



# NWMMOC NEWSLETTER

April 2024

## MMOC Area Four Breakfast Meet, 16 March at Five Zeros Supercar Barn, Bradford-on-Avon

Words and photos: Bill Reed

About 20 Minors from Area Four (South West) branches descended on the classy supercar showroom "Five Zeros" at Bradford-on-Avon for a breakfast meet. As you can see there were some unique vehicles with their owners, and the race-prepped cars inside the showroom included Andy Cross's "Bluebell", as seen in quite dramatic action on the cover of Minor Matters, Sept-Oct 2017. The diner - with a super viewing gallery and bar above - offered a good selection of breakfasts. Five Zeros hosts a lot of car club events and is right in the middle of our North Wilts area, so do have a look at their website <https://www.fivezeros.co.uk> and pop in (Wednesday to Sunday) to see some fantastic vehicles.

Thanks to Jenni Wood for organising this interesting event.





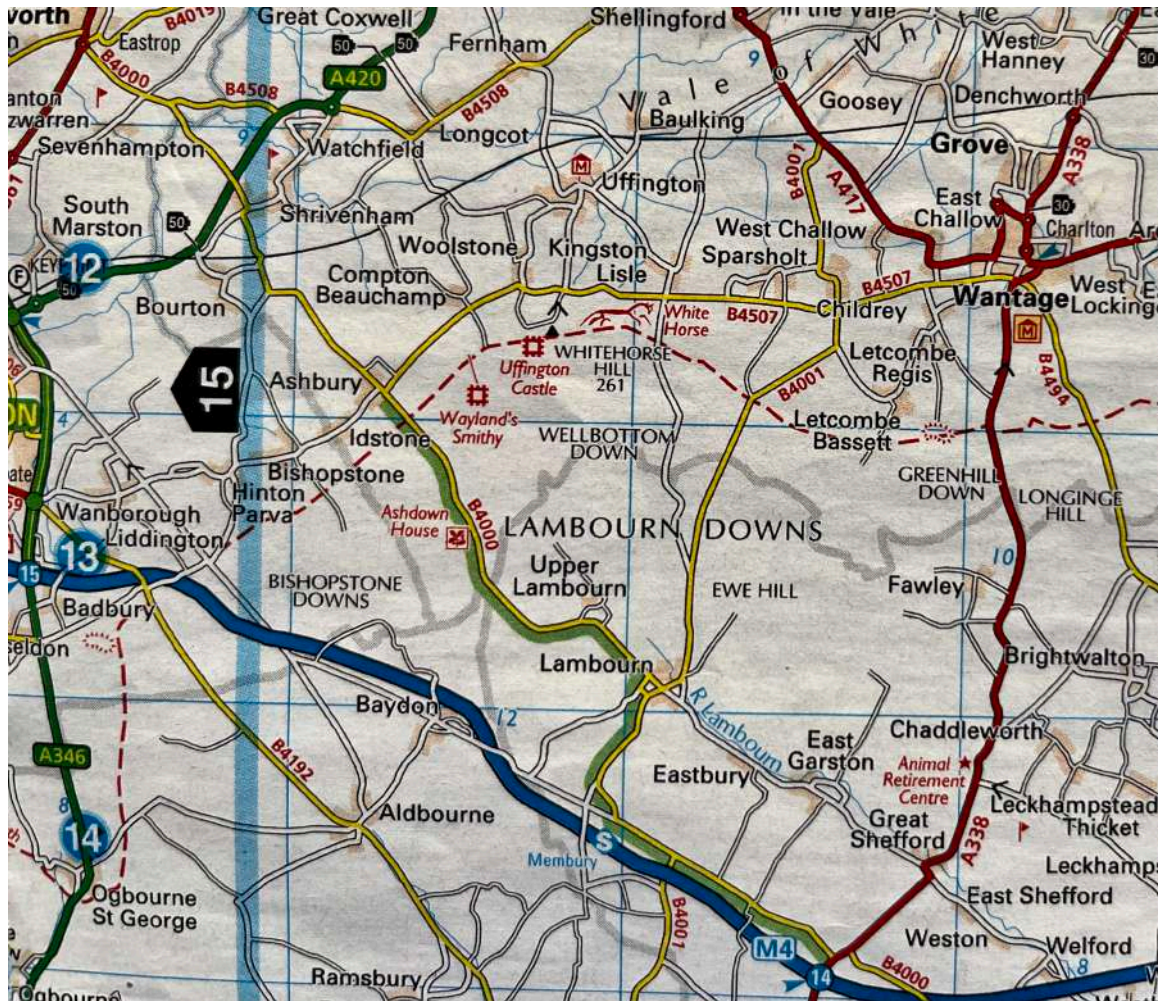




# Tour of the Lambourn Downs, 23 March

Organised by Martin and Jenny Howard

Words: Gill Waters. Photos: Bill Reed



On Saturday 23rd March North Wilts took to the road for our Spring car run. Good start, the sun was out and the sky blue. We met up at the College Farm Public House in Watchfield where we were served coffee/tea and biscuits, paid for by the branch. After a natter and a comfort break we were off, following instructions given to us by Martin. The scenery was magnificent, through the Lambourne Downs and the horse country - many successful stables in that area. Sadly the sun disappeared and we experienced heavy rain and hail but our sturdy Morrises kept on going despite ending up with ice on the cars that looked very much like snow!!

The journey lasted about an hour and a half, some cars got 'a bit lost' but we all made it to the Fox & Hounds in Uffington by 1pm, for a delicious lunch. I think we all had something different and some pushed the boat out and had dessert and coffee too! The staff at the Fox and Hounds served us well.

I'm sure that everyone who took part would like to thank Martin and Jenny for all their efforts in making it a fun day out.



Georgie and Steve get ready for the off.





**Photo above:**  
A slight hold-up  
- not unusual  
in this area.

**Lower photos:**  
Martin and  
Jenny greet  
everyone on  
arrival at the Fox  
and Hounds





## **NORTH WILTS BRANCH EVENTS contact [Gill](#)**

**Sunday 21 April: Drive It Day:** See details below

**Sunday 5 May: Annual Branch Rally** at Lechlade Vintage & Country Show

**Saturday 8 June: Swindon Festival On The Parks**

**Friday 28 to Sunday 30 June: MMOC National Rally,** Gaydon

**Sunday 28 July: Croquet,** Swindon

**Saturday 3 August: Vintage Extravaganza** at South Cerney.

## **MMOC AREA 4 EVENTS contact [mmocareafour@gmail.com](mailto: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 links for info)**

**First Wednesdays from 3 April: [Swindon Classic Car Club](#)** (see invitation below)

**Sunday 12 May: [South Wales Branch Rally](#),** Caldicot Castle

**18-19 May: [Dorset Branch Moggyfest](#),** Beaulieu

**Sunday 26 May: [Gloucester Branch Rally](#),** Lydney

**Sunday 2 June: [Cherished Vehicle Day](#),** near Chippenham

**Sunday 9 June: [Middlewick House Open Garden](#),** Corsham

**13-14 July: [RONA Steam and Vintage Rally](#),** near Chippenham

**Saturday 20 July: [Market Lavington Vintage Meet](#)**

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

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

See also the [EVENTS PAGE](#) of our website.

**Deadline for submissions to the May North Wilts Branch Newsletter: 25 April**

Please send items to [bill@euclidvillas.co.uk](mailto:bill@euclidvillas.co.uk) or text to 07798 601224

## **Drive It Day Sunday 21st April**

We meet at Studley Grange Garden Centre, Hay Lane, Swindon, SN4 9QT at 09.30 to depart at 10.00. The drive is about an hour to an hour and a half, ending at The Old Prison, Northleach, for late breakfast or early lunch. Menu at <https://www.theoldprison.co.uk/cafe-menu>. Route plans will be given out on the day. The cafe manager requests can we advise how many would like cooked breakfast and how many parking spaces she needs to organize for us **by the 5th April.**

If you would like to join us please contact [Ashley Alexander](#)

Drive It Day supports the [NSPCC CHILDLINE](#) through the FBHVC.

## **Invitation from John Dunn at Swindon Classic Car Club**

Swindon Classic Car Club are having a meeting on the first Wednesday of the month, starting in April through to September. All classic cars are welcome. The first meeting is on 3rd April at 7pm. The venue will be the **Sun Inn at Lydiard Millicent SN5 3LU**. It has a good size parking area. I will be there with my Morris Minor convertible. (I'm a member of nwmm) Look forward to seeing as many cars as possible.

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