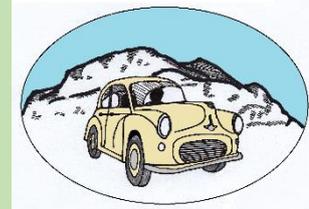




Malvern Hills Branch Newsletter September 2017



Welcome to the September edition of the branch newsletter.

Dates for the Diary for 2017

Tuesday 12th September

Our regular 8pm evening social meeting at the Huntsman PH, Green Street near Kempsey.

Sunday 8th October

Malvern Festival of Transport at the 3 counties show ground.

Tuesday 10th October

Branch AGM 8pm at the Huntsman PH, Green Street near Kempsey.

Saturday 14th October

Visit to Holdens Vintage and Classic, Bromyard, October 14th at 10.00am. Contact Chris for details

Greetings Everybody

Chris writes;

I am so glad you enjoyed the train, we need to discuss with the members if they interested in the proposal of us using the miniature train, in exchange for the use of a morris minor for their publicity, I shall chat about this at the next meeting.

Also would members be interested in visiting a garden after the October Holden meeting. I would be more than happy to organise if interest is there.

Many thanks Chris

A Few bits of National MMOC news, Michael Williams is now our MMOC liaison officer for the Midlands Region. He has been informed that we have to host a midlands regional rally for 2018 over two days with camping included. The dates in mind, are the 21st & 22nd July 2018. He would really appreciate your support in suggesting a venue for us and also any help you can give with ideas and any assistance at the event itself would be very much appreciated.

Trouble is, we need to get this sorted out before the deadline of 30th September 2017!!, so any ideas?

Kevin Wright from the Leicestershire Branch

He was talking to gentleman with woody in Youlgrave in August and wanted to know if anyone can recognize the car in attached picture.

“He did seem to wonder why someone on a motorbike would stop to talk to him. Kevin forgot ask his name but do know he comes from the Wolverhampton area. Kevin added a pic of his car with Kevin’s bike.”



We also had had a request for information on the ware abouts of another Morris Minor

I wonder if you might be able to help. I am trying to trace a black split screen saloon, first registered in 1956. Its registration number TVS 296. I know it is registered with an SORN in at the moment. The MMOC have told me that they think it is in the West Midlands area and that the member who owned it lapsed their membership in 2013. The MMOC have told me that your branch would be the 'closest' to the area where they think the car is (and this would ring true with what I know already.)

I would very much like to trace this car, it was my second Morris Minor and it was my 18th birthday present. I turned 18 in 1992 so it was a pretty old car when I bought it. What made it all the more special was that I had it very largely restored, apart from the interior, after finding it in a field, which is unusual for an 18-year-old girl. I sold it a few years ago as it was stored in my mum's garage and mum needed the space and I would love to know where it is now.

If you, or any of your members know where the car is I would be really pleased to hear from them.

Best wishes Clare Free

My Morris is having some welding done, so, sorry that I may not be driving a morris to the next few meetings, though don't worry it will return.

Dave Bennett

Malvern Branch MMOC AGM

This will be held at the October meeting, 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.

Treasurer's trivia

Hello everyone

After having to cancel our barbecue in July because of the weather we were able (just!) to hold it at our August meeting. Fourteen members gathered at the Huntsman with Jonathan and Mary kindly providing the barbecue. It started off dry but unfortunately the weather took a turn for the worse and for a period we had a wet spell. It did not stop the cooking proceeding however and it was not long before members were grilling their burgers and sausages. (The warmth from the barbecue was very welcome too!) We were also treated to some extra tasty goodies of food from members Barry and Pauline Reading. We do not get to see Barry and Pauline very often as they spend much of their time in Spain. It was a great



pleasure to see them and Barry brought along his very lovely Series 2 that he has owned for 49 years. (See picture). Members were able to gather together later inside the Huntsman to round off a very pleasant social evening.

Barry with his series II

Our visit to the Kyre Valley railway on August 12th was universally agreed by all those who came as an absolute treat. Having met up in Bromyard we went in convoy to the railway. This private railway is not normally open to the public and was open in connection with raising funds for the local village hall. The setting alone was a delight and members were able to relax amongst the trees when not on one of the trains. There were different routes to travel on with junctions, bridges and tunnels along the way. The little locomotives were a delight and great fun to see in action. It was unfortunate that only a few members could make it. This was understandable to a certain extent as Chris was only able to organize it at quite short notice and of course we were in a peak holiday time. However, Chris is hoping to arrange a further visit in the future when we would have the railway to ourselves for an afternoon. So there should be a second chance to visit this lovely railway. A big thank you to Chris for arranging this visit for us.

Our annual visit to Tewkesbury show was very successful. The weather was thankfully fine after the outlook had looked very uncertain earlier in the week. Seven Morris Minors and owners met up at Ryall before setting off for the show. As I led the convoy it was a good move that I had brought the 948! One problem that we experienced again this year was the ability to be able to all park together. This seemed more acute than ever this time. Next year I am going to see if we can park at the bottom of the field in an effort to overcome this. There was a vast selection of cars again on display and many Morris Minors. I spent some time talking to a Morris Minor owner who had only recently purchased a 1959 Minor that was only 1 month difference in age to mine. It was a beautiful car and had only done 15,000 miles. There were, as usual, a wide variety of stalls to visit around the perimeter. Just before 3.00pm the mass exodus began. Wisely, members hung on until the bulk of the cars had departed before making a move. The Tewkesbury show makes for a very pleasant day out and there is always something new to catch the eye.



Members at Ryall before setting off to Tewkesbury.

I end my trivia this month on a very sad note with the news that Geoff Oakes from the Potteries branch has passed away. Those of you who have been MMOC members for a number of years and a branch member will remember Geoff well. He and his wife, Margaret, came to our branch rally every year in their Traveller for as long as I can remember until a few years ago when he was not well enough to attend. He was the branch coordinator for our area at one time and some of you may remember him visiting us one evening for a skittles match at the Huntsman. I only knew Geoff from meeting him at our rallies and the occasional Morris Minor meeting but he was always a pleasure to speak with. In particular, I remember going with Jonathan to an area meeting once that Geoff chaired. It has always stayed with me since that meeting the deep impression of what a thoroughly decent and genuine man Geoff was. I know Geoff supported a number of organizations and I am sure there will be a full report in the next Minor Matters. Geoff was a good friend to our branch and I am so pleased to have known him.

Finally don't forget the AGM is our October meeting this year so the September meeting will be a social evening at the Huntsman.

Dave

A few words on up and coming events:-

Malvern Festival of Transport. This is being held on October 8th at the 3 Counties showground. If any members are interested in attending to represent the branch I am happy to order passes for entry. Each pass allows up to 2 adults and 2 children to enter. You can, of course, just turn up on the day but you will have to pay the normal admission price. I would ask any member who would like a pass to contact me immediately after receiving the newsletter as I will be writing up the accounts very shortly in preparation for the AGM and would want to include the cost in this year's accounts.

Visit to Holdens Vintage and Classic, Bromyard, October 14th at 10.00am – Chris has arranged what should be a most interesting visit. Many of you will know Holden's premises and purchased parts from them. This will be an opportunity to learn a bit more about the company and how they operate. Light refreshments will be supplied. Final confirmation of details will be in the next newsletter (Chris may also send out an email).

Thank you.

Look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting.

Dave

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