



NWMMOC NEWSLETTER

September 2022

North Wilts Branch summer photo album



Congratulations to Alison Briance Shailes for winning "Best In Class" with "Doris" at the Indiana British Motor Day.

We understand her father Roger has been unwell and wish him a speedy recovery.



A GWR express train speeds past a couple who have parked their Traveller and got out to look over the sea wall.

This model is in the STEAM Museum, Swindon.

The **Somerford Show Tractor Run** took place on Sunday 14 August.





Branch Members at the Gloucestershire Vintage and Country Extravaganza,
South Cerney Airfield, 6 August

North Wilts committee members met
up with Robert Harrin at REME
Museum, Lyneham, ahead of our rally
on 25 September.





John Carroll, Editor of "Minor Matters", has kindly allowed us to use this photograph ahead of its publication in the magazine. It shows the "Last Factory Saloon" FMT 265J, restored by the MMOC, along with the "Last Saloon", GHR 800N, built at Dutton Forshaw in Swindon in 1974, which will be at our Branch Rally on 25 September. Many thanks to John for this preview.

Chris Howard

We were saddened to learn of the death of Chris Howard on 13 August. He was an early member (and Chair, around 1990) of Moonraker Minors / North Wilts Branch.

Chris rejoined the Branch after some years' absence, turning up at our AGM in 2019, when I discovered he was the "mystery man" I had found in some early branch photographs. After that I got to know him a little, as we had several discussions about the early activities of the Branch; his Minors on Tour trips with Traveller and trailer (including a broken gearbox on the way down Mont Ventoux); and his latest modified Minor. He also told me about his volunteer work as a modeller for the Pendon Landscape Model (where he used fuse wire and flock to represent trackside weeds and flowers). As a result, during lockdown he gave a very interesting Zoom presentation to the Branch about the Landscape Model. Despite illness he supported Branch events whenever he could, and was at our AGM in October 2021.

Chris's funeral took place on 1 September, with Gill Waters attending to represent North Wilts Branch. Our sincere condolences go to Chris's family.

Bill Reed



▲ Chris Howard chairman of the North Wilts branch of the Morris Minor Owners Club with his 1968 Morris Minor Traveller.



Chris in the Railway Village, Swindon



Left, Harry and Steve at Shrivenham Fete.



Right, new member Bruce Ephgrave with his son.

Below, at the White Horse Show, Uffington



Last month's puzzle

Jeff Hide wins a small prize (to be awarded at our Rally) for being the first to identify this car as a 1967 Citroën DS cabriolet. Ash Holmes and Sarah Higgins also identified it correctly.

The coachbuilder was Chapron.

I discovered later that our Young Member Nicolas had also spotted it, in a different location in Malmesbury.



Coming events

* indicates main North Wilts Branch events.

Postponed: Pop-up Rally at Orchid Care Home, Swindon. [Steve Chater 07885 659301](tel:07885659301)

Sun 18 Sept: Bristol Branch Rally, East Somerset Railway. No entry fee but donations welcome for the Railway. mmoc.bristol@gmail.com

***Sun 25 Sept:** NWMMOC Branch Rally at REME, Lyneham. bill@euclidvillas.co.uk

***Thurs 13 October, 7:30pm:** AGM, Castle Eaton Village Hall gillian.waters43@gmail.com

***Sat 19 Nov: 1:30pm:** Drive out from AV8, Kemble Airfield pamlynnholmes@icloud.com

***Dec:** Hamper Relay; Christmas meal; Christmas Zoom