



# Spring Newsletter 2022

Welcome to the first Morris Vehicles Association Newsletter of 2022. It is pleasing to be able to report in a more positive vein now that Covid restrictions have eased and there seems a realistic prospect of scheduled club events being able to take place. Please note the information included on the Morris Vehicles Association Rally which is planned for the weekend of the 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> June at Kelmarsh Hall, Northamptonshire. While many clubs have separate arrangements for their own National Rallies on different dates, it is hoped that MVA clubs will have a presence at the event and encourage their members to attend. The rally is being hosted by the Morris Minor Owners Club. The Landcrab Owners' Club International will be holding its National Rally at the event.

With the upcoming Restoration Show scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> March it seems an opportune time to update member clubs on some pressing items. Not all Morris Vehicle Association clubs attend the March show but hopefully it will be possible for individual club representatives to meet up during the three days of the show.

There have been a number of developments affecting the administration of clubs in general which are giving cause for concern and some of these are highlighted below. Rising costs both in terms of the price of paper and planned increases in postage are forcing some clubs to review budgets and revenue streams. Another issue highlighted by the Morris Register in their recent magazine relates to new regulations affecting the distribution of Club publications to European destinations. It would be interesting to have an exchange of views about the impact this is having in different EU countries and what if any changes clubs have implemented where magazines are still posted to European members.

## Club Magazines Sent to Members in EU Countries

One of the benefits of the MVA is to be able to exchange information between clubs. I am grateful to the Morris register for the following information clarifying the situation regarding sending club magazines to EU countries:

The EU has mandated that effective January 1st 2022 an Import One Stop Shop import scheme (IOSS) must be implemented for all goods imported to the EU. This means that full customs declarations are required for all shipments, including magazines, from the UK to any EU country. A consequence of this is that the club would have to account for foreign VAT on magazines and prepare a monthly VAT return for each EU country.

Our printer has advised us that from February onwards the new rules must be followed. The printer advised that if we do nothing then there is a risk that:

1. Members may have to pay local VAT and import duty on the magazine.
2. Magazine delivery may be delayed whilst local customs carry out their checks
3. Magazines may be returned to the UK undelivered due to lacking customs documentation or non-acceptance of charges by the recipient.

Congratulations to John Weir who has been elected chair of the 6/80 MO Oxford and Cowley Club.

# THE LAST SALOON



## FMT 265J

The very last Morris Minor saloon to have been built on the Cowley production line in 1970



AS IT WAS IN 1994



The whereabouts of FMT 265J had been known about since 1994 when it was offered for sale in Wales. Eagle-eyed John Ashmore spotted it for sale again in 2016, bought it and subsequently sold it to the MMOC as a restoration project.

READY TO RESTORE IN 2017



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## The Last Morris Minor Saloon

The last Morris Minor saloon to leave the production line in November 1970 will feature prominently at the Practical Classics Restoration Show on the weekend of 18-20 March 2022. The car, which was returned to Cowley in 2020 in time for its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary following an extensive restoration and displayed as part of the Historic Vehicle Collection at BMW Mini, will be on the Morris Minor Owners Club stand. (Hall 5 Stand 830). Effectively this will be the first time that the restored car will be seen in public due to the fact that during successive lockdowns no visitors were permitted to view the vehicles on display at the Mini plant. Complete with a recent MOT the car will be driven to the show and promises to be one of the star exhibits at the event.

## Forward Planning

**2023**

**75 years of the Morris Minor Oxford and Six  
110 years of Morris  
10th Anniversary of the MVA**

The MMOC are in the process of planning ahead to mark the two significant Morris related anniversaries. A suitable venue is being sought and it is hoped to stage a similar event to that held in 2013 at Cornbury when a large number of clubs came together to mark the centenary of Morris Motors being established. This event is important in that it provided the basis for the formation of the Morris Vehicles Association.

Once the venue and dates are confirmed notification will be sent to all the MVA clubs.

## MVA Rally

The 2022 MVA Rally will be held at Kelmarsh Hall, Northamptonshire on 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June in conjunction with the MMOC National Rally.

The event will also host the Landcrab Owners Club International Rally.

The cost for MVA clubs is £13.00 per car for the weekend. Please see page 3 for full details.

Entries can be made via an MVA application form for cheque payments or over the telephone using a credit or debit card. Forms will be issued to MVA clubs or will be available by calling the MMOC office. For forms and telephone bookings please call 01332 291675.



# 2022 National Rally

The 2022 MMOC National Rally is at Kelmarsh Hall in Northamptonshire, NN6 9LY again. It will happen over the weekend of 24-26 June.

Kelmarsh Hall offers everything that you would want in an MMOC event with lots of interesting things to do locally. Our plans for a wonderfully relaxed event are progressing well and this year we are being joined by the Landcrab Club and other groups from the Morris Vehicle Association. We are also celebrating 20 years since the National Rally team was formed at Harewood House in 2001. Camping opens Friday 24 at 12-midday. Showers and toilets will be available over the weekend.

## Weekend Timetable

**Friday 24 pm:** marquee and beer tent open, music from Country Chix and catering.

### Saturday and Sunday 25/26:

- ★ Trade stalls
- ★ Car boot sales (Saturday only)
- ★ Road Run (Saturday)
- ★ Ice cream van
- ★ MMOC Branch Avenue with various fantastic stands
- ★ Displays of custom and modified Morris vehicles
- ★ Morris Minor concours (Sunday)
- ★ Condition judging (Sunday)
- ★ Kelmarsh Hall and tearooms (open Sunday with special entry rates for MMOC)
- ★ Footman James (MMOC insurance provider)
- ★ Catering
- ★ Iconic London Routemaster bus serving drinks
- ★ MMOC Admin and Membership enquiries
- ★ Landtrain running all weekend
- ★ Wild West reenactment
- ★ Ridgeway Falcons
- ★ Ridgeway Terrier Racing
- ★ A clown from Rapide Entertainment
- ★ Punch & Judy show
- ★ High quality toilets

## Saturday Night Party

Come and join in the fun on Saturday night! Back by popular demand is *Funk and Soul*, a 13-piece live band, singing '80s Thriller music until 11.30pm. Tickets on first come first serve basis.



## Branch Avenue

The theme for Branch Avenue this year is going to be **Heartbeat/ The Royal TV shows**. It's up to you guys and girls how you wish to design your Branch Avenue plots around this theme but knowing how creative you all are it will give you plenty of scope as most of your Moggies are already part of that era!

Plots are the usual 10x10m and this gives space for a gazebo and cars. Of course, if you don't wish to follow the theme and just want somewhere to showcase your branch and what you offer to your existing members, with the hope of attracting new ones too, this is the place to do it! Essentially whatever way you do, it's your choice as it's the taking part that matters.

I have recently sent all branch contacts a sample judging form so that you get a flavour of what our independent judges will be looking out for. There are awards for both themed and non-themed branch stands. Some branches are already booked in and it would be helpful to know if you wish to display no later than June 12, to give our rally team a plan to work from. It is all just for fun so get your 'thinking caps' on.



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Rally application form on the back of flyer or online at the MMOC web page

