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Welcome to the first newsletter of 2023, I can't believe I've been doing this since we set up the classic section in 2015! This year started with me showing my Imp at the HRCR day at 'The British Motor Museum' at Gaydon on 14th January. I have to say after 8 eight years of asking people to show their cars at shows it was lovely to be asked to

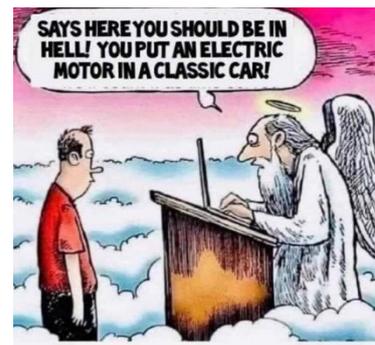
show mine, thanks Clive. The reason was to celebrate the life of Paddy Hopkirk and 60 years of the Hillman Imp. 2023 is going to be a busy year in the Parkes' household as it is also the 40th anniversary of the 'Midget & Sprite Club, with Elaine taking on the role of area rep, and also it is the 100th anniversary of the start of Triumph cars and I'm hoping to have mine on the road late spring/early summer to take part in our 'Tony Matthews Classic Tour' in July.



Don't forget The MG and Triumph spares day on Sunday 12th February at Stoneleigh Park, CV8 2LG. No matter what your level of interest in these superb British icons you'll find everything you need at Stoneleigh.

Also Race Retro <https://www.raceretro.com/> returns here on 24th/25th & 26th February. Look at the website for more information, could be an even better event this year.

Surprising news that isn't was announced this week! Classic car owners will be able to fill up their cars with lower ethanol grade petroleum after the intended 2030 cut-off date, which is when new petrol and diesel engine car sales end. The FBHVC state that the 2030 and 2035 dates will slip when the government realise that there isn't enough electricity or grid capacity. So don't worry you'll be able to fuel your classic for many years to come, I'll second that.





Our 'Mike Sones Memorial AGBO' stages rally is on again this year at Weston Park on Sunday March 12th, and we have been asked to put on a display of classics in front of the main house which Roger Tristram will be organising. This not only gives you a chance to show your car at a prestigious event but also gets you free admission with viewing at a prime location over the balustrade outside the

house. Once parked up you are free to spectate at various locations (including the water splash), take a walk to the service area and enjoy watching club stage rallying at its very best. Our competition classic, Derrick Wallbank, will also be taking part in his rally prepared Mk 2 Cortina which created a lot of interest at the NEC in November. Also new for this year are 'H' pattern gearbox 4WD drive cars which are also being allowed to enter so should make it even more exciting. Roger T is looking for a dozen or so cars, if you are interested or want more information contact him on rtristram@blueyonder.co.uk or 07798 751125.

If you fancy getting closer to the action and want to marshal then contact Dean Forest, the Owen Motoring Club Chief Marshal, on 07917 166827 or email him at Scouts8th@hotmail.co.uk

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If anyone has any recommendations to do with car restoration, repair etc. then please let me know and I'll pass them on in future newsletters for other people to benefit by.

I think it was at 'Cars in the Park' back in 2021 John came by and left some leaflets for his 'Vapour & Media Blasting' business he had just set up in Bulls Lane, Sutton Coldfield which is just off the A446 near to the Archers Haulage yard if you know the area.

Towards the end of last year, I started removing parts from the Herald and thought I'd give him a go. The results can be seen here and have to say how pleased I was with them and shall be dropping more parts down to him soon. If you want to use him phone him first as he is not there every day and once you've dropped parts off don't forget to ask for the code number to get out of the compound where other business units are.



THE MIKE SONES MEMORIAL AGBO STAGES RALLY

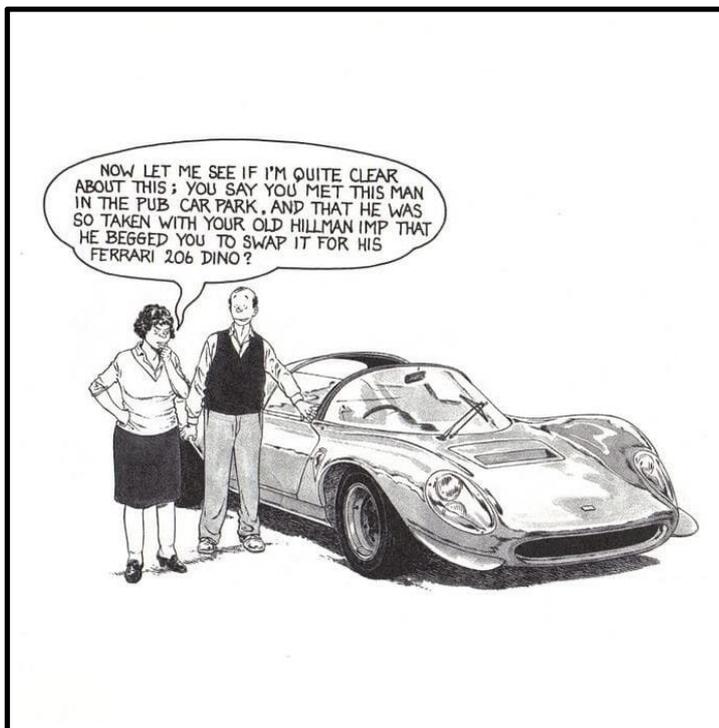


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Sunday 12th March 2023



Come and see club rallying at its
best with a quality 75 car entry
10 special stages at this iconic
rally venue driven by the best club
drivers in the country

All ticketing for this event will be via the
Weston Park website in early 2023
(weston-park.com) concessions for children & OAP's
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2023 Preliminary OMC Events/Classic Calendar

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

JANUARY

29th 'Santa's Late' OMC Autosolo
@ Curborough Sprint Course

FEBRUARY

12th MG & Triumph Spares Day
@ Stoneleigh

MARCH

12th The Mike Sones Memorial Rally
@ Weston Park

APRIL

30th Crimson Dynamo Clubman
A/S @ Seighford

MAY

14th Earnest Owen Trial
21st 40 years of the MASC
@ Gaydon

JUNE

18th Graham Hill Sprint-Curborough

JULY

30th Tony Matthews Classic Tour

AUGUST

12th **Canwell Show**

SEPTEMBER

10th Happy Landings 'all forward'
grass autotest @ Manorial Farm

OCTOBER

21st Bright Sparks Clubman A/S
@ Curborough

NOVEMBER

10/11/12th **NEC Lancaster Insurance**
with Discovery Classic Show

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