

Worn out Member!

I used my 1931 Morris Minor twice in the summer to advertise Ted Coney's Family Portraits.

On Friday 3rd July I stood in the market square beside the car in sweltering conditions for five hours, giving out flyers about my pop-up gallery. I should have know better, because although the car appears in some of my paintings, all it did was to attract men of a certain age, reminiscing about the cars they had owned over the years.

My advertising strategy was more subtle when I took the car to Aquafest. This time, as well as delivering the Mayor to the opening ceremony, I was also using the Morris to raise money for the Nepal Earthquake Appeal by allowing the public to be photographed with the car, in return for a donation. Another exhausting day as I was there for ten hours. When I came to leave, the battery was flat



and I couldn't get the damn thing started! Luckily, I have been in the AA for over fifty years and a charming chap arrived and quickly sorted it out.

When I asked him if he could follow me home, just in case the car stopped again, he said he would as long as he could take a photograph. When I looked at his breakdown report later, he had written *'Battery flat and couldn't be started by handle. Member worn out'*.

I knew exactly what he meant!

Ted Coney

Ted's virtual tour can be found on his website at: www.tedconeyfamilyportraits.co.uk and costs just 99p... Bargain!