



# NWMMOC NEWSLETTER

February 2022

Indoor Picnic Saturday 22 January  
at Castle Eaton Village Hall



Jacqui and Jeff arriving in "Baggins" for the picnic.



Steve and Martin - carrying their picnics - stop for a profound discussion on front wing alignment.



Here's Gill with the raffle. 17 members attended, and after lunch nobody seemed to want to leave!



The event was voted a great success. Our thanks to Pam and Ash for organising!

## Our Next Events

**Sun 27 Feb, 10.30:** Goddard Park School, Welcombe Avenue, Swindon SN3 2QN

Talk by Mike Welsh: "Desai School, Nairobi". Teas and coffees available. Donations welcome.

**Sun 13 March, 11.00:** Photo-op at REME, Lyneham (followed by lunch & committee meeting)

**Sat 2 April:** Cotswold Tour, about 1 hour, start Cirencester, finish with lunch at Lechlade.

**Sun 24 April:** Drive It Day. - **Sun 1 May:** Wheel Nuts, Stroud

**May** (date tbc) visit to Painswick Rococo Garden

**Sat 18 June:** Swindon: Fundraising for Cancer Research-UK  
with GHR 800N (thanks to Andy Smith for the photo)

**Sun 19 June:** Branch Rally at REME, Lyneham

**Sat 25 June:** "Summer Festival On The Parks", Swindon

**Sun 10 July:** Cherished Vehicle Show, Chippenham, SN15 4LW

**Sat-Sun 16-17 July:** Market Lavington Vintage Meet



## Martin Robins with his 2022 Calendars

Martin Robins, who lives in North Wilts and is an MMOC member but not a branch member, had a 2022 calendar made with professional photos of his Convertible taken at several local stately homes, including Charlton Park and Grittleton House.

He had a few calendars to spare and kindly donated them to the Branch. These have been sent out to the members who requested them, and in return we have received donations for Cancer Research UK, one of the charities we are supporting in 2022.



Martin's own home, Glebe Farm, is on the cover of the calendar, and he is pictured above beside the painting he commissioned of his Minor at Remenham Court, the residence of Miles Thomas at Henley. Martin pointed out that without Miles Thomas we might never have had our Minors. As Managing Director of Morris Motors, it was Thomas who recruited Alec Issigonis, and defended the Issigonis design against William Morris's more conservative instincts.

## Carbon Offset for Classics

The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs has launched a carbon offset scheme for classic vehicles, to fund woodland through voluntary donations. If you register (from £20 per vehicle) they will send a sticker for your car.

More information at: <https://trees.fbhvc.co.uk>



## Swindon Puzzle

Here's a puzzle for our Swindon members. Where is this, and what is the connection with our Branch? (And no, it's nothing to do with Ferraris ... or Lloyds Bank!)

## Branch Treasurer needed

After several years as Treasurer, Pam Holmes wishes to hand the task over. Anyone who already does personal internet banking, has basic spreadsheet skills (eg Excel), can communicate via email, and is willing to join the committee, would be qualified. If you feel you could help, please contact Bill for an initial discussion. Pam will ensure a handover and we would like to resolve this before our next AGM.



## NWMMOC Regalia



Badges, flags, clothing and NWMMOC business cards are available from Kathleen Ridley, [keridley@sky.com](mailto:keridley@sky.com) tel. 01793 881573. Kathleen is investigating having our names embroidered on clothing, and clothing for Young Members - see below.

## Young Members and 2022 Subscriptions

At the initiative of Mike Welsh, this year we are introducing a "Young Members" subscription at £2.00 per person. This is to encourage youngsters to take an interest in our events even if they don't possess a Minor. There is no lower age limit but the upper age limit is 17. Pam and Ash have produced a separate subscription form which you will find on our website. We suggest you recruit your children / grandchildren to start with! Ask them to fill in their own forms - it should help involve them. We realise you may have to subsidise them! Badges and regalia will follow.

In any case please renew your membership for 2022 if you have not done so already. Preferably by online transfer to North Wilts MMOC sort code 30-13-35 ac. no 02710987 with the reference "subs/SURNAME", for example "subs/REED". You will find the membership form on our website [HERE](#).

