



NWMMOC NEWSLETTER

October 2026

Photos from the Archives

Bill Reed



NWMMOC Rally at Wroughton Science Museum, 1986

Were any of our present members in attendance at this event?
If so then please let me know!

A date for your diary!

Sunday, 13th December 12.00-3.45pm

Castle Eaton Village Hall.

December social event to include food and perhaps a quiz or games.....please let me know what you would like to happen.
Shall we do a collection for the Swindon Food Bank?

Oakridge Car Show: 5th September.

Words and photo: Steve Chater



This was the 80th Anniversary of the Oakridge Village Fete and Car Show, the first one was held in 1946.

Having been several times now, we find it a typical village fete with a lovely relaxed feel.

Sadly there were only four Morris Minors in attendance, three pictured here and a white convertible was outside the field, near the entrance. There was a wide selection of other vehicles from pre 1920 up to 2003.

There was live music, Morris dancing, a dog show, skittles, competitions for gardening, garden produce, arts and crafts, cakes and biscuits. Of course, there were numerous stalls, tea, coffee and locally brewed beer. On top of all this the weather was very pleasant, and we even had a flypast by a Spitfire.

A good time was had by all.

A Minor in Crete.....

Bill and Sharon sent a photo, explaining that,

“on all our holidays on Greek islands we've never ever seen a Morris Minor - until now.

Sharon spotted this in a builder's yard near the village of Vamos.

Unfortunately it was Sunday so everything was closed up - no-one to ask about it, even if they spoke English.

The sign-writing translates as “Pantelakis Building Material”



Branch AGM. Sunday, 18th October 12noon.

Food, friends & speaker from Wiltshire Air Ambulance

Castle Eaton Village Hall.

Our Annual General Meeting is an important annual event! It is an opportunity for you to support the Branch, particularly those members who make-up the committee and those who volunteer to organise events for us all.

You may not wish to stand as a committee member but you can support those members who make-up the Committee, by attending, giving feedback on the year passed, sharing your ideas for the year ahead and voting!

You may be interested in joining the Committee, if so then please contact me to register your interest.

Our speaker after the AGM and lunch, will be from the Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance and will provide an interesting insight into their work.

A light buffet lunch of sandwiches, quiches, cheeses and other savouries, then a selection of desserts will be provided therefore Pam needs to know the numbers of people attending to ensure sufficient food and avoid wastage!

Please email Pam Holmes by 5th October, to confirm your attendance and advise of any dietary requirements including: pescatarian, vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free etc. Also any allergies to ensure these are respected.

pamlynnholmes@icloud.com

Volunteers to serve teas, coffees & cold drinks, also to clear away after lunch would be appreciated.

Programme for afternoon of Sunday, 18th October:

12.00 Arrivals. Tea, coffee and juices will be available.

12.30 Annual General Meeting with presentation of trophies.

Buffet Lunch

2.15 Presentation by Wiltshire & Bath Air Ambulance.

3.45. Clearing the village hall.

Request for Advice and Guidance!

Paul Kimmens is asking a favour.

“My friend is restoring his moggie and needs to replace the A post on the drivers door.

If any members have done this, are they able to offer any advice?

Thanks. Paul

Note from Pam: please contact Paul directly or if you don't have his details then email me: pamlynnholmes@icloud.com

I do hope someone can help!!!

Reminders!!

Notes from Pam Holmes

* please remember to respond to your invitation to the Branch AGM on Sunday, 18th October. Castle Eaton Village Hall 12.00 for 12.30pm. Replies to pamlynnholmes@icloud.com

* this Branch Newsletter is reliant on photos, reports and articles written by Branch members about their activities with their Morris Minor or other classic car.....please consider how you could contribute: where has your Morris been recently? Send me a photo! What work are you doing on your Morris or other classic? Send me a photo and short report!

* please consider how you might contribute to the Branch programme, events, Newsletter or even by joining the committee. Give me a call or email if you wish to talk it through! 01285 810524 pamlynnholmes@icloud.com

We took our "other classic car" to Ireland!

Pam & Ash Holmes

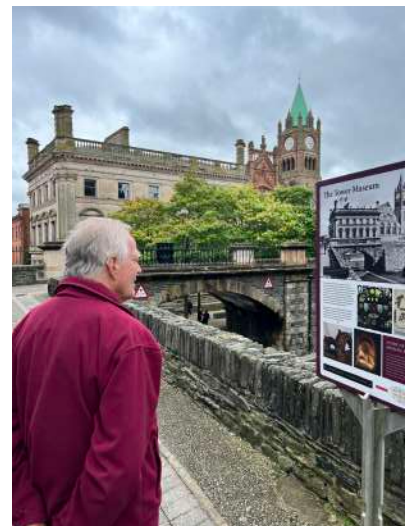
Our red Bristol 401, was one of seven Bristols touring the north



west of Ireland between 24th -30th September. We took the ferry to Dublin and then drove to Belmullet for two nights. The peat bogs were extensive and the sea views incredible. Our next stop was Bundoran where huge waves were perfect for the Irish International Surf Competition.



Finally we drove to Derry and walked the city walls.



Thanks for your contributions to this newsletter to:

Steve Chater, Paul Kimmens and Bill Reed.