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CLASSIC VEHICLE GROUP

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Welcome to the early May edition, the reason being that if you hadn't heard by now the sad news that lifelong club member and all-round motorsport good guy Mike Sones passed away at his home towards the end of March. I wanted to publish his funeral arrangements for Monday 9th May so that as many people as possible could attend the celebration gathering afterwards. All details are attached to this newsletter but since Fradley Crematorium is relatively small it has been asked that only family and close friends attend although everyone is welcome to the gathering afterwards at the National Memorial Arboretum to celebrate Mike's long and illustrious life.

He will be remembered forever by everyone who knew him and there is a nice obituary on our website by Nick Pollitt, Mike Broad and Tony Jardine <https://owenmotoringclub.co.uk/2022/04/15/mike-sones-an-appreciation-omc-member-for-over-50-years/>

A regular monthly classic car gathering used to be held at Bosworth Water Park near Nuneaton, but it is now permanently closed to the public and is to become home to 103 bespoke holiday lodges. The good news is that a new monthly venue has taken its place, and this is the Sir John Moore Foundation at Top Street, Appleby Magna, DE12 7AH. They have a classic car gathering every 4th Tuesday of the month between 6-10pm. Entry is free with a voluntary contribution to the foundation, refreshments and savoury snacks can be purchased along with tours of the hall and museum throughout evening.

We still require some marshals for our 'Ernest Owen Memorial Trial' on Sunday 15th May in the grounds of Apley Estate near Shifnal. This should be an enjoyable day out and a chance to watch top hill climbers at close quarters. Contact Dean Forrest via email scouts8th@hotmail.co.uk if you are available please.



Hope you all were out in your classics for 'Drive it Day' on Sunday 24th April.



Elaine & I joined up with five other cars for a 65-mile leisurely tour with the Midget & Sprite Club. Starting at Planters Garden Centre nr Tamworth and ending up at Chasewater Heritage Railway.



John & Di took their MGB to Packwood House, which is a National Trust Property,



whilst Derrick and Melvyn spent the day competing at Curborough.

On Sunday 17th April Owen MC had four classic car crews out on the HRCR Golden Fifty Revival Tour. Me (Imp), Melvyn Cox (Scimitar), Derrick Wallbank (Capri) & Nick Pollitt (TR3). A good event that included a spirited drive through Burwarton. A full report is in the next REVS magazine and thank you to all organisers and marshals for an excellent day out, good food and brilliant weather.



Two classic cars have been involved in a crash, which resulted in one being badly damaged. Derbyshire Police said they were called to Chesterfield Road, Rowsley, just before midday on Sunday 24th April (Drive it Day). The crash involved a VW Tiguan, a Hillman Super Minx and a 1961 Vauxhall Victor, which then left the road and hit a tree. The brakes on the 1961 Vauxhall Victor failed causing a three-vehicle collision. The driver and passenger in the Victor were left with minor injuries, while the other motorists are not believed to have been hurt.





Thank you to everyone who brought their cars along to our first show of 2022 at Chetwynd Deer Park. It was a good turnout despite the poor weather conditions, and I think it was this that kept a lot of visitors away which was very disappointing. It seems rain was everywhere apart from at Chetwynd! Thank you also to Elaine, Diane & Sue for cooking excellent bacon butties and

a special thanks to Roger & Sue for transporting the club equipment. Finally got the two Imps together for a 'before and after' display, thank you Mark.



Looking forward to the next big show and hoping for better weather at Lichfield's 'Cars-in-the-Park' which is on Sunday 3rd July. Derrick still has 7 spaces left so contact him asap if you would like to reserve a space.

2022 Preliminary OMC/Classic Calendar

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

MAY

- 7th Curborough Breakfast Meet
- 15th Ragley Hall Show

JUNE

- 5th Middleton Hall Classics
- 5th Yoxall Queens Jubilee Celebration
- 11th Streetly Transport Festival
- 11th Curborough Breakfast Meet
- 19th Graham Hill Sprint
- 26th Cars in Strawberry Park

JULY

- 3rd Lichfield Cars in the Park
- 3rd Middleton Hall Classic
- 9 or 16th Curborough Breakfast Meet
- 10th Walsall Arboretum Show

- 17th Tony Matthews Classic Tour

AUGUST

- 7th Middleton Hall Classics
- 13th Curborough Breakfast Meet

SEPTEMBER

- 4th Middleton Hall Classics
- 4th Himley Hall Show
- 10th Curborough Breakfast Meet

OCTOBER

- 2nd Middleton Hall Classics
- 8th Curborough Breakfast Meet
- 16th Bright Sparks Autosolo

NOVEMBER

- 11/12/13th NEC Classic Show

Funeral Service for Mike Sones

Dear Friend

Mike's family can now confirm the funeral arrangements.

There will be a service at 12.30pm on Monday 9th May at Lichfield and District Crematorium, Fradley Lane, Fradley, Lichfield WS13 8GA.

If it suits you to be there virtually you can attend via webcam

<https://www.wesleymedia.co.uk/webcast-view>

Webcast viewing instructions are available at

[webcast viewing instructions.pdf \(wesleymedia.co.uk\)](#)

Webcast Login Pin 387-0583



Afterwards there will be a gathering in **celebration of Mike's life** at the **Aspects Suite**, National Arboretum, Croxall Rd, Alrewas, Burton-on-Trent DE13 7AR –**commencing at 1.30pm**. The celebration, with as many of his friends as can possibly be there, will include words and tributes about Mike and his amazingly full life. There will be a buffet lunch, lots of memorabilia will be on display and all those stories of which Mike was so fond can be shared.

Car Parking at the National Arboretum is normally chargeable but not to us on this day. Please inform the attendant you are with the Mike Sones celebration in the Aspects Suite.

If you wish to take some time walking in this wonderful venue you are welcome to do so before or after the celebration, the grounds close by 5.00pm.

Details on the National Memorial Arboretum, Alrewas can be found here

<https://www.thenma.org.uk>

Dress code is to be 'smart and colourful'.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made on the day or online to

The Royal British Legion or the British Heart Foundation

via Murray's Funeral Directors [Funeral Notices \(funeral-notices.co.uk\)](#)

Mike's family and friends very much look forward to seeing you on May 9th