



NWMMOC NEWSLETTER

July 2025

Willowbrook View Care Home, Swindon. Saturday, 31st May '25

Words: Gill Waters Photos: Bill Reed, Ash Holmes.

On Saturday, 31st May North Wits.MMOC were invited to Willowbrook View Care Home, in Witchelstowe, to display our vehicles for the residents to look at and possibly reminisce of times gone by.

The mayor was present to open the show at 2pm.

The weather was kind to us and we had a good turn-out of cars from the Branch.



Some of the residents came and looked around; their friends and relatives also enjoyed the display.



Three singers gave renditions of wartime songs which everyone enjoyed.

I believe that everyone enjoyed this small outing.



Car display at White Lodge Care Home, Braydon on Saturday, 5th July at 2.00pm – 5.00pm.

Please don't forget that we are contributing to a summer fete at White Lodge this coming Saturday! There is still time to let Gill Waters or Pam Holmes know that you would like to take part. It promises to be a pleasant afternoon with tea and cakes provided in their lovely garden. See you there!

Summary of Members Views about the Branch Newsletter.

Words: Pam Holmes

Thank you for your responses to the short questionnaire about the Newsletter. It was good to hear that:

- most people have no problems in accessing the Branch Newsletter.
- members reported that they, "look forward to receiving the Newsletter".
- they find it of interest to them.

If you were unable to respond last month then I would still be interested to hear your comments for improvement to the Branch Newsletter.

Contributions are needed from everyone, in order to keep the Newsletter interesting and relevant! Please!

Chippenham Cherished Vehicle Show 1st June 2025.

Words & photos: Pam Holmes

There was a great variety of classic and veteran cars on display at this show just a few miles outside of Chippenham at Langley Burrell.



Bill Reed brought his Triumph 2500 and Ash Holmes his Bristol 401, both leaving their Morris Minors at home!



There were some very well maintained Morris Minors on display at the show.



It was a surprise to see a Sinclair C5!

Middlewick House

Words: Pete Watts. Photos:

The day at Middlewick House was lovely. Four cars, myself and Liz, Pam and Ash, Steve and Georgy, Martin and Jenny met at Morrisons, Chippenham and drove to Corsham in tight convoy. The traffic was slow approaching the event entrances but kept moving into the field with no real problem. Surprisingly the grass field was dry.

The weather was dry and sunny until mid afternoon when it clouded up but the air display by two bi-planes with wing walkers was not affected as the cloud was high and broken.

The event was bigger and better attended than we had seen before, maybe because Saturday had been bad weather. We had many craft stalls and displays to browse and buy from, accompanied by the musical entertainment from bands and groups throughout the day.

Admiring Panhard et Levassor B1 which won the 1901 Paris - Nice Race and is now a regular participant in the London to Brighton Veteran Car run. There



were more than double the number of “super-cars” in the show field

compared to previous years, with a good number of “classics”. Our Minors



were constantly admired and asked about. In all a really good day out. North Wilts. MMOC cars received plenty of viewings and admiration!

Press coverage after the event has reported:

This year's Middlewick House Open Garden in Corsham saw over 15,000 people visit the gardens of Pink Floyd drummer Nick Mason and his wife Annette on Saturday, June 7, and Sunday, June 8.

More people than ever before visited Mr Mason's garden to view his extensive car collection, raising £200,000 for charity.



Morris Minor Day at The Great British Car Journey.

Words & Photos: Bill Reed.

Alex and I drove up to Derbyshire on Friday 6 June, returning on Monday 9th.

We spent the Saturday in Wirksworth with Julian and Susie Marshall, with a visit to the Artisan and Farmers' Market, lunch at The Dining Room, a bit of trainspotting on the Ecclesbourne Valley Heritage Railway, and dinner at Le Mistral.



The main aim of the trip was to take Julian and Susie to the Morris Minor Day at The Great British Car Journey, in the hope they would meet some old friends and refresh memories of Morris Minor events. This was a success and they spent a long time talking to Jenny and Graham Ryder and other exhibitors.

I estimate about 50 Minors there, plus some other interesting vehicles.

Julian's Minor "Mrs Morris" is currently in storage.

Susie and Julian kindly made dinner for us at home on Sunday evening



They are enjoying Wirksworth and have made a lot of friends as you might imagine. They send greetings to everyone in the Branch who knows them.



MMOC National Rally at Moreton-in-the-Marsh

28-29th June 2025

Words and photos: Pam & Ash Holmes



North Wiltshire Branch was well represented on both the Saturday and Sunday of this years National Rally.

On Saturday, Ashley Alexander, John Dunn, Steve, Kath and Harry Ridley drove up to Moreton-in-the-Marsh from Swindon. On Sunday the Branch was represented by Sarah and Andrew Bracher, Richard Reade, Pete Watts, Pam and Ash Holmes.



Both days were hot but we kept hydrated and enjoyed the ice creams available from the van!



Bonnets open for judging! It's the participating that counts! Spending time with friends catching-up, seeing all the Morris Minors and finding "bargains" on the auto-jumble. It was nice however to see Ash Holmes winning first in the Series II convertible class at the National Rally!

Followed back to Burford by a very smart saloon



Requests for Help!!!!

Please would a member of the Branch volunteer, to write a short report for the 'Branch News' in Minor Matters.

If you are a member of the MMOC, National Club, you will receive Minor Matters magazine and be aware that like many other Branches, North Wiltshire contributes a short report about our events and activities to the Branch News.

I have written a short report for the next issue of Minor Matters but do feel this is a task that should be shared amongst members of the Branch. It is not an arduous task, a maximum of 200 words describing recent and planned activities. A photo can also be added, either one you have taken or I can supply one of an appropriate event.

If you are willing to help out with this, please phone or email me: Pam Holmes pamlynnholmes@icloud.com. 01285 810524.

North Wilts Branch, MMOC Area 4 and other events.

Please refer to the North Wilts Branch website.

<http://www.northwiltsmmoc.co.uk/styled-18/index.html>

Thanks & final notes

From: Pam Holmes

Many thanks to those who have contributed to this Branch Newsletter.

Please watch out for and read the letter that has been sent out by Sarah Bracher and the committee about the need for more Branch members to contribute to the running of the Branch by joining the committee! Please note that everyone has been requested to reply to the letter!!