

Malvern Hills Branch Newsletter

September 2016



Welcome to the September edition of the branch newsletter.

Dates for the Diary for 2016

Sunday 21st August

Tewkesbury Car Show, contact dave for info. As its on school playing fields, no dogs are allowed.

Sunday 11th September

Classic vehicle day at Glos/Warwickshire Railway

Tuesday 13th September

AGM at the Huntsman PH

Tuesday 27th September

Morris Marathon drive to Ledbury

Tuesday 11th October

Social at the Huntsman PH

Local Car Shows

TODDINGTON SHOW SEPTEMBER 11th 2016- Clive and Dave Smith are definitely going. The September show is for individual entries so if you would like to go you will need to go to the Gloucestershire/ Warwickshire railway website or give them a call. Clive and Dave will be meeting up at the Eckington picnic site just after 9.00 to depart at 9.15 if anyone would like to join us.

MORRIS 1000 LOOKING FOR A GOOD HOME

After 40+ years of owning Morrises (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)

John & Bridget Ripper (Malvern)

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Minor Marathon

MARIE CURIE APPEAL- We are now only days away from the start of this very important event getting underway with our branch due to receive the car from Gloucester on the evening of September 26th. We will then be fund raising outside M & S at the Malvern retail park (Roman Way, Malvern, WR14 1JQ) from approximately 9.30- 11.00 on the morning of the 27th before taking the car to Ledbury to hand over to the Wye Valley branch. I know there is a lot of enthusiasm from members to support this event. I would suggest it may be prudent, especially for members coming a distance, to contact one of us the night before to check everything is running to schedule (Dave's number is listed below). There may be further details elsewhere in the newsletter and I am sure Chris will update everyone at the AGM.



Those of you following the progress of this event will have seen it change from one month to the next. This month's Minor Matters was written two months ago, so it shows the original route. At one stage we would have been trekking into West Wales to deliver the car to Newcastle Emlyn. We are now as originally planned delivering the car to the Wye Valley branch, though in Ledbury not Ross.

Treasurers Trivia

Those of you who were able to make it to our August meeting will know what a great evening we had being entertained by our guest speaker, Mathew Parkin, from Brightwells. I had been a bit concerned earlier as on arrival at the Huntsman Shaun, the landlord, told me that he had received a phone call 40 minutes earlier from Mathew to say he was stuck in traffic at Bristol! My worries were quickly dispelled though when Mathew duly arrived. Ably assisted by my son in law, Thom, who provided the screen, Mathew outlined his career and then when on to the work of Brightwells and the many finds he had made and experiences with a wide variety of clients. I think he could have talked for hours; he certainly provided a fascinating insight into the world of classic car auctioneering and I know from comments made to me since how much everyone enjoyed it.

TEWKESBURY CAR SHOW- After the cancellation of last year's show owing to the weather, it was fingers crossed for a fine day. Myself, Doug, Bob and Joyce, Michael and Dulcie, and Roger and Maurita duly assembled at Ryall to convoy down to Tewkesbury (Chris and Laura were able to make it a little later). I was especially relieved the weather was keeping fine as both Michael and Dulcie and Bob and Joyce had quite long journeys to make and I knew Dulcie in particular was looking forward to coming. Indications of how much bigger this year's show was going to be became apparent when we had to start queuing at the bottom of Ashchurch road. The traffic kept moving though and it was not long before we were parked up on the sports field. We did have a go at erecting the gazebo; however, the wind was still a bit too strong and we decided to take it down rather than risk it blowing away. By lunch time the field was packed with people and cars. It was a very enjoyable day that included a visit by the air ambulance. Once the sun had gone in mid-afternoon people soon decided to leave and there was a mass exodus. We all headed off once the queue had died down of those leaving. It did rain quite nasty not long after I arrived home so I hope those of you with longer journeys did not have too bad a time getting home. (I know Bob and Joyce managed to avoid the rain) Thank you everyone who came on the day to support our branch.



AGM- As you all know it is AGM time next month. This will be my first report to you as treasurer. Following on from Mary I had a very hard act to follow; however, I hope I have not let you down. Certainly the branch finances are very healthy and I will provide copies to all members at the AGM. As I am not very brilliant on the computer I have recorded everything the old fashioned way in a ledger and analysis book. I will bring these with me to the AGM so any member who wishes to view them can feel free to do so. It will also help me with any questions members may have. I said at the last AGM I would give the treasurer's role a year and see how I felt at the end. I must say I have quite enjoyed it and would be willing to put my name forward for another year if members so wish.

WATER CURE TALK- Regrettably this talk has had to be delayed owing to the speaker being unavailable on any suggested date. I think we are looking at the spring for this to now take place.

See you at the AGM. Dave

Other info

From South Wales Branch MMOC

CITY of the UNEXPECTED

The title may seem little odd but believe me the oddness will soon be explained hopefully.

We have been approached by a media arts production company to supply forty Morris Minors for the centenary celebration of Roald Dahl the Children's Author in Cardiff on the weekend of the 17th of September 2016.

No city has ever attempted a transformation quite as magical as that planned in Cardiff on the 17th – 18th of September. The event is titled the 'City of the Unexpected' it will see an orchestra of 200 people playing from the battlements of Cardiff Castle Talking Gargouyls on the bridge, a mobile Choir, JCB Diggers performing Ballet around the City centre, The national Theatre of Wales performing on the city streets, The National Ballet Company of Wales dancing on the streets and much more.

Organisations involved include National Theatre of Wales, National Ballet Company of Wales, Welsh National Orchestra, Cardiff University of Performing Arts and Media, City of Cardiff Council, The Welsh Assembly, South Wales Police and Fire & Rescue Service The Red Arrows The RAF and the Army A twelve foot high giant peach. The list goes on.

The Director of Events is Mr Nigel Jamison. Who's he some of you may ask? Nigel Jamison directed the opening ceremony of the Sydney Olympics and the closing ceremony of the Manchester Commonwealth Games. Maybe now this will give you an idea of how big this event is going to be.

What does this have to with Morris Minors you may ask?

Nigel Jamison has asked the production company to supply forty Morris Minors and for them to be directly involved with the centenary celebrations. Owners will be driving the cars around Cardiff City centre with members of a Choir singing from the vehicles. With a conductor up front in the lead car.

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The British Isles - How many islands make up the British Isles? Well that is obvious isn't it? Two! There is the Mainland Island comprising England, Wales and Scotland and there is Ireland. Ah! But! What about the Isle of Wight and Isle of Man? Well four then. But there are also, the Isle of Dogs, Sheppey and what about Ely? Maybe these are not all islands, or none of them are! There are the Isles of Scilly, and The Channel Islands, though the latter are not part of the United Kingdom. Oh and what about the Scottish islands? OK then, more than we initially supposed. Let's be generous and round it up to say, a couple of dozen. In fact, this is way, way out. For the answer, turn the page upside down and read. Or click on the text. - *Clive*

The 1:625,000 scale database shows **Great Britain** (England, Scotland and Wales) has a total of 6,289 islands, mostly in Scotland. Of these, 803 are large enough to have been 'digitised' with a coastline by our map-makers. The rest are recorded as point features. All will have a local name however.

There is little wonder that the Spanish Armada came to grief when it attempted to circumnavigate mainland

All the Best and Happy Motoring Dave

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