



NWMMOC NEWSLETTER

September 2020

29 members and 13 Minors attended our gathering on 22 August. Special thanks are due to Pam and Ash Holmes for the risk assessment, notices and marshalling, and to Andy McGuire for arranging use of the private car park at Immanuel United Reformed Church in Swindon, which turned out quite a photogenic setting - Pam took the panoramic photo. The committee have made a donation to church funds in recognition of the convenience of being able to use the space. Although distancing had to be observed it was great to see everyone having a "catch-up".



Susie & Julian Marshall were presented with a farewell card and a gift from members. We will miss them; but a North Wilts "MOT" to the Peak District is mooted for 2021! The photos are stills from Pam's videos, which will be posted on our website.



Diana brought her birthday cake but sadly under Government regulations was not able to hand slices round.



A Swindon postman turned up with a delivery to a nearby building, and kindly agreed to pose for a photograph with Andrew Bracher. The Morris was registered in 1970; the Peugeot in 2013/14, so it has already seen 6 years' service.



Steve Chater acquired a set of van wheels from Julian's garage clear-out.

Virtual Rally 2020 stickers were given to those who took part. Thank you Alex and Pam for devising a hygienic method of doing this. The remainder have been posted.

WEBSITE

Our thanks are due to Julian Marshall for all his work over the years as webmaster. Ash Holmes has kindly agreed to take it on this key role, which at present is our main way of communicating with members. Thank you Ash.



MINOR MESSAGES

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed Branch Bubbles and Minor Messages. Please keep sending these little stories as they are much appreciated, especially by Branch members who are less able to get out in their Minors. Look out for Gill Waters' story of her Post Office van, and Jeff Hide's account of the classics he has owned ... including his latest, a Minor.

COMING EVENTS

October 3 gathering

Our gathering on 22 August has given us confidence to propose another event on Saturday 3 October. We are being allowed to use a classics-friendly farmer's field at Shilton, 20 miles north of Swindon and a few miles south of Burford. Pam and Ash will carry out a risk assessment and they have also arranged for a Portaloo. We plan to arrive 11:30 - 12:00 and leave by 16:00, allowing time for a picnic. Distancing will be observed and numbers will again be limited to 30 people, so please inform [Gill](#) ASAP if you would like to attend, and tell her how many in your party.

AGM: 15 October using Zoom

We now understand that face masks will be required for meetings in Castle Eaton Village Hall. This means that an AGM there would be difficult, so we are planning to conduct it on Zoom instead, with a slideshow for the Chairman's report. Our Zoom meeting for the Virtual Rally attracted 14 screens - approx. 25 people - and we hope that even more members now have access to this technology, which has proved a lifeline for so many clubs and voluntary organisations. More details to follow.

Christmas

The committee have begun to investigate possibilities for a Christmas gathering.