

# “REVS” News Letter

## March. 2021



### News.

**AGBO RALLY** moves to 26 September with prospective new sponsorship.

**Rally History Grp.B festival at Weston Park** now scheduled for August 21/22 see Page 7 for details.

**Post Covid OMC Events** to look forward to, see Page 3.  
**Marshals required** for all.

**Happy Landings Grass Auto Test May 2** gets go ahead.

**The Ernest Owen PCT** will not run in 2021, due to non availability of suitable date at Catton Park.

**OOMC E.C. Payter Rally 1973**, new info comes out of the blue.



Above. OMC Bright Sparks @ Curborough October 2020, 106 driven by OMC member Owain Thomas.

Below. Got Yer, naughty marshal eventually captured by OMC Dean Forrest at Weston Park Grp B press day stage in September.



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## Hero Summer Trial + OMC Events for 2021

HERO are hoping to run their Summer Trial, based in Telford on the **4/5/6 June**. The event is open to any pre-1986 cars and consists of a mixture of tests and regularities in Shropshire and Staffordshire.

**Owen have been asked to help man two tests as follows:**

- **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June** (afternoon)- Seighford driving centre, near Stafford
- **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June** (evening)- Halfpenny Green, near Wolverhampton

These events are straightforward and easy to marshal and usually provide a great variety of cars. As the test venues are non-spectator it is also the only way to see them in action!

If you are interested in helping out on either or both test please get in touch with David Allman

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**May 2. OMC Happy Landings Grass Auto Test**, Manorial Farm, Sutton Coldfield. This event is now in planning stages and we envisage it WILL run. Regs & entries available very soon, two enormous grass field tests will be on offer with multiple runs. Contact Derrick Wallbank

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**June 20. OMC Graham Hill Sprint.** Event now in planning, Regs available soon, entries will open in April.

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**August 21/22. OMC @ Rally History Grp B**, Weston Park.....

Contact. [antonbird@talktalk.net](mailto:antonbird@talktalk.net) ... Event Details and Prospective Marshals see page 7.

**Sept 19. OMC Tony Matthews Classic Car Tour.** Entries for this event are open now, running in most parts of scenic Derbyshire. Start Location TBA.

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Entries to.. [clarejennings22@outlook.com](mailto:clarejennings22@outlook.com)

**September 26. OMC AGBO Rally. Weston Park**, 75 car entry available, new stage layouts on offer, run to latest Motorsport UK rules. Regs available July, entries open in Early August.

See [www.owenmotoringclub.co.uk](http://www.owenmotoringclub.co.uk) for further details on above events, also on OMC FB page.

# AGBO STAGES RALLY

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## OWEN MOTORING CLUB



AGBO Rally 2021 has been rescheduled, it will not take place on its usual March slot, the new date is **Sunday September 26th**. This decision was taken early on in the year by the event team due to unknown restrictions which may be in force during March with Covid 19 situation.

It will be a new look AGBO, as we have lost the use of the Bradford Estate section of road (we call the back road). This is due to a breakdown in the relationship between Weston Park & Bradford Estates management teams, nothing to do with OMC.

Weston Park have vetoed the building of a gravel access road, accessed to the left 800m in from Lichfield Gate. This will traverse the fields over to the tarmac road at the stone pillars just inside the Weston estate boundary. This will allow us to run the section of road going into the park in the opposite direction from our usual, something we have been requested to do for a long time. We only lose 300M of stage without the Bradford section, a result for us as we get the decent stretch at no extra cost (previously extortionate).

This will be a bonus in more ways than one as the Bradford estate section always caused on event problems, usually costly and always time consuming. If the new gravel road does not materialise we will revert to the old format AGBO Rally, on the roads available in the central estate areas as we used to do 20 years ago.

The event will conform to Motorsport UK post Covid event rules, with self certification for scrutineering & signing on. This will save much time for the organisational teams. MSUK scrutineers will be present at the event to carry out random checks. All cars are required to noise test prior to the start. Any Covid restrictions applying at that time will be adhered to.

At the time of writing in February, we have no confirmation that Jaspers Bakeries will continue to support our event. Their company premises in Newport has closed, Penkridge remains open. We are deeply indebted to Mark Jasper proprietor of "Jaspers Bakeries" for his extremely generous support of the AGBO Stages for the last three years.

However, we do have a promise from a competitor, an OMC club member, of some financial support, obviously at this stage unconfirmed. The event will require some sponsorship from somewhere, with ever escalating costs in all directions things are getting pretty tight. Close control on the budget should enable OMC to hold the entry fee at the 2020 level. As of March 2021 we have no championships asking to use the September event, we are open to any offers, contact Anton Bird.



## **50 YEARS ON, ARK RACING AT NÜRBURGRING and JARAMA** *by Brian Austin*

Ark Racing from Willenhall had its first race overseas in 1970, when it competed in Germany and Spain with the Ark Sprite Twin Cam. This car is a Ford-based sports prototype, the only thing Sprite about it being the low-profile body.

It was designed and built over the first six months of 1970 and had its first race at Cadwell Park in July, after being withdrawn after practice at three other races earlier that month. It proved itself in August at Silverstone, coming second overall in the Birkitt six-hour relay race.

It was then felt ready for its first international race, the 500 km at Nurburgring, Germany, for which it would be paid to race. The Ark team arrived in time for owner driver John Banks to have two days practice before the event. Autosport magazine said "John Banks brought along his Ark sprite, which had a monocoque centre with a spaceframe to take its twin-cam engine and wishbone front suspension. At the back, a Ford beam axle and dampers, the car looking very businesslike on its 9-inch and 10-inch rims".

Favorite for the race was Brian Redman in a new works Chevron B16 Spyder but the car caught fire after 13 laps and allowed Chris Craft (Lola T210) to take the lead until he put a rod through the sump, followed by a dual between the works Chevron B16 of Vic Elford and the works Abarth of Arturo Merzario, Quick Vic eventually taking the flag.

The Ark sprite ran in the middle of the field for most of the race but in the closing stages had to retire with a seized differential. As it had completed most of the race, it was classed as a finisher and was awarded second in class, behind the Lola T210 of Max Wilson.

This was John's first ride at the ring, and he reckoned it needed a couple more visits before he would get to know it. "The bumpy circuit put paid to the diff- plus sideways hops over the bumps at around 130mph -to which beam axles don't take kindly."

After a run in October at a GT Race at Thruxton, the Ark now felt ready for its next European adventure – the Madrid 6 hours at Jarama, Spain's only long-distance race, in November. A team of six people made the trip, drivers John Banks and Chris Smith plus reserve driver Arthur Collier, constructor Derek Matthews and mechanics Ray Concar and Ivan Follós, all in a Ford Thames van towing Ark sprite.

The entry list showed the first four cars, all Porsche 908's, to be piloted by F1 drivers, Alex Soler-Roig, Jo Siffert, Reine Wisell and Niki Lauda, although Lauda withdrew before the race. Each car had a co-driver of variable ability which had some considerable bearing on the race which was won by Soler-Roig from Wisell and Siffert in that order.

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The Arksprite qualified 24<sup>th</sup> out of 29 starters but moved up to 17<sup>th</sup> overall and 2<sup>nd</sup> in class at 82 laps when, with Chris Smith at the wheel, a front upright collapsed and that was that.

That evening the team attended the prize giving at El Cerebro, a top Madrid night spot where guests included Jo Siffert, Alain de Cadenet and Pedro Rodriguez. The team needed the £200 start money to help get back home and were therefore paid in cash instead of cheque.

They were told of a race in Tangier the following weekend and, if they could get the car repaired, were offered £400 to take part, but one of the team members had to return home so the invite was declined. The team therefore left for England that evening, doing a non-stop journey home.



Above. The “ARK Sprite” seen at the NEC a few years ago on an OMC stand at the Classic restoration Show.

## **2020 Club Annual Awards**

A difficult year for our club, with little to no motor sport action for most, all club championship categories were cancelled but other club awards which are decided by committee discussion or vote have been awarded for the 2020 season as follows.

**H.J.Donaldson Trophy** for services to marshalling nominated by the club chief marshal.

Winner, **Paul Langford**.

**R.I.C.S Trophy**. Meritorious team award of the year, and so well deserved, our NHS club members, joint winners, **Nicole Hubball, Ruth Langford & Ann Ward**.

**The Colley Cup**, first co driver on OMC AGBO 2020 Rally, **Paul Rudge**.

**Intasprint U/17 Junior Cup**. **Archie Holt**

**The Richard Southam Trophy** for effort & endeavour. **Derrick Wallbank**.

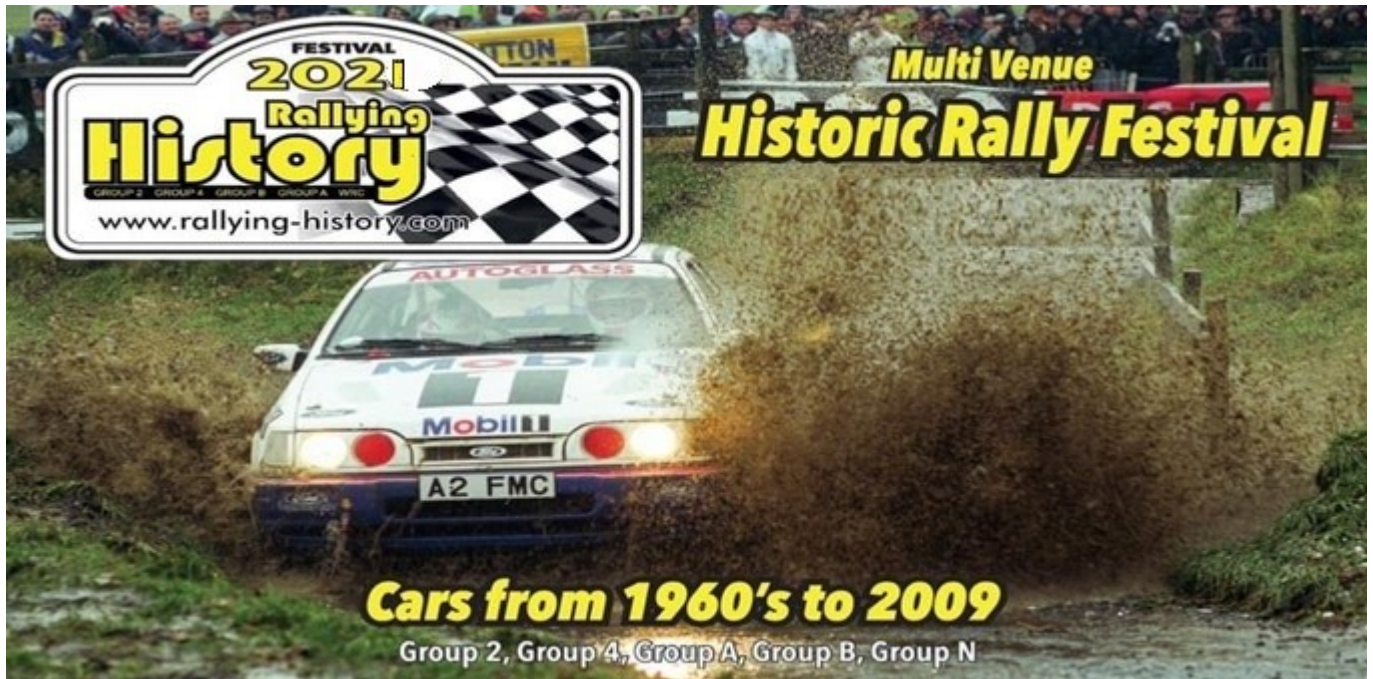
**The Bill Donaldson Cup**. Meritorious achievement in motor sport. **James Nicholls & David Allman** for an amazing result on the Roger Albert Clark Rally at the end of 2019.

**The Captains Cup**. Premier award for services to OMC over a long period.

**Simon & Lynn Whittick**. A Long over due award for this couple.

**The David Owen Cup**. Best OMC event for 2020. The Ernest Owen PCT

All award winners will eventually receive cups & memento awards.



## **Rallying History Grp B. Weston Park / Telford. August 21 & 22**

Owen Motoring Club are contracted to the event to supply stage set up & management at this event on Sunday August 22. There are only two stages each run twice in opposite directions (8 in total).

**Assistance from members on set up day Saturday 21 August would be appreciated** A stage turn round team is already in place for Sunday. (one van team, one junction to adjust only)

Should you wish to marshal at this event contact Tim Harding (Chief Marshal) [tim.rally@btinternet.com](mailto:tim.rally@btinternet.com) **NOT OMC**

For OMC members it has been negotiated with Rallying History & Weston Park that on production at the gate of your **2021 OMC membership** card you will get **FREE** entry to the event on Sunday. (YOU MUST PRODUCE a current eligible 2021 MEMBERSHIP CARD) not just "oh I'm a member". **Also you must have joined OMC on or prior to March 30, 2021.**

First car scheduled for 8.30am at SS1 Weston Park 1. An 80 car entry is expected with some very high profile cars & drivers already signed Up.

Sunday entrance and parking is through Shrewsbury Gate (main gate), many other attractions attending include car clubs & manufacturers, fun fair, catering etc. etc. This will be a spectacular viewing day for any rally fan with some iconic group A, B & N cars demonstrating.

## Owen Motoring Club celebrate 60 years. *Written for BRMA magazine by REVS editor.*

Rubery Owen has a long standing reputation as one of the Black Country's foremost giants of industry, with a history stretching back to 1884. John T. Rubery and his two brothers established a very modest factory in Booth Street Darlaston and began to manufacture light steel goods. In less than ten years both the brothers had left the company and John who remained was on the look out for a new partner. This partner emerged as a 24 year old from Denbighshire named Alfred Ernest Owen.

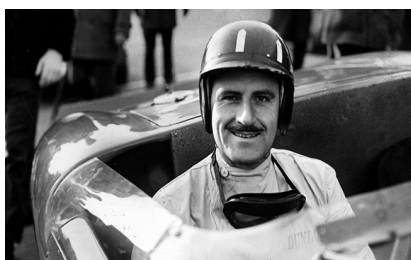
Initially the new business expanded into the then booming bicycle trade followed by the appearance of the Motor Car and becoming a pioneer in supply of parts to the industry. This was to remain as core business for most of the company's existence, they also got heavily into steel works as many new factory premises were being erected. The wheels of the motor industry began to move even faster thus the company grew significantly, as a result in 1905 the name we are familiar with today, Rubery Owen & Co. was formed. In 1910 John Rubery retired from the business and under sole proprietorship of Alfred Ernest Owen the firm went from strength to strength. Alfred died in 1929 but the organisation had been widely recognised as unique in character, a company of many trades including motor frames, wheels, structural steel work, aviation parts and also aircraft.

Now an employer of 1600 workers under Mr A.E Owen the company was recognised as being a pioneer of industry and also industrial welfare. The company probably the first in the UK to provide for its staff, a recreation ground, bowling greens, tennis courts, a works canteen, staff dining rooms, billiards rooms and reading rooms, all new in the Black Country Industrial workplace. The company was also a founder member of the Industrial Welfare Society.

Alfred's two sons Alfred and Ernest took over the reins of the company after the death of their father and soon realised a great engineering tradition had to be maintained and further developed. By 1951 the company employed over 12,000 people and the diversity of manufactured goods increased. In December 1959 the Owen Organisation Motoring Club was formed by a group of motoring enthusiasts employed by Rubery Owen in Darlaston. The company now the largest privately owned engineering concern in the UK and due to Sir Alfred Owen's enthusiasm.

The former O.O.M.C (now Owen Motoring Club Ltd.) have always had a very close affiliation with the BRM organisation, the formation of the factory car club was initially to raise funds to support the newly formed British Motor Racing Association Trust who were building the first British F1 race car.

Sir Alfred was responsible for rescuing the BRM F1 racing team, becoming the main benefactor, it was saved from almost extinction and rose to take the F1 world constructors championship also taking the F1 drivers title with Graham Hill at the wheel. It was Sir Alfred who gave Jackie Stewart his first ever F1 start with the BRM team. Jackie quickly became a great friend of Graham Hill the resident BRM F1 driver at the time, a long lasting relationship which also included the great Jim Clark, until Grahams untimely death in November 1975 when his light aircraft crashed on Arkley Golf Course whilst attempting to land at Elstree Airport at night in thick fog.





Graham Hill donated an ex F1 BRM steering wheel (one of only two in existence) to OMC in 1965. This was mounted and used as the FTD award at the OMC "Graham Hill Sprint" for 51 years. In 2015 the wheel was retired due to its delicate condition and was replaced by a very good replica which was made by "Motalita". The original wheel was donated by OMC to the Bourne Heritage Trust Museum along with other BRM F1 race winning trophies which were donated to them by Rubery Owen. It was felt the collection would be more visible there than in the then head office boardroom of Rubery Owen, Darlaston.

The OMC / BRM association has long remained in place, Bette Hill and daughter Samantha attended the OMC 25th anniversary dinner. Neville Hay and Nick Mason then owner of the V16 BRM race car, (now owned by Bernie Ecclestone) attended the clubs 40th anniversary evening at the National Motor Cycle Museum near Birmingham. Another great honour for our club in 2010 when Sir Jackie Stewart accepted the offer from David Owen OBE, Club President, to attend as our guest of honour for the 50th anniversary celebration night, a glittering occasion with Jackie on top form, also presenting the annual club championship awards with some very entertaining commentary. A special award was presented by Jackie on the night to the then long time chairman of the club, the late Tony Matthews. This was for his continuous 51 year stint as the Clerk of the Course for the OMC "Graham Hill Sprint" this being a British Championship round for many of those years.



Owen Motoring Club as it is now known reached a milestone in December 2019 celebrating its 60th anniversary. A reunion party was held at the clubs HQ, Great Barr Golf Club, when over Eighty members past and present attended. In honour of this anniversary, club member for over 40 years Anton Bird, has timed the publication of his book about the exploits of the clubs rallying events to coincide with this years celebrations. "Owen Motoring Club Rally History" a comprehensive guide through the years from the first motorsport offering from its new members in April 1960. Obviously, a keen membership as the club was only formed in the previous December and a rally produced in no time at all. The book is a comprehensive guide through the twists and turns of the club's involvement in UK club rallying from its humble beginnings to the present day.

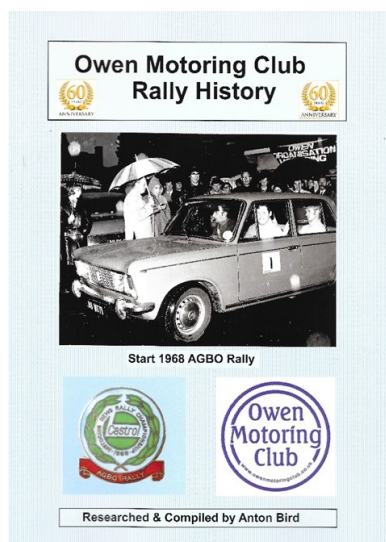
The author states it has been an absolute joy to have been able to bring together in one volume as many aspects as possible to one of the clubs core activities, including as many statistics as it has been possible to actually find, a labour of love that has taken five years research, a year to write and finally into print in May 2019. From its formation the Club have always been based around the Walsall area, its experienced members organising and running events throughout the calendar in all facets of club motorsport. These include Production Car Trials, Auto Solo's, Auto Tests, a Sprint at Curborough and a very successful two day Stage Rally at Weston Park in March each year. Many of the events organised are included in National championships.





**Above left.** The original F1 BRM Wheel donated by Graham Hill with its replica on the right.

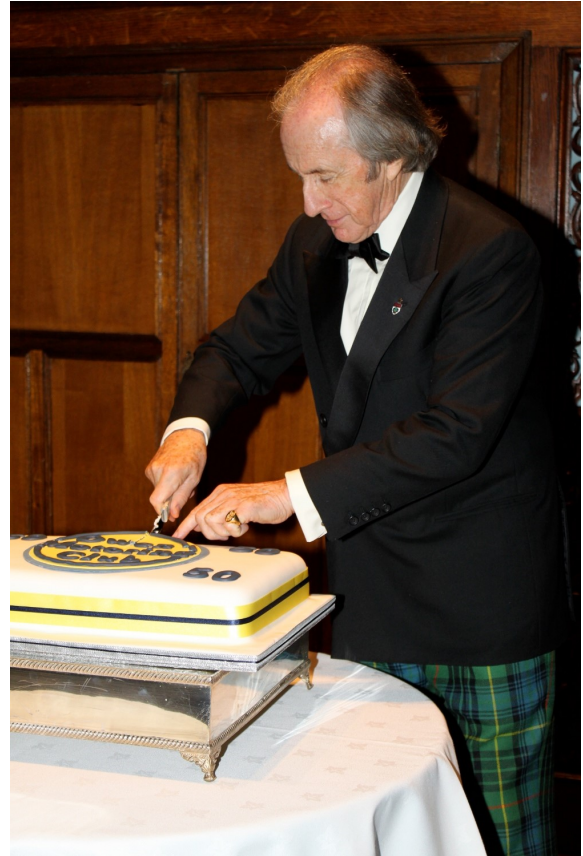
**Above right.** The original wheel being donated by Owen Motoring Club Secretary Roger Tolley in 2018 to Brenda Jones of The Bourne Heritage Trust.



**Above Left.** Book written by Anton Bird for the 60th anniversary celebrations of Owen Motoring Club. A history of all (as far as information is available for) rallies which the club has organised since April 1960. Available by post (£13 incl. First Class postage) email, [antonbird@talktaklk.net](mailto:antonbird@talktaklk.net)

**Above Right.** The old Rubery Owen & Co. HQ in Booth Street, Darlaston, still standing today thanks to David Owen OBE and Accord Housing Association. Now named "The Rubery Owen Innovation Centre" saved by a payment of £1 which enabled a substantial grant to be obtained to convert the interior for new small business use. The RO company board room still exists in this building, this is where numerous BRM F1 winning race trophies were displayed for many years, a very impressive part of F1 history, all are now on show at the Bourne Heritage Trust Museum. Personally I am honoured that I was allowed to view these at close quarters a number of times before their donation to Bourne.

OMC were very honoured when Sir Jackie Stewart accepted the offer from David Owen OBE, Club President, to attend as our guest of honour for the 50th anniversary celebration night held in 2010, a glittering occasion with Jackie on top form, also presenting the annual club championship awards with some very entertaining commentary. A special award was presented by Jackie on the night to the then long time chairman of the club, the late Tony Matthews. This was for his continuous 51 year stint as the Clerk of the Course for the OMC "Graham Hill Sprint" this being a British Championship round for many of those years.



**Above left.** Sir Jackie Stewart at Owen Motoring Club's 50th anniversary celebrations in 2010, presenting the late Tony Matthews, long standing chairman with his special award.

**Above right.** cutting the 50th anniversary cake..

OMC have a spectacular set of annual club championship trophies (see below) amassed from the early years to date. Many were presented to the club by Rubery Owen & BRM employees including, Graham Hill, Tony Rudd, Rivers Fletcher, Grace Owen, John Owen, David Owen OBE, Chris Shorrocks and Peter Spear RO company Director of Research. These are utilised for the many of the clubs motorsport championships that are hotly contested by its members every year. In 1988 our once only English World Rally Champion Richard Burns joined OMC to take part in one of our stage rallies at the start of his glittering career. The club thrives today with over 200 members, not all active of course, still presenting events for all facets of club motorsport which has always been and will remain its core focus.



OMC have shown this car a number of times at The NEC Classic shows.

OMC also have a rapidly growing and very active classic car section, attending many shows every year including the prestigious NEC classic three day show in November. A very successful classic car tour christened "The Tony Matthews Classic Car Tour" named after our long serving former club chairman has also been in its calendar for many years, ably organised by club members. Event marshalling with the club can be very rewarding usually meaning you can get closer to the action. Many types of motorsport event are covered and not just in the UK, rallies in Belgium have also been on the agenda.

A marshalling highlight for our members was in 1999 when "The Coys Festival" held at Silverstone asked our club to assist with the many BRM F1 cars which were the celebrity feature that year for their 50th anniversary, a number of the former BRM team drivers of the day were present to race them. Including Froilan Gonzalez, who flew in from Argentina to drive the V16 BRM which in the early 1950`s he raced in Formula Libre.

For 2020 our club is in good shape and safe hands to take it into the future, we have a healthy membership and will always try to offer quality events for the Midlands club motorsport scene.

**For BRMA by..Anton Bird, OMC Club Chairman.**



**Above Right.** David Owen OBE our club president, talking BRMs no doubt with Sir Jackie Stewart in the paddock at the Goodwood Revival in 2010

**Above Left.** A marquee specially erected for the BRM 50th Anniversary at Silverstone in 1999, this was utilised as a display area for a collection BRM race cars and their histories.

**Below Left & Right.** OMC still have a very strong connection with RO & BRM, club members assisting the assembled BRM fleet at Silverstone in 1999 for the BRM 50th Anniversary celebrations. *Most Pictures in the article .....AB*



# Poor field on E.C. Payter

ON SEPTEMBER 22 Paul Derry proved that his 13th overall on this year's Welsh was no flash in the pan by dominating the E. C. Payter Rally. Setting fastest time on eight of the fourteen special stages, Derry won this Owen Organisation M.C. event by four minutes.

With the non-appearance of the Midland and Castrol-Timpson Rallies, OOMC expected a full entry for their first venture into stage rally organisation but, for some strange reason, only 37 crews turned up to compete for the enormous list of awards.

Starting from the Hilton Park M6 Services, the route incorporated most of the usual stages on maps 119 and 120, together with two or four new ones. The first stage was along the well-known canal towpath near Tamworth, where Derry set fastest time, ten seconds ahead of John Bloxham in the Birmingham Post Gpl Avenger. Stages two and three were on the old army camp at Marchington, whilst four was an autocross type section across a couple of fields near Sudbury Prison. Short stages at Hixon airfield and Teddesley Park brought competitors to the superb 16-mile stage on Perton airfield. A

mixture of tarmac and loose gravel, this really sorted the men from the boys, and Derry put the power of his Escort to good advantage, being over a minute faster than second man Mike Cockayne.

Half way results showed Derry on 7m 13s, 1m 13s ahead of Jim Noble's Lothian Sports Cars Escort, with Bloxham third.

Heavy rain made conditions extremely slippery on the afternoon stages, all on map 119, and Derry continued to increase his lead. On Stage 11, at Loggerheads, Bloxham met a chicken crossing the road and was forced to slow down for it as the farmer's wife was spectating! The yump halfway along the Millington stage, near Oakengates, caught out those who thought it was flat (it isn't!) and R. Morgan put his Avenger GT well off on a square right into about a foot of liquid manure (which isn't what he called it).

The last stage, back at Perton,

spelled disaster for Jim Noble, now securely in second place. First he sideswiped a very solid gatepost, severely bending the nearside rear panels, then he hit a hidden rock in some grass, which wrecked a wheel. Finally his navigator miscounted and they only completed four laps, one short, which dropped them from second to eleventh place. Woolley/Hoggins also collected the gatepost with their automatic Capri 3000.

Final results were produced with commendable speed and the splendid awards were presented at 21.00. It was a great pity that so few people had entered such an enjoyable rally, and it is hoped that neither the club nor their sponsors lose hope, as they are certain of a good entry for next year's event. Fortunately OOMC can afford to buy a "chairmobile" for a local charity, so the major object of the event was achieved.

T.M.

1, Derry/Pocock (Escort), 66m 40s; 2, Yorke/Lowe (Cooper S), 70m 35s; 3, Cockayne/Cockayne (Cooper), 71m 44s; 4, Bloxham/Crowe (Avenger), 71m 49s; 5, Thompson/Purdy (Clubman), 72m 43s.

A great recent find from the **OOMC E. C. Payter Stages Rally 1973**, recently sent to me by a friend Chris Beddow. A newspaper report could possibly have been the Sporting Star "The Pink" as it was known. This little gem outlines the stages used, previously we had vague information of what was utilised on the day. Priceless information for our rally history, we now have a lot of info in archive re this event, including pictures, results and now this detailed report. When I started the book pilgrimage we had nothing.

Still searching for Entry Lists, Results, Reports etc for AGBO Stages at Wilbarston 1988,89,90 got to be out there somewhere.....AB

## AWMMC STAGE Rally Championship 2021

Championship Co Ordinator for 2021 is Matt Walk, Regs & registrations available on [www.awmmc.org](http://www.awmmc.org) (AWMMC also have their own face book page.)

Prospective events **1.** Red Dragon May 29. **2.** Carnival Stages June 6. **3.** Phoenix Stages Aug 1. **4.** Patriot Stages Sept 26 (same as AGBO date) **5.** Adgespeed Stages Oct 10. **6.** Builth Show Ground Nov 6. **7.** Dukeries Reserve event Dec 85.

Many classes available to compete in this year including Historics.

## Latest Club News.

**Some very sad recent news.** OOMC member for many years and dear friend of many OMC members, John Bloxham, recently passed away. A Motoring News Road Rally Champion in 1969, also a four time winner (three consecutive) of the clubs fearsome AGBO Road Rally of the 60's & 70`s. In 1969 John also took the RAC British Rally Championship title. A truly remarkable driver. A great club ambassador he will be sadly missed by his many friends at OMC. We send our condolences to Sue & all of the Bloxham family at this sad time.



John Bloxham (left) & Richard Harper at the end of the 1968 AGBO with their nights winnings. This was their third AGBO win on the trot. Another great picture of John at the start of the above event can be seen on the back page of this mag. He features considerably in the book.

**Club Attendance.** No decisions have yet been taken for club meetings to resume at Great Barr Golf Club, we will inform all members as soon as we get the green light.

**OMC Club Event 2021 Dates**  
**Happy Landings, May 2**  
**Graham Hill Sprint, June 20**  
**AGBO Rally, Sept 26**  
**Bright Sparks, Oct 17**  
**Slithering Santa, Dec 27**

### OMC Classic Events 2021 Dates

Chetwynd Deer Park...

New Hall Mill ....

Cars in the Park.....

Canwell Show..... August 8

Himley Hall....

OMC Classic Tour.... Sept 19

Aldridge Transport Museum...

NEC Show..... Nov 12-14

**More Details & further event dates TBA**

