



NWMMOC NEWSLETTER

June 2024

North Wilts Branch Annual Rally 2024

at Lechlade Vintage & Country Show

See the report by Gill Waters on our website [here](#)



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

*NW MORRIS MINORS
JAGUAR EXPERIENCE CLUB
OTHER CLASSIC MAKES*

South Wales Branch Rally at Caldicot Castle, 12 May

Text: Bill; Photos: Bill and a kind visitor

Steve Rogers, Alex and I met up at Leigh Delamere Services; Caldicot is about 45 minutes from there, with the always-exhilarating crossing of the Severn estuary by the M48.

This event has grown over the years and now draws in a big range of classics of all sorts. In addition to the cars, it's interesting to have a stroll around the castle itself. Sadly it's no longer possible to go up on the walls but there is plenty to see, with information boards describing the chequered history of the castle, its purchase in 1855 by Joseph Cobb, who began to restore it as his family home, and its use after the war as accommodation for local people.

Following our afternoon walk round the cars on display, we returned to find that in our absence Steve's Traveller had been voted Best Morris of the Rally! Steve was chuffed to bits and we were pleased for him.

This is always a very relaxed event and once again this year there was no charge for entry. The castle is also free to enter, and contains a coffee shop, banqueting hall and toilets. Thanks and congratulations to South Wales Branch for another great annual rally.



Moggyfest 2024 at Beaulieu, 18-19 May

Text: Bill; Photos: Bill and Alex

This is one of the biggest and best Morris Minor events of the year. There is so much to do that Alex and I decided to make a full weekend of it, arriving Friday evening and leaving Monday morning - and staying in a (very) basic Travelodge. We met at Chieveley Services. Alex and I both have four-speed 1098s. Travel down and back was M4 - A34 - M3 - M27 - A31. No smart motorways and there was a hard shoulder most of the way, though we didn't need it. The petrol station next to the Travelodge had E5. About 260 miles in all, including the lovely 10-mile commute through the New Forest from the hotel to the rally. Pam and Ash with their convertible also represented our Branch. On the Friday and Sunday evenings Alex and I ate at the Trusty Servant Inn at Minstead - good pub food and an interesting history. On the Saturday evening we joined in the fish & chip supper with Dorset Branch and other Minor visitors.

Travellers were parked up together to celebrate 70 years since their launch; other Minors lined the avenue under the trees. Just listing the things we did at Beaulieu, even without comments (all were excellent), will probably take up all the space here! The many Minors on display; the classics for sale; the huge Motor Museum; the Screen Cars (eg Mr Bean's yellow Mini); the monorail ride; the gardens; the autojumble and boot sale; the Palace House; the museum devoted to the WW2 Special Operations Executive (who were trained on the Beaulieu estate). We walked over four miles each day and there was not a dull moment.

Dorset Branch had an excellent spares shop. Alex acquired a driving mirror; I bought a trunnion; we both bought sets of pedal rubbers. At the autojumble I bought engine oil and Alex found sound-deadening material and a folding picnic chair.

On the Sunday evening, arriving early for dinner, we walked up to the lovely churchyard at Minstead to pay tribute to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, who is buried there.

Our thanks to Dorset Branch for a super event and display.



Roads in the New Forest are limited to 40mph and you do need to keep an eye out for the ponies.

Gloucester Branch Rally at Taurus Crafts, Lydney, Sunday 26 May



Seven North Wilts Branch cars entered this rally, with four (Steve & Shirley, Bill, Harry & Kathleen and Alex) meeting up and travelling together from Leigh Delamere Services, and the others (Peter & Liz, Pam & Ash, Peter & Marilyn) arriving separately. We joined 39 other Minors at Taurus Crafts which has a mix of interesting shops and an excellent cafe. We may not be the biggest of branches

but we certainly hold our own in quality: congratulations to Alex for winning Best 4-door saloon; and to Ash for winning Best in Show. And many thanks to Jenni Wood and all at the Gloucester Branch for a great event.



NORTH WILTS BRANCH EVENTS contact [Gill](#)

Saturday 8 June: Summer Festival On The Parks Swindon
Thursday 20 June: Visit to Origins Classics Avebury and Woodborough
Friday 28 to Sunday 30 June: MMOC National Rally, Gaydon
Sunday 28 July: Croquet, Swindon
Saturday 3 August: Vintage Extravaganza South Cerney (entries now 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 December: Christmas Indoor Picnic & collection for Food Bank hamper

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](#) Sun Inn, Lydiard Millicent
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](#)
17-18 August: [Fairford Steam Show](#)
Saturday 24 August: [Shrivenham Summer Fete](#)
Sunday 25 August: [Shalbourne Classic Car Show](#)
Sun 25-Mon 26 Aug: [The White Horse Show](#), Uffington.
Monday 26 August: [Cowley Classic Car Show](#)

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

**If you've been out in your Minor please send a photo
and a few words!**

**Deadline for submissions to the July Newsletter: 25 June
Please send items to bill@euclidvillas.co.uk
or text to 07798 601224**

Wiltshire Air Ambulance Donation

Following our "Soup and Spuds" event a donation of £107 was made to Wiltshire Air Ambulance. See their letter of thanks on our website [HERE](#)



North Wilts Branch members at Wiltshire Air Ambulance HQ in September 2023