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Welcome to the rather truncated combined September & October editions. As usual around this time of the year there is not a lot going on in the classic car world plus bad weather and holidays disrupting the organisational side of things. Thank you to everyone who helped and supplied vehicles for our last two shows, Himley and New Hall Mill. Our final one is the usual NEC Classic Car Show where we have 5 cars closely grouped together on a smaller stand in Hall 4, the only good news with that is it requires less equipment to be transported although I have gone slightly OTT with the yellow/gold and blue carpet tiles!

OMC 'Chairman' Mike Ward and our 'Chief Chef' Paul Langford took part in a 130-mile Classic Car Charity Tour of the Cotswolds in aid of prostate cancer research on Saturday 19th October. Paul described it as a "very good day with two grey haired grumpy old men taking the piss out of each other".

The start was at Rowberry's garden centre in Chaddesley Corbett with a drive down towards Redditch, Chipping Campden, Chipping Norton, Buford and a lunch



break at 'The Classic Motor Hub' near Bibury. Here they welcome all motoring

enthusiasts and visitors of The Cotswolds, there is an onsite gift and coffee shop and a Club Room Cafe serving the best breakfast around the Bibury area (I must visit it soon). After the lunch halt it was back North through Cheltenham, Pershore and finally back to the finish at Chaddesley Corbet.



Trevor Sherrington did a great job as always booking us in and looking after us at the New Hall Mill open day last August Bank Holiday. We had a great turn out of fourteen cars including Trev's mate who brought along his immaculate completely standard 1976 Opel Kadett. This car created a lot of interest



both here and at the Himley Show.



Fingers crossed we get invited back in 2025 as this is a lovely place to visit and its great having Trevor to give us personal guided tours, he's got such a great knowledge of this place.



A huge thank you to Derrick Wallbank for booking and overseeing our final 2024 gathering at the Himley Classic Car Show. Pete Hubball and Jason Hudson Did a fantastic job in guiding and positioning everyone on the day. Once again here, we had a great fun

day in beautiful surroundings with lots to look at and plenty of visitors to our well laid out display. Unfortunately, there were no awards for our cars or display this year!

Something for your 2025 diary, the Wythall transport Museum on the A435 Birmingham to Evesham Road near the M42 junction are hosting Sunday breakfast meetings in conjunction with Classic Car Weekly, the driver gets in free, and passengers are only £5 plus you get a free copy of CCW. I'm slightly confused though as the paper says tickets need to be pre-booked through the Wythall website whereas the website says no need to book, just turn up!





You'll be pleased to know (hopefully) I have signed up for another 12 months of organising the Owen Classic Car Section, my end of year report to the AGM is attached to this newsletter. For next year I have ordered 2 flags (as shown) together with wheelbases to accompany our usual 'Toblerone' sign. With this reduced equipment I'm hoping this will enable us to travel in convoy to shows a little bit further afield.

Obviously, it is nice to have the gazebo with us for attracting attention and protection in case of rain or even sunshine at shows. So, if anyone is able to bring along the 'pop-up' gazebo & other usual Owen stuff, maybe in their daily drive car, it'll be much appreciated.



Owen Club Discount Code is CCCNOV727

2024 Preliminary OMC Events/Classic Events Calendar

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

NOVEMBER

8/9/10th **NEC Classic Motor Show**

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2024 Classic Secretary's Report

The classic section had a slow start to 2024 after another excellent NEC show with lots of interest shown in our cars and club as usual. The hard work put in by the NEC team was rewarded by the presentation of the 'David Owen Cup' for the best event of 2023 which was voted for by the committee and was well received, thank you.

The first show of 2024 was an early one at the Aldridge Transport Museum in April with a good turnout of 15 cars in glorious sunshine. This is always a good day out and they love having us there. On May Bank Holiday we put on a small show for the village Fete at Newborough, which is just outside Yoxall. 14 cars and my neighbour's recently restored Ferguson tractor made up the display which again was held in glorious weather with the rain holding off until we all arrived home. Derrick Wallbank organised a great display at the 60th Anniversary Graham Hill Sprint which included our late Chairman's restored Austin Healey 3000. I'm pleased to say that the 'Old Gal' will be on our slightly smaller NEC stand next month.

July should have been our annual 'Tony Matthews Classic Tour', but due to problems finding suitable venues etc. a decision was made by myself & Melvyn to cancel it and in 2025 it will no longer be part of the HRCR series but will revert back to being a sociable club tour which will terminate at a suitable venue early afternoon.

August was busy with four shows on four consecutive weekends. First was the welcome return of the Canwell Show. Our line up of 20+ cars was in a prominent position and created a lot of interest, the Canwell organisers were very pleased too and have asked us back again for their Centenary Show next year. The following weekend we had 15 cars at the Kings Bromley show which replaced the ever-popular Lupin Farm Show, this was poorly attended and hopefully it will improve next year. Then came the August Bank Holiday Monday 'New Hall Mill' open day and as usual Trevor had arranged great weather for us to display 16 cars in the lovely Mill surroundings in Walmley. Finally, we had the Himley Show which was booked by Derrick and organised on the day by Pete Hubball and once again a great day out in lovely surroundings.

Thanks again to everyone who has supported me and the classic section with seven good events and look forward to 2025.

Martin P.