

# OWEN MOTORING CLUB

## CLASSIC VEHICLE GROUP

FOR ALL CLASSIC VEHICLE ENTHUSIASTS

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*Polish it THEN use it !!*



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I wish I could begin this month's newsletter with some good news, but I am afraid more cancellations beginning with the not unexpected NEC Classic Motor Show. They said that they had no alternative but to postpone the 2020 edition of the show, despite pulling out all the stops to try and make the annual season finale happen having been given the greenlight by government for organised events to resume from 1st October. They blamed the current uncertainty for both exhibitors and visitors along with the prospect of local lockdowns still being in place.



Then following our successful media day last month at Weston Park to help promote the 'Historic Rally Festival' the organisers have now decided to postpone this inaugural event to the 5/6th of June 2021. They too blame the recent announcements and concerns that the spread of Coronavirus is increasing and felt that their priority is the safety of the competitors, spectators and all those involved with the event and to ensure they are kept safe.

Finally, I was very pleased to be asked to display my Imp on the MSUK stand at the Bicester Sunday Scramble on 4<sup>th</sup> October but as with everything else this year this also has been cancelled, hopefully I'll be asked back next year as this is an event I have read about and would love to visit.

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Roger T has been in contact with HRCR concerning a date for our annual 'Tony Matthews Classic Tour', which was due to take place on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020. It looks like it could be now either Sun 12<sup>th</sup> or Sun 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021. We will be using this year's excellent route with maybe a different start/finish venue and



using maps 118 and 119. Morning tea halt at the Churnet Valley Railway, lunch halt at Tittesworth Reservoir and afternoon tea halt at Pools Cavern near Buxton. Updates will be posted here as soon as all is confirmed.



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Just for fun can you identify these classic cars, answers next month



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You may not have heard of **FIVA** which stands for 'Fédération Internationale des Véhicules Anciens' and is an organisation founded in 1966 in response to an idea formulated by a handful of organisations representing the interests of historic vehicle enthusiasts within a number of different countries and is recognised by **UNESCO** as the body for Historic Vehicles and related Culture.



The founders felt that the time had come for an international body to promote and guide the interests of the historic vehicle movement throughout the world. At present **FIVA** federates member organisations in 71 countries throughout the world, which in turn represent many millions of historic vehicle enthusiasts. These global surveys are conducted every six years and your responses to this new survey could change the future of classic car ownership forever!

Click this link <https://fiva.org/en/fiva-survey/> or copy it into your browser, fill in the questionnaire by **31<sup>st</sup> October 2020** and you will be given the opportunity to enter a prize draw to win one of the 5 FIVA Swiss-made watches worth €180 each.

You can also have your say in the FBHVC (The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs) enthusiasts' study at <https://www.fbhvc.co.uk/2020-enthusiast-survey> but be quick as this one closes on **12<sup>th</sup> October 2020**.

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# Motorsport memories

I am a member of a local car club based in the West Midlands called Owen Motoring Club. We were formed back in 1959 by a group of employees that worked for Rubery Owen in Darlaston. The Owen Organisation was run by Sir Alfred Owen who was the main benefactor of BRM racing cars and also Sir Donald Campbell's *Bluebird* land speed record attempts. So you can see from this we have strong links with BRM racing cars and motorsport in general.

Now for the main reason for this letter. This year, 2020, is our 60th anniversary year, and to celebrate it we contacted as many past members as we could and asked

them for some photographs of their motorsport exploits from past years. We were overwhelmed with the response and have been displaying them on our Facebook page for all to see during this 'lockdown' year.

Imagine my surprise that the week I displayed some caravan rally photos, I opened your June magazine to find a two-page feature on these rallies ['In the fast lane']. It was nice to read about them and how they evolved as I don't remember them at all. Hope you enjoy looking at our photos which I hope you can publish in a future edition for others to see.

**Martin Parkes** (Owen MC Classic Car Section), via email



I've also been in the press recently, firstly in the 'Caravan and Motorhome' Club Magazine ( I wasn't going to own up to this one originally) in response to an excellent 2 page feature on caravan rallying which appeared in the June edition, (which I suppose lets me off the hook). We have now had permission to re-produce this article and it will be in the next edition of our excellent quarterly magazine REVS.

Secondly as the letter of the week in 'Classic Car Weekly' in response to an article a couple of weeks earlier about the classic cars that had been featured in the TV series 'Heartbeat'.



## Here are the car makes featured in last month's fun photo quiz



## Provisional Calendar of Owen Motoring Club Organised Motorsport Events 2020/21

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| Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> October  | Bright Sparks Autosolo/Autotest at Curborough.  |
| Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> December | Slithering Santa Autosolo at Curborough.        |
| Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> February  | Crimson Dynamo Autosolo/Autotest at Sieghford.  |
| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> March    | AGBO Rally at Weston Park.                      |
| Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May       | Happy Landings Grass Autotest at Manorial Farm. |
| Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> June     | Graham Hill Sprint at Curborough.               |
| Sunday?? September               | Ernest Owen PCT at tbc.                         |
| Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> October  | Bright Sparks Autotest at Curborough.           |
| Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> December | Slithering Santa Autotest at Curborough.        |

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