



# NWMMOC NEWSLETTER

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## **Branch Committee update.**

Words: Pam Holmes

Your new committee met for the first time on 20th November and had positive discussions. It was confirmed that:

- \* the balance in the Branch Bank Account is £2507.33.
- \* a £50 donation will be paid to the Wiltshire & Bath Air Ambulance following the visit to the Witney Heritage Company.
- \* a new fillable Subscription form has been created. Subscriptions should be paid to Branch Bank Account. Database will be updated by Ash Holmes.
- \* Visitors fees need to be collected at every Branch Meeting: honesty box and notice to be prominently displayed for non-members to pay.

\*The committee discussed the creation of a "Steve Rogers Award" in memory of a well-respected member. It was agreed that trophy will be created and awarded annually at the AGM to a non-committee member who has made a significant contribution to the branch programme. Nomination process to be confirmed by the Committee.

\*The Programme for 2026 was discussed. It was agreed that a draft for the year should be discussed with members at the February Branch meeting. A draft 'calendar style programme' was produced with at least one Branch event every month. It is hoped that these events will be well-attended by members. Additional relevant events will be publicised on our website.

\*Middlewick House charity Open Gardens event was discussed. There is a new booking arrangement for 2026 it was agreed that we should seek to enable Branch members to attend/park as a group in the display car parking.

\*The Branch Rally planning is being led by Martin Howard. In 2026 our rally will be at the Gloucester Vintage & Country Extravaganza on Saturday, 1st August 2026.

- \* Planning for the Christmas picnic in Castle Eaton Village Hall was finalised.
- \* Arrangements for the January meal on 18th January were confirmed.

# A Wake to Celebrate our Branch Member Steve Rogers

Words: Pam Holmes

Photos: Ash Holmes



On Wednesday, 10th December representatives of the North Wiltshire Branch of the MMOC gathered at The Crown, Broad Hinton to remember Steve Rogers, a long-standing member of the Branch.



Steve Chater presented the obituary, included in our November Newsletter, and offered a toast. Pam Holmes explained the introduction of the "Steve Rogers Memorial Trophy" to be presented annually to the non-committee member who has made a significant contribution to the Branch programme. Thanks to Ashley & Sue Alexander, Harry & Kath Ridley for making the arrangements for this event.





## Christmas Picnic on Sunday, 14th December 2025

Words: Pam Holmes    Photos: Bill Reed.



Morris Minors in the car park at Castle Eaton Village Hall for our Xmas picnic.

I hasten to say that we were very cosy in the village hall, decorated with fairy lights and Christmas trees! If anyone was feeling chilly from the journey then there was a warming glass of mulled wine, tea or coffee. The level of conversation and laughter also suggested there was a warm welcome from everyone for their fellow branch members.



Paul's RC model of a Morris Minor created conversation!

After lots of chat and our picnic lunches, the Quiz began! The Quiz was in four parts, "Feely Bags", music from the 1970's, Wiltshire questions and general knowledge! All proved to be equally challenging but there was plenty of hilarity, perhaps some learning and definitely some challenging of at least one of the three question masters! Thanks to Steve Chater, Clive Frost and Ash Holmes for the entertainment!



Many thanks to Kath for a delicious Christmas cake: a sweet end to the afternoon!





## **North Wilts. MMOC Branch January Meal at the Freke Arms, Sunday, 18th January 2026.**

This event is being organised by Steve Chater and Gill Waters, information has been circulated, if you have not yet signed-up but wish to do so, then contact Gill as a matter of urgency!

## **North Wilts. MMOC Branch Event for February**

On Sunday, 22nd February in Castle Eaton Village Hall there will be our February Branch Event. Planning is still in progress but there will be games and an opportunity to contribute to planning our programme for the year ahead amongst other things!

**Finally from all of the North Wilts Branch Committee members may I wish everyone a very happy, healthy and successful year in 2026! Happy Morris Minor!**

Steve Chater, Deputy Chairperson  
Clive Frost, Treasurer  
Anna Gale, Secretary  
Ash Holmes  
Peter Watts  
Martin Howard

Pam Holmes, Chairperson.