

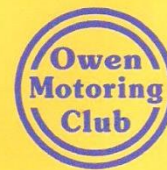
# OWEN MOTORING CLUB

## CLASSIC VEHICLE GROUP

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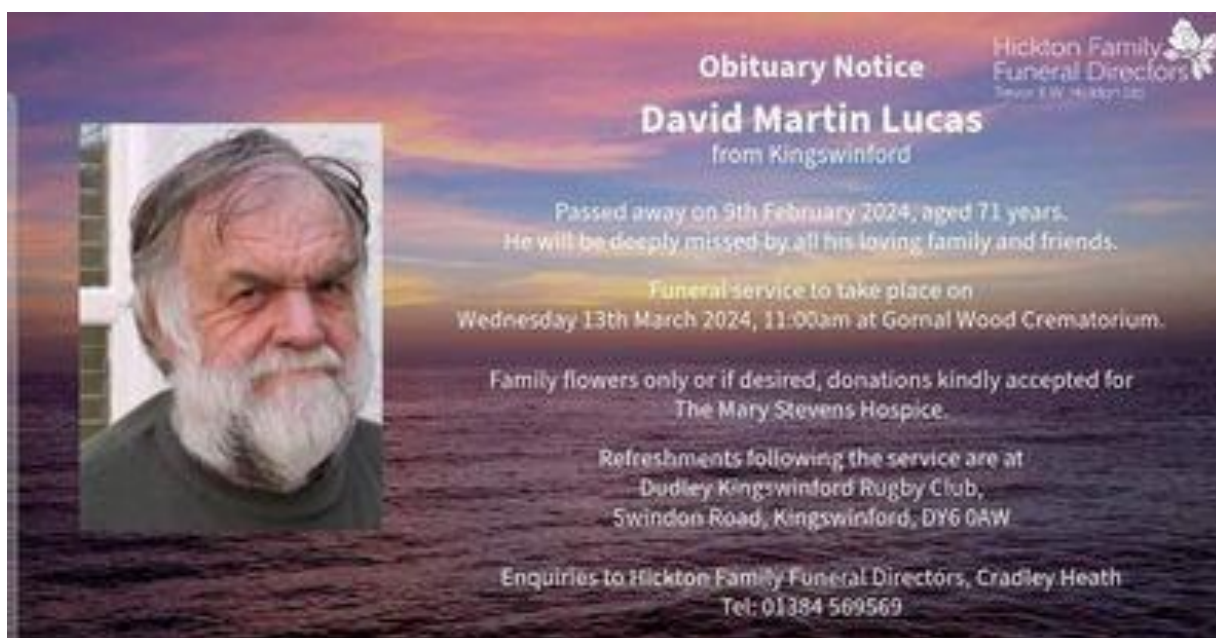


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This month's newsletter is a sad one due to the death being announced of Dave Lucas who was a long time Owen member and classic car/motorsport enthusiast. I've known Dave since joining Owen MC many years ago and have always enjoyed his company and light-hearted insults about my Hillman Imp. I know he liked it really as he used to rally one many years ago and was always repairing it! When I used to Sprint/Hillclimb my Westfield and he was officiating at Loton or Curborough he would come over in the lunch hour and help me by eating my food! At a certain time of the day Dave could always be found in his car listening to the Archers, a series he loved. My last in-depth conversation with him was at the Graham Hill sprint in 2023 and he recounted many stories, the one I particularly liked was when he was officiating at Shelsley Walsh, and he parked in a MAC reserved space. A club's 'jobsworth' then came over and proceed to tell him off but soon backed down when Dave produced his Official FIA pass. He was also 'Project Manager' for the Birmingham Superprix for several years which included an initial meeting with Bernie Ecclestone to get his backing. He was awarded the MSA 'Long Service Award' last year which can be seen at the end of this newsletter.

Great memories of a one in a million character and someone we'll never forget.

**His funeral service details are here, and his wife Vi has requested that people come in their classic/rally cars as there will be a display at the Rugby Club Wake.**



**Obituary Notice** Hickton Family  
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**David Martin Lucas**  
from Kingswinford


Passed away on 9th February 2024, aged 71 years.  
He will be deeply missed by all his loving family and friends.

Funeral service to take place on  
Wednesday 13th March 2024, 11:00am at Gornal Wood Crematorium.

Family flowers only or if desired, donations kindly accepted for  
The Mary Stevens Hospice.

Refreshments following the service are at  
Dudley Kingswinford Rugby Club,  
Swindon Road, Kingswinford, DY6 0AW

Enquiries to Hickton Family Funeral Directors, Cradley Heath  
Tel: 01384 569569



The Severn Valley Railway's Vintage Transport Extravaganza is back on again and is taking on **August 10th and 11th 2024**. They are looking for classic vehicles built before 1980 to be displayed at stations along the Severn Valley Railway. Cars can be booked in using their ticketing system and if accepted then you will receive two complementary 'Freedom of the Line' train tickets as a thank you. Here is the link to book tickets for either or both days. [SVR Display Booking Form](#) They are also looking for vehicles that would have run in 1984 for an event at Kidderminster to mark the station's 40th anniversary of opening. If you're interested in this event taking place on July 27th and 28th 2024 then fill in the following form. [SVR Kidderminster Station Booking Form](#)

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I'm looking for about a dozen cars to form a small classic car display in Newborough for their annual village **May Day Fete on 6th May**. Newborough is a small village North of Yoxall and just off the A515. We have permission from the owner of the Red Lion Pub in Newborough (currently closed and will not be reopened before our Fete), to use the pub car park so you will be near all the local attractions. We will have to be in place I would think by 9.30am at the latest as the festivities usually start around 10.30am but I'll confirm all of this once I have some numbers. As usual please respond asap so I can let the organisers know if we have enough classic cars to form a show!

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Following the demise of the annual fundraising classic car show at Lupin Farm Kings Bromley have now picked up the baton and will be holding a **classic vehicle show on Sunday 18th August** from 11:00 - 17:00. Cars will be displayed in their show field in Crawley Lane, Kings Bromley which is just off the A515 opposite the Co-op. They plan to make this an event for all car enthusiasts and families with light refreshments and food outlets available on the day. Like Lupin Farm they are charging £5.00 per car and driver. I have reserved 15 spaces including the Owen MC gazebo. Please register your interest so again I shall have a good idea of numbers and can increase/decrease the size of our pitch accordingly! Organisers want payment prior to the event so I will be asking for confirmation when the passes are available.

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A shame that the Owen Motoring Club Annual awards dinner had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers. As you might have seen we (the classic vehicle section) were to receive an award for the best Owen event of 2023 for our NEC display last November. Looks like this event will go ahead later but on a much smaller scale, still very nice to be recognised for all the hard work that everyone contributed over the four enjoyable days.

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Following last month's newsletter, which showed a car being pulled over by the fuzz and the driver suspected of being 'under the influence' after weaving around the 'potholes' in the road, I received this amusing e-mail from Robin Tyler-Morris.

*Just emailing to say that I have enjoyed your recent Newsletter, in particular the two cartoons you featured, especially the one on the right-hand side as I suffered just that predicament three weeks ago.*

*I had collected my grandson from the Bus drop in Albrighton having waited as usual on the Pub car park in the centre, and as I drove towards the Shifnal Road I became aware that there was a car some distance behind. Then driving from the said Shifnal Road through Burnhill Green I realised that the same car was still some distance away, but commented to my Grandson that the driver was very inconsiderate as it was then 4.45 pm, dusk and a silver car without any lights on. My grandson's home is in Badger, and as we turned into Badger Lane and the same car turned in behind, I could clearly identify that it was a Police car, which I had suspected for some time but proceeded along what is quite a narrow Lane at a sensible pace. After about half a mile in the narrowest section, the Police car erupted with lights flashing everywhere so I pulled to the right where there was some sort of verge thinking they wanted to pass. But no, they stopped completely blocking the road and the Lady Constable approached and asked to see my Licence as they were concerned about my driving. I asked why and the reply was that I was weaving. I said yes, I was avoiding the potholes, to which came the reply, there are a lot along that road!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*

*Throughout this process which probable lasted about ten minutes, my 11-year-old Grandson was huddled down in the passenger seat, worried that Granddad may be off to prison, as because I had pull to the right of the Lane almost into the hedge. Hence all the conversation was conducted through the Passenger side window over him. No charges and was sent on my way along with the 3 vehicles that were also held up because of the road blockage that the Police had caused.*

*You do wonder sometimes?*

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The Curborough Classic Car breakfast gatherings are now in their sixth year and



are a great way to meet up with fellow enthusiasts, talk about and look at a variety of cars, as well as having breakfast ranging from a full English to a plain butty. Entry is free and quite often there is also on-track

action to add to the fun (track access not included at Breakfast Meetings) so why not pop along to the next one and spread the word. All held on a Saturday between 9.30 & 11.30am. Dates are in our calendar at the end of this newsletter.

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## The Sheddies



## MATT



*'Hello, police? My car has been stolen. It's electric, so they can't have got far...'*

# Long Service Award

Dave Lucas was born into a bike-mad household. His father Reg competed in trials, finishing in sixth place on the Scottish Six-Day Trial one year. Dave joined the Hagley & District Light Car Club in the early 1960s and went on to form the Monarch Motor Club, which ran 12-car Rallies and Road Rallies and supported other clubs with marshals for both Road and Stage Rallies.

Dave competed in his first stage rally in 1969, in a Vauxhall Viva GT, at the 432 Club's 'Rally of the Tests'. This was in the snow, in January with the first stage down a canal towpath with no barriers...

In 1973, he competed in the RAC Rally starting at car 165. He was co-driver for Ian Beveridge in a 1300 Escort Sport. They finished in the top 50 and second overall in class, just behind Shekar Mehta in his works Datsun. On the 1974 RAC, he drove his Volkswagen Beetle 1302 S (co-driven by Dennis Abbott) and finished 77th overall from a starting number of 179. Altogether, Dave took part in 15 RAC Rallies as either driver or co-driver.

Dave has been very involved in West Midlands Motorsport for over 50 years and has been a member of BTRDA, Owen MC, and then joined the HRCR (Historic Rally Car Register) and HCRC in the late 1980s, taking part in the first historic Rally Britannia on Epynt in 1982. He has also competed in the 24-hour Le Mans race back in the early 1990s.

Over the years Dave has competed in virtually every form of motorsport – both in cars and on motorbikes. These include Rallies - night and stage - Autocross, Rallycross, Car Trials, Drag Racing, Bike Trials, Speedway and Stewarding duties for Speed Records.



As well as being a National and International Steward for the FIA, FIM, the RACMSA and now Motorsport UK, Dave is also a Motorsport UK trainer and is a past Chair of the Clerks and Stewards Committee.

After an event that was not carried out according to the guidelines in the Yearbook, with properties on the route being visited to ensure they knew the event was taking place, and some serious meetings with the police, Dave became the first Route Liaison Officer (RLO) for the then Motorsport Association, and almost 50 years later, he still fulfils this role for Motorsport UK.

Within Motorsport UK, Dave Lucas is recognised as a 'general fixer' for any difficult event or situation. Between 1986 and 1990, he organised many events, including the International Birmingham Super Prix, which included negotiating with Bernie Ecclestone. As a result of their lunchtime meeting, Bernie was satisfied and made sure that others in the racing community supported the event to make it happen.

Congratulations Dave Lucas on your Motorsport UK Long Service Award, which is richly deserved.





A bit of a long shot but does anyone know the owner of this lovely Austin A40 Farina PJB 988F? This photo was taken at Catton Hall Transport Show in 2014. The reason I'm asking is that a friend of mine, from the Imp Club, passed on this request as he has found an old MOT and some books relating to this car and would like to reunite them with its current owner. DVLA show that the car is on the road and currently taxed till June 2024. Please contact me if you know who the owner is, and I'll pass their details onto my friend Graham.

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Don't forget our first display of 2024 at the **Aldridge Transport Museum on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April**. Names so far are Trev, Me, Elaine, Pete H and Harold (x2) Sorry if I've missed anyone out, please put me right if I have thanks.  
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### 2024 Preliminary OMC Events/Classic Events Calendar

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

#### MARCH

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Curborough Breakfast Meet  
22/23/24<sup>th</sup> NEC Restoration Show  
Sun 31<sup>st</sup> Weston Park Motor Show

#### APRIL

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Weston Park Motor Show  
Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Middleton Hall Classics  
Sun 21<sup>st</sup> **Aldridge Transport Museum**

#### MAY

Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Middleton Hall Classics  
Mon 6<sup>th</sup> **Newborough Village Fete**  
Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Curborough Breakfast Meet

#### JUNE

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Middleton Hall Classics  
Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Curborough Breakfast Meet  
Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Graham Hill Sprint

#### JULY

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Middleton Hall Classics  
Sat 6/7<sup>th</sup> Lichfield Cars in the Park  
Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Tony Matthews Classic Tour

#### AUGUST

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Curborough Breakfast Meet  
Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Middleton Hall Classics  
Sun XX<sup>th</sup> **Canwell Show**  
Sun 18<sup>th</sup> **Kings Bromley Car Show**  
Mon 26<sup>th</sup> **New Hall Mill**

#### SEPTEMBER

Sun 1<sup>st</sup> **Himley Hall Classic Car Show**  
Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Middleton Hall Classics  
Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Curborough Breakfast Meet

#### OCTOBER

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Curborough Breakfast Meet

#### NOVEMBER

8/9/10<sup>th</sup> **NEC Classic Motor Show**