



# Autumn Newsletter 2016

Welcome to the Autumn Newsletter of the Morris Vehicles Association. Thank you to those who responded to the recent e mail correspondence regarding a very welcome offer of assistance from Vernon Byrom, Editor of the MG Octagon Car Club magazine. I am pleased to report that Vernon's kind offer of Editorial assistance has been very well received and I understand that he is currently engaged in helping out at least one of our member clubs with the current issue of their quarterly magazine. As we are all too aware, recruiting and retaining committee members and club officials can be difficult at times so this timely offer of assistance was most welcome.

## Young Apprentice of the Year

At a previous MVA meeting Claire Serrell promoted the idea of Young Apprenticeship schemes and encouraged MVA member Clubs to promote the courses available for those seeking apprenticeships in the motor trade. The MMOC provided £250 to the FBHVC to support a young apprentice and Karl Carter, FBHVC representative has indicated that this financial support will be awarded to the apprentice of the year studying at Bicester College. A presentation is scheduled during the weekend of the NEC Classic Car Show.

## NEC Classic Car Show

Preparations for the show are well advanced and it is good to see that Morris Vehicles Association member clubs are once again located within a reasonable distance from each other. I trust that stand organisers will once again display the Morris Vehicles Association logo prominently on their stands so as to demonstrate our shared interest and mutual support.

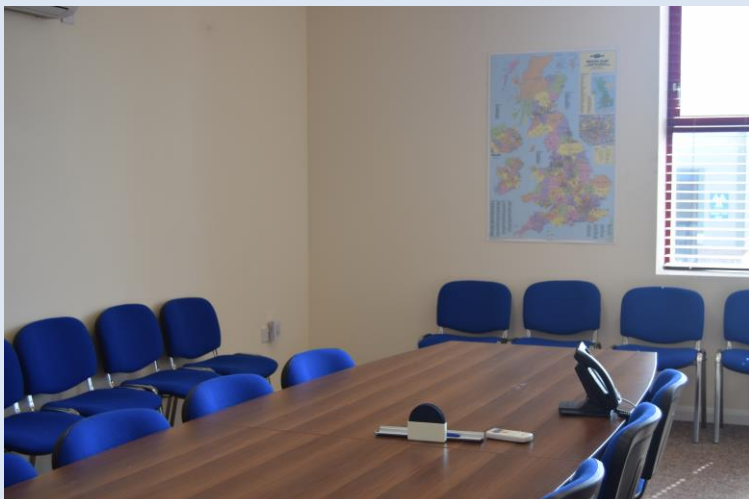
## Donation and sales receipts

Acknowledgement and thanks are due to the Morris Commercial Club for their contribution of £50 which included £26 donation to MVA funds.

## MVA Meeting

Given the full programme of events occurring at the NEC, on this occasion no arrangements have been made for a formal MVA meeting at the NEC this year. However, the Morris Minor Owners Club would like to extend an invitation to representatives of MVA member clubs to visit their new headquarters in Derby which includes a fully equipped conference /meeting room.

Members can view the new facilities, see the operation of the newly installed database and website, enjoy a hot lunch and have a leisurely chat over coffee about future planning, particularly for the MVA rally in 2018.



The proposal is that this meeting be scheduled for the spring of 2017, on either Sunday 5th or Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Proforma re acceptance/dietary requirements etc will be distributed at the NEC. Up to three representatives per club will be welcome to attend.

## Morris Minor Owners Club

2016 has been an extremely busy and challenging year for the MMOC. In the 40<sup>th</sup> Year of the club a number of projects have been undertaken some of which will reach a conclusion at the NEC show. Collaboration with Practical Classics magazine has seen preparatory work being undertaken at the Practical Classics workshops by club members. Some of you may have read reports and updates in the magazine. The project concludes over the three days of the show with the car being reassembled on the live stage during several sessions on each day.

One of the most challenging and rewarding events of the year involved a 1963 Morris Minor Saloon being driven from John'O Groats to Lands' End the long way round in an effort to raise funds for Marie Curie. This journey of over 3250 miles involved visiting every area of the country including Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man where the MMOC has a local branch. It also included visits to all nine Marie Curie hospices. Fundraising has been a key part of the venture with local branch members entering into the spirit of the challenge and adopting Marie Curie as their chosen charity for the year. A prize draw has also been organised with raffle tickets being sold throughout the year.



On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm the prize draw will take place and there will be a cheque presentation to Marie Curie for the total amount raised. The car and the MMOC members who donated the vehicle to the club will be on hand for the presentation which will take place on the Club Stand. The principal organisers have asked that the support and encouragement provided by MVA member clubs be acknowledged. Members of the LCV Register, the Morris Register and the Cornwall Morris 1000 Club were specifically mentioned as their support at particular venues en route was greatly appreciated.

## Promotional materials

As agreed at a previous meeting, pens displaying the Morris Vehicles Association name were purchased and some were distributed to MVA members attending the Catton Hall event earlier in the year. A quantity of these pens are being made available to each member club for sale to their members and or the public. Batches of 20 pens will be made available to each club at the NEC in an effort to recover costs and to provide some welcome funds for the MVA. Clubs may wish to include these items as part of their merchandise sales to members. It is suggested that the pens are sold for £1.50. This would represent a 75p additional contribution to MVA funds for each pen sold.



I look forward to meeting with as many of you as possible at the NEC and to discussing the proposals for the Spring meeting and recording any items for the Agenda which you may have.

Ray Newell

Secretary MMOC/ MVA Co-ordinator.