

Malvern Hills Branch Newsletter

October 2016



Welcome to the October edition of the branch newsletter.

Dates for the Diary for 2016/7

Tuesday 11th October

AGM at the Huntsman PH

Saturday 12th November

Saturday Drive out

Saturday ? December

Christmas Meal

Saturday 14th January

Saturday Drive out

Saturday 11th February

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After a busy few weeks, now comes the time to start to plan the events ahead, this we will do at the next meeting in October. In the meantime suggestions for where to go for the branch Christmas meal are urgently needed as we will need to arrange something by the early November in order to advertise it and do the bookings. In the past few years we have gone to Croome Park in January and Rowberries Garden Centre in February. Is this still ok or do people want a change. Also is it ok to keep it as a place to meet up and chat, or do you want to drive around then meet up for a chat?

Minor Marathon Upton to Ledbury

Our leg of the marathon went very well, with 12 Morris Minors meeting the marathon car (driven by Bob) outside M&S in Malvern. After a few hours fund raising for Marie Curie we set off in several groups to meet up with the Wye Valley branch. The hand over went well and we waved them off on their journey to Ross. Here are a few photos of the event.



Treasurer's Trivia

Hello everyone

As I write this we have just completed our Marie Curie fund raising and what a wonderful morning we had in Malvern. The support of our members was tremendous and the people of Malvern who visited us were a delight to meet and so generous with the money they donated. As you will probably know by now we raised well over £200.00 which was a remarkable amount. I know Chris has thanked you but I would also like to thank everyone for your support for such an excellent cause. I have been told that Marie Curie give excellent talks on their work so perhaps we can arrange a visit in the future.

AGM- Unfortunately, we could not hold the AGM as there was only 1 member besides Bob, Chris and myself. I knew we were going to be thin on the ground as I had received a number of apologies but did not think we would be that low. Committee members have remained in place in an acting role and we will now be holding the AGM in October. Chris will be updating you with details either by separate e-mail or in this newsletter. Having spoken to a number of members since, I sense it may be worth us considering moving the AGM to October. Also the idea of having it in the daytime has been made to me. This is something we will all need to discuss.



Toddington show- Clive and myself visited again in September and had a most enjoyable day out. Thankfully, the heavy rain of the day before had cleared. We met at Eckington just after 9.00 arriving at Toddington about 9.50. There was a large contingent of Morris Minors this year; indeed, it looked like a club outing had arrived! Clive and myself spent the morning viewing the cars before having lunch and then catching the steam train to Cheltenham at 1.30. We spent a lot of time talking to owners and received much interest in the Minors.

In fact we were a bit later going home this year as we spoke to so many people. This was a lovely day out; it's a shame it seems to clash with so many other events on the same weekend.



An ambition fulfilled- I have always had an interest in local railway history particularly the infrastructure such as bridges and stations. However, one thing I have longed to do for years was ride in a GWR railcar. Some of you will remember these as they were used in the Worcester area on routes such as that to Bromyard, the Severn Valley and Tenbury Wells lines. There are only three left now and only one is operational at present. Number 22 is at the Great Western Society headquarters at Didcot. It was based at Worcester during part of its life and would have been used on local routes(I have a picture of it crossing the Dowles bridge at Bewdley on a Tenbury Wells service) It was in operation during early September so I decided to go down to have a ride. I caught the train from Pershore to Didcot Parkway where you can walk straight into the centre. Despite pouring rain all day I was not disappointed. Although only a very short run I thought it was wonderful. I had heard the ride could be quite soft and it did feel like that. What a lovely way to have travelled through the Wyre Forest or to Bromyard in one of these. Even if you only have a modest interest in the GWR the society centre is well worth visiting. I went home a very contented man!

Malvern show- This is on October 9th. I am planning to go as a normal visitor and see what it is like now it is being run by new management. If it seems a better set up we could perhaps think about going as a club again next year.

See you at the October meeting.

Dave

MORRIS 1000 LOOKING FOR A GOOD HOME

After 40+ years of owning Morrisies (3) and approaching 300,000 reliable miles we regret the time has come when we have decided to sell. John had to surrender his drivers licence shortly before moving to Malvern due to sight problems and Bridget now finds the Morris difficult having become used to P.A.S. J. now finds it difficult to polish (ask Jonathan!)

Some of you may remember the car- a 1967 Trafalgar Blue 2 door, genuine mileage approaching 25,000, MOT just obtained. We recently had an acceptable offer 'as seen' which fell through at the last moment. If any member is interested in this car please contact us by phone (sorry not on line)

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