



NWMMOC NEWSLETTER

September 2026

Photos from the Archives

Bill Reed

At 10:30 am on Saturday, 5 September 2010 Branch members met in the Football Club car park beside the Magic Roundabout, Swindon, for a group photograph, taken by Dave Waters.

It was a very wet morning. The rally plaque on my Traveller was for the Five Capitals run which took place that July.

I have not been able to identify everyone - maybe Branch members can help?



Left to right:

Denis and Iris Parsons. Denis used to be Branch Treasurer: Brenda Rouse

The next couple in black and lilac jackets moved to Cambridge.

Liz Briance: Peter Watts and Liz Watts: Ashley Alexander:

? A member of Bob Bulson's family:

Bill Reed: Roger Briance. I think he was Branch Chair at the time.

Gill Waters, Branch Secretary: Steve Chater

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? Bob Bulson's daughter

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Bob Bulson

If you can identify people identified with a "?" then please let me know.

Branch Rally at the Steam Extravaganza

Saturday, 1st August.

Words: Steve Chater Photos: Clive Frost

On Saturday, 1st August we held our annual North Wiltshire Branch Rally at the Gloucestershire Vintage and Country Extravaganza, which takes place at the 29th Regiment airfield, South Cerney.



Twenty two cars attended, all Morris Minors except Andrew's VW Caravelle. Our pitch was next to the Gloucestershire Branch who had approximately 27 cars, so together we presented an impressive display of our beloved Morris's.

All the attendees I spoke with thought that this was an ideal venue for our rally because of the vast amount of interesting things to see in addition to the Minors Minors.



The weather was as predicted, warm and dry. Fortunately with the kind co-operation of Peggy Sue, one of the show's organisers, we were able to use an adjoining pitch to erect both our gazebos, which ensured shelter from the sun.



The presentations for the Best in Class and Best in Show went smoothly, except when I was not listening properly and did not realise that I had won a trophy!





The winners for Best in Class were:

Saloon 2 Door	KPF872	Steve Chater
Saloon 4 Door	MSK556	Bruce Ephgrave
Convertible	VDR340	David Rolfe
Traveller	TPE175F	Alistair Parker
LCV	104XWA	George Kitching
Open	L651TNV	Andrew Bracher

The Best Branch Car was voted to be:

LCV	104XWA	George Kitching
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The raffle raised £103 for the Wiltshire Air Ambulance, additional monies were also collected in the Air Ambulance donation “bucket”.

Thanks to Martin Howard who managed applications and liaised with the Show Organisers to arrange this popular show venue and facilities for our Branch Rally.

Thanks to committee member colleagues for their contributions and to everyone who made it such a success: organising the raffle, erecting and dismantling the gazebos, obtaining trophies and plaques and taking photos of the event.

Branch Rally 2027.....

Where, when and what.....

Where would you like to hold our Branch Rally next year?

When would be a good time of year/month?

What would you like to see happening at the Rally?

What would you like to have been done differently this year?

It would be really good to have responses from all our members..... replies to pamlynnholmes@icloud.com or please talk with me.

Croquet: Wednesday, 19th August.

Photos: Bill Reed



Thanks to Moredon Hub Croquet Club and to Ashley Alexander who arranged this wonderful afternoon of croquet, socialising, tea and cake! Fifteen members and families took part and had a great afternoon.



Ashley Alexander is responding to the enthusiasm of those who took part in this afternoon of croquet and trying to arrange a follow-up session. If you are interested then please contact Ashley Alexander directly or email me: pamlynnholmes@icloud.com

Motors at the Manor Thursday, 27th Aug.

Words: Pam Holmes. Photos: Bill Reed



This was the first occasion on which Ash and I had been able to attend this event which took place on the last Thursday of each month from April to September.

Hopefully it will continue next summer, definitely worth making the effort to attend. A sociable event with a wide range of car marques.



Shrivenham Fete, Saturday, 29th August

Words & Photos: Pam Holmes

The weather forecast predicted the long awaited rain, needed desperately by gardens and farmers but bad timing from our point of view!

We experienced heavy rain, dry spells, thunder, lightning and a bit of sunshine!



Cakes in the village hall were delicious, there was a good range of stalls selling honey, cakes, cooking oils and dressings, hand carved wood items, perfumery, jewellery, clothing and bags. Several wagons and tents were selling burgers, crepes, snacks and drinks. Bands played in the arena. A dog obedience display gathered a large crowd of admirers and much hilarity! Sadly some events were cancelled due to rain and it being slippery underfoot in the arena!



Shallbourne Classic Car Show: 30th August.

Words: Pam Holmes Photos: Bill Reed and Ash Holmes

Bill Reed with Nicholas, Ashley Alexander, Ashley and Pam Holmes met at Three Trees Farm Shop at 9am.



We then drove to Shallbourne and parked-up for the show with a vast array of classic cars of different marques.

The bacon butties were delicious, there was music, stalls selling wine and foodstuffs, wood carvings, car fire extinguishers, toys and other “bits and pieces”.

A bar operated from the cricket pavilion and there were burgers for lunch!





It was good to catch-up with one of our ex-members who now drives a Rover.

Below: the end of the day. Nicholas lowers the flag under the watchful eye of Ashley.



Branch AGM.

Food, Friends & Speaker from Wiltshire Air Ambulance

Sunday, 18th October. 12.00pm. Castle Eaton Village Hall.

Words: Pam Holmes

Our Branch Rally is a key event each year at which we enjoy showing our cars and socialising. This year was no exception and everyone spoke positively about the event.

Equally important is our Annual General Meeting.

You may not wish to stand as a committee member but you can support the Branch and 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 we need to know the numbers of people attending to ensure sufficient food and avoid wastage!

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

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Programme:

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.

The Sun Inn, Swindon Classic Car Club meet: North Wilts MMOC members invited.

Words & Photos: Bill Reed

The monthly Swindon Classic Car Club event has become very popular and the pub has now kindly mown part of the field behind the car park to make more space for the cars.

NW Branch members attending on 5th August were Paul Kimmens, Richard Reade, Bruce Ephgrave, Andrew Bracher, Alex and myself.

The photo shows Bob Taylor of the SCCC welcoming Alex.

The next meet will be from 6:30pm on Wednesday 2 September at the Sun Inn, Lydiard Millicent, SN5 3LU.



A personal invitation to display your vehicle Oakridge Show: Saturday, 5th September.

This traditional Village Show is held at the Pleasure Field, next to the Oakridge Village Hall (GL6 7NZ), between Cirencester and Stroud. This year is the 80th anniversary of the original Oakridge Flower Show and will include stalls, sideshows, hot food, bar and beverages, music and dancing entertainment. Inside the hall there will be a display of craftwork, fruit, vegetables and flowers entered in the friendly competition by local residents. Toilets in hall foyer.

As in previous years, there should be a growing and attractive display of pre-war and classic cars, motorcycles and possibly some tractors and commercial vehicles.

Entry is free. Arrival by noon at the latest, with the expectation that vehicles are displayed until 4pm.

Entry forms are on the North Wilts Branch website or available from Pam Holmes. 01285 810524. Please let me know if you plan to attend. pamlynnholmes@icloud.com.

Brinkworth Show: Sunday, 6th September.

Please let me know if you plan to attend this show, then we can reserve a space sufficiently large for the North Wilts cars to be parked in a group.

It would be good to support this local village show.

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

Steve Chater, Clive Frost, Bill Reed, Ash Holmes. And to all members of the North Wilts MMOC Committee who were involved in organising many of the events members attended this summer.