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I'm writing this just a few days after our successful 'Tony Matthews Classic Tour' which went very well and was well received judging by a lot of the comments we have received so far. Well done to Roger T, Melvyn, Elaine and of course the original route designer Bob Cotterell. Thanks also go to all our marshals and helpers plus the 'Great British Car Journey' that provided an excellent start/finish venue.

Sorry I didn't have room to mention the 'Cannock Chase Tour' in last month's newsletter, this was another successful event taking in a lot of roads that are local to me that I didn't even know existed! An excellent start venue for the 100+ cars at Lichfield RUFC, the 117-mile route consisted of three legs finishing at the lovely historical Bishton Hall, Rugeley.



I have to say that even in an open top sports car it was a very hot but enjoyable day but glad to get home and shower to cool down! This event raised more than £4,000 and the sponsors, 'First Class Technologies', handed over the cheque to 'We Love Lichfield' patron Simon Price last week. This money will go towards helping voluntary groups across Lichfield, Burntwood and surrounding villages.

Robbie Knieval is performing a daring stunt in London this weekend. He will be attempting to jump over 100 environmental activists using this Aveling & Porter Road Roller, built in 1903.



I don't know the blue car's driver but I know what he's thinking



Don't forget we have a show at the picturesque New Hall Mill at the end of this month (Mon 28th August) and if you are considering going then please let me know so I have a rough idea of numbers.

Lupin Farm charity show is on Sunday 20th August, this is NOT an OMC show so no need to book just turn up and enjoy the day. It's located on the A513 towards Kings Bromley at Orgreave, and the £5 admission goes towards the Air Ambulance. Yoxall residents Stuart and Jane, proprietors of 'Scrummys at the Barn' (they sell locally produced Ales, Lagers, Ciders & Craft Gins at Woodmill Farm, DE13 8PG) are catering so the food should be good.

Finally, there are still a few spaces left for our Himley Show on Sunday 3rd September so get in touch with Pete Hubball or Derrick Wallbank to check/book a space. Fingers crossed we win the best club stand again.

The NEC Classic Car Show is getting nearer, and I have already started planning the 15m x 6m stand number 590 in Hall 4 near to the trade/collectible memorabilia stands.

We share our island with the De-Lorean Club, Monoposto Racing Club & Historic Formula 3. I'm helping Paul Moran with the wiring of his MG J2 this coming weekend so along with this excellent restoration we have Pete's lovely Escort RS, Dean's rally MGB, Derrick's Cortina 1600E, Howard Cottrell's MG Midget sprint car and, either my part finished Triumph Herald but more likely Elaine's Austin Healey Sprite. I'm still after some more carpet tiles for our stand so if anybody has any yellow or blue one's going spare then please let me know, thanks.

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Thank you to David Yorke for supplying some photos from the TM tour. I especially like this one of the Mk 1 Escort descending the valley road taken from his passenger seat position, sums up the beauty of this area and the glorious roads that Bob C managed to find for us.

We only had 1 mechanical breakdown and that was Derrick W who's lovely 1600E suffered alternator failure just

after the start. Luckily him and Pete H didn't have to wait long for the AA who supplied a new battery so they could get home. Derrick must hold the record for the number of our tours entered in different cars! Due to space limitations here are just a few of the many nice comments we have received after the event, anybody fancy taking over the reins of this prestigious event for next year or even sorting out a route/refreshment locations in a different area?



What a great day, great route, great road book, we have taken part in several this year and there is no doubt this was the best.

Just like to say thanks to you and the other organisers for the Tony Matthews Scenic Tour, it was excellent.

A big THANKS to all involved in organising the tour. It was a great route; the road book was good and the venues visited were fine. We had a great day out and good to meet up with some old chums.

Just a quick mail to say thanks to you & all the organisers for a great day out. We had a really enjoyable time & looking forward to next year's run out.

We commented at the finish that the choice of route was probably the best overall of all the HRCR tours we have done over several years; thank you!

2023 Preliminary OMC Events/Classic Calendar

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

AUGUST

- 6th Middleton Hall Classics
- 12th Curborough Breakfast Club
- 20th Lupin Farm Show
- 28th **New Hall Mill**

SEPTEMBER

- 3rd **Himley Hall Show**
- 3rd Middleton Hall Classics
- 10th Happy Landings 'all forward' grass autotest @ Manorial Farm
- 23rd/24th Huddlesford Gathering

OCTOBER

- 1st **Historic Rally Festival @ Weston Park**
- 7th Curborough Breakfast Club
- 21st Bright Sparks Clubman A/S @ Curborough

NOVEMBER

- 10/11/12th **NEC Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show**