the minutes as I write this and will send them out in due course. If you could not make it but have any suggestions for future events or visits over the coming year please feel free to let any committee member know.

**POLO SHIRTS-** These are now ready and Mary has collected them to bring to our next meeting. The cost will be 13.00 pounds each.

**MEMBERSHIP-** As you will know from the last newsletter and also discussed at the AGM, I was looking for some assistance in easing the workload of looking after the branch membership when we are underway with the rally. Since the AGM, and discussing this with Mary who managed this before me, I was wondering if those of you who do not pay your annual membership by standing order would consider doing so? Payment would be made on March 1<sup>st</sup>. This would certainly be of help to me. I normally have standing order forms with me at branch meetings but I am of course more than happy to send a form to anyone who requests one. Please give it some thought.

**RALLY-** Those of you who came to our AGM will know we touched on this with one possibility being discussed. Unfortunately, Dave has not had much luck at present moving this forward so we may have to look at alternatives.

**CHRISTMAS MEAL-** At the time of writing this (30<sup>th</sup>) I have not been able to fully clarify details. The plan is to hold our Christmas meal in The Old Barnhouse restaurant at the Malvern View Country Park, Stanford Bishop on Saturday December 14th. You will find a menu elsewhere in this newsletter. Gluten free is available. Chris and Lester have been there and I understand they are very welcoming and the food is excellent. Prices for 2 courses are

15.95 and for 3 courses 18.95. The branch normally pays a subsidy so actual price to members will be less than the above. Once we have confirmation on all details including timings I will arrange for Dave to let you all know. If you do not hear anything or are unsure on the situation by all means give me a ring.

That's all for now; see you at the next meeting.

Dave

**Stop Press**, dave has got the details sorted and the meal is now confirmed as on the 7<sup>th</sup> December. The price of 15.95 for 2 courses and 18.95 for 3 courses, does not include coffee at the end; therefore, I have agreed that members can have a coffee and mints for an additional 1.00 pound if they wish.

Time- this would be 1.00pm.

Dave will need the deposit of (£10 per person) by November 23rd and also provide menu requests. The menu is attached to the newsletter email.

### **Help Wanted.**

Terry Pritchard has contacted me, wanting advice on a 1963 4 door that he is restoring. He would like to see a similar morris so he can compare it with his own, which his family have owned since nearly new. If any one has a 4 door, please contact me and I will pass the details on to Terry.

### **Car or Parts for Sale**

**SPARES FOR SALE-** I have been sorting through some of my spares I have. A few items are surplus and may be of interest. I have an original (*not reproduction*) bootlid motif for a Series MM/Series 2 complete with reflector. I also have the front half of an original Series MM exhaust; the silencer needs a small repair but apart from that it is fine. Another item is a front indicator/sidelight lenses for a late Minor (64-71); this is as new. One final item which is not Morris Minor is a brand new pair of hinges for a Austin A40 Farina if you know anyone who might be interested. I have no fixed price on any of these items but if you are interested I am sure we can soon agree a price

Dave Smith

I have been also been asked to forward info on any good travellers that come up for sale to a man who learnt to drive in his father's many years ago.

Happy Motoring.

## **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.*

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- **Sat 11 Jan run out (to be finalised)**

## **Useful contacts**

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