



NWMMOC NEWSLETTER

August 2025

Penny goes to the Prom

Words and photos: Clive Frost

After a few months of trying to resolve a misfire on Penny, our 1962 Traveller, I managed to fix the problem just in time to take Charlie to the school prom. Having replaced most of the ignition system, stripped and cleaned the carburettor, I decided to replace the distributor and the fault was fixed.



Charlie finished his GCSEs at Lydiard Park Academy last month and the school prom was on the 4th July at Blunsdon House hotel. We took Penny for a test drive that morning and all was good; I'll just need to tweak the idle speed and mixture, but she's running well.

Off we set to Blunsdon and hit a queue at the roundabout by the A419 and it was crawling speed from then on. I was worried that Penny might overheat but she did well with no hint of a misfire. People arrive at the proms in sports or luxury cars; there were Lamborghinis, Porsches etc, but I think Penny caught the eye of many.

Charlie is now aiming to become a Light Vehicle Technician and has applied for an apprenticeship at Dick Lovett BMW and has also enrolled on a course at Swindon college.

Minors On Tour - UK

Words: Kath Ridley. Photos: Pam Holmes

On the 5th July it was a long drive to "Waxham Sands, near Horsley in Norfolk for our yearly M.O.T -UK tour. It was a good site and our chalet was very nice.



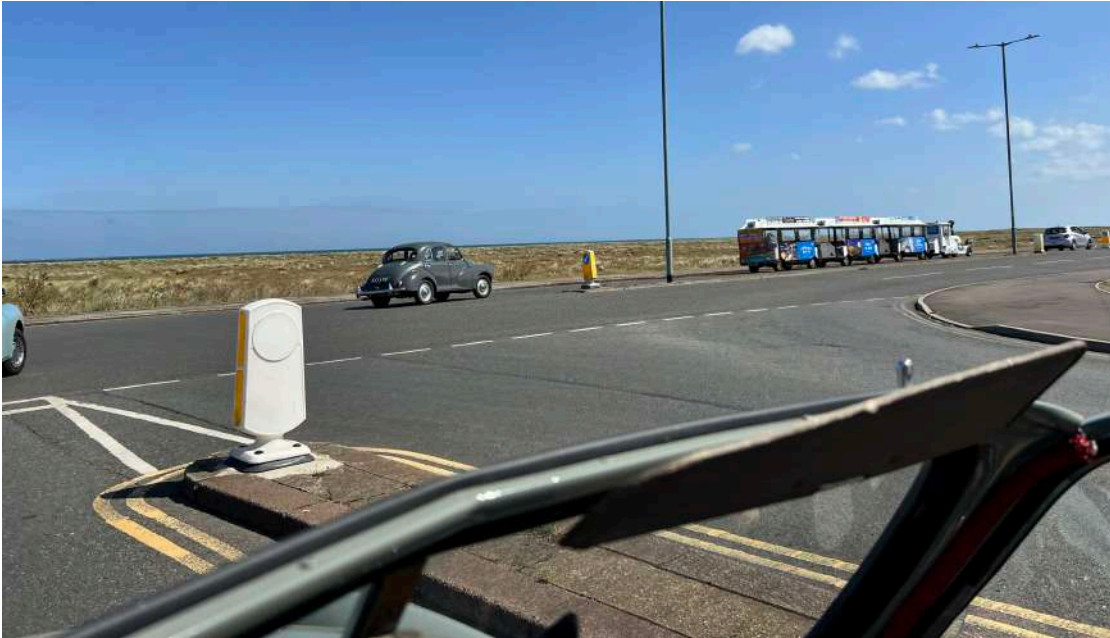
The beach at Waxxham Sands just over the dunes from the campsite. Several of members saw seals in the sea and basking on the beach.

We had a full schedule of trips planned for the week. Our first trip on Monday was to Caister Castle where there is a vintage cars/bikes museum, there was also memorabilia items. It was a good day out, enjoyed by all.



On the Tuesday some of our members went on a drive organised by the local Morris Minor Branch; that included a tour along the Great Yarmouth sea front and afternoon tea alongside a Broad.

Moggies on Great Yarmouth sea front.



A stop for tea on the Drive!



We drove to Cromer where we met up with Harry's brother and his wife, we had a lovely walk around Cromer, then headed to Holt for a visit and finished the day with a lovely meal at a nice hotel in Aylmerton.



Pam and Ash visited the RAF Air Defence Radar Museum.

On the Wednesday it was a free day for us, and we had a nice drive to Snettisham, to have time with my older brother and his wife, which was lovely. We then headed back to Waxham Sands.

On the Thursday we drove through to Sheringham Steam Railway, we then went through to Wells-next-the-sea, we both really liked it there, it had a lot of maritime history.

On the Friday, our last full day, some of our Branch members drove through to Blickling Hall, others just relaxed as the forecast was a very hot day.

As I have family living in East Anglia, we had arranged to meet up for lunch in Dereham, which is a quaint, nice little hamlet. There was ten of us and it was lovely to see us all getting on and having a lovely time, and have some lovely memories to come away with.

The M.O.T.-UK week away in Norfolk was great and we went to some lovely places.

Thanks to Dennis and Sharon Saupe for all the work they did to organise this trip.

Next year, MOT-UK is likely to be in Somerset, so a convenient one for North Wilts Branch members to attend! Give it some thought!!!!

25 Years Membership of the M.M.O.C.

Congratulations to Bill Reed for having been a member of the Morris Minor Owners Club for over 25 years. Photo taken at the South Cerney Show.



Visit to the Classic Motor Hub.

Photos and words: Bill Reed.



Steve and I had a run out for coffee at the Classic Motor Hub near Bibury. On display for sale was the 1905 Isotta Fraschini racing car. It develops 3,000 lb/ft of torque and has chain transmission. The driver sits behind the rear wheels, over four metres behind the front wheels.



The “Sustain” fuel pump in the courtyard is part of a new venture in developing green fuel for classic vehicles including racers. Not operational yet but definitely something to watch.

Summer fete at White Lodge Care Home: Saturday, 5th July.

Words: Pam Holmes. Photos: Pam & Ash Holmes, Bill Reed.

An interesting selection of cars arrived at the White Lodge Care Home on the afternoon of Saturday, 5th July for their 1950's event.

There was music, dancing and refreshments all with a 1950's theme plus a tombola and activities for the visiting children.



Steve Chater displayed his pristine green prison service van, which raised interest from residents and visitors.



Bill Reed and his grandson Nicolas, arrived in Bill's Triumph.



Ash Holmes took his Bristol 401, which was parked next to a very smart and equally bright Ford Capri!

Throughout the afternoon there was a steady flow of residents, staff and visitors wandering around the classic cars, admiring them and then talking about their memories of seeing these cars in their childhood or of having driven them. It felt like a very successful and worthwhile afternoon.



40th Anniversary Album

Words: Bill Reed.

For those who like to keep their records up to date, here is an update of the "BEST IN SHOW" winners on page 27 of the NWMMOC 40th Anniversary Album. (copies still available to purchase!)

2022 - REME - tied between Pam Holmes - Convertible - EAS 954 and Keith Boffin - 2-door saloon - NDB 794G

2023 - Swindon & Cricklade Railway - Peter & Teresa Baddeley - Traveller - HMF 889K

2024 - Lechlade - Ash Holmes - Convertible - EAS 954

2025 - Lambourn - George Kitching - Pickup - 104 XWA

Oakridge Show - Saturday, 6th September 2025

It's On! And importantly Branch members had a really good time at this show last year!! Send in your application now!

This traditional Village Show is held at the Pleasure Field, next to the Oakridge Village Hall (GL6 7NZ), just south of Bisley and halfway between Cirencester (to the East) and Stroud (to the West). This year's family Show plans to include the usual stalls, sideshows, raffle, morning coffee, hot and cold food, bar, teas and cakes, music and dancing entertainment. Do take a look inside the Village Hall at the large display of craftwork, fruit, vegetables and flowers entered in friendly competition by local residents. Toilets are available within the Hall's foyer.

We aim to present a varied display of interesting pre-war and classic cars and motor cycles. We know our participants enjoy meeting friends, looking round the Show, and the welcoming atmosphere.

THIS IS A PERSONAL INVITATION TO YOU TO ENTER YOUR VEHICLE!

There is no entry fee. But PLEASE spend a little money around the Show. All proceeds go to local charities and good causes. Buy your lunch at the Show, or bring a picnic if you prefer.

PLEASE ARRIVE BY 12 noon at the latest. The Show will open at that time and we ask you to leave your vehicle on display until 4.00 p.m. at least. Please keep your speed to 5m.p.h. maximum on the Show Ground.

PLEASE PARTICIPATE - WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

Complete the form below and post or email it to me no later than Wednesday, 27th August. Please note my new email. Contact me if you need more details.

If the Show Organisers decide that the Show must be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, I will contact you as soon as practicable, to inform you of their decision.

Form below and on Branch website.



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Entry Form for Oakridge Show on 6th September, 2025

Name:

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Address:

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Tel. No.:

Email:

Make, model and year of vehicle:

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I confirm my vehicle is in roadworthy condition and is covered by relevant insurance. I understand that I attend the Show entirely at my own risk.

Please send to:

Michael Scott,

St. Francis, Oakridge Lynch, Stroud, Gloucs., GL6 7NZ

Tel: 01285 760315

lyda.j.1973@outlook.com

Date for your diary!

North Wiltshire Branch of the MMOC will be holding our AGM on 19th October in Castle Eaton Village Hall. There will be a short formal meeting, social time, lunch and more!

Requests for Help!!!!

Please would a member of the Branch volunteer, to write a short report for the 'Branch News' in Minor Matters.

If you are a member of the MMOC, National Club, you will receive Minor Matters magazine and be aware that like many other Branches, North Wiltshire contributes a short report about our events and activities to the Branch News section of the magazine.

I do feel this is a task that should be shared amongst members of the Branch. It is not an arduous task, a maximum of 200 words describing recent and planned activities. A photo can also be added, either one you have taken or I can supply one of an appropriate event.

If you are willing to help out with this, please phone or email me: Pam Holmes pamlynnholmes@icloud.com. 01285 810524.

North Wilts Branch, MMOC Area 4 and other events.

Please refer to the North Wilts Branch website.

<http://www.northwiltsmmoc.co.uk/styled-18/index.html>

Thanks & final notes

From: Pam Holmes

Many thanks to those who have contributed to this Branch Newsletter and apologies from myself for the delay in circulating this Branch Newsletter!

The next Branch Newsletter will be the "October" edition and will be available on the website from the 30th September 2025.

Please send me photos and short reports as soon as possible.