



NWMMOC NEWSLETTER

May 2024

Swindon Classic Car Club Meet
Wednesday 3 April at the Sun Inn, Lydiard Millicent



On the evening of 3 April Bruce Ephgrave and Bill Reed represented North Wilts MMOC at the Swindon Classic Car Club's meet at their new venue, the Sun Inn at Lydiard Millicent. Some rare vehicles in wonderful condition, as you can see! The club will be meeting there over the summer at 7pm on the first Wednesday of the month. **Next meetings: Weds 1 May; Weds 5 June.** Members of North Wilts Branch are cordially invited.

Just turn up or contact John Dunn jwdunn1956@hotmail.com
Information on the Sun Inn is here: <https://www.thesuninn.info/>

Origins Classics

On 11 April Alex and Bill paid an exploratory visit to [Origins Classics](#) near Avebury, at the invitation of Cameron Brownlee. Cameron has some really interesting and rare vehicles in storage, on display and for sale; and he has lots of stories about them. On the day of our visit he had a Fiat 500 Giardiniera (equivalent of the Traveller, but smaller and rear-engined) and the “press” Mini which belonged to motoring journalist John Bolster (see [here](#) for a wonderful period photo). Alex and Bill will be returning for a recce drive in May, and we are planning a **visit to Origins Classics and drive for Branch members on 20 June** - please tell Gill if you are interested so that we can plan numbers.



Alex with Cameron Brownlee and his son Arran.
Behind them, Cameron’s father photographed racing his Lotus 11 no. 93.

A privilege to park in such prestigious company. Red Fiat 500 Giardiniera (rare RHD); grey Porsche; white MG; yellow Triumph Spitfire GT6; red TR; and the blue “press” Mini with white roof which used to belong to motoring journalist John Bolster (1904-1984).

Photo by Alex on Cameron’s ladder.



Drive It Day, Sunday 21 April

Sponsored by the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs in support of NSPCC CHILDLINE
MMOC North Wilts Branch drive arranged by Stephen Rogers and Alex Alexander
Words: Stephen Rogers Photos: Bill Reed

Branch members met at Studley Grange garden centre for a trip to The Old Prison at Northleach. Alex led departing at 10am followed by thirteen cars at two minute intervals with myself following in the rear. On a sunny but cold day there were no breakdowns en route and everyone arrived safely. In the busy cafe excellent food was served which everyone enjoyed. Then we took time out to look at the Lloyd-Baker collection of rural bygones of carts and wagons, a blacksmith's smithy and a wheelwright's workshop and many interesting artefacts. Finishing with a visit to The Old Prison cells and magistrate's court house. We then departed on our homeward bound journey from what was a good day out. For more information see <https://www.theoldprison.co.uk/>



NORTH WILTS BRANCH EVENTS contact [Gill](#)

Sunday 5 May: Annual Branch Rally at Lechlade Vintage & Country Show
Saturday 8 June: Swindon Summer Festival On The Parks (see details below)
Thursday 20 June: Drive Out and visit to Origins Classics near Avebury
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

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, 7pm: [Swindon Classic Car Club](#) at Sun Inn, Lydiard Millicent
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](#)
Monday 26 August: [Cowley Classic Car Show](#)

See also the [EVENTS PAGE](#) of our website maintained by Ash Holmes

Deadline for submissions to the June North Wilts Branch Newsletter: 25 May
Please send items to bill@euclidvillas.co.uk or text to 07798 601224

Fun for all the family Live music all day Many Stalls

Super activities for all ages Classic Cars

- + Brunel Brass Band and try an instrument + Choir and Dancers
- + Emily the super Swindon Singer + Steve excellent on the Saxophone
- + Try your hand at Golf + Food and drink + Stalls for everything and local interest groups + Choose the winner of the Classic cars on display

The 3rd Great

SUMMER FESTIVAL ON THE PARKS

Saturday 8th June 2024

11 – 4pm

on Goddard Park School field
Welcombe Avenue SN3 2QN
and Park North Village Hall
Barnstaple Close SN3 2NU



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