



NWMMOC NEWSLETTER

November 2021

2021 AGM

Many thanks to all 22 of you who came along to our AGM. The committee is now as follows:

Chair: Bill Reed

Deputy Chair & Technical: Steve Chater

Treasurer: Pam Holmes

Secretary: Gill Waters

Regalia: Kathleen Ridley

Media contacts: Mike Welsh

Technical: Ash Holmes

Peter Watts

Martin Howard

Members voted to maintain the membership fee at £10.00 for 2022.



Thanks to Mike Welsh for making the Goddard Park School facilities available to us. The AGM was followed by a short audiovisual presentation launching the 40th Anniversary Album. It featured Will Meade's "Moonrakers" ballad in Wiltshire dialect (there was a round of applause for Jackie Tong's reading), and the Morris Minor built from "new spares" in Swindon in 1974. This car will be joining us for our branch rally next year.

Amongst the apologies, we received the following invitation from Susie & Julian Marshall:

We are sorry that we will be unable to come to the Branch AGM - it's too far to travel! Please give our apologies and say how pleased we are that the branch goes from strength to strength. We closely follow all the news which we hear from various sources including Minor Matters. It was a great delight for us to see some of you in July, thanks for making the effort. We would welcome you again any time to show off our beautiful part of the country.

We send you all our best wishes

Susie and Julian

The first meeting of the new committee will take place in person at Castle Eaton on 17 November, by kind invitation of Pam and Ash Holmes.

NEXT EVENTS

Sunday 7 November: Drive out and lunch. You can collect your 40th Anniversary Album on this occasion. Please send album payment to **North Wilts MMOC 30-13-35 02710987** and as a reference please put your surname followed by 40, eg **REED40**.

Sunday 12 December: Christmas lunch.

Nov - Dec: Hamper Relay 3, details to follow.

OTHER NEWS

Mac and Faye Jackson met Bill at Malmesbury Town Hall on 19 October to pick up their copy of the 40th album. When Mac was a Fire Officer he was responsible for 10 stations including Malmesbury, and this photo was taken exactly where the fire station used to be. He was interested in the 18th century fire pump on display there! They had time for a coffee in the Jackdaw Café, a visit to the Museum, and a viewing of the Turner watercolour of Malmesbury Abbey, with a short explanation by Susan Poolman, who is one of the Museum's Turner Guides.



Gill Waters called in at Malmesbury on 20 October to collect an album for Brian and Freda Tinson, and their rally board, which they had lent to Bill to photograph.



We drive E5

The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs advises sticking to E5 "protection grade" petrol for our cars.



Alison Shailes writes from Indiana:

This January I have had Doris 30 years, not sure where the time has gone, but plan to write a few stories for you about our adventures this summer. She has been out a lot this week as the weather has been perfect Moggie weather for us! But she will be put into hibernation soon!

WEYMOUTH "WORKING MINOR"

(see September newsletter)



Every Minor tells a story. How many of the following details did you spot?

It looks as if Mr Dadd (maybe the Son?) is working on a boat within sight of the car, so he hasn't bothered to close the door fully. It may be his own boat, as a sticker in the rear window shows he is a member of the Weymouth Sailing Club. Let's hope the seagulls aren't about to make off with his sandwiches. The Dadd company was established in 1960 and their slogan is "Get Dadd to do it!" There is a structure on the roof of the van to carry a ladder.

FJ is an Exeter registration. DVLA records show the van was first registered in November 1971, and that it is a Morris, not an Austin. Colour: Cream.

Steve Chater adds: "The rear door stays may mean it is an ex - Post Office or GPO Telephone van. The bonnet could well be from a car, or the side mouldings & Minor 1000 badge have been added. The door frames appear to be stainless steel, so they would be from a four-door saloon. The four and a half J wheels could be original as they were fitted to the late vans and pickups, with one or two exceptions. We cannot see enough of the front to see if the bumper is a commercial vehicle or chrome one."

Thanks to Steve, and thanks again to Mike Welsh for sending in the photo.
