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I decided to combine October & November's issue due to fact I didn't have time to compile October's edition due to a long holiday in Japan and preparing for the NEC Classic Car Exhibition. I'm still receiving nice comments about September's 'Tony Matthews Classic Car Tour' so Dean & I have said we will put another one together using the same start during the beginning part of 2026. We just need to find a suitable finish venue that we could spend the afternoon at. Watch this space!

Whilst on the subject of 'Classic Tours' I had a nice email from Mac & Sheila Roath about a tour that Kidderminster Car Club is organising on Sunday 29th March 2026, following discussions with Vi Lucas. This event is being run in memory of their Club's past President Dave Lucas who, as we know, sadly passed away last year. Entries are being invited from Dave's closest friends and motorsport colleagues; hence Owen being contacted via an email to me. The entry is being limited to 30-35 cars due to the tour's proposed format, and they would be very pleased to welcome any Owen members who have not already received notification of this 'tour based' event which will be very much more a social gathering to celebrate Dave's life.

The provisional event format includes: -

Start Section 1 at The Piston Club @ the Stag, with a breakfast bap/pastry and tea/coffee. First car will depart at about 09:30, followed by cars at 30 second intervals. Then a 40-mile scenic tour to a rest halt at Toddington Heritage Railway, where cars should arrive from about 11:00. A steam train ride from Toddington to Broadway and return (departing at 11:40 returning at 13:05) and will also include a pre-packed sandwich lunch, taken on the train or at Broadway.

Start Section 2 at Toddington, first car departing at about 13:30, followed by cars at 30 second intervals. Another 40-mile scenic tour to a finish at Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb, where cars should arrive from about 15:15. Here there will be a cream tea served in the Courtyard. Entry fee will be in the region of £95 per car with a crew of two and will include all above refreshments, train tickets and a charity donation. To register for this event please contact Mac & Shiela via email at kiddicarclub@blueyonder.co.uk



As you probably now know, due to a lack of entries it was decided to cancel our 'Happy Landings' all forwards production car grass Autotest at Manorial Farm, Sutton Coldfield.

Hopefully we will attempt to reschedule it next year and this time give more warning so that people can arrange their diaries to include this great fun day, fingers crossed!

Please don't forget it's our annual Christmas Party on Wednesday 10th December, we'd love to see you there to make it a good sociable night out.

Starting at 8pm at our usual weekly meeting place, Aldridge Conservative & Unionist Club. Tickets are £5 per head to include buffet food. Full members can have 2 tickets at this price. £10 for non-members.

Please contact Clare to book your place ASAP.

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The Historic Sports Car Club (HSCC) has announced its 2026 race calendar. Confirmation that Oulton Park's signature Gold Cup will return to its traditional August Bank Holiday date, 29/30/31st August next summer. The shift back to the bank holiday will see Monday re-take its place as the final day of the event with additional racing on Sunday following Saturday's practice and qualifying programme. With an expansive off-track show complementing the retro entertainment on the circuit, the Gold Cup is key part of the North West's automotive social calendar in addition to a race meeting. Each year features car displays, the Cheshire Concours competition and other themed attractions to add to the old-school mood. OMC hope to be there again with a good classic car display.

Marshals are urgently required to help with the 'John Bloxham Memorial Historic Road Rally' which is on Saturday 22nd November 2025.

We need a minimum of 12 marshals to run tests on the Appley Estate, 2 tests in the morning and 1 in the afternoon. Hot food will be provided by our 'Chef' Paul Langford. 3 observers are also required, no experience necessary, just sit in your car and enjoy the cars/event. This is a great venue, please contact our 'Chief Marshal' Dean ASAP to register your interest or if you require more information.



We were all a disappointed when back in June I was informed that OMC had been turned down for a stand at this year's NEC Classic Car show, there was a glimmer of light though, the email said we were on the reserve list. Then about 3 weeks later came good news that we had been offered one in hall 4. The reason being, they said, was that there were so many new internet car clubs applying this year. I replied via email and the wheels were set in motion once more for our 25th appearance and I had a date to get my Herald restoration completed by.



Thank you to Paul who assisted in the transportation of our club display equipment and Dean, Pete, Elaine, Chris, John and Derrick who then helped with the setting up of our stand on Thursday morning. Normally when we initially turn up the hall is deserted, and it takes a while to work out where we are situated via scribble on the NEC floor. Not this year, about 50% of the stands had all been erected on



the Wednesday and very clear dot matrix floor markings which made our floor area hunt so much easier. With an hour booked we wasted no time in getting the cars and equipment unloaded and tow-cars parked up on the official car parks. Everyone worked hard and by mid afternoon we were done, and cars were being polished ready for three days of exhibition fun. We had lots of comments on how

good the stand looked which was very much appreciated. Thank you to everyone who came and said hello, helped man/women the stand and then assisted with the breaking down on Sunday, fingers crossed we get offered another pitch next year. There is lots of moaning on the internet about pricing but that doesn't stop thousands of people turning up over the 3 days. This year there were a total of 72,738 enthusiasts visiting compared with 71,520 last year and we did sell 6 tickets via our club discount code which is looked at by the organisers when allocating stands every year!



Preliminary 2026 OMC Events/Classic Events Calendar

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

JANUARY

Sun 25th Cleve Hill Trial

MARCH

Sun 22nd AGBO Stages Rally

20/21/22nd NEC Restoration Show

Sun 29th 'Dave Lucas' Scenic Tour

APRIL

Sun 26th Drive it Day

AUGUST

29/30/31st Oulton Park Gold Cup

NOVEMBER

6/7/8th NEC Classic Motor Show