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We have put on eight outdoor classic car displays this year and as far as I can remember all of them had good weather so here's hoping that the final one next Sunday (21<sup>st</sup> Oct) finishes off the year with the same. This is at the lovely local Aston Manor Transport Museum in Shenstone Drive, Aldridge, WS9 8TP.

So far, weather permitting, I have seven confirmed classic cars booked in with a possible four more. This will be the museums last bus running day for 2018 and the timetable can be found on the Facebook page or their website [www.amrtm.org/#events](http://www.amrtm.org/#events)

Drop me an e-mail please if you require any further details.

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I'm still receiving nice complimentary e-mails following the 'Tony Matthews Classic Tour' which made the event well worth all the hard work beforehand.

Here are just a few of the comments.....

*"Had a great day!"*

*"We really enjoyed the day"*

*"Can't wait for next years"*

*"Thanks for the photos - brings back memories of a great day out!"*

*"Thanks again for organising it and good luck with planning next year's event"*

*"It was a great tour thanks to your hard work along with Bob and Roger, not forgetting Elaine and Diane"*

*"This is my 2nd Tony Matthews Classic tour, I'm looking forward to the next one already"*

*"Brilliant organisation and you even arranged some nice weather too!"*

This was my fourth OMC tour and third since I changed the name to honour our late hard-working Chairman Tony Matthews. As you might have already heard I have decided to step down from the organisational side of this event and hand it over to my fellow organiser Roger Tristram. I've always liked our format of a small club morning tour and then ending at a place of interest for the remainder of the afternoon. However, I don't think this format fits in with the HRCR series plus with other things I'm going to struggle to find the time to put together a larger and more involved event next year, so I wish Roger every success as he takes this annual tour to the next level.

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The Owen stand at the 'Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show with Discovery' which is held on the 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> of November at the NEC is almost finalised with the following vehicles now booked in.....

Pete Hubball	Ford Escort RS
Trevor Sherrington	Hillman Minx
Simon Whittick	MGB GT
Paul Kendrick	Ford Escort Mk1
Paul Moran	Mini Pick-up
Peter Shinton	Mini Cooper S (reserve)
Martin Parkes	Hillman Imp (reserve)



We will be situated in Hall 8 on stand number 250.

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Following another successful Owen MC AGBO Stage Rally at Weston Park, which was the week after our classic run, this photo and caption appeared on long time Owen member Ruth Langford's FB page. I just had to share it with you as I thought it was so very funny.

The photo is of her daughter Phoebe (who is our youngest Marshal) and the grey-haired chap is Phoebe's Grandad, Paul.

Paul is a hard-working member of Owen's Marshalling team and he loves to chat!!!



The death of Barrie 'Whizzo' Williams on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September has robbed motorsport of a great character who became one of Britain's premier touring car drivers before turning his hands to historic racing. He was just weeks shy of his 80th birthday. Barrie died after a short illness and a fall at the age of 79. For well over 50 years he raced anything, anywhere with his uncanny ability to extract the maximum pace from even the most underpowered race cars. Barrie's first race was at Rufforth in North Yorkshire on Easter Sunday, 1960 in a 1,000cc Morris Minor but it was unpaid and in the early years of that decade he worked as a lorry driver to pay for his racing. His most famous win was at the 1964 International Welsh Rally in a Cooper S and this brought him to the attention of the motoring press; A journalist from a motorsport magazine asked, "Who is this Welsh Whizz-Kid?" Barrie's hometown was Bromyard, Herefordshire (not Wales) but he was happy to take on the nickname, which quickly morphed into Whizzo. He had a spell in single seaters with a two-year stint in Formula Three which ended when his team mate and friend Chris Lambert was killed in a Formula Two race at Zandvoort in 1968. Whizzo decided he was better suited to other forms of racing such as Production Saloons, BTCC, and stints competing in the World Sportscars Series and World Endurance Championship. He also did two wheels as well as four, racing, rallies or hill climbs. When the Goodwood Revival was founded this gave Whizzo a new lease of life in historic racing and the rest is history. It was ironic that news of his death reached Goodwood during this year's Revival.



Barrie was a regular at various car shows and would always stop and have a chat to us on the Owen stand at the NEC whenever he was passing, in fact he always had time for anyone who wanted to talk to him. He was a guest speaker at two Nottingham Sports Car Club awards dinners that I've attended providing guests with a humorous insight into his racing exploits.

RIP Whizzo

## 2018 Local Classic Car Events

### OCTOBER

21<sup>st</sup> Aldridge Transport Museum

9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> NEC Lancaster

Insurance Classic Motor Show with  
Discovery

### NOVEMBER

3<sup>rd</sup> Autumn Leaves Tour (HRCR)

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