



NWMMOC NEWSLETTER

January 2025

Christmas Indoor Picnic, 15 December 2024

Words: Bill Reed. Photos: Bill Reed, Clive & Charlie Frost.

Our Christmas Indoor Picnic at Castle Eaton was a great success. 25 members attended and there were five branch cars in the car park.





Thanks go to Pam and Ash for village hall arrangements and festive mulled wine, to Erica for selling raffle tickets, to Sarah for the quiz (won jointly by Paul's and Andrew's teams), to Kathleen for a wonderful Christmas cake, and to Ash for the "feely-bag" competition which generated a lot of fumbling and head-scratching.



Our Chair, Sarah, wished everyone a Happy Christmas and outlined events to come in January, February and March. Please keep an eye on the Events Page of our website!

Remembering some of those less fortunate than ourselves, we made a donation of items to the Swindon Night Shelter Food Bank - an annual gesture which began as a Hamper Relay, initiated by our member Mike Welsh in 2021.



Stephanie's new interior.

Words and photos: Mick & Erica Glover

I thought it was time Stephanie my morris had a new interior as her old one was very tired.



I had seats, door cards, shelves etc recovered, but didn't change the carpets as they were still good.



I wanted to give her interior a lift so went for something different which goes well with the carpet and car colour. I'm really pleased with the result.



A Branch Morris Minor Pick-up is a Star in the Minor Commercial magazine.

Words & Photos: George Kitching.

Just thought I'd let the club know my Morris pick-up "Jeff" got featured in the magazine Minor Commercial this week.





Wheelbraces available for good home!!

Bill Reed says,

“I have been given two wheelbraces. The blue one is suitable for Morris Minor, with some larger sockets also. The red one is too big for Morris Minor but has a useful hubcap remover.

Free to anyone interested (though a small donation to the Air Ambulance would be welcomed by the person who gave them to me).”



Fuel Pump failure!!

Words and photos: Bill Reed

A "failure to proceed" in Waitrose car park last week led me to suspect the fuel pump. A couple of sharp taps with a spanner got me going again.

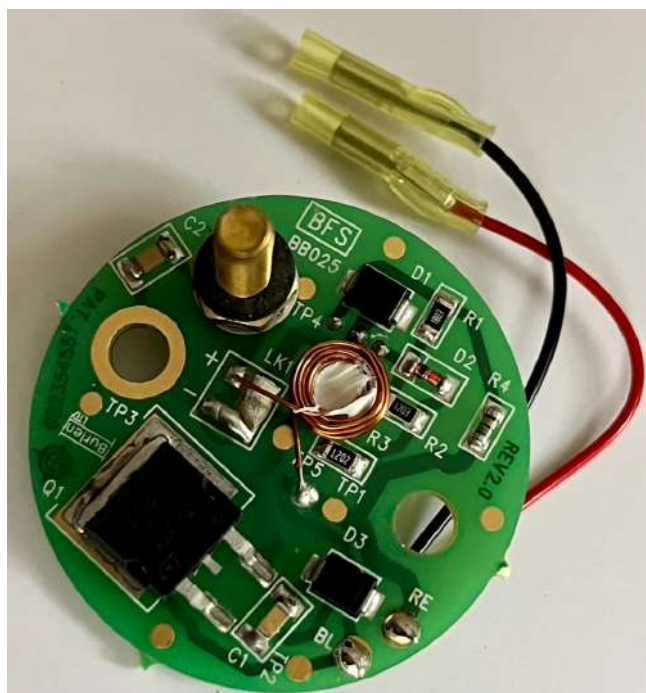


Looking back at my service log I realise that this pump was fitted new 9 years ago, and has done about 18,000 miles. I should have cleaned the points before now.

You can see that they are a bit pitted - nothing dramatic, but evidently enough to stop the pump momentarily.

Following advice from Steve Chater I have cleaned them with a cardboard nail file (the lower points are slightly more tricky to clean than the upper ones).

For some time I have had an electronic spare in the boot so I have fitted that for the moment. Should that fail, a couple of sharp taps will certainly not work, so I also have a spare circuit board for it - photo attached for comparison!



Engine Rebuild CMO 450J

Words and photos: Paul Kimmens

It has taken much longer than expected (no surprise really 😊). But my engine is finally back together and painted. New flywheel and clutch fitted and gearbox is cleaned and bolted to the engine.



Not much will happen for next few months as the engine bay and underside need cleaning and painting but I am working on my drive so too cold and wet!



Hope to have my moggie up and running for the summer.

North Wilts Branch Events, MMOC Area 4 Events and other events.

Please refer to the North Wilts Branch website.

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

Preview for the March Event

For members interested in our Branch event about the Malmesbury railway, on 17 March, Bill Reed's podcast on the Malmesbury Branch Railway is now available on the website of Malmesbury Community Radio, by following one of these links.

The first link should take you directly to it:

<https://www.mixcloud.com/FlyingMonkCommunityProjects/bill-reed-chats-to-us-about-the-malmesbury-branch-railway/>

The second link takes you to it along with the other New Year podcasts, you need to scroll down to "Malmesbury Branch Railway".

<https://flyingmonkcommunityprojects.weebly.com/index.html>

Thanks & final notes

From: Pam Holmes

I would like to thank those people who have taken the time to contribute to this Branch Newsletter by sending me short reports and/or photos:

Clive Frost
Charlie Frost
Mick & Erica Glover
Paul Kimmens
George Kitching
Bill Reed

Hoping to see everyone at the Sunday lunch on 12th January 2025! Please advise Gill Waters if you are planning to attend.

Wishing you health and happiness in 2025!