

Branch Bubbles 25 April 2021



Gill Waters writes from Wroughton, Wilts:

Steve Chater drove over from Cirencester on 25th in his van and we parked in front of a recently refurbished telephone box. The parish council have done two of these boxes in the village and they look fantastic. We are hoping that more will be done in time but it does cost a fair bit to do. The villagers feel it has given the area a new look and looks as if the council cares. Sarah has a box outside of her house which is in need of some tlc and she and Andrew would love to have it moved to their garden but I don't know if that is possible. It was so nice for myself, **Steve, Becca** and **Andrew** to get together for a cuppa in my garden after the photoshoot! Thanks to Becca for the photos.

Alison Shailes writes from Fishers, Indiana, USA:

I hope I am not too late sending you these photos we took on Sunday 25th when we took the Minors out of hibernation and drove them around town for the Indiana adopted 'Drive a Classic Car Day' :) in our bubble.

We stopped off at Billericay Park, which gets its name from Billericay, Essex that Fishers is twinned with. We have a red phone box at the park.



Steven Rogers writes from Swindon:

Cowley Classic Car Show Drive It Day 25th April. On a bright and breezy day Harry and Kath, Steve and Shirley in their Travellers met Alex and Sue with their saloon, all cars being Trafalgar Blue. Harry took the lead to Notcutts Garden Centre where on arrival we took the shorter 30 mile route. After refreshments we recommenced on the route with Harry again leading the way. We had a good ride through the Oxfordshire countryside which was enjoyable. We then had our picnic and a look around the many classic cars and the garden centre before making our way home.

Andrew Maguire and Diana Jeremiah write from Royal Wootton Bassett, Wilts: On 25th April we met up with Peter and Liz Watts at Malmesbury Market Cross.

(The Market Cross was built in about 1490 *"for poore market folks to stande dry when rayne cummith"*.)







Peter and Teresa Baddeley write from Painswick, Glos: We discovered that **Avon Branch** of the MMOC was visiting <u>Painswick Rococo</u> <u>Gardens</u> at the end of their day out and they invited us to meet them there. There were 18 Minors in total (all socially distanced)! **Bill** writes from Malmesbury: **Steve Chater** and I decided to take our non-Minors for a change. We met at Kemble airfield which is a recycling site for a growing number of planes, including a fleet of Boeing 747s.

(Photo taken on 18 April as Bill was away on 25th).



Ash and Pam Holmes write from Castle Eaton, Wilts:

On Drive-It-Day we met up with **Martin & Jenny Howard**. The photo was taken quite close to Castle Eaton at Luss Hill where there is a lovely view towards Kempsford and Fairford.



Andy & Gill Devey write from Upper Upham, Wilts: *We met with Jeff and Jackie Hide*

this morning, had a good chat and coffee. The sheep are on our Green, we bought them last year. they are made of clay and quite realistic.

Jeff writes: The sheep are high quality sculptures, solid enough to bear my weight.



That's 8 Branch Bubbles involving 16 of our vehicles. Thanks for sharing your photos and stories!