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CLASSIC VEHICLE GROUP

FOR ALL CLASSIC VEHICLE ENTHUSIASTS

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Welcome to the last newsletter of 2021. Although we are all hoping for a near normal 2022 at the moment it is not looking good with the cancellation of January's NEC Autosport International Show and the very popular Race Retro at Stoneleigh which was due to be held on 18 - 20th Feb. Fingers crossed these are the only casualties of COVID! Seems a long time ago now but our NEC stand in Hall 3A at the NEC Show in November proved a great success with lots of visitors, more later. We would love everyone to renew their OMC membership for 2022 or maybe even join us for the first time, a form is included with this newsletter, or you can renew/join online via our website.

Our Annual Awards evening is booked to take place at Great Barr Golf Club B43 7BA on Saturday February 26th, and we would love to see you. Tickets are £20 per person, which includes a three-course dinner, and are available from: clarejennings22@outlook.com

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all, see you at a show in 2022...hopefully!



I'm led to believe that this 'Revival Tour' is due to take place on 17th April and more details, including entry forms, will be available at the HRCR open day at the British Motor Museum (Gaydon) on Saturday January 15th.

Owen Motoring Club will also be at Gaydon with our usual two stands. We will be promoting our Annual 'Tony Matthews Classic Tour. This is scheduled to take place on Sunday 10th July with the route, which is currently being devised by Bob Cotterill, using o/s maps 118 & 119.

The other stand will have details of our 'Land & Estate Maintenance' AGBO Stages Rally which will be on Sunday 20th March at Weston Park. We would welcome marshals for both events so please get in touch and don't worry if you've never done marshalling before we will always arrange for you to be with an experienced person.



Nice to see that clarification has been issued from the Department for Transport (DfT) regarding the new 'anti tamper' laws, they will not affect the ongoing modifications of classics for safety or motorsport. Despite the legislation remaining at an early stage, the FBHVC said that it was satisfied with the DfT's assurances that the anti-tamper rules would apply to forthcoming vehicles and not classics.

Congratulations to OMC members James Nicholls and David Allman who competed on the gruelling Roger Albert Clark Rally recently. The following extracts were taken from their FB page, what an adventure it sounded and well done to everyone in the service crew cars for keeping them going!

Day One: We slid off down a bank and against the odds (and gravity) we were pulled back on again by a gang of extra strong spectators.

Day Two: Had some awesome stages, but the weather had other plans. With roads all over the north blocked by fallen trees the Crown Hotel Langholm kindly opened their doors to stranded crews. No choice but to sleep on the floor of the pub along with many others, much better than a night in the car in sub-zero temperatures.

Day Three: Stages cancelled due to the after-effects of the storm but gave us chance to repair our broken rear suspension. We then made the long trip down to Welshpool.

Day Four: Broke a driveshaft on the start of the first stage!

Day Five: Started well in South Wales but finally a problem with the gearbox ended our event.



Also, congratulations to ex OMC member Ricky Evans who also competed on this event in his re-purchased Peugeot 205 which he last competed on in 1995. This car then went through 4 or 5 owners in Ireland before Ricky got it back. I've taken the following extract from his FB page...

"A week on and the Roger Albert Clark Rally seems like I dreamt it!
We've all had those cars we regret selling and B520 XDE was always that one for me. There were plenty of setbacks in preparation (mainly because it had to be exactly as it was) but lockdown helped achieve this!
So, there we were on the start line, a team of originals behind me who I simply couldn't have done it without, one son in the co-driver seat and one the main service man, a dream come true. The conditions were brutal, and I found the night stages tough but that's the whole point of this fantastic event.
We made it to the finish, that's all that mattered to me and in this car, and a class win was just a bonus. There's nothing more I want than next time to see the boys going off the start line in this car. Your kind messages and support humbled me, can't believe how many of you were checking the results and cheering us on."

I submitted a full report on our OMC stand at the November NEC Classic Show which appeared recently in the REVS quarterly magazine and is sent out to club members. Here is a short extract.



After the disappointment of the 2020 show being cancelled, we were all hoping that this year's show would go ahead although a final decision by the organisers wasn't made until the beginning of October. The good news was that we had a stand in Hall 3A which is a good place to be, but the bad news

was that it was a small stand (on its own) with a pillar and folded concertina doors taking up valuable space! I wanted at least five cars on show but after many sheets of graph paper and advice from Alison Judge, the NEC Club Co-ordinator, four cars and the club gazebo were all I could fit in.

These were my green thing, Paul Moran's Mini Pickup, Pete Hubball's Escort RS Turbo and Derrick Wallbank's Peugeot 106 Rallye. I'd been given some blue and yellow floor tiles by Roger Tristram for use in the gazebo but needed more to make it look presentable. Sue Walmsley came to my rescue, in response to my appeal, and donated another 17-brand new blue ones which then covered most of the area. An admission ticket was all she wanted for her generous donation but unfortunately, she had to cancel, and we missed out on enjoying her home-made cakes on the Sunday!

Our Thursday set up started at about 10.00am and went almost to plan apart from the hall doors on our stand didn't fold back completely flat, so this reduced the space I had meticulously planned for the Peugeot and my AGBO Rally display. Eventually, with some shuffling about, everything was accommodated, and we were ready with cars polished by 5 o'clock.



Reports in the Classic Car press stated that more than 3,000 classics were on show in the six halls, 270 car clubs took part with visitor numbers of 63,328 which was just under 8,000 down on the 2019 show. I think this made for a better show with more room to get around and see the exhibits.



We had a lot of visitors over the three days, nice to see old club members as well as prospective new ones, with lovely comments posted later social media and emails to me. All too soon it was Sunday, with the Halls falling silent for two minutes at 11 o'clock, and then later in the afternoon the sounding of horns

indicated it was all over for another year. I know some of you think it is strange that we all enjoy four days at the NEC, but we really do. My personal thanks go to Paul & Chris, Derrick, Pete, and Elaine who as well as supplied exhibits, brought food & drinks, stood guard over the stand & cars, helped erect and then finally dismantle everything. Thank you to the other club members who took the time out to come and help man the stand during the three days, it was a real pleasure to have you all there.



2022 Preliminary OMC/Classic Calendar

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

JANUARY

15th **HRCR Open Day @ Gaydon**

MARCH

20th AGBO Rally (Weston Park)

APRIL

17th HRCR Golden 50 Revival Tour

30th/1st Donington Historic Festival

MAY

1st **Chetwynd Deer Park Show**

1st Middleton Hall Classics

15th Ragley Hall Show

JUNE

5th Middleton Hall Classics

19th **Graham Hill Sprint**

JULY

3rd Middleton Hall Classic

10th Tony Matthews Classic Tour

10th Walsall Arboretum Show

AUGUST

7th Middleton Hall Classics

??th **Canwell Show**

SEPTEMBER

4th Middleton Hall Classics

4th **Himley Hall Show**

10th or 17th **Yoxall Village Festival**

OCTOBER

2nd Middleton Hall Classics

16th Bright Sparks Autosolo

NOVEMBER

11/12/13th **NEC Classic Show**



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Membership & Championship Renewal Form 2022

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION USING BLOCK CAPITALS AND FORWARD TO: Mrs Hilary Bird, 29 Park View Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands B74 4PR
Email: hilarybird1@hotmail.co.uk

I wish to renew my OWEN MC membership for 2022

Membership Number:.....
(from your membership card)

Full Membership/Junior Membership (please circle amount) **Full £18 / Junior £5**

Title: _____ Name: _____

If applying for junior membership, please give your date of birth _____
Junior membership is available up to and including the year you are 18. **It is not valid for competition use.**

Associate/Family Membership (please circle amount) **Associate + £1 or Family + £3**
(available only to partners/children of full members living at the same address, no competition use)

Title: _____ Name: _____

Title: _____ Name: _____

Title: _____ Name: _____

Title: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____
(All members)

Post Code: _____

Telephone Number(s): _____

Email Address: _____

I agree to OMC using my data as set out in the Privacy Notice **Yes/No**

Register for the club one sport championships 2022 (Full Members only) **£5**

Register for novice championships 2022 **Yes/No**

I enclose cheque / cash to the sum of: _____

Please make cheques payable to **OWEN MOTORING CLUB LTD**

Signature, (full member) _____ Date: _____

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