



Malvern Hills Branch Newsletter

October 2018



Welcome to the October edition of the branch newsletter.

Dates for the Diary for 2018

Tuesday 11th September

Branch meeting at the Huntsman PH Green Street at 8pm

Sunday 30th September

Branch visit to Waterworks museum, Hereford, at 11.00 (see newsletter for more details)

Tuesday 9th October

AGM at the Huntsman PH at 8pm.

My morris now has now been fixed and runs much smoother and quieter, thanks Steve. Glad I got him to overhaul the front suspension as several seized on bolts needed to be drilled or cut off. So now need to set up a routine to better maintain the morris. This also leads onto what I mentioned in the last newsletter. As the Morris Minors now longer need an MOT how do we show that they are safe to use on the roads? For me, as mine has an different gearbox (Ford 5 speed) and various suspension and brake mods it make sense to get it externally tested once a year. But this won't be needed for standard cars. There are no longer any Morris, BMC, British Leyland or even Rover garages about so we cannot say that they have been checked and maintained by a dealer. Even if we take our cars to a car dealer's garage, chance is that they won't know how to maintain or service a morris minor any way. Case in point is the head lamp main beam switch, which is mounted on the floor above the transmission tunnel. The number of times a mot garage has told me we have failed the car as the main beam does not work, only for me to show them that it does.

I have copied some notes across from the DVLA web pages on the .GOV web site and called it "**Checks you should carry out**" It mentions that we should maintain our cars as per the cars hand book, To this end I have modified a spreadsheet that Roy (from the Birmingham branch ran up) called "**Morris Minor Service Chart**". Both of these are attached to the email with this newsletter. For the belt and braces approach take some photos of the main check points that would be checked on an MOT. The photos have date stamps so hopefully will cover, can you prove that your car has been maintained. Hope this helps.
Dave.

Malvern Branch MMOC AGM

The 2018 AGM will be held at The Huntsman at 8 pm on Tuesday 9th October. Members are asked to make an effort to attend so as to ensure that their committee is running the Branch as members wish it to be run. The Agenda is attached. The committee will be up for

reselection, so if you are interested in helping support and guide what we do next year please ask the committee members what is involved

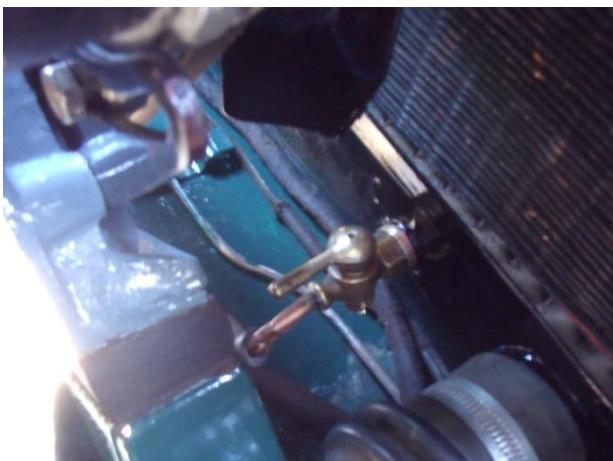
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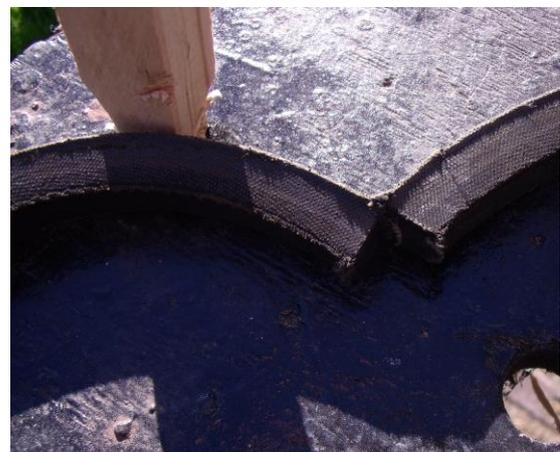
Treasurer's trivia

Hello everyone,

As you all know I have been doing quite a bit of Morris Minor maintenance of late and in the last few weeks it has been the turn of the MM to have some attention. Although the MM only does a tiny mileage it still, of course, needs regular maintenance. The first thing on the agenda was to go around the brakes; one new front brake cylinder needed replacing. These are no longer available (a conversion kit is now sold to allow the use of later wheel cylinders). I still have some I bought 10 years ago so am ok for now but I understand I may be able to get the old ones reconditioned which would be a great help. Now anyone who has owned an early MM without a water pump will certainly know that they tend to run quite hot so keeping the cooling system up to scratch is vital. There was evidence of a leak by the radiator drain tap plus the tap itself was seized. So I took the radiator out for a flush and check out the leak and thank goodness I did. On examination the bush into which the drain tap is screwed fell out! I also brought to light that the fan belt was split. Luckily, just up the road from me is an excellent blacksmith who has a colleague who is superb at soldering. He did a marvelous job of reinstating the bush and repairing the tap for me and for a radiator nearly 70 years old it is now really excellent again. It all had a good flush out as you can imagine together with a new fan belt fitted. Next on the list was something I have not done before in 46 years of Morris Minor ownership. I bought 2 new crossply tyres for the MM. This was not because of the tread but purely because there were signs of perishing on the walls and I was starting to be concerned about them. With new tubes also fitted I am very pleased with them.



Drain tap and radiator repaired



Fan belt ready for renewal!

Toddington show- This has become one of my favourite day's out of the year. Although the number of cars is relatively small there is a huge variety and you get to meet some very interesting people. Add to that the railway and discounted travel it makes for a very appealing combination. Clive and myself met up at the Eckington picnic site as usual and were quickly joined by a gentleman in a mini also going to Toddington. Some of his friends also came. We set off at 9.15 with me leading. I think there was quite a queue behind me as we approached Toddington as you can imagine! We had not been on site long when we spotted our friends from Birmingham branch, Dave, Sue and Ian with family members, had joined us. Clive and I were soon mingling with different owners. There were a large array of Minors to peruse. Among other interesting exhibits were a 1901 Milwaukee steam car, a standard 8 convertible and a Routemaster bus. As I have said before you can be flexible how you plan your day. We decided to travel on the 12.35 steam train to Cheltenham. I bought our tickets mid-morning and we had lunch at 12.00 prior to catching the train. Passenger numbers have apparently grown considerably since the opening to Broadway and it was noticeably busier this year. We had no problem with seating and had a really enjoyable return journey. On arrival back it was time for a drink and a last look round. A few people started to leave about 3.00 and Clive and I left about 3.40. Although a bit chilly at times the weather stayed dry. This was a super day out and well worth going to.



Clive's Minor looking very smart before setting off



Dave Boyce's Minor

Visit to Waterworks museum, Hereford, September 30th at 11.00am-

A reminder of our planned visit although I realize you may not read this before we go. I know Chris is going to email some information out to those on email and will be happy for any member to ring him if needing assistance. The following may also be of help. For information on the museum go to www.waterworksmuseum.org.uk. The post code is HR4 0LJ. The museum is at Broomy Hill which is a turning off Barton road. Barton road runs from the junction of the A49 near to the Greyfriars Bridge in Hereford.

AGM October 9th, Skittle Alley, The Huntsman, 8.00pm.

It's that time of year again! Do come along and let us know your feelings on the past 12 months and your ideas for the forthcoming year. I will be presenting my treasurer's report, together with the balance sheets, to members and answering any questions you may have. I will have copies of the accounts available together with my account books for examination by any member if they so wish.

Malvern Festival of Transport, 3 Counties Show ground, October 14th-

Clive and I have booked to go provided the weather is ok. We will be leaving from the lay by opposite the pond at Hanley Swan about 10.00. If you are planning to go and want to join up with us please let me know so that we can look out for you.

See you at the museum and the AGM.

Dave

Morris goes to a 'high school prom' Mike Rochelle

Last Month I included an article by Mike Rochelle, here is the photo he sent of the event.



WANTED

Michael Jefferies is looking for a 2 door saloon Morris 1000. Please contact me and I will forward the information across to you.

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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