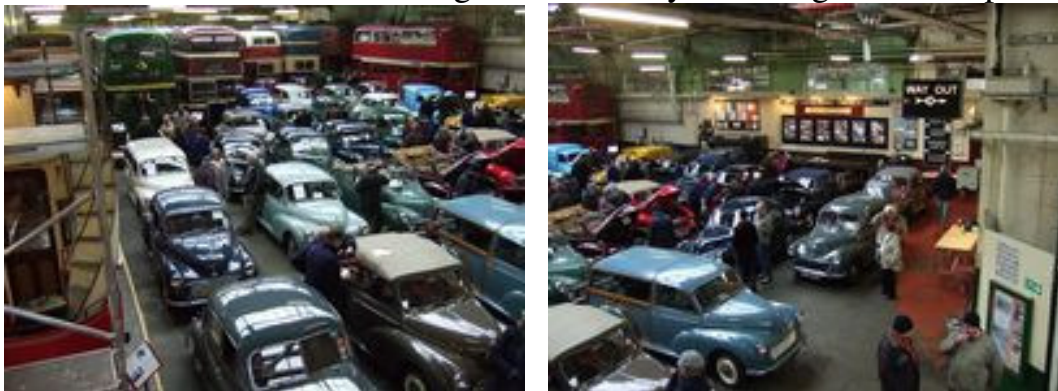


MANCHESTER MINORS (Manchester Branch of the Morris Minor Owners Club). –MARCH 2010 – NEWSLETTER

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A big hello to everyone and we hope you and your cars are all well. On Saturday January 30th we held our Annual Dinner at the Swetenham Arms who provided an excellent setting and a splendid meal. Our thanks to Chairman David Ward who organised the event and we all enjoyed a splendid evening. There was a little apprehension when the snow started to fall but as far as I know we all got home safely clutching our raffle prizes?



Sunday February 28th was another superb Winter Rally at the Manchester Museum of Transport. Our thanks to Jeff Lawrenson and the Museum Staff who make such an effort to welcome us and provide a great venue and activity. Attendance was at an all time high and over 40 Morris Minors and a Morris Oxford were on display inside and outside the Museum. Several Branches were represented and it was lovely to meet so many members. The Museum arranged a free bus ride around Manchester and Salford Quays and I think there were four trips during the day, one an hour, starting at 11-00 a.m... The prizewinners were :-



FIRST The lovely blue van OTF132G entered by Frank and Maureen Mary Miller of Houghton in Lancs- Lancashire Branch.

SECOND Our own John Duwe's splendid green Traveller HFK51H - Manchester Branch

THIRD Roger Davies with a super red Lowlight convertible BJV538 - Barnsley Branch.



A super special entry being Alan Dinnis's mini Morris Minor and I understand Alan and Mike Faragher are preparing a magazine article so more details of Alan's painstaking work in replicating features of the full size car will follow. Very well done Alan.

GAWSWORTH HALL CLASSIC CAR SHOW –

Bank Holiday Monday May 3rd. 2010.

We have missed this Show for a few years. Last year I went on my own and found five other members had also attended individually. Several people have indicated an interest this year and we could probably take a Gazebo and banners etc.. I think there is usually a charge per car of about £3 and you can visit the Hall. Details to follow but can you let me know if you will attend to gauge the size of our attendance please.

MMOC Annual Rally – All of the information is on page 29 of the March/April issue of Minor Matters but a reminder that the entry form is on the back of the wrapper your magazine was posted in! If you have missed it and thrown it into recycling there is also one on the MMOC website. We have sent ours of as we have had a great time camping at the National and this year it's a lot nearer home at Harewood House. Hope you will come along, either camping or for one of the days



WEDDING CAR USE

From time to time we get asked if we will provide our Minors to transport a bride to the wedding. I contacted Footman James who underwrite the MMOC scheme and they say they would issue a one day cover note to include the correct insurance costing probably £15 – 75p. This would be available up to ten times in a year to individuals acting on a voluntary basis. However if you are thinking of setting up a professional business then we strongly recommend you seek professional advice re licensing and insurance.

MMOC Northern Regional Rally on Drive It Day April 25th 2010

This is to be held at Standedge Tunnel & Visitor Centre, Marsden, Huddersfield. HD7 6NQ Rally fee is £5 per car and I have a copy of the entry form. Entries to Keith Haigh of Barnsley Branch. More detail of the venue is on www.standedge.co.uk The tunnel is the highest, longest and deepest canal tunnel in the U.K. 3- 1/4 miles long with guided boat trips, visitor centre & exhibition, nature & heritage trails and café with large car parks. Please contact me and I. will provide an entry form.

Manchester Branch Rally at The Imperial War Museum

This is on Sunday May 23rd. 2010 at Salford Quays 10-00 for 10-30 am. There is a car parking fee of £3 but Museum entry is free. There will be an introductory talk and opportunity to view the Museum . In addition of course there is a Shopping Centre and other sights to view nearby. Please tell us if you wish to attend.

One of our members wants to celebrate a birthday with a Victorian meal. In an effort to help I have found a couple of recipes!

FARMHOUSE SYLLABUB

"Fill a china or earthenware bowl of any size nearly half full of cider (of sour it is of no consequence), sweeten to the taste with coarse brown sugar, grate nutmeg and cinnamon to taste; then send the bowl out to the cow to be milked on till quite full of froth. A better syllabub for company is made of port wine and cider mixed (or port wine only) sweetened with white sugar, and spiced to taste. They are generally served quite cold, and will even keep until the next day, only not so well. The bowl is generally placed on the table, and the syllabub served with a punch ladle into coffee-cups placed all around the bowl. "

Cake Recipes: SEED CAKE

This cake recipe requires that you beat one pound of butter to a cream, adding gradually a quarter of a pound of sifted sugar, beating both together; have ready the yolks of eighteen eggs, and the whites of ten, beaten separately; mix in the whites first, and then the yolks, and beat the whole for ten minutes; add two grated nutmegs, one pound and a half of flour, and mix them very gradually with the other ingredients; when the oven is ready, beat in three ounces of picked caraway-seeds.

The 2010 calendar looks fuller than ever so a revised calendar is on attachment and a copy of a local Cheshire Classic Shows.

Once again this Newsletter is all by me. Please send me some stories, hints, recipes or WHY as I will surely dry up soon!

