



MINOR MESSAGE no. 7

My name is Derek Fountain and my wife is called Jean, we have been members of the North Wilts MMOC for a few years. I would like to tell you about my love of Morris Minors.



"Rosie" photographed in 2017. In the distance is Hackpen Hill on the Ridgeway.

I have just bought a 2-door Morris Minor called 'Rosie' from a very nice lady in Oxfordshire. I have found quite a lot of work to do, removing all the seats, carpets etc. I am really enjoying the challenge and hope that Rosie will give my wife and me lots of fun days out with the club.

Any members who have taken out the back seats may have seen how narrow the gap is between the rear wheel arches, 33 inches. Back in 1960 Jean and I had a 1948 low line convertible. We had no tent or caravan in those days so I put a single mattress in the boot through to the back of the front seats, so with sleeping bags, cooker etc. plus Jean's 6-year-old nephew and our dog, we set off to Studland Bay in Dorset for the weekend. It rained and rained all weekend, not a good way to start married life, or my love of Morris Minors. I found out it was just a bit small to sleep in - JEAN WAS RIGHT "AGAIN"!