



# NWMMOC NEWSLETTER

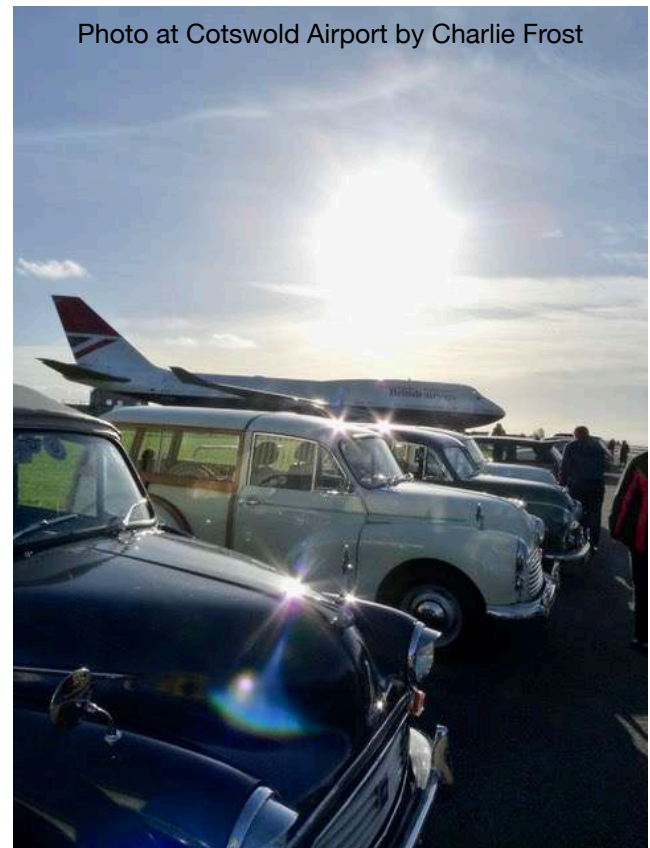
December 2022

**Wishing all members a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year**



## November Drive

On 19 November a dozen of our cars gathered at Cotswold Airport in dazzling sunshine for a picturesque drive out across the South Cotswolds, on a route carefully planned by Pam and Ash. Looping north of Cirencester through attractive villages such as Coates, Daglingworth, Bibury and Hatherop, we enjoyed lovely autumn views across the valleys. We covered about 30 miles before arriving at Hilliers Garden Centre, Lechlade, where a table was reserved for us for tea. Many thanks to Pam and Ash for an enjoyable afternoon.



## Hamper Relay

Please bring any contributions to the Christmas picnic on 11 December. The hamper will be delivered to the Food Bank at Swindon Night Shelter at 11:00 am on Friday 16 December, with **Father Christmas** in attendance. Please join us with your Minor. The address this year is **BEHIND** the school:  
The Lyndhurst Centre  
Lyndhurst Crescent  
Park North Swindon SN3 2RW  
Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.



Hamper arriving in Malmesbury  
Photo by James Welsh

## Holmes Family Cars

Ash has sent reports of his latest work on the family Minors

The convertible was due a respray which, if done properly, means that the car has to be stripped; the photo shows this process almost complete. When returned from the painters, around late November, the car will be a clean shell so I shall be fitting a new wiring loom, hood, carpet and exhaust system (plus lots and lots of small bits). The plan is for this to be completed by mid April.



Oliver brought 712AOR over from his home in Norfolk during half-term week to do a few small jobs. These turned into a couple of major chassis repairs! Unfortunately they were not complete by the time Oliver and family had to return home so Muggins here had to complete the work and deliver the car back to Norfolk 5 days later! I believe this process is called 'The Garage of Mum & Dad'!



### 2023 Subscriptions

At the AGM it was decided to keep subscriptions at £10 per person for 2023. £2 for Young Members (up to 18th birthday). Non-members are welcome to join our activities in return for a payment of £2 per person. (NB depending on the number of activities attended, it might be more cost-effective to join as a full member.)

To renew for 2023, you can make a BACS transfer online to North Wilts MMOC sort code 30-13-35 account no. 02710987. As a reference please put your surname followed by 23, eg REED23; and PLEASE SEND an e-mail to [Pam](#) to alert her to your payment.

We are encouraging electronic payments as they involve less work for our Treasurer. If you need to pay by cheque, it should be made out to NORTH WILTS MMOC and sent to Pam Holmes, NWMMOC Treasurer, Orchard End, The Street, Castle Eaton SN6 6JZ.

Or you can pay in person to Pam at our Christmas Picnic, in cash (or possibly using our new card reader).

## Next events

**Sunday 11 December 12:30pm onwards: Indoor Christmas Picnic at Castle Eaton Village Hall.** Bring your own festive picnic! Please inform [gillian.waters43@gmail.com](mailto:gillian.waters43@gmail.com) if you would like to come. Mulled wine and tea and coffee will be available.

**Friday 16 December, 11:00 am at: The Lyndhurst Centre, Lyndhurst Crescent, Park North, Swindon SN3 2RW: Hamper Delivery** to the Food Bank at Swindon Night Shelter, with Father Christmas. This is the same entrance as we used for the Summer Festival. Refreshments available. Please join us there in your Minor!

**Sunday 18 December, 7:00pm: Christmas Zoom,** link to follow nearer the time.

**January, date tbc: New Year Lunch.** Details to follow.

The very productive "ideas" session at our AGM produced a lot of suggestions for the Committee to work on for 2023. Thank you for your contributions... and watch this space!

## Messages from our new Honorary Members

**Robert Harrin** writes:

Thank you so much for making me an honorary member of the NWMMOC. It was a truly pleasant surprise to receive this in the post and I feel both humbled and honoured. I look forward to making it to as many events as is practical for me to do so. Once again, many thanks.

**Andy Smith** telephoned Bill with his thanks. He wishes he lived closer as North Wilts is the sort of branch he would like to be a member of!

**Extra copies** of the Nov-Dec Minor Matters have been obtained from the MMOC office and sent to Robert and Andy.

## MMOC Area 4 / Area 6

Traditionally North Wilts Branch is part of Area 6, South Central. Following discussions this year in our Committee, with Jenni Wood (Area 4 - South West - Liaison Officer) and with Susan Akrill (MMOC Branch Liaison Officer), we have expressed our desire to create closer relations with Area 4 in order to share activities. This relationship is entirely encouraged by MMOC but they still regard us as being in Area 6. So when you receive your 2023 Members' Directory in January you will find North Wilts still listed on the Area 6 page ... whereas West Wilts is on the Area 4 page. This does not affect our activities in any way and your Committee is aware of what could seem an anomaly.

## Clean air zones

Peter Watts drew our attention to this issue in a recent committee meeting. Bath CAZ has been in operation for some time, and Bristol's came into force on 28 November.

To check if charges apply to any of your vehicles, visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/clean-air-zones>

and enter your registration number.

As an example, I looked up my 1970 Traveller, and the result is this:



**This vehicle is exempt  
from charges in all clean  
air zones**

Vehicle number plate LPO405J is exempt from all clean air zone charges and there is no charge to drive it in any of the zones.

## Charities

At our AGM we invited suggestions for charities we could support in 2023. Reviewing the suggestions, your committee decided that priority should be given to local charities and that these should include the Wiltshire Air Ambulance; and St Rose's School, Stroud, via Wheelnuts.

We are currently investigating whether a repeat visit can be made to the Air Ambulance in 2023.

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