

# OWEN MOTORING CLUB

## CLASSIC VEHICLE GROUP

FOR ALL CLASSIC VEHICLE ENTHUSIASTS

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*Polish it THEN use it !!*



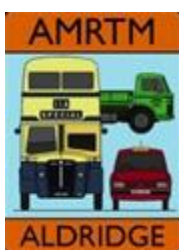
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A slightly belated welcome to the 2024 series of newsletters, due to nothing happening in January I thought I would combine the first two months again.

Thank you to all Owen MC marshals that helped on the Annual Clee Hill Trial on the 21<sup>st</sup> January where we looked after the 2<sup>nd</sup> hill of the day, not far from Church Stretton, followed by a lovely Sunday lunch at the George & Dragon in Much Wenlock. The following weekend our own Autosolo event was held at Curborough and again marshals were in abundance to which we thank you, so two good well supported events to kick off 2024.



Whilst on the subject of marshals, we require some for our next two motorsport events which are the 'Land & Estate Maintenance AGBO Stages Rally' in Weston Park on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March and then the 'Ernest Owen Trial' on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April which is held in the beautiful Apley Estate grounds near Bridgnorth. Both events allow you to get close to the action and I'm sure you will enjoy them and hopefully join us for more marshalling during the year. More details can be found on our website or contact Dean Forrest via his email [scouts8th@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:scouts8th@hotmail.co.uk)



Our first classic car display is planned for Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April and is at the lovely Aldridge Transport Museum (AMRTM). This is their 'Spring running day' so there should be lots of classic buses for you to board and enjoy travelling on. I've heard from about 6 people who contacted me to say they are interested but more would be great, unfortunately it is on the same day as the annual 'Drive it Day' but I hope this will not deter Owen classic car enthusiasts from attending, please let me know if you might attend, please.

Don't forget you can help raise funds for this local museum by ordering on-line purchases through <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/astonmanorrtm> It won't cost you anything and 'easy-fundraising' partners will donate part of what you spend to the museum. Looking on the website to-day I see that there are 18 supporters of the museum who together have raised a total of £429.



An application has been made again for a stand at November's Classic Car Show at the NEC. If we are lucky enough to get one the star of our stand this year will be the newly restored Austin Healey 3000 of our late Chairman Tony Matthews. This Healey is now in the ownership of his son Andy, who said that Tony would have loved his car being on our stand. Andy had the 'old gal', which was Tony's nickname for it, fully restored at great expense and thought the cartoon in the last newsletter was very apt and didn't know whether to laugh or cry! The immaculate Healey appeared on the restorers stand at the 2023 NEC classic car show.



Our annual 'Tony Matthews Classic Car Tour' is scheduled to take place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July and will be in the Bridgnorth area. We had a stand at the HRCR show at Gaydon on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January where a lot of interest was shown. If anyone has any suitable suggestions for a start/finish venue in that area then please get in touch, thanks.



Tickets are available for our annual awards presentation dinner which this year is being held at Druids Heath Golf Club on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March. As you can see, they are £25 per head which includes a 3-course meal.

Please contact Clare to reserve your tickets

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Not sure if anyone else noticed, thanks Trev, but the date for our display at the New Hall Water Mill was wrong and should have been the Bank Holiday Monday on 26<sup>th</sup> August, sorry. I hope to have a more comprehensive list of classic car shows in the next newsletter and don't forget you can now also check these dates along with other information about our club, events and its history on our website [www.owenmotoringclub.co.uk](http://www.owenmotoringclub.co.uk)

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I emailed a copy of the December 2023 classic newsletter to Steve Glynn (Isle of Man Museum Administrator) after he sent us an email about their museum. He sent me this nice reply.

*Thank you very much for that. Nice to see a Series 1 RS Turbo in the newsletter, that was my favourite car as a teenager (I never did get around to buying one, oh how I wish I had though). We had one on display for a few years until the owner decided he wanted to start using it again. Hopefully we can look forward to seeing your members visit in the future. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to ask.*

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### **2024 Preliminary OMC Events/Classic Calendar**

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

<b><u>APRIL</u></b>	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Aldridge Transport Museum
<b><u>AUGUST</u></b>	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	New Hall Mill
	Sunday ?? <sup>th</sup>	Canwell Show
<b><u>NOVEMBER</u></b>	8/9/10 <sup>th</sup>	NEC Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show

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**AMRTM**



**ALDRIDGE**

# 2024 Special Events

**March 9th \*\***

**April 21st \*\***

**May 19th**

**June 23rd \*\***

**July 21st \*\***

**Sept 14 & 15**

**Oct 20th \*\*** HL 87

**Nov 24th \*\***

**Winter Running Day** (starts 14:00)

**Spring Running Day**

**Art in the Museum**

**Annual Running Day**

**Models in the Museum**

**Heritage Open Days** (Free Entry)

**Autumn Leaves Running Day**

**Collectors Fair** (concludes 15:00)

Events run from 10:00– 16:00 unless otherwise stated

On dates marked \*\* there will be a free bus service from Hatherton Road. Walsall and Aldridge Community Centre to the Museum

Aldridge Transport Museum, Shenstone Drive, Northgate, Aldridge, WALSALL  
WS9 8TP

Standard opening hours Tuesday, Saturdays and Sundays plus Bank Holiday  
Mondays 10:30-16:00

For further details, opening times, entrance fees, bus-times etc. please visit our web site [www.amrtm.org](http://www.amrtm.org)