



Malvern Hills Branch Newsletter

September 2021



Welcome to our September edition,

Dates for the Diary for 2021

9th September Back at the Huntsman PH for our monthly meeting at the earlier time of 7pm

25th and 26th September, MMOC Get together and Spares day, Kelmarsh Hall, Northampton. Contact Club office 01332 291675 or see web site.

Saturday 2nd October, Branch AGM at 12.15pm

Sunday 3rd October, Charity event, The Waterfront Classic Drive In, Merry Hill. contact Dave Spuce on 07986 170715.

Septembers here and the Harvest is in full swing. With the first of the apples and plums arriving in the shops. I hope that you have been able to make the most of the summer to meet up and drive around in the Morris. Now is time to do any maintenance jobs on the morris before it gets too cold and wet. Also if it keeps dry it is worth getting any rust proofing done under the car, I normally try to do it about now as it's not too hot in the garage. Over the past few months my morris has taken up smoking, so a bit of an overhaul will be needed over the next few months. Dave

Branch AGM

Members,

The 2021 Annual General Meeting is to be held in the skittle alley at The Huntsman at 12.15 pm on Saturday 2nd October 2021. All members are invited to attend and are encouraged to do so that you can help decide how your branch is run. The draft Agenda is attached: if any member wishes any other subject to be discussed, she / he is asked to notify the Secretary before close of play on Friday 17th September 2021. Under the Constitution, the current committee is obliged to stand down at the AGM and a new committee is voted in by you, the members, at the AGM. If any member wishes to volunteer to fill any committee post with effect from the AGM, she / he is asked to notify the Secretary before close of play on Friday 17th September 2021: the support of at least one other member would be useful. A vote will be taken at the AGM to elect the new committee.

R S Prophet, Secretary

The Posts are:

Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Branch Contact / Webmaster, and at least one additional committee member

E10 Fuel

The best advice appears to be to use an additive to reduce its corrosive effects, and or replace the parts that can be effected by the fuel (Rubber, some plastics) with modern replacements. See Also the Federation of Historic Vehicle Clubs web site <https://www.fbhvc.co.uk/fuels>

Treasurer's Trivia

Hello everyone,

It goes without saying that to get the Morris out to head off to a branch meeting at the Huntsman again was an absolute joy. I had been hoping the weather would keep fine as we were planning to meet up outside. Although a little chilly, particularly in the latter part of the evening, it remained dry and was just about perfect for us. As soon as I pulled in I could see Richard and Nicky parked up; marvellous to see them both again after such a long time. We were soon joined by a gentleman called Jim Lucas. Jim had been a member of our branch before myself in the 1980s'. He had brought along his Series 2 that he had restored back to original condition complete with 803cc engine in 1986. It is certainly one of the best Series 2 cars I have seen for a long time (we were well blessed with Series 2 cars as Barry and Pauline were in their Series 2 as well). Jim has subsequently re-joined us and we warmly welcome him back. Members were soon arriving with John Barley parking next to me. It was a very good evening with a number of members joining us who had not been able to make it to the bar-b-cue. With the evenings pulling in we were heading home by 9.15-9.30. Although of course the lights are not like a modern car, I find the 948 not a bad drive at night. The one feature I miss in the 948 compared to the Series MM is the fact that the ignition keys do not light up at night. Only a small item, I know, but a feature I have always liked.

CHARITY DONATION- As you will know, our branch was supporting the Greenfingers charity from the proceeds of our rally. I am pleased to report we made a donation of 100.00 pounds and I have received a letter of thanks and appreciation from the charity. In particular, they have asked me to pass on their thanks to you all. It is certainly a very worthwhile charity and thank you everyone for your support of the rally and donations that allowed us to do this. I will be bringing the letter with me to our next meeting for you to see.

FEELER GAUGES- If you are like me you have probably accumulated a few different gauges over the years; a most important part of the tool kit. Now although I have a selection to choose from I was struggling with having an appropriate sized blade for using on one of my tractors. I ended up purchasing one from Screwfix. I must say it is excellent with a comprehensive range of blades in individual denominations both in metric and imperial sizes. At 2.99 I think it is a very good buy.

E10 Petrol- I've touched on this subject before in the newsletter. However, I was reminded of the imminent arrival of E10 when I saw a poster in Tewkesbury recently advertising the fact that it is coming. I believe it goes on sale in October. Do remember that this petrol with the higher ethanol content is not suitable for our Minors. The situation regarding suitable petrol being available for our Minors, I think, will vary from garage to garage particularly with small garages. For instance, a garage Jonathan uses is only going to stock E10 when it arrives. However, my local garage that I use in Upton is only going to stock Super Unleaded and not E10 so I will be ok with the Minors. So it may be prudent if you are in doubt to check what petrol the garage you use is going to stock in the future. One thing seems certain;

the cost of purchasing petrol for our Minors is going to get ever more expensive and being able to purchase a suitable petrol progressively more difficult.

NEXT MEETING - Our next branch meeting will be on Thursday September 9th. However, in order for us to hopefully meet up outside, we are bringing the start time forward to **7.00pm**. This should allow us to remain outside, subject to weather conditions, before heading back home. We are conscious of the ongoing situation with covid and the committee are anxious for members to feel as comfortable and safe as possible when attending our meetings.

TEWKESBURY SHOW- I ventured down to Tewkesbury for a few hours last Sunday to visit the classic car show held at the school. It was extremely busy with a high turnout of cars and the usual trade stands. I was struck by how long some cars had been owned by the present owner or the same family from new. I thought I was doing well with my Series MM having been in my family since new (72 years). This was well beaten by a 1938 Austin 14 Berkeley deluxe saloon that had been in the same family since new in 1938. It had clearly never been restored and although in a very well-worn state it was clear that this was a car that had given a lot of pleasure over all those years including being used for 3 family weddings. Another much more recent car that caught my eye was a 1970 Vauxhall Viscount. Many of you, like me, will remember these when they were new. I had a chat with the owner who had owned the car since new. Incredibly, he told me there are only 3 of these left now and this was one of them. It was an automatic too and he reckoned to get about 25mpg from it. There were quite a few examples of our favourite car as you would expect with Series 2 and Minor 1000s' on display. One that I quite liked was a late Traveller a picture of which I have included.



Events coming up - Firstly, my apologies for us not having had a Sunday outing this month. We had hoped to arrange one and indeed I checked out one possibility. However, in the end it was just too much to sort in a short time so we had to leave it. Still, I know members have been getting out in their cars with the Far Forest show being one event visited.

Normally at this time of year I am telling you that Clive and myself are going to the Toddington show. Unfortunately, it is not on again this year which is a great shame as we have always had a good day out at this event. There are a few events on in September you might like to enter or visit although some involve venturing into bordering counties. Barry rang me to let me know about a show on at Abbeydore in Herefordshire (HR2 0AL) on September 19th with proceeds going to St Michaels Hospice and the Air Ambulance. Run

time is from 11.00am – 3.30pm. It sounds quite a good event and if you are interested in entering then ring a lady called Sheila on 07881944648. Also in Herefordshire is an auto jumble at Ross Livestock market on the 18th. Heading into Gloucestershire, on the 26th there is a classic car show at the Bourton Vale Cricket Club in Bourton on the Water from 10.00am – 4.00pm. I've no idea if it is still possible to enter, but have a look at the website if you are interested. They ask for a donation of 8.00pounds to cover driver and passengers. Finally, back in Worcestershire there a car and bike show at Hampton Ferry in Evesham on the 11th. Entry is free.

Finally, elsewhere in the newsletter you will find the notification of the AGM in October. With the ongoing situation concerning covid the committee have reviewed the timing of the AGM. We have decided this year to hold it in the daytime instead of the normal evening. Hopefully, the weather is not too bad and we can have windows open to provide good ventilation. Therefore, the AGM will be held in the skittle alley at the Huntsman on October 2nd at 12.15pm. We know for a few of you the weekends can be difficult with work commitments but we hope it is possible for many of you to still come. There is food available and I will endeavour to provide a bit more detail on this in the next newsletter. Having a daytime meeting will, of course, have the bonus of allowing members to attend the AGM without having to drive in the dark. Obviously the past year has been highly unusual with little to report on apart from the rally. We very much hope for a better 12 months to come so please feel free to suggest any outings or talks we could organize. With my treasurer's hat on I will be presenting my annual report on the branch accounts as normal and answering any questions you may have. So do come if you can.

That's all for this month; take care everyone and see you at the next meeting.

Dave

Car for Sale

1955 Morris Minor 4 door Saloon, with a 1954 dash.

Contact Mr. Lawrence on 07792 641526

Spare parts for sale:

2 Original new bumper overriders unused

1 Original new number plate light unused

1 Original wheel nut spanner

1 Radiator cap

Several light bulbs

Minor Workshop Manual (Autobook 770)

Series 2 & 1000 Owners service parts list book (illustrated parts explosions) 1961

Minor 1000 saloon/Traveller booklet, schedule of repair charges 1961

All for 50.00 pounds ono.

Contact is Jim Allen on 07857 776205.

Useful contacts

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