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Well another milestone reached, my 50th 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.



Our Annual Awards presentation dinner is on Saturday 23rd 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

We've decided not to have a club stand at the Catton Show on 5th 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.

There was a good turnout of spectators to see the rest halt at Banbury on Thursday 31st Jan for the gruelling 22nd 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



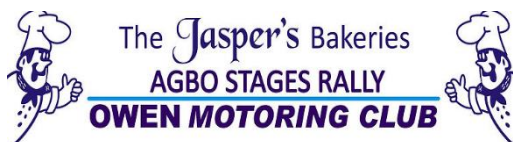
hours of hard work and perseverance to prepare a 1957 Standard Pennant Classic Rally car for this event. There was also a good selection of classic cars on display around the town in the car parks which made for a good, if rather cold, day out.

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 30th 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 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.

We require marshals for both Saturday & Sunday (16th & 17th 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 21st 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.

2019 Preliminary OMC/Classic Calendar

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

MARCH

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

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

APRIL

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

AUGUST

4th Middleton Hall Classics
10th **Canwell Show**
10th Curborough Breakfast Meet

MAY

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

SEPTEMBER

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

JUNE

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

OCTOBER

12th Curborough Breakfast Meet
20th **Aldridge Transport Museum**

JULY

7th Middleton Hall Classics

NOVEMBER

8/9/10th **NEC Classic Show**

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