

# OWEN MOTORING CLUB

## CLASSIC VEHICLE GROUP

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*Polish it THEN use it !!*



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Welcome to the combined months newsletter as I thought I would wait until the NEC was all packed away before publishing. As you know Owen MC have participated in this show since 2000 and I've been lucky to organise it since 2015. I personally think this was our best year so far in my 8 years of organising and I thanked Alison Judge (NEC club co-ordinator) on our club's behalf for our improved stand size offer when she made her annual visit to us during setting up.



Our 10m x 11m stand was situated in Hall 3 which allowed us to display 6 great cars with plenty of space to walk around them. Our new bright yellow 'Mike Sones' memorial gazebo provided a good focal point but as you can see from the photo, we do need some more blue and yellow carpet tiles for next year so let me know if you see any that might be useful. A varied car display ensured that visitors had plenty to look at and stories to tell about them during the 3 days. A personal thank you from me to everyone who helped 'set up' and 'break down' and to the other club members who assisted in manning the stand during the show. The organisers reported that the 3-day show attracted 69,324 classic car fans which was 6,000 more than 2021.



Alison also replied to an email I sent her after the show with a nice comment "Thanks are due to you and all your club as well. If it wasn't for all the efforts of clubs like yours, it wouldn't be the show that it is!"

All seems a bit quiet now so after this newsletter I'll fill in an application for the 2023 show and hope we are well looked after again by the NEC.

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Sad to hear that Sue Baker, who presented 'Top Gear' in the 1980's, passed away recently. She was not the first female presenter of this motoring programme but appeared in over 100 episodes before leaving back in 1991. Her main interest though was rallying, providing the co-anchor presenter for the BBC's coverage of the RAC Rally of Great Britain during the 1980's.

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I'm sorry the 'B Road Tour' I had organised back at the end of October had to be cancelled at such short notice, but the heavy rain and local floods made it impossible for some members to even make the start. Thank you to the few that did battle their way through the storm and I hope the hot breakfast made up for the disappointment. The poor weather wouldn't have made it a nice journey either to 'The Great British Car Journey' museum plus it would have meant missing out on the lovely scenery of the Derbyshire Peak District due to the low cloud. I have kept the route, which is on normal roads with no narrow lanes with passing places and will re-arrange it earlier next year when I hope more people will enter, especially in their classic cars, and better weather so we can have a good Owen MC day out with a bigger discount!

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Hopefully a date for you to put in next year's diary is the Canwell Show which as you know has been cancelled since the COVID outbreak lock down.

I have emailed the new organisers and hopefully will receive a favourable response, fingers crossed!



In case you haven't heard, our weekly club HQ has now moved, for the winter months, from Great Barr Golf Club to the Aldridge Conservative Club, 62 Portland Road, Aldridge, Walsall. WS9 8NS. Regular weekly meetings are from 8.00pm and we would love to see many old and new faces turning up. As usual access is restricted by intercom entry and parking is limited, but there is plenty of on road parking with the Bar available to 11pm.

**Please note** that our annual Christmas Party will still be held at the Great Barr Golf Club on **Wednesday 7th December 2022** starting at 8.00pm.

Tickets are £10 each (2 per full member), non-members £15 each, which includes a buffet and are available from Clare Jennings on 07837 212015 or [clarejennings22@outlook.com](mailto:clarejennings22@outlook.com)

Tickets sales will close on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December, so don't delay!

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Two events for 2023 at The British Motor Museum at Gaydon. The first is on Saturday 14th January and this will be free entry to all visitors with HRCR planning a bigger and better show. This year's theme is a tribute to Paddy Hopkirk and 60 years of the Hillman Imp.



Last weekend Elaine & I along with Mark Barnes and Kevin Robinson were marshalling the Beaujolais Classic Rally Tour which was based at the Heritage Hotel in the lovely village of Montreuil which is in Northern France which is about 282km from Calais. A great



social/competitive 2-day event which is a must for anyone who loves competing and driving/navigating their classic cars through some fantastic scenery, deserted villages, and lovely roads. We did some time controls, main controls and then inputted the results back at the hotel at the end of every day. The worthy winners were Elliot Dale and Charlotte Ryall in the magnificent Bentley Derby showing much more modern classics how to do it. Paul & Maggie Dyas, in another



Bentley Derby finished 12<sup>th</sup> o/all and good to see Ricky & Julia Evans out in the Lotus Cortina. Interestingly the organiser, Simon Rossiter, told me there's no PR'ing to be done on French events. He just has a word with the local café owner who then tells the mayor who then informs everyone above him of what is taking place, amazing!

### 2023 Preliminary OMC/Classic Calendar

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

#### JANUARY

- 14<sup>th</sup> HRCR Open Day @ Gaydon
- 29<sup>th</sup> 'Santa's Late' OMC Autosolo @ Curborough Sprint Course

#### MARCH

- 12<sup>th</sup> The Mike Sones Memorial Rally @ Weston Park

#### MAY

- 21<sup>st</sup> 40 years of the MASC @ Gaydon

#### JUNE

- 18<sup>th</sup> Graham Hill Sprint-Curborough

#### JULY

- 30<sup>th</sup> Tony Matthews Classic Tour

#### AUGUST

- 12<sup>th</sup> **Canwell Show**

#### SEPTEMBER

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Happy Landings 'all forward' grass Autotest

#### NOVEMBER

- 10/11/12<sup>th</sup> **NEC Lancaster Insurance with Discovery Classic Show**