



NWMMOC NEWSLETTER

June 2021

Alison Shailes writes from Indianapolis: We went downtown Fishers to the new police & fire station and got some waves from the police and fireman :) Then on the way home, I stopped off at the school bus parking lot - I thought that was a very American sight!



Ceramic mural

When we delivered the hamper to Goddard Park School Bill noticed this ceramic mural. Mike Welsh explains:

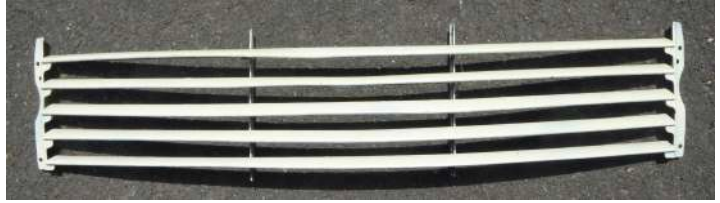
We work on enquiries with our children. One examines Swindon's manufacturing role, formerly as one of the World Leaders in Locomotive Technology with the Great Western Railway works. This was one of four pottery murals which children created with a pottery artist. One is a Great Western Castle class engine, another of Weymouth beach (Swindon by the Sea), the third relates to Spitfires being made at the former Vickers Armstrong works at South Marston, and this the



fourth one is of a Honda/BMW assembly line. The BMW plant - formerly Pressed Steel Fisher car body plant and Rover (where my Dad worked) - produces bodies now for Mini which like other models (British Leyland) for decades have gone to Cowley at Oxford to be fitted out. Daniel, my son in law, is a Plant Manager. The mural mainly relates to Honda as a complete car assembly line, which is now closing.

Grille, anyone?

Chris Howard is moving house and has kindly donated this grille to club spares. Good condition without dents or rust but needs a little tweak to straighten the top slat. Contact Bill if you are interested.



Drive-out on Sunday 30 May

Gill writes: How lovely it was to get the old van out on the road again and to see the lovely members from North Wilts. It was a great route with some stunning countryside AND the sun came out again. Hope everyone else who came along enjoyed it too. Bonus Point: cream tea in the newly refurbished cafe at Studley Grange garden centre. Hope to see everyone again very soon.



Marilyn & Peter Hopkins write: It was lovely to meet up with the group after such a long time.



Jenny and Martin Howard write: We really enjoyed the drive. Such a pretty route in lovely countryside.

Thanks to Jenny for the photograph showing that one group had to compare notes on the way!



Coming Events

Sunday 27 June: MMOC Picnic in the Park, Kelmarsh Hall

Saturday 3 July: Wallop Wheels and Wings

Arrangements are now in place and if you are attending you have been sent an email about our arrival time. You should receive your pass and wristband in the post. Don't forget to bring with you the ID you used when registering.

Week commencing 12 July

Trip to the Peak District. We are planning visits to Crich Tramway Museum, The Great British Car Journey, and Ecclesbourne Valley Railway. Contact Bill if you are interested.

Sunday 8 August: 40th Anniversary Celebration Event

This event begins with a drive. We depart at 09:00 from Studley Grange Garden Centre SN4 9QT. This is just south of jct 16 of the M4, Wroughton direction. You will be supplied with a route for the drive to Lacock, where we will gather in The Pound for the day. Judging will take place for Best in Show 2021 (this award was not made last year). Our Golden Spanner and Nigel Gratton awards will be announced. This will be a special day at a wonderful location, and we have designed a 40th anniversary magnetic plaque to mark it.

Rally invitation and entry form will be sent to you separately. This event is free to branch members.
