



# NWMMOC NEWSLETTER

February 2021

## Dates for your Diary

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**Hamper 2:** As soon as regulations allow.

**Sat 27 Feb:** Zoom Talk by Bill: "Linolite Voices"

**Sat 27 March:** Members' Zoom Meeting

**Sun 25 April:** Drive-It-Day

**Sun 23 May:** Drive-out

**Sun 20 June:** 40th Anniversary Branch Rally

## Zoom Quiz

Our transatlantic Zoom Quiz on 23 Jan had 12 "screens" and Jeff Hide and Andrew & Sarah Bracher were declared joint winners - congratulations. A £10 Regalia Voucher goes to each winning team. Many thanks to Pam and Ash for preparing and running it.



## 2021 Subscriptions

Pam Holmes has received over 40 renewals and expects membership this year to be similar to 2020, at about 50 members - very encouraging to the Committee. In response to the 2020 AGM Report we have received the following messages: "Congratulations on keeping the branch active and on all the activities that are still going on, despite all the restrictions. We enjoyed the video." (Julian & Susie Marshall). "I really enjoyed the Annual Report, having joined you well into the year. It consolidated the activities and showed what a well run and enjoyed club it is." (Jeff Hide). "Good work in keeping the branch alive." (Chris Howard). Thank you, your feedback is much appreciated.

## Thanks to Sarah Higgins - and a request

For a number of years Sarah Higgins put out our Branch Newsletters. Until recently she also submitted our Branch News to *Minor Matters*, but has now decided to step down. The Committee would like to express their special thanks and a card and voucher are on the way to her. Gill and Bill have filled in recently, but we are now looking for a member to replace Sarah, by submitting to *Minor Matters* 200 words (max) plus a couple of photographs, six times a year. At present it's particularly important to keep our Branch profile up, and there's plenty of material in our Newsletters and Minor Messages to draw on, in addition to your own participation in events. **If you would like to be the "ears and eyes of the Branch" (thanks Steve Chater for the job description), please call Gill for a chat.**

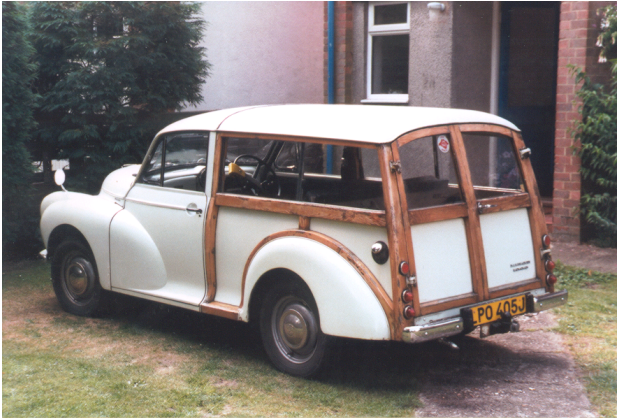
## Website update

Ash Holmes is working to update our Branch website. For the new "Branch Cars" page, please send him a photograph and a brief description of your car(s). [ash.holmes221b@icloud.com](mailto:ash.holmes221b@icloud.com)

## FBHVC Survey

The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs has begun to publish results from its 2020 survey of the historic vehicle scene, showing how it has changed since the last exercise in 2016. Results are here: <https://www.fbhvc.co.uk/2020-research-result-headlines>

## Spot the differences



In the December Newsletter we showed Bill's car in 1996 and in 2020. Did you spot all the differences? The paint colour appears different but is still Snowberry White. External wood was replaced in 2013. Locking petrol cap. White rear door hinges. Wing mirror / side mirror (driver's door mirror can be seen). Towbar position. Number plates. Stickers. Wheel colour. Seats with head restraints. Two differences which may not be visible: stainless steel door runner; side stripe was originally red and is now black. How about sending in two photographs of **your car** for members to compare?

### 1981 - 2021 album

Work is under way to compile a commemorative book for our 40th anniversary year. To make it as complete as possible, **now is the time** to look out your old photos, press cuttings etc. Not only of yourselves, but also any photos or memories of other members past and present. **Please help us make this a fitting tribute to the Branch.**

### Events planned

**Hamper 2:** As soon as regulations permit, we will be in touch to restart the relay.

**Sat 27 Feb 5:00pm: Zoom Talk** by Bill Reed: **"Linolite Voices - the story of Malmesbury's light fittings factory told by those who worked there."** This will be hosted under the Athelstan Museum Zoom licence so there will be time for questions and some social exchange. It draws on material from the award-winning "Malmesbury Voices" collection. If you are interested in the collection itself, there's more information here: <https://www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk/our-collection/malmesbury-voices/>

**Sat 27 March 5:00pm: Members' Zoom Meeting.** Several of you have asked for a longer meeting with more opportunity for interaction, so this will go ahead if enough are willing to contribute. **We invite 5-minute presentations of your car, or if you prefer, another interest or hobby you are pursuing under lockdown.** You can share your pictures from your screen, or send them to Bill and he will show them while you talk. If we have enough contributors we will run two 40-minute meetings back-to-back. **Please inform Bill of your topic as soon as possible; without you, it won't happen!**

**Sun 25 April: Drive-It-Day**

**Sun 23 May: Drive-out**

**Sun 20 June: 40th Anniversary Branch Rally at the Army Flying Museum**

**25 - 27 June: MMOC National Rally, Kelmarsh Hall, Northampton NN6 9LY**