

NEMMOC MAGAZINE



August 2010

Chairperson's message.....

Hello Fellow Members

What can I say! This year has been a "cracking" one for the club!

The meetings, rallies and events we've either held or attended as a club have been phenomenal to say the least. When last I wrote we were heading off to Newby Hall and Ripon, at which we had Branch stands which were well attended and very good days out. We were even approached by the York branch to perhaps join forces next year at Ripon as they struggle to get the numbers to attend so that was encouraging.

We hosted an evening with the members of various clubs travelling across the country, including Northern Ireland, to complete the "5 Capitals" event. An evening at The Old Mill with a very good turnout, all in all we were about 30 folk enjoying the night. It was heartening to hear Julian Marshall say, "as a club, the North East Branch is truly unique in its success". Makes you proud doesn't it!

The Tall Ships event was spectacular. We arrived on a bright sunny Saturday morning and found we had a prime spot on The Headlands to park our cars. 13 cars on Saturday and 11 cars on Sunday attended from the club. There was some great Entertainment at the carnival and of course the star attractions of the weekend, the Tall Ships, were really amazing to see. We, as a

club, also made an impact, we were interviewed by the Hartlepool Mail, we gave an interview on Real Radio, and were stopped often to ask who we belonged to, must have been our rather fetching T-shirts, and of course, our warm friendly disposition as club reps! The weekend was memorable and one to be proud of!

Our Branch Rally weekend was a roaring success, even though it started off a little shaky, but purely down to the weather! We all still managed to put up camp in the rain, enjoy great company and caught up with old friends who travelled some distance to be with us! Thanks very much to Lou & Charlie Edwards for making the trip! The whole weekend was enjoyable from start to finish and we got some great feedback from visitors to the Rally, my mailbox is bulging with good reviews! A huge thank you to the team who worked tirelessly to make our Rally the success that it was, my appreciation is deep and endless!

The year is not over yet and we still have a number of dates in the diary, not least of which is the AGM in October. I would like to encourage as many of you as possible to come along to this meeting, after all this is "your club" and we need your input to allow us to make it work for you.

Tracey Cramond
Chairperson

LEADING LIGHT AWARD

This award is for an outstanding club member, one who gets involved at many levels and really works hard for the club.

Please complete the form that was enclosed with the July magazine and return to our Club Secretary (the address is on the form) before the September social meeting on 2nd September 2010.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 7th October 2010

Please note that the Annual General Meeting will be held on 7th October 2010 at Burnmoor Cricket Club.

Committee positions available are:

Chairperson

Secretary

Treasurer

Membership Officer

Rally Officer

Social, Charity and Regalia Officer

Magazine / Website Editor

2 x Liaison Officer

3 x General Committee Member (these roles could be filled by Liaison Officer)

We need committed people who are prepared to come to meetings outside of the social meetings and attend the rallies/events we are involved with.

If anyone is interested in applying for any of the positions, forms will be available at our social on 2nd September, this form is just an opportunity for those who wish to stand to put themselves forward. Should any member who cannot make it to the social and would like to be nominated they can let Tracey Cramond know at tracey@northeastmorrisminors.com or Arthur Henderson know at arthur@northeastmorrisminors.com or they can let the existing committee know on the night of the actual AGM.

Anyone who does not have access to email can contact Tracey or Arthur by post:
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Darlington, DL1 2XE.
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Ripon Old Cars – July 2010

Sue Bell



Ripon Old Cars is now an annual event for our club and we have a club stand with 10 cars. It is always an enjoyable event with the extra treat of a decent autojumble as well.



There is something for everyone at Ripon, cars, wagons, tractors, bikes, and caravans, it really is a good show.

More pictures can be seen on our website:

www.northeastmorrisminors.com

5 Capitals Event – July 2010

Sue Bell

We hosted an evening for members from other clubs who were taking part in the “5 Capitals Event”. The event, as the title suggests, involves travelling to London, Cardiff, Edinburgh, Belfast and Dublin, no mean feat in a Morris Minor! Proceeds from the “5 Capitals” were being donated to the British Heart Foundation.

Tables were booked at The Mill at Metal Bridge and in total we had 30 people attend, 12 people from the 5 Capitals contingent and the remainder from our club – an excellent turnout.



Brian Butler, our Membership Secretary, had made a cake to present to them and we later had a note from them to say that they had raffled the cake and made £52 for the British Heart Foundation. A big thank you to Brian for this.



Social Calendar 2010

All social nights held at Burnmoor Cricket Club at 8.00 p.m., first Thursday of the month. Do come along and join us, you will be very welcome.

- 2nd September Pie, Peas and Chips Night plus a Presentation by a Guest Speaker (see next page for more information)
- 7th October **AGM**
- 4th November Pub Quiz or Race Night
- 2nd December Christmas Party Night and Charity Cheque Presentation

Rallies 2010



The 2010 season is all but over now. Provisional dates for 2011 are as follows::

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| 17 April | Drive It Day |
| 15 May | Souter |
| 5 June | Wallington |
| 1 July | Trimdon |

Please contact Rally Organiser Colin Bell on 01388 811042 / colinbellse@aol.com / or further details are on our website.

Moggies on the Box

A green moggie parked on the street in Southwold on “Walk of Fame”. Lots seen on a recent “Heartbeat” – a green moggie on a garage forecourt, a moggie dismantled in the garage and a blue traveller.

Also on ~”5th Gear” a motorway shot had a moggie in the background. Finally, on “The Princess Royal at 60”, in archive footage of Benenden School three Morris Travellers were parked in the car park.

September Social Night

2nd September 2010

The guest speaker will be David Heath, a retired traffic officer with Durham Police. He will give a talk, together with a slide show, of pursuit tactics, etc, plus give information on road convoys and so on. He will also be available to answer any questions you may have.

September 2nd is also pie, peas and chips night so no excuses for not attending!!



We all wore our "Tall Ships" T shirts and looked very much a team.

Tall Ships Event, Hartlepool

August 2010 (Sue Bell)



The club had received an invite, via Arthur Henderson, to take part in The Headland Carnival during the period the tall ships were in Hartlepool. This was an exciting prospect, the club had been invited for two days and we were allocated an area at The Headland to park and display our cars.

Everyone took the opportunity to walk to the harbour and marina to see the fantastic ships and soak in the atmosphere. There was lots going on and lots of people there. There was also a large funfair along at The Headland and a brilliant fireworks display on the evening. Also at The Headland there was live music which also contributed to the atmosphere.



Saturday afternoon was the parade for The Headland Carnival and we had 13 cars taking part and leading the parade. People seemed to come from nowhere and there were large crowds to watch the parade – there was a wonderful atmosphere and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it.



It was lovely to have the Godding family join us for the Hartlepool event and we wish Mark, (who is a cook for the military) well during his time in Afghanistan.



The Hartlepool event was certainly a special weekend and I hope the following photographs give an indication of the atmosphere.



More pictures are on our website:
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Future Magazines

We plan to have profiles of club members cars in future issues, if you would like your vehicle profiled please get in touch with me – Sue Bell on 01388 811042 or email at colinbellse@aol.com.

If anyone has any items they would like to see in future issues please get in touch with me with any ideas you may have.

Any members who have items for sale or are looking for items can advertise in the magazine and/or on the website. Any items for the website – please contact Colin Bell (contact details as above).

Cumbria Classic Car Rally

August 2010 (Sue Bell)



Our club had been invited to the Cumbria Classic Car Rally by the Cumbria Branch of the Morris Minor Owners Club. Four cars from our club attended and, in total, there were 19 cars on the stand. The stand also won the award for best club stand in the show. It was an innovative design which had the cars parked around a maypole with the theme of "Morris Dancers".



The Branch organised a mini contest of their own on the stand and two of our cars won an award, Grant Cramond's for best split screen and Colin Bell's for best saloon.



There was a great turnout of classic cars at this event plus the weather was warm and sunny – an excellent day out. Our thanks go to Jan and Bernie Brooks from the Cumbria Branch for inviting us and showing us such hospitality.



More pictures can be found on our website. www.northeastmorrisminors.com

BRANCH RALLY – STANHOPE

AUGUST 2010

Tracey Cramond

The big event finally arrived – our Branch Rally. The weather forecast on the radio was not entirely exhilarating - rain, rain and yet more rain expected for Friday and Saturday, but good weather expected for Sunday, which was a blessing (we hoped)!

Not to be out-done by the weather, we all got stuck in and set up camp, in the rain and gales! Everything tethered down, we even managed to set up a gathering point for socialising and hospitality, where we could all gather, chat and share hospitality on the Friday night sheltered from the elements.

Saturday loomed still damp and cloudy but slightly brighter. We didn't manage the planned drive out due to swamp-like conditions so some folk took a trip on the train, others popped into Stanhope to mosey around and others stayed behind to put up the big marquees for the Saturday shin-dig, thanks Lou for all the help with the marquees!

Saturday night was a brilliant success. It was good to see everyone dress up for the occasion and we all enjoyed the domino matches, the bingo was a treat and our country singer was just fantastic! The BBQ was a real hit (as usual) although this year we missed Mary's gorgeous cakes for pudding! All-in-all a very good night had by everyone.



Sunday morning broke and we could see sunshine through the clouds (a little) – yeehaa! A number of really early arrivals caught us a little off guard, but we managed to get set up and welcome the visitors with our usual aplomb! Our man, Andrew did a sterling job on the entrance gate, alongside Sue. Well done!

A truly great turn out of cars, and a large number of visitors came along throughout the day to see what was on offer too. The Duck Race went ahead as planned, although very

nearly didn't due to technical compliance issues! I think Arthur could have kissed the Lifeboats Man when he finally arrived, saving the day! This event as always brought lots of fun and laughter for everyone, especially the kids (big ones as well) – well done Arthur, Paddy, Grant and Thomas for launching and then desperately trying to catch the ducks!



A great Branch Rally, well done to the hard working team who made it the success that it was. We've had so much positive feedback it's been amazing! Until next year then.....



The following are some of the comments received:

Charlie and Lou Edwards from Derbyshire
"had a great weekend, enjoyed it very much"

Chris Edgar "thanks for a great day on Sunday, we really enjoyed it all and especially the good company"

Judith McClaren "you could teach clubs how to do things properly – well done, a great rally"

Rally Category Awards

Saloon 2/4 Door	Grant Cramond
Traveller	Chris Edgar
Modified Custom	Ronnie Stoackley
Working Minor	Andrew Cook
Other Classic (MG TC)	Ian Tunnicliffe

The award for "furthest travelled" went to Tom Burton with his Morris Traveller who had come from Lincoln.

The award for the Morris Minor everyone would like to take home went to Chris Edgar's Traveller.

Winning Raffle Ticket Numbers

Branch Raffle

1st	465	Tracey Cramond
2nd	166	John Bertram
3rd	464	D Robinson
4th	559	Kath Henderson
5th	778	Eleanor
6th	28	B Burton
7th	706	J Suddes
8th	769	Wendy (Gilesgate Moor Hotel)
9th	13	Ken Whitfield

Duck Race

1st	119	J.Pickford
2nd	359	Janice (Hawthorn House)
3rd	428	H.Jones (Last Orders PH)

Future Events:

2 nd September	Social night with guest speaker
7 th October	AGM

The North East Branch Committee would like to point out that any advice, articles or views expressed in this magazine are entirely those of the contributors and we cannot be held responsible for the information

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