

North East Morris Minors Owners's Club

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Chairman's Bits...

It is certainly all go in our house now the rally season has started. I just want to remind people that June and July are the busiest months for classic car rallies.

Following this we have THE BIG PARTY at Stanford Hall 22nd June the National Rally and it is going to be the best yet.

Lots of members are travelling from all over the globe to be part of our sixtieth birthday celebrations so I think we can travel 150 miles to be there too and put our cars on display.

Following that again we have the Northern Regional Rally at Cannon Hall nr Barnsley on the 29th June.

Further information and entry forms can be obtained from me just give me a call.

I have also arranged a 2nd Trimdon Classic Car Event on the 11th July and I have managed to get hold of some entry forms for Newby Hall on 20th July.

Hope to see you at some of these events.

Scouter Lighthouse 18th May...

We had an excellent day out at Scouter Lighthouse this year. We were not expecting the NCPWA Club to be joining us but they did and so we had an excellent selection of classic cars to enjoy.

Paul (the late Ray Goldie's nephew) brought Ray's superb split screen traveller along to join us for the day. Peter had the Snail and a welcome kettle boiling when we arrived. We met and recruited some new members and I found a mate who lives in Stanley (Dave Clark) but not the singer, who has kindly looked over my route for our Saturday run when we do Beamish and ensured that we won't get lost. We also made some new friends from Middlesbrough who own a Morris Oxford Estate and are restoring a Minor Saloon they are called Dave and Sue as well.

It would seem that Dave and Sue and Morris Minors are a common combination. I am so pleased about that then I cannot always get the blame for things going wrong (only joking).

We were parked on the grass looking out to sea a truly beautiful location and some members went on the long climb up to the top of the lighthouse. I spent the day chatting with fellow enthusiasts as you do and have decided that we will arrange a double rally again next year.

The NCPWA organiser was kind enough to invite us to some rallies they have arranged locally later in the year and I have forms for booking if members are interested. I am going to Belay Hall and Washington Wild Life Park as I have actually not visited these venues before.



Our Easter Eggs reach a worthy destination...

Firstly, can I thank all the members who so generously donated for kids who otherwise might not enjoy the luxury of parents buying Easter eggs. For the last 3 years we have given our lovely collection to The Children's Butterwick Hospice in Stockton and the children on the terminally ill ward at Sunderland Infirmary.



This year, however, we heard via the grapevine that The Butterwick Children's Hospice, our intended recipients, had topped the practice of receiving food/confectionery donations, as many of the children are unable to enjoy these due to special dietary requirements.

Grant and I thought long and hard about what we should do next. After much debating and numerous phone calls, we opted for an equally deserving bunch of kids. We chose a Children's Home called Middlestone Moor Children's Unit, which is based in Moor Farm Estate in Spennymoor. This facility is home to about 15 children, aged between 10 and 18 years and both boys and girls.



This Unit is a really comfy, spacious place where these kids can relax study and have a bit of privacy. There are so many rooms and areas where the kids can enjoy chatting, sharing stories, listen to music, play games and watch television.

The primary purpose of this facility is to offer these kids emergency, short and medium term care. Kids who are looked after by Local Authorities. Most of the kids who come to Middlestone Moor have either rejected or been rejected from, foster care or other residential units. They may have failed or been failed by their families and school. They may, as a result have been excluded or removed from school. They may also as these failures and rejections increase, exhibit anti-social and challenging behaviour. They may be subject to legal proceedings or close to being placed in secure accommodation.



The team of adults who look after these kids do a fantastic job and work tirelessly with these kids. So it was really rewarding to share our gifts with them and give them a little ray of sunshine in their often dull world.

Tracey & Grant Cramond

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Progress on Rallies

Due to our non attendance at Herrington this year (we don't even know if the County Show is going ahead) I have procured some entry forms for Newby Hall on Sunday 20th July

If any members wish to come along let me know and I will post out to you.

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2nd Trimdon Classic Car Event 11 th July 2008 6-9pm

It will be bigger and better and we have altered the road into the rally field to make it a smoother ride. I enclose an entry form but please tell your friends and photocopy as many as you require.

We have decided to keep the format as last year and start around 6pm finish around 9pm. Entry will be free but we will have some tombola and raffle in aid of charity.

The organisers are contacting local craft people and businesses to have some displays. There will be Burgers for sale and of course the bar will be open from 7pm.

All vintage vehicles welcome. Please come along and enjoy the night

Further information can be obtained from Sue Cook 01429 881179 or E Mail suesmoggie@aol.com

Hope to hear from you soon.

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

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Those of you who are attending Beamish Rally on 17th August may like to know that we have members camping at Bobby Shafto Caravan Park and a road run has been arranged on Saturday 16th August to Weardale and a ride on the Weardale railway. Following on from this we are having a party at the campsite with Karaoke just like the old days at Herrington but all under cover in the club. Members can attend for the evening but we need to charge £2 to the site and £2 to the club.

Has anyone else booked to go to the party at Gaydon yet in September or what about the culmination of all the years activities the grand AGM to be held at Oxford this year???

Dave and I will be going along so get booking.

Sue Cook

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!

Bridlington and Wolds Host Day 27th May 2008



A tractor and three silly men at Hornsea

Dave and I had a brilliant weekend with the Bridlington and Wolds lot when we attended there host day. We stayed overnight with Sue Akrill their chairperson and her husband Chris and as usual the bed and breakfast was wonderful. A few of the members called in for a last minute conflag about the event on Saturday evening (really an excuse for a few bebies) and the night went on till late.

The next morning all preparations having been made the night before we all set off in convoy to Hornsea. A morris minor followed by a morris minor then a spitfire and a morris minor pick up and a morris minor van and backed up with a vintage tractor on a trailer. A very impressive site motoring along the country lanes and through little villages.

The day had started overcast but as we arrived and set up the cars and the gazebo displaying Marie Curie Fundraising paraphernalia the sun started to shine.

The venue was popular with the ladies as the shopping outlet was really nice and provided a welcome break from the usual auto jumble at rallies.

More cars kept arriving including Billy Nicholson from our branch and Dave having been put in charge of marshalling and parking kept moving the hammer which had been set at a strategic point on the coach car park so as to allow room for the cars and space for the coaches that might arrive. At around lunchtime a Caledonian Coach did indeed arrive and had to be skilfully guided into the smallest of spaces now that the minors had almost taken over the car park The organisers Chris and Sue at this point on a shopping spree were informed that Dave had recruited a Scottish Branch member into the display and Chris must return to the car park to see the owner of a big white vehicle and issue him with an entry form.



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Cusworth Hall - Barnsley Branch Rally 2008



A new venue brought the sunshine to Doncaster and it shone brightly on the Morris Minors and other classics that were on show in front of Cusworth Hall.

The guys were happy as Tom Roy Suppliers in the guise of Chris Barnsby and several auto jumblers provided some diversion from admiring the cars.

The ladies enjoyed a pleasant chat in the sunshine and started to dream of summer and make plans around our exploits later in the year.

After a short walk in the grounds I returned to find our car had been hi jacked !

I was informed that Dave had drove it further down the field as some people wanted to use it in a photo shot??? No not our poor Jen she wasn't the smartest car on the field.

Well eventually I found out that our traveller and Rick's red white and blue chairs were actually borrowed for a photo shoot.

This was done by a professional photographer from Doncaster Council. His aim was to show the public how visitors from other countries who settle in this country can take part in a typical English pastime.

At prize giving we were pleased to see Brian Phillips win a trophy for his reconditioned convertible and Joe for his \$ door 1951 Saloon.

My friend Lou also won the convertible section and went home to Derby delighted.

All in all it was a Grand Day Out and we actually achieved a run down the motorway and back without a breakdown.



Sue Cook

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

- ❖ 3rd July – Pub Quiz Night – Tracey Cramond
- ❖ 7th August – Just-a-Natter Night
- ❖ 4th September – Music Quiz/Pie & Pea Supper – Kath Bertram
- ❖ 2nd October - AGM
- ❖ 6th November – Halloween Quiz – Kath Bertram
- ❖ 4th 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.

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