

Meggie!



Meggie was born on 1st September 1971 which gave her a K registration plate and collected by Mrs Marion Chambers who owned for 15 years, after this, she changed ownership just once before coming into Mick Lydons ownership who set about many modifications to her.

Between Mick and Charles Ware, she underwent numerous upgrades including a 1275 engine and 5 speed gearbox and culminated in the Marmite addition of a vinyl roof. Mick owned her until he passed away in 2013 after which she was poorly cared for by numerous new owners and had many additions removed such as the high-backed Newton seats.



Then in 2021 I finally succumbed to temptation, as Sarah had never said to get a Morris, but always had a love of them dating back to her auntie in Worthing who had a white convertible with red leather interior, and who would regularly make the journey from Worthing to Dunster to see Sarah and her family. With this seed slowly growing in my head, I started to steer away from the evils of the blue oval from the Ford fraternity, to when I saw an advert for Meggie on Ebay which I was interested in, but 3 days later it was gone, oh well never mind, but a week later the advert was back on and a few messages later a meeting was arranged for a test drive. This went well with Meggie behaving reasonably well until she announced that she had a seized brake calliper, 1st job on the prospective list. After this, the haggling began and a deal was agreed so as of April 9th, I headed over to Havant to collect her on driving her back I was impressed with her turn of speed as I tootled down the A27 at 65MPH according to the speedo until I was overtaken by a lorry.



Once home the list of jobs went through the roof, which has got her to where she is now, with a respray from polar white to old English white.

Replacing her whole interior from the very tired black to red, as well as removing the bespoke 1 piece back door and fitting the proper back doors back on, which are much nicer.



She has partially been rewired and had extra fusing fitted after catching fire on the way back from collecting a fresh MOT.



Since then, she has received new sills both sides as well as replacement patches to her floor, and a replacement section to her wood, thankfully the remaining wood is in a good condition.





Over winter I am hoping to replace her headlining as someone put a big tear in it, that will teach me to rush, as well as finish stripping all the underseal (false floor) and covering with Hammerite and Lanoguard. Her full list of modifications are:

- 1) 1275 engine
- 2) Front disc brakes
- 3) Front anti roll bar
- 4) Full shock absorber conversion
- 5) 5 speed gearbox
- 6) 2 speed wipers
- 7) 2 speed heater
- 8) Halogen headlights
- 9) LED lighting to the majority of the car
- 10) Auxiliary fuse box
- 11) Extra gauges fitted
- 12) Inertia front seat belts
- 13) Black vinyl roof
- 14) Interior lighting to the back as well as rear door switch (to be completed)

She is now nearly complete but will always remain a work in progress as well as being driven as much as possible to craft shows Morris Minor meets and general running around.

Steve and Sarah Dudley



A full spread picture of Sarah and Steve car, Meggie