



NWMMOC NEWSLETTER

October 2021

CROQUET IN SWINDON 26 September



Sarah Bracher writes: "We had a fun afternoon at Swindon Croquet Club. We had great instruction from the members of the club, it was fun getting the balls through the hoops. Finished off with tea and cake, a good afternoon." Our thanks to Alex for organising once again.

KELMARSH SPARES DAY 26 September

Bill managed to get a full tank of E5 and represented the branch at Kelmarsh Hall, meeting Mike Welsh and family there. About 50 Minors and a lovely warm day in idyllic surroundings.



A WORKING MINOR

Mike Welsh has sent this great photo of a van he came across when on holiday in Weymouth. The picture tells a story (why is the door not closed?) and the van itself rewards close inspection. What details can you spot? Answers next month!



RECOGNISE THIS MAN?



We have been contacted by Damian Cliff who believes his car was owned in the Wiltshire / Somerset area in the 1980's and would like to find out more. Here's what he writes: *The car was used by the BBC for filming for the "Go With Noakes" series from about June/ Jul 1980 through to about Oct 80 before the series was broadcast Nov/Dec 80. It also made a brief appearance in an episode of "Rentaghost - Super Dobbin" driven by the Mrs Meaker character with Dobbin the pantomime horse in the back (also on You Tube). I am the 13th owner and I have traced the ownership back to the 9th but anything before that would be great. I believe it went through a colour change to Old English White around 1985 and it looked grey in the series. Originally it was a rare Porcelain Green when it left the factory so unsure if it was sprayed grey at some point pre-1980 but not recorded at DVLA. It may just have been a very faded green which looked grey?*

If you have any memories of this car or its owners, please contact Bill who will forward the information.

40th ANNIVERSARY ALBUM

Your copy will be available to collect at our AGM.

Please help us by sending payment ahead of time to:

North Wilts MMOC sort code 30-13-35 ac. no. 02710987

Please use as a reference your surname followed by 40, eg REED40.

The price to branch members is £18.00 for collection at AGM, or £20.75 to include postage and packing.



ORCHID CARE HOME, Swindon, 29 September



Steve Chater's Mini Cooper and Bill's Traveller took part in a micro-rally which Steve arranged to entertain Orchid residents and carers. We were joined by a 1936 Riley Kestrel, a Citroën *Traction Avant* and a 2CV. 100-year-old resident Reg Kidd, a former railway worker, was particularly taken with the Traveller woodwork. Orchid events organiser Amber told us, "*The residents loved your visit and there was a real buzz afterwards.*"



ETHANOL IN PETROL (when you can get it)

Here is a link to the latest advice on the ethanol content of petrol and how it can affect our cars:

<https://www.fbhvc.co.uk/news/article/fbhvc-clarification-on-e10-fuel-usage-and-labelling-for-historic-vehicles>

BRANCH COMMUNICATIONS

Our website www.northwiltsmmoc.co.uk is maintained by Ash Holmes.

Our Facebook page North Wilts MMOC is administered by Sarah Bracher.

Our Newsletter is published at the beginning of each month and posted on the website.

For recent contributions to *Minor Matters*, many thanks to Gill Waters, to Mike Welsh and Martin & Jenny Howard (Sept-Oct issue) and to Andy & Gill Devey (Branch Rally report to come in the Nov-Dec issue). We also hope to have a mention of the Anniversary Album in the Nov-Dec issue.

DIARY DATES

14 October: AGM 7:00pm at Goddard Park School, Swindon SN3 2QN. Details to follow.
Includes launch of 40th Anniversary Album. To pay for your copy, see box above.

7 November: Drive Out

November - December: Hamper Relay 3

12 December: Christmas lunch, Bolingbroke Arms, Hook SN4 8DZ

18 June 2022: Collecting for Cancer Research in Swindon, with GHR 800N

19 June 2022: Branch Rally at REME, Lyneham (photo below taken in 2018)



Our friends at Avon Branch have made a video of their 2021 rally.

You can view it here:

