

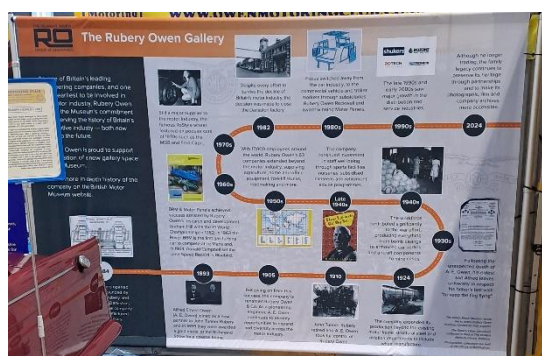


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I can't believe December has rolled around again and 2026 will be my 11th year of editing & publishing this monthly drive!! Derrick W has kindly offered to book/organise next year's shows at Walsall Arboretum and Himley Hall, which will be in July and September respectively. I've heard that 'Lichfield Cars in the Park' will revert back to mainly classic cars next year, if that happens then we might re-visit and have a club stand there again, should be early July. If anyone else would like to add shows for next year, then please get in touch.

We at Owen MC hope you will continue to support us by renewing your membership for 2026, we are hoping to have some new car stickers printed by then which will be sent out with the new membership cards. If you are not a member then please consider joining us for next year, it's only £18 and full details including the relevant membership forms are available on our website along with Owen event dates on our calendar page which I endeavour to keep up to date <https://owenmotoringclub.co.uk/>

One item I didn't have space for last month was that I was keen to show more of our club's heritage on our NEC stand this year having had various conversations with Nick Owen throughout the year. Earlier in the year Nick opened the Rubery Owen Gallery exhibition space at Gaydon, and it was there I saw the 'Rubery Owen Family Tree' which was on display. Nick later sent me a PDF of it and after permission had been granted a neighbour of mine Niall, who runs Tamworth Camping, arranged for it to be printed on a large material banner and lent me his companies substantial adjustable exhibition frame to display it. This interesting



history design attracted a lot of interest plus it looked great next to our gazebo which also had a new aerial banner across the front. Also on display were two new pull-ups which I designed and had printed. One featuring all the old adverts from Rubery Owen and the second showing the link between Owen and BRM.

As you probably know Elaine & I were out in France marshalling on the Beaujolais Rally a couple of weeks ago which was very cold, especially on the Sunday with rain, sleet and a biting wind. This was the first competitive Scenic Rally Tour organised by Jon Harvey and his team from Scenic Rally



Tours and congratulations go to them for putting on a very professional event. Congratulations to Car 36 Mark Hartland and Tracey Miklaucich in their "new" Sunbeam Alpine on being the Overall Winners with 57 seconds of penalties over 250 miles of Regularity sections across both days and 31 Timing Points, which is very impressive.

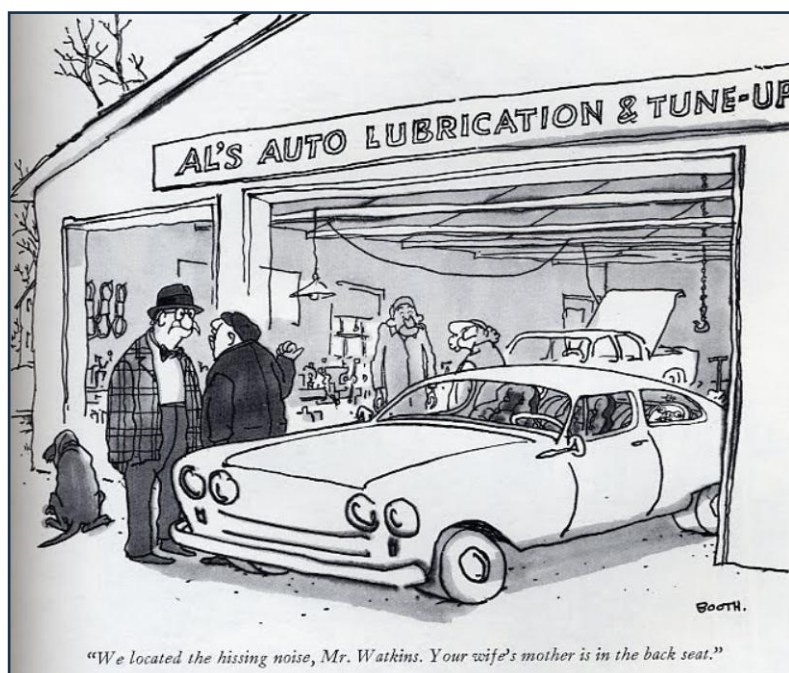
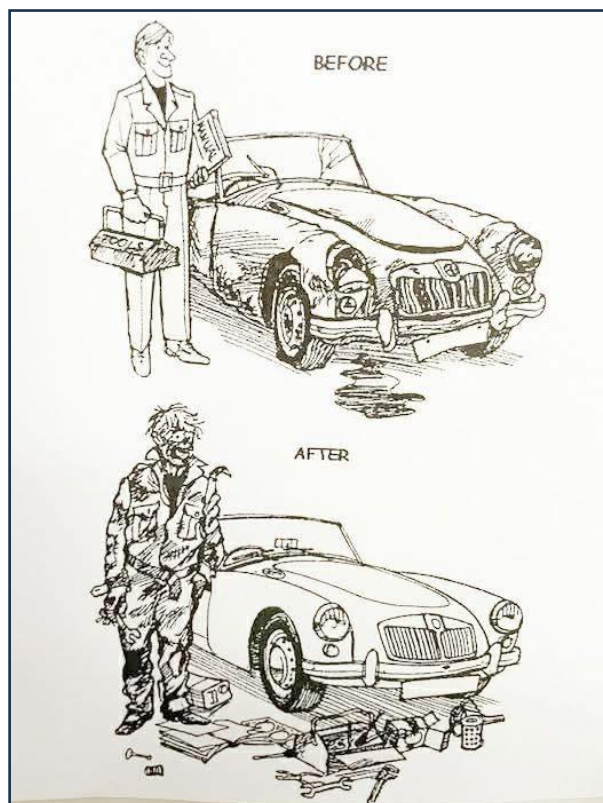
Looking ahead to 2026 they are organising three tours, 'The Pommeau Tour', 'The Champagne Tour' and the November 'Beaujolais Tour' which is already fully booked. Their Rally Tours cater to all experience levels, from absolute beginners to seasoned rally participants and you can choose to participate competitively or simply enjoy the drive without the pressure of the stopwatch. More details on these great social weekends can be found by following this link <https://www.scenicrallytours.com/tours>



Owen Marshals have also been out helping recently on the 'John Bloxham Memorial Rally' in which Dean &

Melvyn competed but unfortunately his MGB fanbelt broke with one test to do. On Sunday (14th Dec) Owen is marshalling a test on the famous LEJOG, which is described as the toughest endurance motoring event in Europe, making its way from Lands' End to John O'Groats from the 6th to the 9th December. With 55 pre-1991 cars taking part they will attempt to complete the 1500-mile route consisting of 20 tests and 25 regularities so definitely an event for the experts. Paul 'The Chef' will be feeding us again so that is well worth getting up early for on Sunday.

Mac & Sheila Roath are still looking for more interest in their planned 'Dave Lucas Memorial Tour' from friends of Dave, please see the attached flyer for more information. They did receive some enquiries following my last newsletter and regulations will be sent out to those people when they are published in the New Year. I'm really looking forward to it as it could be my first tour in the Herald although Dave would have probably wanted me to do it in the Imp!



Preliminary 2026 OMC Events/Classic Events Calendar

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

JANUARY

Sat 10th HRCR Open Day, Gaydon

Sun 25th Clee Hill Trial

FEBRUARY

20/21/22nd Race Retro, Stoneleigh

MARCH

Sun 22nd AGBO Stages Rally

20/21/22nd NEC Restoration Show

Sun 29th 'Dave Lucas' Memorial Tour

APRIL

Sun 26th Drive it Day

AUGUST

Sat 8th Canwell Show

29/30/31st Oulton Park Gold Cup

NOVEMBER

6/7/8th NEC Classic Motor Show

classicowenmc@gmail.com

Kidderminster Motor Car Club

presents

The Dave Lucas Memorial Tour

**Sunday
29 March 2026**

For information or regs, email
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or visit website
www.kidderminstercarclub.co.uk
or contact:
Mac on 01562 752950



Don't miss this great event :

- ◆ Leisurely drive along a scenic route through beautiful areas of Warwickshire, Gloucestershire and Worcestershire
- ◆ Open to all; no club membership or competition licence required
- ◆ Information about the route, area and local history
- ◆ Quality easy to follow roadbook
- ◆ Tour plate and window sticker
- ◆ Light breakfast at the Start
- ◆ Picnic Lunch
- ◆ Steam Train ride
- ◆ Cream Tea at the Finish

