

# OWEN MOTORING CLUB

## CLASSIC VEHICLE GROUP

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*Polish it THEN use it !!*



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On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May we laid to rest a friend and Owen MC member Mike Sones. Stories and videos of his many achievements were shared at his wake by family, school friends and his many friends in motorsport.

Amongst his many achievements was that in 1992 & 93 he became the outright MSA British Autotest Champion. Mike's whole motorsport life story was carefully stored at his home and a lot of it was on display in the afternoon where we celebrated his life and achievements.



Thank you to Nick Pollitt, Mike Broad, Mark Barnes and everyone who helped put this celebration of Mike's life together. He was given a good send off and I'm sure he would have approved of it. The Aspects Suite at the National Memorial Arboretum was a splendid venue with excellent food. Long may he be remembered.

## ABINGDON WORKS Motorsport Celebration

**BRITISH MOTOR MUSEUM**  
Gaydon Warwickshire CV35 0BJ

Sunday  
10<sup>th</sup> July  
2022

A unique gathering of cars and people will come together at Gaydon for a celebration of the achievements in racing and rallying of the British Motor Corporation and British Leyland from 1955 to the 1980s.



Come and see the cars and meet the people behind the Abingdon success story at this year's BMC & Leyland Show.



For more information see: [www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk](http://www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk)

This looks to be a good event at the British Motor Museum on the 10<sup>th</sup> July between 10am & 4pm.

There will be a display of ex-works, period & competition Minis along with works replicas as well as a marathon cars display.

You will also see the 1964 Spa-Sofia-Liege Austin Healey 3000 and 1962 Morris Mini Cooper (driven by Rauno Aaltonen and Tony Ambrose) among the fabulous collection of Landcrabs, Triumphs and non-BMC works rally cars. Displays are organised by the Mini Cooper Register and the Historic Marathon Rally Group.



It looks as if we will be getting a good turnout (weather permitting) for the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebration in the meadow at the rear of 'The Golden Cup' in Yoxall on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June with the following 12 cars so far booked in.

Paul & Chris (Ferrari 308 GTS)  
Martin (Imp)  
Elaine (Sprite)  
Rob Hudson (Fiesta)  
Eric Hudson (Mini or MGB)  
David & Carol (MGF)

Roger & Sue (Triumph Vitesse - hopefully)  
John & Jo (Morris 1000 Conv)  
Pete H (Escort Mk3 RS)  
Richard S (Austin Healey 3000)  
John & Di (MGB)  
Trev S (Hillman or MGB)

If anyone else fancies a drive to this lovely village to celebrate or if I have missed anybody out, then please let me know. I'll be sending out an email to those listed with precise details next week.



The following Saturday (11<sup>th</sup> June) we shall be displaying at the Streetly Festival. The following cars are booked in (weather permitting) and again I shall be emailing detailed information out to the following in the week before.

Please contact me if you fancy coming to what looks like a great day out or if I missed anybody out.

Paul & Chris (Ferrari or Mini)  
Howard C (Austin 7 or MGC)  
Di & John (MGB)  
Anton (Wolseley Hornet)

Trev S (Hillman or MGB)  
Richard S (Austin Healey 3000)  
Dave & Carol (MGF)  
Martin (Imp)

Thank you to everyone who came out to Shifnal and marshalled or took part on our Ernest Owen Production Car Trial, the weather came good in the end and the venue was fantastic. I think everyone enjoyed the day with skilful driving on some tricky hills set out mainly by Nick Pollitt. Roger Tristram is hoping to keep this event and venue on the calendar for next year.



Bob, Roger, Melvyn and I went out to finalise the 'Tony Matthews Classic Car Tour' at the beginning of May and Melvyn is now putting the finishing touches to the very informative roadbook. Total mileage is about 120 miles with some stunning scenery split into four sections of around 30 miles each, with a short break between each section.

Starting from The Great British Car Journey at Ambergate the first section takes you North into the Peak District National Park, over Curbar Edge then on to a morning break at the Hassop Station Tea Room, near Bakewell.

The second leg winds its way up over the Staffordshire Moorlands with their wonderful views before descending into Thornccliffe. The leg finishes with a lunch halt at Tittesworth Water Reservoir.

After lunch, the third leg heads North again to the Macc (Macclesfield) Forest then heads East, through the beautiful Dowel Dale and the village of Earl Sterndale before continuing to the afternoon halt at Tagg Lane Dairy.

Leg four goes the picture postcard village of Tissington before continuing to the North of Wirksworth and then on to the finish at The Great British Car Journey where a meal awaits.

This year Richard Usher, CEO of The Great British Car Journey and Jason Jones, Sales & Marketing Manager are also going to take part but as yet they haven't decided what car to use!

Entries are still available, either fill in the form on our web site or just email me.



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### 2022 Preliminary OMC/Classic Calendar

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

#### JUNE

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

#### JULY

- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Lichfield Cars in the Park**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Middleton Hall Classic
- 9 or 16<sup>th</sup> Curborough Breakfast Meet
- 10<sup>th</sup> Walsall Arboretum Show
- 17<sup>th</sup> Tony Matthews Classic Tour

#### AUGUST

- 7<sup>th</sup> Middleton Hall Classics
- 13<sup>th</sup> Curborough Breakfast Meet

#### SEPTEMBER

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

#### OCTOBER

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Middleton Hall Classics
- 8<sup>th</sup> Curborough Breakfast Meet
- 16<sup>th</sup> Bright Sparks Autosolo

#### NOVEMBER

- 11/12/13<sup>th</sup> **NEC Classic Show**



**GRAHAM HILL SPRINT  
at  
CURBOROUGH SPRINT  
COURSE**

**SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022**

Following our very successful Ernest Owen Production Car Trial our next event is The Graham Hill Sprint at Curborough Sprint Course near Lichfield WS13 8EJ. This is one of the longest running OMC events where the main trophy for FTD is a replica of



the famous steering wheel from Graham Hill's BRM racing car. The original was donated to the club and was awarded over many years. This valuable piece of our club history now resides in the new BRM exhibition at Silverstone. On-line sprint entry forms are available on our web site and spectator entry is free, so come along and enjoy a day of club motorsport.



If you have a classic car, then why not have a run out to Curborough where you will find a dedicated parking area for your Classic vehicle. *(Timed runs usually commence after lunch)*

I look forward to seeing as many members as possible at this popular local venue.

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