

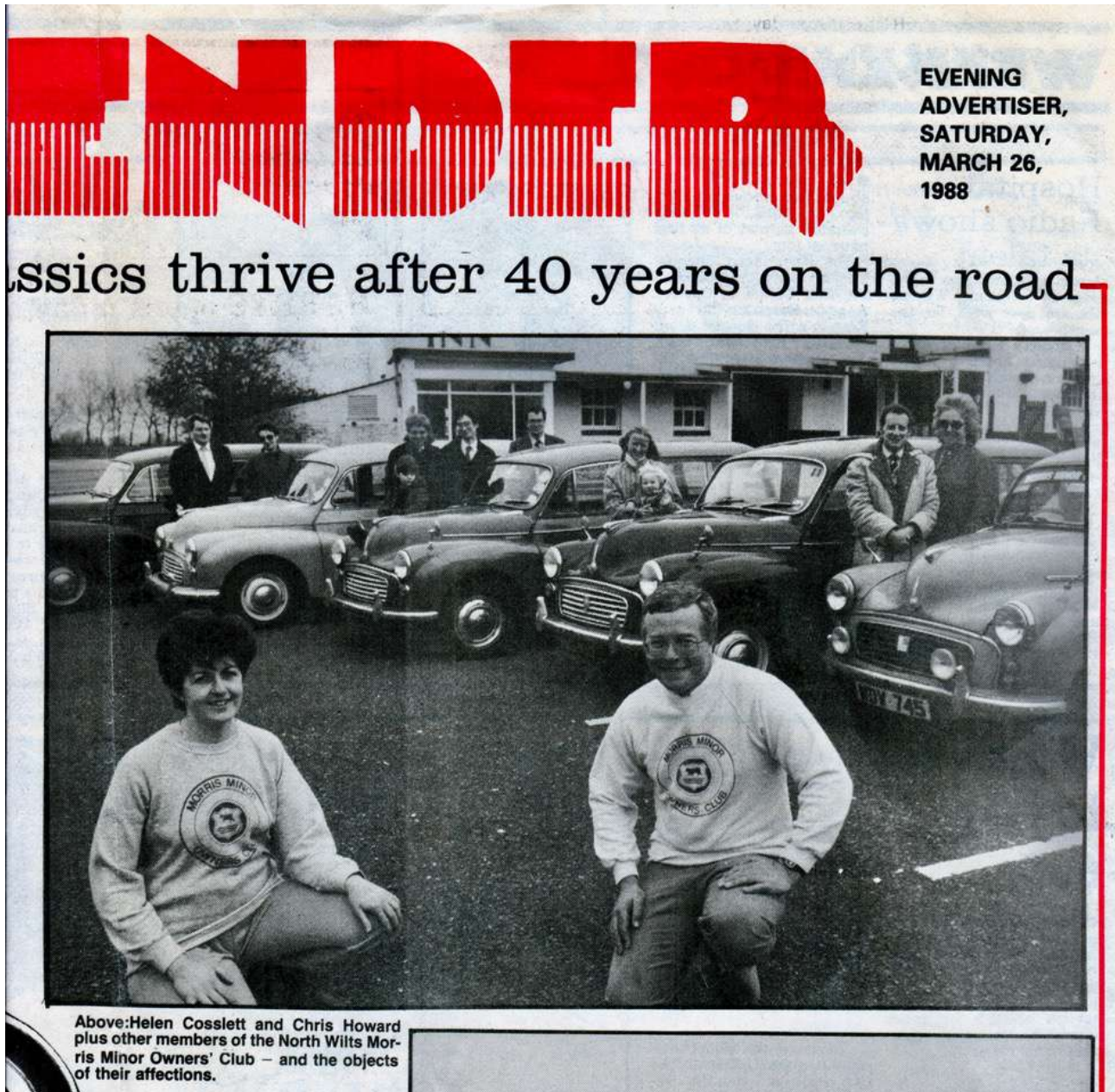


NWMMOC NEWSLETTER

April 2026

Photos from the Archives

Bill Reed



Above: Helen Cosslett and Chris Howard plus other members of the North Wilts Morris Minor Owners' Club – and the objects of their affections.

Photograph from the Evening Advertiser "Weekender" section, 26 March 1988, taken at the Sun Inn. In the foreground, Helen Cosslett and Chris Howard. Top right, Brian and Freda Tinson. In the centre, holding small child: Celia Arnold.

Visit to Coombe Mill: Sunday, 15th May

Photos: Bill Reed, Pam & Ash Holmes.

We gathered at the Hilliers Garden Centre in Lechlade for coffee although some members also indulged in breakfast and Jenny had a bit of retail therapy!



The route to Coombe Mill was enjoyable in the spring sunshine, we drove past verges full of daffodils and other spring flowers with blossom beginning to show on the trees. On arrival we were greeted by the organisers, given our “exhibitors passes” and vouchers for refreshments. We then set off around the mill. This was the first working day of the year. Many thanks to Martin Howard for organising a great day out for members!!



Coventry Transport Museum

Words & Photos: Sarah & Andrew Bracher



Andrew and I had a weekend away in Coventry in February. We had never been to the Coventry Transport museum.

It has every mode of transport from early bikes up to land speed record cars. Of course we did find a lovely Post Office van but there was something for everyone and every era.



We would recommend this museum to anyone if you are in Coventry area at any point.



Breakfast Meet

at Sustain Cafe, Royal Wootton Bassett. Sunday, 29th March.



Bill was first to arrive but before long there was a great display of Morris Minors on show next to our North Wilts Branch flag!





Dependent on which way you looked we could have been at the fairground!

We were a group of 18 North Wilts Branch members enjoying their Minors and breakfast at

Sustain Farm Shop & Cafe!!

Lots of conversation, laughter and planning for future events!



Don't forget to sign-up for Drive-It-Day 26th April 2026

Bill and Alex have been out doing a recce for the North Wilts MMOC Drive-It-Day Drive! These photos were taken on the recce, to give you a flavour of the places you could visit on the route!



The Saxon church at
Alton Barnes.

At Honeystreet Mill
there is a crop circle
exhibition.



And finally a photo of Sticks and Stones cafe which is an option for a bite to eat at lunchtime!



26 April is Drive-It-Day, meet at 10:30am at Studley Grange Garden Centre between Wootton Bassett and Wroughton. (Just off M4 junction 16)

Please inform Bill if you want to go! bill@euclidvillas.co.uk

WheelNuts at St. Roses School, Stroud.

Sunday, 3rd May.

There are still a couple of spaces available, for this show, which has always been very popular with members.

If you would like to take part please contact

pamlynnholmes@icloud.com

to reserve your place.

Members who have booked a place at Wheelnuts and wish to go in convoy should meet up at 9:00am at the gate of Dobbies Garden Centre, Siddington.

Alex, Steve and Bill have been out with their Minors!

Words and photo: Bill Reed

Alex, Steve and I met at Dobbies this morning to update plans for events: Drive It day; Wheelnuts on 3rd May; the South Wales Branch Rally on 10th May and our Branch visit to Derbyshire including the Morris Minor Day at the Great British Car Journey in June.



10th May South Wales Branch Rally,

Several Branch cars and their owners went to the South Wales Branch Rally last year and had an interesting day, viewing the hundreds of different marque cars, having a picnic, walking around the castle walls, being sociable and even enjoying an ice cream!

This year you need to register for the Rally beforehand:

www.swmmoc.co.uk.

There is no charge to register or enter the show in your classic car.

Once you have registered, please inform Bill!

bill@euclidvillas.co.uk

Meet Bill at Leigh Delamere Services at 9am in order to drive to the rally as a group.

Update from your Branch Committee

Words: Pam Holmes

Your committee will be meeting again on Thursday, 30th April to support Martin Howard in making the necessary arrangements for our Branch Rally on 1st August. Rally plaques and trophies will soon be ordered, also volunteers will be needed to help on the day!

The committee will be ensuring that publicity and planning has been done for all our other summer events: including the visit to Middlewick House Open Gardens; the Hampshire Branch Rally at Wilton House near Salisbury; the stand at Fairford Steam Rally, Shallbourne Show, Oakridge and Brinkworth Village Shows to name but a few!

A Treasure Hunt is being planned for 22nd November but we need to make plans for the AGM on 18th October and for a "December event".

If you have suggestions for events, places to visit or things to do as a Branch, then please let me know and I will share at the meeting of your committee. Suggestions for the December meeting would be very much appreciated but please raise with me any matters that are of concern or interest to you.

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Final note of thanks for your contributions to this newsletter to:

Sarah & Andrew Bracher
Bill Reed
Ashley Alexander
Steve Chater
Ash Holmes