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Well another milestone reached, my 50<sup>th</sup> newsletter, where did that time go!

The Saturday show at the HRCR Open Day at Gaydon was an enjoyable start to the classic season with plenty of interest being shown in our Tony Matthews Classic Tour and next month's AGBO Rally at Weston Park.



We also had on display our two



new club roller banners which were designed by Anton with a little help from me. Don't forget our new club HQ is at Calderfields Golf & Country Club, Aldridge Road, Walsall, WS4 2JS. The facilities here are very good with a nice relaxed atmosphere, hopefully more members will visit as the year progresses and the weather improves.

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Our Annual Awards presentation dinner is on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at Great Barr Golf Club, 7.30 for 8.00pm start.

Members tickets are £20 per head (max 2 tickets) Non-members £25 per ticket. Smart casual dress please, tickets and further information can be obtained from Clare Bird (0121 218 2332 / 07837 212015) e-mail: [birdy\\_2212@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:birdy_2212@hotmail.co.uk)

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We've decided not to have a club stand at the Catton Show on 5<sup>th</sup> May as this is shaping up to be a busy bank holiday weekend. There are numerous events on including the excellent Donington Historic Festival and the Stratford upon Avon Show. Thanks also to Di Littley for noticing my date mistake for the New Hall Mill Show in last month's newsletter which I have now rectified.

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There was a good turnout of spectators to see the rest halt at Banbury on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan for the gruelling 22<sup>nd</sup> Rallye Monte-Carlo Historique.



Clydebank was the only British start point of six European cities for a range of classic cars which were making the 1,550-mile trip to the South of France in five days.

The 'scribbling vicar' Adam Gompertz was driving a 1949 MG TC which was one of the six 'Blue Diamond' prepared cars on this year's event.

Adam was raising money for his charity 'ocd action' and has so far raised over £3,000. Jim Wilson and Ian



Dixon also put together over 600



hours of hard work and perseverance to prepare a 1957 Standard Pennant Classic Rally car for this event. There was also a good selection of classic cars on display around the town in the car parks which made for a good, if rather cold, day out.

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Derrick Wallbank has booked a visit to Classic Motor Cars who are a well-known classic car restoration company specialising in Jaguars and Aston Martins. Their premises are at Stanmore Business Park, Bridgnorth, WV15 5HP and the visit is booked for Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 9.30 for a 10am tour. The tour will take between 1 and 2 hours and will cost £10 per person.

If you are interested in coming along then please contact Derrick Wallbank via Facebook PM, e-mail [doubledecker460@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:doubledecker460@hotmail.co.uk) or phone 07966321333.

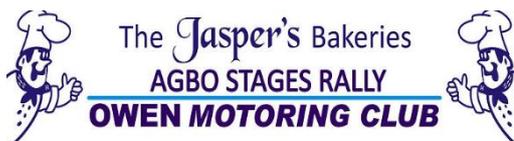
He needs to let them know how many of us will be going before the visit so please get in touch with him ASAP.

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We require marshals for both Saturday & Sunday (16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> March) at Weston Park for the AGBO stages rally, also start and arrival timing crews are needed just for the

Historic Rally on the Saturday. Please get in touch if you are interested, or know anybody that might be, with chief marshal David Allman or fill in the on-line form here

<https://owenmotoringclub.co.uk/motorsport/agbo-rally/agbo-marshals-and-officials/>



Don't forget our first 2019 outdoor show is at Chetwynd Deer Park on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April. It is only about 10 miles from Weston Park on the A41 and I have pre-booked 14 (free) Owen cars to attend on the Sunday.

So far, I have the following six confirmed entries: Me (Imp), Elaine (Sprite), Roger (Lancia), John (MGB), Anton (Cortina) and Phil (Austin A40). If you would like to come and take part at this new venue, then please contact me via e-mail as it will be strictly first come first served.

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## 2019 Preliminary OMC/Classic Calendar

(Red denotes events we have or are hoping to have a club stand at)

### MARCH

9<sup>th</sup> Curborough Breakfast Meet  
16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> AGBO Rally (Weston Park)  
22/23/24<sup>th</sup> **NEC Restoration Show**

7<sup>th</sup> **Lichfield Cars in the Park**  
13<sup>th</sup> Oakamoor Hill Climb Revival  
13<sup>th</sup> Curborough Breakfast Meet  
28<sup>th</sup> **New Hall Mill**

### APRIL

7<sup>th</sup> Middleton Hall Classics  
13<sup>th</sup> Curborough Breakfast Meet  
21<sup>st</sup> **Chetwynd Deer Park Show**

### AUGUST

4<sup>th</sup> Middleton Hall Classics  
10<sup>th</sup> **Canwell Show**  
10<sup>th</sup> Curborough Breakfast Meet

### MAY

5<sup>th</sup> Middleton Hall Classics  
5<sup>th</sup> Catton Hall Show  
5/6<sup>th</sup> Stratford Motoring Festival  
3/5<sup>th</sup> Donington Historic Festival  
11<sup>th</sup> Curborough Breakfast Meet  
12<sup>th</sup> Happy Landings (grass a/test)

### SEPTEMBER

1<sup>st</sup> Middleton Hall Classics  
1<sup>st</sup> **Himley Hall Show**  
7<sup>th</sup> Curborough Breakfast Meet  
8<sup>th</sup> Ernest Owen PCT (Catton)  
15<sup>th</sup> Tony Matthews Tour (HRCR)  
22<sup>nd</sup> Earnest Owen PCT

### JUNE

2<sup>nd</sup> Middleton Hall Classics  
8<sup>th</sup> Streetly Summer Festival  
9<sup>th</sup> **Graham Hill Sprint** (Curborough)  
15<sup>th</sup> Curborough Breakfast Meet

### OCTOBER

12<sup>th</sup> Curborough Breakfast Meet  
20<sup>th</sup> **Aldridge Transport Museum**

### JULY

7<sup>th</sup> Middleton Hall Classics

### NOVEMBER

8/9/10<sup>th</sup> **NEC Classic Show**

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