



NWMMOC NEWSLETTER

January 2019

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2019.

We thank Sarah for all her work on newsletters over the past years. This issue is produced by Julian and Bill; your contributions are invited!



Royston Evans RIP

The year began sadly with the funeral of our member Roy Evans on 18 January. Eleven branch members attended the packed service at the Church of the Holy Cross, Sherston, in tribute to a much-loved local man. Roy was a firefighter in Malmesbury for over 18 years and ran his own wrought-iron business. He made Malmesbury Town Gates, which are by the river Avon as you enter the town from the Chippenham direction. His last journey was on the vintage fire engine used on the occasion of his marriage to Juliet. In memory of Roy, NWMMOC has made donations to Dorothy House Hospice and a pancreatic cancer research charity. Our thoughts are with Juliet and the family.



Bring-and-share lunch, Castle Eaton Village Hall, Sunday 13 January

A very enjoyable - and tasty - event with 33 present. We welcomed new members Emma & Mick with their son Tom (and their daily driver Minor saloon); and Mac & Faye, seeking a Traveller.

Coming events

Saturday 16 February, 12:00: Meet at [Crofton Beam Engines](#) near Marlborough, SN8 3DW, for a photoshoot to publicise our rally. This is an open day at the site, where maintenance work will be being carried out. We will then have lunch nearby. Please inform [Bill](#) if you plan to come.

Thursday 21 February, 7 for 7.30: [The Cross Keys](#), 136 High St, Royal Wootton Bassett SN4 7AY: Pub meal and social, food to be ordered in advance. please inform [Gill](#) if you can come; and for our game, please e-mail a photo of yourself as a child to [Bill](#).

Saturday 9 March, details tbc: Workshop tour by invitation of [Charles Ware's Morris Minor Centre](#). An inside view of a business which has been keeping Minors on the road since the 70's. Please inform [Bill](#) if you would like to come.

Thursday 21 March: Talk by an AA man who is a Morris Minor enthusiast. Castle Eaton 7:30.

Saturday 6 April: Visit to Malmesbury High Street. Meet at 10:00 at the Rausing Building (Moravian Church) for tea & coffee. Welcome to the building followed by Bill's talk "Stories of Malmesbury's High Street". £5 per head inc. coffee. 11:30 visit to [Athelstan Museum](#). Free time in town followed by lunch at 1:00pm. Please inform [Bill](#) if you would like to attend.

Sunday 5 May: Run to Salisbury to support the city's tourist business; park up in town centre.

Support for MMOC chosen charity in 2019: North Wilts Branch is supporting the MMOC in making donations to a prostate cancer charity.

"Minor Matters" archive: We now have issues dating back to 1992, for members to refer to.

Dates for your diary: April 28 Wheel Nuts; May 18-19 Castle Combe Steam Rally; Southern Regional Rally, Beaulieu; June 30 NWMMOC Branch Rally; July 13-14 Market Lavington Vintage Meet; Aug 3 South Cerney Vintage Extravaganza (numbers limited, sign up early with [Bill](#) for this).