



NWMMOC NEWSLETTER

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Cherished Vehicle and Family Fun Day Sunday 2 June

Words: Bill Reed Photos: Kathleen Ridley and Bill



A dazzlingly bright day, and a field of about 200 classics including many very rare models. Catering, live music, craft stalls and children's activities made it a real family day out. This was the twelfth time Chippenham Lions have run this well-organised event and as it's right in the middle of our North Wilts area it's one to put in your diary for next year - Sunday 1 June 2025!



Car of the Show was this wonderful 1953 "Razoredge" Triumph Renown but Bill, Steve and Alex were in favour of the 1947 Morris 8.





3rd Annual Swindon Festival on the Parks Saturday 8 June

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This is a community event with a warm family feel created by the volunteers and charities supporting Goddard Park School, the Parks area of Swindon and Swindon Night Shelter. It was run for the third year by our Branch member Mike Welsh, with stalls for children's activities and crafts. Two of Mike and Veronicah's children, Lily and George, play in Swindon's Brunel Brass Band, which entertained us.

Nine of our cars were given pride of place, with prizes awarded to Steve Chater for his Prison Van and Alex Alexander for his 4-door saloon - see photo below taken at the end of the event by Charlie Frost.



Middlewick House Open Garden, Sunday 9 June

Words and photos: Bill Reed



Pink Floyd drummer Nick Mason and his wife Annette open their gardens at Middlewick House to the public each year to raise funds for Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust. This year eight of our Minors joined hundreds of classics and supercars in the estate grounds. It was an opportunity to see some of the fantastic vehicles in Mason's collection, many of them raced by him. The photo below shows three Aston Martins from the 1930's.



Visit to Origins Classics Thursday 20 June

Organised by Alex and Bill

A splendid midsummer morning saw us driving out at the invitation of Cameron Brownlee of Origins Classics. A fascinating tour of his premises was followed by a spectacular run through the prehistoric site of Avebury and over the Wiltshire Downs to the Sticks & Stones Cafe at Woodborough. Many thanks to Cameron, and to Garp at Sticks & Stones, for their welcome and their classics-friendly arrangements.



Cameron Brownlee discussing the 100-year-old Austin Seven



North Wilts Branch Minors at
Origins Classics

The Woodborough car park
attendant had evidently been
waiting for us for some time.





Parked beside the thatched barn at Woodborough



Steve's Traveller in some interesting company



Greetings! (photo by Becca Bracher)

NORTH WILTS BRANCH EVENTS contact [Gill](#)

Sunday 28 July: Croquet, Swindon

Saturday 3 Aug: Vintage Extravaganza South Cerney (branch entries now closed)

Sunday 8 September: Treasure Hunt

Sunday 13 October: AGM 12:00 at Castle Eaton Village Hall

Sunday 17 November: Drive and pub lunch

Sunday 15 December: Christmas Indoor Picnic & collection for Food Bank hamper

MMOC AREA 4 EVENTS contact mmocareafour@gmail.com

10 - 11 August: Weekend at The Boar's Head, Aust. Camping available.

21-22 September: Camping weekend near Frome

OTHER EVENTS (click on the links for info)

First Wednesdays, 7pm: [Swindon Classic Car Club](#) Sun Inn, Lydiard Millicent

13-14 July: [RONA Steam and Vintage Rally](#), near Chippenham

Saturday 20 July: [Market Lavington Vintage Meet](#)

17-18 August: [Fairford Steam Show](#)

Saturday 24 August: [Shrivenham Summer Fete](#)

Sunday 25 August: [Shalbourne Classic Car Show](#)

Sun 25-Mon 26 Aug: [The White Horse Show](#), Uffington.

Monday 26 August: [Cowley Classic Car Show](#)

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NEWSLETTER NEWS

**From August, Pam Holmes has kindly offered to
take over the Newsletter.**

**Please send your contributions to her at:
pamlynnholmes@icloud.com**

**Kathleen Ridley has been
taking a different form
of transport.
She writes:**

*Here's a photo taken from my
Gliding Experience. I did it at The
Vale of White Horse Gliding
Centre, near to Shrivenham, on
May the 19th. The flight was for
about 30 minutes over Wiltshire /
Oxford. I would definitely do it
again and the weather was
fantastic.*

