

# North East Morris Minors Owners's Club

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## Chairman's Bits...

Report from Area 1 on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2008

### National Rally



MMOC are planning a display of 60 cars at Stamford Hall (one example from each year). If you wish your car to be considered please contact Richard Lee on 079018256099 or 0113 279269 after 6pm. The cars will be displayed in the arena in sections according to year at some point during the weekend.

We are reliably informed that good toilets and showers will be on site for camping. The rally area is 3 big fields and people who don't get around so well are advised to consider bringing a bike. There will be continuous entertainment in and around the marquee, includes

Birds of Prey  
Pipe Band  
Gymnastics  
Craft Fayre  
Dog Show  
Jazz Bands

There will of course be a bar. The Inter Branch Challenge is the raft race which will be held on Sunday.

The party is fancy dress optional James Bond (diamonds are forever) theme. Tickets are £7:50p and include pig roast supper Live band and disco.

There will be car traders, Cars for sale and Auto jumble. Entry forms will be sent out with Minor Matters

The North East Branch will be leaving in convoy on Friday morning early and returning Monday morning.

### Drive it Day

A change of plan for Drive it Day 20<sup>th</sup> April. Keith Haigh from Barnsley Branch is now organising an alternative venue due to cost of parking at railway museum. A convoy will be leaving from Wolviston Services at 8:30am for those who wish to attend Please inform Sue 01429881179 [suesmoggie@aol.com](mailto:suesmoggie@aol.com)

13<sup>th</sup> April Brid and Wolds Branch are organising a Daffodil Run to Farndale in aid of Marie Curie as part of 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations

Lancashire Branch are organising a display of cars at Blackpool sea front 14<sup>th</sup> Sept as part of Marie Curie funds and celebrations

Don't forget our branch is hosting Beamish weekend 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> August and we need your support.

## Guests visit our club...

Jenny and I, as self appointed affiliated members of the North East Branch would like to thank Sue, Dave and other members for looking after us on the 7<sup>th</sup> February.

After the formalities chaired by Sue...



And the Quiz conducted by Tracey, which we won with the help of Dorothy whispering answers in my ear, Jenny produced her birthday cake. When the candles were out she handed out portions which everybody enjoyed.



We always enjoy being with the branch and look forward to meeting you all again soon.

Rick Beardmore.

## For Sale/Wanted...

If you have something you would like us to advertise for sale, e.g. a car, car parts, Morris Minor memorabilia, etc. Please send the details to us and we'll happily insert in our next mag.

Alternatively, maybe you are looking for something that one of our members may have stashed in their garage unused, hidden or forgotten gathering dust. Let us know we'll let our members know and perhaps match up requirements. Done deal!

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## Progress on Rallies

Just thought I would let everyone know what is happening. I am enclosing forms for entry to

### Wallington Hall Branch Rally Fri 6<sup>th</sup> – Sun 8<sup>th</sup> June

As you can see this is the rally replacing Herrington this year. We have arranged camping at Wooler and some of the committee have already booked from Friday to Sunday or Monday. We intend to have a run around Bamburgh, Seahouses and Holy Island on the Saturday (tides permitting) and arrange a meal on the Saturday evening. Why not make a weekend of it and come and join us. All the details are on the rally form that you need to book. Please let us know if you are camping.

### Beamish 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Weekend Fri 15<sup>th</sup> August – Sun 17<sup>th</sup> August and for full week till 22<sup>nd</sup> August camping at Bobby Shafto Caravan Park Beamish

This is our weekend to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> year of our lovable little cars in the North East. We have a road run planned for the Saturday which incorporates a ride on the Weardale Steam Railway. We intend to stop on the way back to the campsite for a bar meal and then we have Karaoke on the agenda at the campsite on Saturday evening. The main rally will be at Beamish on the Sunday. There will be no judging at this event. Forms will be provided in the next newsletter but if you want one sooner ask or go to [www.woldsmmoc.org.uk](http://www.woldsmmoc.org.uk) and you will find an entry form on this site.

Please do make every effort to attend as it has taken a lot of negotiation and planning to put this event on. There are members from the mmoc travelling from far and wide to be with us for the weekend.

If you fancy a few days out of the rat race come and join us camping for the week we have plenty nice things planned. Dave and I have been out and about



As you can see we get out in all weathers planning routes and had a lovely ride over the moors to do this run.

There were parts more scary but I had my eyes shut and Dave was driving so we did not manage to photo.

We still have to go back as I got a little confused on the road out of Stanley and I was looking for a quiet route that had a few challenging hills for the moggies. Once that is done and 100 plus miles later we will have a full proof route for people to follow.

Don't forget the first rally is April 21<sup>st</sup> for Drive it Day and we will be having a contingent from the North East to meet a lot more moggies at Caphouse Colliery near Wakefield.

Dave is already checking our traveller out for the rallies and she has passed her test. Soon the house will be full of camping equipment and picnic baskets. Roll on the rally season.

## For sale.....

Morris Minor Tourer  
Red 1963 Completely rebuilt 1275 Engine, Servo Fitted and new interior.

Offers Contact Brian 01429 868091



## Useful Resources:

**"Morris Minor Restoration, Preparation, Maintenance" by Jim Tyler**, published by Osprey Automotive 1995, ISBN 1 85532 471 7. It's out of print, which is a scandal, but is available secondhand on Amazon:  
[http://www.amazon.co.uk/Morris-Minor-Restoration-Preparation-Maintenance/dp/1855324717/sr=1-19/qid=1157379387/ref=sr\\_1\\_19/202-9046534-1412648?ie=UTF8&s=books](http://www.amazon.co.uk/Morris-Minor-Restoration-Preparation-Maintenance/dp/1855324717/sr=1-19/qid=1157379387/ref=sr_1_19/202-9046534-1412648?ie=UTF8&s=books)

**"Morris Minor & 1000 - Guide to Purchase & DIY Restoration" by Lindsay Porter**, published by Foulis/Haynes, 1985, ISBN 0 85429 442 2 look on Amazon:  
[http://www.amazon.co.uk/s/ref=nb\\_ss\\_b/202-9046534-1412648?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=lindsay+porter+morris+minor&Go.x=2&Go.y=8](http://www.amazon.co.uk/s/ref=nb_ss_b/202-9046534-1412648?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=lindsay+porter+morris+minor&Go.x=2&Go.y=8)

**CD, available from the LCV Register**, which contains scanned PDF files of the original BMC Workshop Manual, Service Parts List and Handbook. Obviously this is just for LCVs <http://www.minorlcvreg.co.uk/>

**"Morris Minor" by D V W Francis**, part of the "Illustrated Car Servicing Series for Owner Drivers" published by Hamlyn, 1971, ISBN 0 600 42181 3.

**"Repairing and Restoring Classic Car Components" by Peter and John Wallage**, published by Haynes, 2001, ISBN 1 85960 694 6.

**"Classic Car Electrical Systems Repair Manual" by Dave Pollard**, published by Haynes, 1999, ISBN 1 85960 433 1.

Sue Cook

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## Rally Info for 2008

- 20<sup>th</sup> April – FBHVC - Drive it Day, York
- 27<sup>th</sup> April – Brides & Wolds Host Day Hornsey Freeport 01262 470350
- 24<sup>th</sup> May-31<sup>st</sup> May – Minors on Tour
- **8<sup>th</sup> June – North East Branch Rally, Wallington Hall, Northumberland, 01429 881179**
- 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> June – Barnsley Branch Joggle – Entries close 30<sup>th</sup> April 01226 742910
- **21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> June – Minors are Forever, 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations Rally, Stanford Hall**
- **29<sup>th</sup> June – Northern Regional Rally, Cannon Hall Farm, Barnsley 01226 742910**
- **11<sup>th</sup> July – Trimdon Classic Cars**
- 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> July, Brides & Wolds Branch Rally camping weekend, The Grange Driffield 01262 470350
- 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> August – Bandon Revisited 01235 554630
- 3<sup>rd</sup> August – Eastern Regional Rally, Lincs Branch, Revesby Country Fair 01522 868437
- 10<sup>th</sup> August – North East Lancs Branch, Townley Hall, Burnley 01282 415699
- **16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> August – North East Host weekend, Beamish 01429**
- **16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> August, North East Branch camping week, Bobby Shaftoe Caravan Park, Beamish 01429 881179**
- 17<sup>th</sup> August – East Yorkshire Ralley, Sewerby Hall
- 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> August – Isle of Wight Branch Rally
- 7<sup>th</sup> Sept – Yorvic Branch Rally, Rydale Folk Museum 09104 761387
- 14<sup>th</sup> Sept – Midland Regional Rally, Holly Bush Garden Centre, Chesylin Hay 01782 533576
- **21<sup>st</sup> Sept –Roses Run Scarborough – Morecambe 07788975083**
- 28<sup>th</sup> Sept – Barnsley Branch Host Day Wentworth Castle, Stainborough 01226 742910
- 8<sup>th</sup> Nov – Lord Mayor's Show, London
- 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Nov – Classic Car Show, Birmingham
- 30<sup>th</sup> Nov – AGM Oxford

The rallies in red are rallies that our club will be either hosting or actively participating in that we would like to encourage as many members as possible to attend. Those in green may be of interest to our club members, those in blue are for information/interest too.

Morris Minor Wheel Arch Liners  
Suitable for 2 and 4 door saloons  
Easy to Fit No drilling or screwing necessary  
Full fitting instructions  
Contact les on 01642 891875 or Mobile 07951847902



## Social corner....

Hi Folks

We would love to have you join us at our social meetings. These are held on the first Thursday of each month at Burnmoor Cricket Club, Village Ground, Chester Road, Burnmoor, Co Durham, DH4 6EX



### Social Events for 2008

- ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Easter Egg Collection – Easter bonnet/boiled egg competition – Kath Bertram
- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> May – Bingo Night – Kath Bertram/Joe Berriman
- ❖ 5<sup>th</sup> June – Drive your car Night – Dave Cook
- ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Pub Quiz Night – Tracey Cramond
- ❖ 7<sup>th</sup> August – Just-a-Natter Night
- ❖ 4<sup>th</sup> September – Music Quiz/Pie & Pea Supper – Kath Bertram
- ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> October - AGM
- ❖ 6<sup>th</sup> November – Halloween Quiz – Kath Bertram
- ❖ 4<sup>th</sup> December - Xmas get together

We have a whole heap of fun together and every month we do something different, so come along and see for yourself.

Your Social Secretary: **Kath Bertram**

## Fellow Morris Minor Enthusiasts...

May I introduce myself: I run a Morris Minor wedding car hire business called "Mirabelle Classic Cars". You may have seen articles about us in the "Minor Matters." Although we're doing well, you will realise this is quite seasonal and in order to generate additional income in the winter months I have decided to sell Morris Minor gearbox parts.

I have bought in stocks of parts and am "open for business". I have stocks of parts for all three A-series gearboxes. I have constructed a website gallery showing some examples of gears that I currently have in stock. It can be seen by clicking on the following link:  
[www.mirabelleclassiccars.co.uk/gearbox.html](http://www.mirabelleclassiccars.co.uk/gearbox.html) .

The majority of the parts that I have are used, I can send you further good quality digital photographs of any items you may be interested in. Any further information, help, or feedback would be greatly appreciated

Regards,

Andrew Bywater

[www.mirabelleclassiccars.co.uk](http://www.mirabelleclassiccars.co.uk)  
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## Handy hints....

Tips for renovating a cellulose paint finish that is looking a little tired. This includes UV fading caused by sunlight, dead paint, micro scratches and swirls.

Tools needed: Hose, bucket, clean sponges (2), Chamois or Water Wiper Blade Maguires Clay Bar Kit (Clay Bar, Detailer Fluid, Micro Fibre Cloth)

T-Cut Maguires Gold Class Wax Maguires Stage 3 Deep Crystal Carnuba Wax Polishing Buff (Optional)

1. Wash car using a hose and good quality car wash shampoo. Do NOT use washing up liquid, it contains salt and will wreck Celly paint in no time. Start by washing the roof, and working down the car, rinse off regularly to prevent drying marks as you work. Use a different sponge to wash the wheels and wheel arch lips.

2: Dry car with chamois, or water wiper blade

3: Starting with the roof, T Cut the entire car, working a small section at a time. I know this is hard work, but you really need to get down to good solid paint to achieve a good finish. This is best done by hand, although final buffing can be done with an electric buffer provided it can be used at a slow speed. Too fast and you risk burning the paint with heat friction.

4: The car should now look a lot better, but we are just getting started.

5: Apply detailer fluid to a small section of the roof, and use the Clay Bar as directed in the instructions. The clay bar, pulls contaminants out of the paint, like tree sap, pollen, brake dust, leaving a glass like finish. Dry the area you have used the clay bar on, with a micro fibre cloth. Clay Bar the entire car a small section at a time, until you have done the entire car.

6: Ensure the car is completely dry, and apply Maguires Gold Class wax, using the supplied polish applicator pad. Allow polish to dry for about 15 minutes or longer. Using a clean micro fibre cloth (turn it frequently) polish off wax by hand only. (Gold Class wax is excellent quality, but it does require a fair amount of elbow grease.)

7: Using an electric polishing buff with a lambswool bonnet, buff the car to an even higher shine.

8: Leave the car for 24 hours

9: Apply Maguires Stage 3 Deep Crystal Carnuba Wax with a wax applicator pad. Unlike the Gold Class Wax, this stuff buffs off very easily with minimal effort. Why apply a second coat of wax? The Carnuba Wax gives the finish 'depth.'

Finish by cleaning up all the chrome. Light pitting can be removed with a good metal polish, but don't use this stuff too often, as it takes some of the chrome off. Protect chrome with a good quality wax.

Finally, clean the glass inside and out, with Autoglym Car Glass Polish or Nil Glass.

Some people will have their own preferred brand of car polishes. I have tried most of them over a great many years, and have found Maguires to be the very best value for money and end results.

## Your Committee for 2008

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