



MINOR MESSAGE No. 11

The Brachers' Morris Minor Experience

Hello, we are Sarah, Andrew, Cameron, Tíree and Iona. We love our time within NWMOC. Classic cars are in my blood, one of my earliest memories is going to car auto jumbles with my Dad and Grandad and looking for parts for my Grandad's Daimler and my Dad's Jaguar Mk2. My Dad, Dave Waters, had his first Morris in the 1980's, this was at this time his daily drive, he used it for his work as a Photographic Journalist. This car was stolen and taken for a joy ride and then crashed so it was written off. My Mum, Gill, then had a 2-door Trafalgar Blue saloon. This was when I really started to love the Moggy.

I got my first car aged 17 and it was a black 2-door I called Howard. He was quite old and rusty but I loved him for the freedom he gave me. A few years later I sold Howard and bought George. George was a white Traveller with a Webasto sun roof. I upgraded his seats to Newton Commercial and this made my daily drive more comfortable. At this point my Mum and I joined NWMOC and went to our first meeting at The Beaufort Arms, Royal Wootton Bassett. We went to many meetings, runs and shows in the following years.



In 1996 we had a new member. His name was Andrew and we'd known him since 1990 when he was an insurance salesman that sold insurance to Mum and Dad. At this time insurance salesmen called on the clients every other week to collect the monies (not many Direct Debits at that time!) so we knew him fairly well. Andrew had a 2-door white Morris Minor in pieces in his garage. By then I was on the committee for the NWMOC and Andrew joined the committee. After a committee meeting one evening we stayed on together for a drink ... this as they say was the start of a beautiful relationship!!



Andrew and I got married on 5th September 1998 and although our wedding car was Dad's Jaguar Mk2 some members of the NWMMOC brought their cars and we had photos with them.

This is Liz and Roger Briance, Nigel and Ann Gratton and the young chap is the son of former member Doug Wood.



This is Dad's van (Myfanwy), our Traveller (George) and Mum's saloon (Moggy). Also in the photo is Cameron aged around 3, he is now on the Committee, and our dog Copper.

Unfortunately, we sold George as he was being unreliable due to no longer being our daily drive. BUT all was not lost as Dad bought a 1971 Morris Minor Post Van he called Myfanwy, so we still kept going to NWMMOC meetings occasionally.

On my Dad's passing December 2015, Mum was in two minds whether to keep Myfanwy the Post Van but decided to, and Andrew does the driving and maintenance of Myfanwy so we can all still go to meetings, runs and shows.

Our children have grown up knowing Moggys and all of the NWMMOC members. We feel we are part of a big family. Thank you NWMMOC.

Sarah Bracher, May 2020