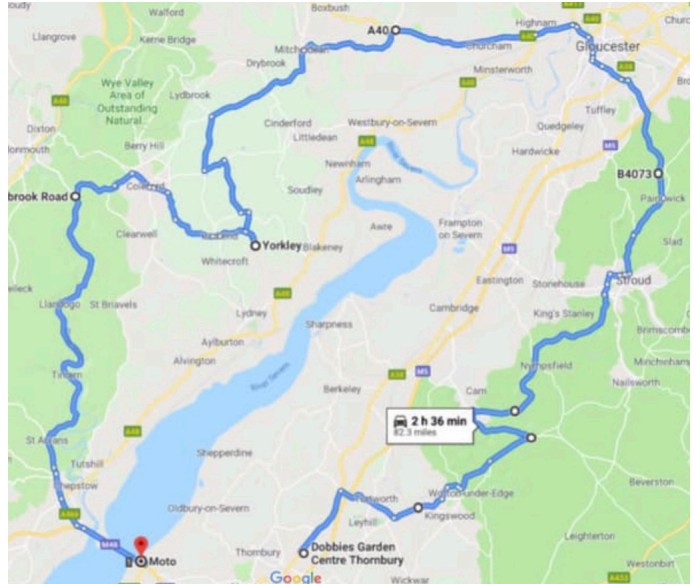




NWMMOC on Avon Branch Autumn Colours Run 6 October 2019

Four North Wilts Branch Minors - Andy & Gill Devey, Alex Alexander, Harry & Kath Ridley and Steve & Georgie Chater - joined 20+ cars from the Avon Branch on a 95-mile jaunt. Despite the weather forecast being somewhat uncertain, we enjoyed a dry and mainly sunny drive through some stunning scenery. Leaving the Mason's Arms just outside Thornbury we trundled north via Stroud to our morning coffee stop at "Cafe@Rococo" just outside Painswick. After a 40 mins. break we set off in a northerly direction via Brockworth before heading west towards Gloucester and Ross-on-Wye, then south west skirting Cinderford, through the Forest of Dean and finally south to Yorkley and our lunch stop at the Nag's Head Inn. There we were treated to a lovely traditional lunch in the family-run pub. At 3 o'clock we returned to the road, initially heading north before turning west towards Monmouth. We then proceeded south down the beautiful Wye Valley. The River Wye was on our right at the beginning, but after crossing the single track bridge into Wales, it was now on our left. This was probably the most picturesque part of the journey, and after enjoying this we dropped down into Tintern for our final stop of the day, at the Abbey. As more of our Minors arrived we spent an hour or so wandering about, taking in the beautiful setting and chatting to our fellow Minorers. After bidding our farewells and thanking the organisers for inviting us, we headed home. A thoroughly good time was certainly had by all our North Wilts members, and we are extremely grateful to the Avon Branch for inviting us.



Steve Chater