



NWMMOC NEWSLETTER

May 2025

Drive it Day! We joined Swindon Classic Car Club for a drive up to the Gloucestershire & Warwickshire Railway with train rides, picnics and sunshine!

Photos: Ash & Pam Holmes, Bill Reed.

Didn't we have a lovely time, the day we went to Toddington Rail Station! The photos say it all!!!!



North Wilts Morris Minors lined up outside the station. 10 were counted!

The Foremarke Hall steam train was running along with a diesel engine for the day, most of us went for a trip on the steam hauled train.



Kath and Harry's beautiful
Mini came out for the drive!

North Wiltshire Morris Minor Club members joined Swindon Classic Car Club members at the Kingdown in Swindon, prior to setting off on the Drive to Toddington.



Many thanks to John Dunn for organising a great Drive it Day event!

Places to go with your Morris Minor!
Swindon Classic Car Club Meet at the Sun Inn.
Photos & words: Bill Reed.



This was the first summer meet, in April, of the Swindon Classic Car Club which is now one year old.

It meets on the first Wednesday evening of the month at the Sun Inn, Lydiard Millicent, so the next meeting is on 7 May at 6:00pm.

Several Branch members have been going to these monthly events, which only take place over the summer months. A good opportunity to meet up with more like-minded classic car drivers and passengers!



Places to go with your Morris Minor Chippenham Lions Cherished Vehicle and Family Fun Day.



Registration for the Chippenham Lions Cherished Vehicle and Family Fun Day on Sunday 1 June is free if you apply before 7 May.

This is a big show and has always been very good in the past. Postcode is SN15 4LW

Website is: <https://cvs.rocks>

Drive it Day! To kick start the show season Carol and I finished our drive by going to the gathering at Atwell-Wilson Museum near Calne!

Words and photos: Carol and Mark Osland.

The weather was amazing, which encouraged everyone to get their pride and joy out of the garage and resulted in a fantastic turnout of vehicles.

The whole event was very well organised with a surplus of volunteers, marshalling everyone as they arrived and directing us to a parking spot in between a Cortina MkIV and a big Healey.



We quickly set up camp and had our picnic before having a mooch around.....there was a very varied mix of vehicles, from sports cars to classics and vintage as well, with a few pre war Morris's, amongst others on display.





It was a very relaxed atmosphere, with people coming and going throughout the day.....and the ice cream van had to get support when he ran out of ice cream!!! We never actually went into the museum itself as there were so many lovely cars to look at outside.

More places to go with your Morris Minor!

Stanton Manor: last Thursday of each summer month.

Words & photo: Bill Reed.

On Thursday 24 April there were about 25 classics, some of them very rare, including the Standards in the photo.

On the last Thursday of the summer months Stanton Manor is hosting a classic car meet at 6:00pm. Stanton Manor is near junction 17 of the M4, SN14 6DQ
Next meeting is Thursday 29 May.



Where have you been with your Morris during 2025?

Photos: Mike Cleverley



Mike and Bertie Borris were at Biggin Hill Airport viewing a Spitfire last year!



Where are you going with your Morris?

I would appreciate receiving photos and notes about all the places you have been with your Morris Minor during April or May 2025, for inclusion in the next Newsletter.

Which Morris Minor will be in the most interesting or surprising place!

Progress report on CMO450J

Words & photos: Paul Kimmens

Since March the weather has been mostly good so I have been able to make a lot of progress getting my moggie back together.

The engine bay, inner wings and front half of chassis have all been cleaned, treated with anti rust paint and then painted. The engine and gearbox have been serviced and cleaned and the engine and ancillaries given a coat of paint. As part of the engine rebuild I installed a new flywheel and clutch assembly and the engine was treated to a duplex timing chain.



Front suspension has been removed, cleaned, painted and serviced and is now back on the car.

The engine and gearbox are now back in the car and the engine has been run for a short while without a radiator. Started 1st time and sounds sweet. 😊

Just have to bleed the brakes, paint the grill panel and radiator and then should be ready to put them back on and hopefully I will be back on the road again.

Lost count of the hours spent electric wire brush cleaning rusty nuts and bolts but it has been worthwhile as I am really pleased with the result.



It won't look like I have touched it from the outside, so expect me to open the bonnet at every opportunity 😊 .

Two 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.

The next edition May/June 2025 requires a short report, 200 words, that could include a brief summary of our recent events such as Drive it Day, the Branch Rally, visit to the Athelstan Museum and the April Drive. Usually we add a photo which if necessary I could provide. I will need the report from you by Tuesday, 13th May.

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

Please would a Branch member volunteer to write a short report about the Branch Rally 2025, to include in our Branch Newsletter which will be circulated on 1st June.

Please contact me: Pam Holmes.

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

Thank you to all Branch members for the flowers and get well wishes, sent after my stay in hospital. After surgery to remove an infected gallbladder I am feeling much better and was pleased to be out on Drive It Day with other members and am looking forward to our Branch Rally.

Many thanks to Paul Kimmens, Ash Holmes, Carol & Mark Osland, Bill Reed and Mike Cleverly who have contributed to this Branch Newsletter.

