



NWMMOC NEWSLETTER

October 2022

Annual Branch Rally, REME Museum, 25 September

Well here we are at last, 40 years on from the original Minor Pull and 48 years after the build of GHR 800N. It has been quite a journey, and we are immensely grateful to Andy Smith and Robert Harrin for their support; as well as to Pete Cosslett (first left in both photos) and Robin Phillips (first right in both photos) for helping to re-enact the scene. Many thanks to the branch and committee members who helped at all stages of the process; to REME for hosting our rally; and to William McElhinney and Flying Monk Graphics for the replica placard.

Our first contacts with Robert and Andy were back in 2021 and we held a planning meeting at REME in early October. Contact was made with Cancer Research and Swindon Council for a

planned fundraising day with GHR in Swindon town centre, and we held an initial meeting there in February, but in the end we were unable to proceed with this because of the stringent health, safety and security requirements imposed on us. Bill had an initial meeting with Robert in February, and made a trip up to the Peak District (in the Traveller) to visit Andy in May. But as our planned rally date approached, we heard from REME that they would not be able to host it on 18 June



25 September 2022



2 May 1982
Photo courtesy of Swindon Evening Advertiser

because the Museum was to be closed for re-flooring. After a flurry of discussions we were able to transfer the date to 25 September, when Pam and Ash provided a warm welcome and overnight accommodation for Andy. Committee members met up with Robert at REME in August.

In the end we received over 40 entries with 35 cars attending, and several new members joining us - welcome! As a goodwill gesture for the change of date, REME allowed us free use of their conference room for the audiovisual presentation and prizegiving. It was also a good place to serve the cake - thank you Kathleen! Peter Hughes brought some spares for sale and shared the proceeds between Friends of Fairford Hospital and our Cancer Research appeal. We raised £167 for Cancer Research, and thanks go to Sarah and Andrew for managing the Just Giving page.

Following the event, we have received a number of messages congratulating the Branch on being welcoming, open and friendly. These comments are a great compliment to all branch members.



Andy Smith with Robert Harrin



Branch members gather round the car. Photo by Becca Bracher



Lots more of Sarah's photos on our Facebook page. She also took the awards photos below.

Trophies awarded



The "Best in Show" shield was tied between
Keith Boffin (saloon NDB 794G)
and Pam Holmes (convertible EAS 954)



Kathleen Ridley
received the Nigel
Gratton trophy for
managing branch
clothing and regalia

"Best in Class" awards



Robin Phillips (2-door saloon 523 XUB)



Gill Waters (LCV DYC 393J)



Alex Alexander (Modified saloon RHY 688G)



Richard Raisey (Traveller SXN 973)



Bruce Ephgrave (4-door saloon MSK 556)



Ash Holmes
(open class - Bristol 401 HKW 422)



Dave Richards (Convertible TDL 799)



Andy Wallis (MM / S2 OFC 167) and a bottle for "Furthest Travelled" at 48 miles

Next events

Thurs 13 October: 7:30pm:

Annual General Meeting,
Castle Eaton Village Hall gillian.waters43@gmail.com
Including a slide show of the year's events and an opportunity to
meet Jenni Wood, MMOC Area 4 Liaison Officer.

Sat 19 Nov: 1:30pm:

Drive out from AV8, Kemble Airfield
pamlynnholmes@icloud.com.
Details to follow later.

December:

Hamper Relay; Christmas meal; Christmas Zoom
Details of all these to follow later.



If you were a late entry at the rally and did not receive a plaque, please contact Bill or Gill. We have a few left over as a result of late cancellations.

