



NWMMOC NEWSLETTER

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MMOC National Rally at Gaydon 29 & 30 June

Words: Sarah Bracher Photos: Ashley Holmes

We had booked an airBnB in the next village to Gaydon and drove up on the Friday. We had a good journey, except for Myfanwy's engine cutting out on the hill in traffic lights trying to get through Stow. Thankfully she started again when turned over but we did ask advice from Steve when we saw him.

We got to Gaydon on the Saturday morning, bright and early, but Steve had beaten us there! We found our spot on Branch Avenue to be joined by Martin, Jenny, Ash and Pam. The turn-out was great with lots of Moggys to look at and auto jumble to rummage.

There were a few moggy specialist parts people who seemed to be always busy. The museum was great, as usual, and there were a few antiques and collectibles for sale upstairs.

The Sunday was a good day too. Pam, Ash, Martin and Jenny came back and we were joined by Alex, Steve R. and Martin O'Brien although he was parked with another branch. There were more visiting Moggies and so we had to look around again, the special collection and the "overflow" collection.

The award giving was announced and there were the usual categories with additional categories under the modifications banner. We were most proud as one of our club, Ash, won the award for best Series II convertible. Well done Ash!



RONA Steam & Vintage Rally, Dauntsey Sunday 14 June

Words: Kath Ridley. Photos: Pam Holmes

On Sunday, 14th July a group of our members set off in convoy to go to the “Rona Steam and Vintage Rally” in Dauntsey. This was the first time on this site, and the event was good, plenty to see. There was quite a few vintage and classic cars on show.



Around the arena there were steam engines, commercial vehicles, stationary engines, tractors, military vehicles and much more!

There was also some nice trade stalls, a fairground, bar and refreshments. There was quite a few people there, which was helped by the really nice weather. All in all, this was a good day out, it will be interesting to see what they put on for next years event.

Area 4 Breakfast Meet. Sunday 14 June

Pam & Ash Holmes

We gathered at Farleigh Road Farm Shop with Branch members from Gloucestershire, Somerset, Bristol and Wiltshire for a delicious breakfast and plenty of chat about the cars, recent and future ventures.



After a short but scenic drive we then arrived at the village of Nunney with its spectacular castle ruins surrounded by a moat.



We left the group at midday as they were continuing further down into Somerset and we planned to visit the RONA Rally however we plan to take part in more Area 4 events very soon.

Wilbur Goes National

Martin O'Brien

Wilbur made the news this month with articles published in both Minor Matters and Minor LCV. The first focused on wraps, the second on a custom tonneau cover.

Many will have seen these but a mention here for the company that wrapped Wilbur, based in South Cerney. Saturn Wraps was entrusted to this as they have a very experienced guy who can handle the curves complexity of a Morris Minor. That trust was key, as was the turn round time, choice, cost and quality.

'Wraps'? Clear PPF is a self-repairing film that protects against stone chips/ scrapes, leaving the appearance unchanged and is now common on cherished classics.

Colours, used on Wilbur can transform the look of a car. A solid 'Morris' colour film could have been used (many would prefer) but I went for a bolder option to test out the process.

I am delighted with the result and took Wilbur on his first outings to Beaulieu Autojumble, the MMOC National Rally and lastly to the Atwell-Wilson museum.



Wilbur marks a departure in treating a classic restoration but technology and application techniques have matured to make 'wraps' a real option.

Wilbur's custom tonneau cover.

Steve's van went to Cirencester Market Place Car Show.

Steve Chater

This was the 5th Cirencester Market Place Car Show, it is an annual event and this year raised £1200 for Cirencester Housing for Young People



Branch members enjoyed an afternoon of croquet 28 July.

Words: Gill Waters Photos: Pam Holmes

On Sunday 28th July our Branch went to the Moredon Sports Hub in Swindon to learn how to play croquet at the Swindon Croquet Club!

It was, as usual, great fun and the sun shone down on us while we played.

The croquet club members who were there to teach us, made us feel very welcome and a good time was enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks to Alex for organising.



New home for Bill's traveller seats!

Bill Reed

Mike at the Ratcliffe Foundry in Malmesbury needed new seats for the pickup - you can see why!

So the old seats from my Traveller have finally found a new home.

The pickup is often seen around the town and Mike uses it both for the business and for community events. It will be at WOMAD.



NORTH WILTS BRANCH EVENTS contact Gill

Saturday 3 August: Vintage Extravaganza South Cerney. (Branch entries closed)

Sunday 8 September: Treasure Hunt.

Sunday 13 October: AGM 12.00 at Castle Eaton Village Hall.

Sunday 17 November: Drive and pub lunch.

Sunday 15 Dec: Christmas Indoor Picnic & collection for Swindon Food Bank.

MMOC AREA 4 EVENTS contact: mmocareafour@gmail.com

10-11 August: Weekend at The Boar's Head, Aust. Camping available.

21-22 September: Camping weekend near Frome.

OTHER EVENTS (click on the link for info)

First Wednesdays, 7pm: [Swindon Classic Car Club](#), Sun Inn, Lydiard Millicent.

17-18 August: [Fairford Steam](#) Show.

Saturday 24 August: [Shrivenham Summer](#) Fete.

Sunday 25 August: [Shallbourne Classic Car](#) Show

Sun. 25-Mon 26 Aug: The White Horse Show, Uffington

Monday 26 August: [Cowley Classic Car Show](#)

Sat. Sept. 7th: Oakridge Fete & Car Show.

See also EVENTS PAGE of our website.

NEWSLETTER NEWS

Many thanks to the Branch members who have contributed to this Branch Newsletter. It relies on the contributions of all our members so the next time you take out your Morris Minor, please send me a photo of your car with a caption about the event, the journey or your car!

I would welcome longer reports and photos about:

- events you have been to
- places you have visited in your Morris Minor
- work done on your Morris Minor!!

Please send your contributions to me at: pamlynnholmes@icloud.com

Thank you.

