

# OWEN MOTORING CLUB

## CLASSIC VEHICLE GROUP

FOR ALL CLASSIC VEHICLE ENTHUSIASTS

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*Polish it THEN use it !!*



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Welcome to the first newsletter of a New Year and let's hope it is going to be a good classic one.

Just finishing off from 2025, I have attached my letter and club stand photo which was published in 'Classic Car Weekly'. I'm really hoping all this publicity will help us obtain another stand at the NEC in 11 months' time, not that I'm wishing the year away you understand.

Something else to look forward to later in the year is that Cannock CC are going to organise a classic car run in the Derbyshire area which will probably take place in August, I'll keep you informed when I receive more details.

many years. He was an avid collector of the unusual and owned many low-mileage cars. I recall a red MGB, like the Stag, in as-new condition plus a similar Mini Cooper. Occasionally the Stag would be taken out of the Caravan and with trade plates affixed, driven a few miles to Macclesfield and back but only on days when there wasn't a chance of a rain shower.

Robert also collected low-mileage Harley-Davidson motor bikes although I don't believe he ever rode one.

Smithy Garage still exists on the A523 road between Poynton and Macclesfield but has now been re-branded as Sphere Garage.

**Ken Jee, Macclesfield**

We'd love to know if there are any other low-mileage Stags out there, so get in touch via the address above - Ed.

### NEC show's unsung heroes

After reading Trevor Blunt's letter on the Classic Motor Show (CCW, 26 November) I felt that I should also congratulate the organisers on another excellent three days of classic cars.

Our 'Owen Motoring Car Club' has displayed a small varied selection of members' cars since 2000 and it exceeds our expectations every year.

It is the highlight of our display year and visitors complimented us on our stand, showing the club's history, and displaying a mix of cars that everyday people owned in the Sixties and Seventies.

I also feel I must pay tribute to the organisers and outside traffic people who oversee the whole event and never get mentioned.

These 'Hi-Viz' people stand around outside in all weathers and unsociable hours and are always helpful, polite and good-humoured, which makes our job as stand organisers a pleasure to be a part of.

**Martin Parkes, West Midlands**

We couldn't agree more, Martin. Without them, it would be nigh-on impossible to hold the show in its current format - Ed.



The Owen Motoring Club at the NEC.

The famous Dunlop Bridge at Le Mans is being re-branded for 2026. This bridge first appeared in 1932 and was located at the end of the pit straight. It was moved to its current location after the 1955 disaster and from this year it will be re-named the Goodyear Bridge.

Our annual Owen Motoring Club Annual Awards Presentation will take place on Saturday 28th February 2026. It will be held at our usual meeting place, the Aldridge Conservative Club, with admission from 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 per person, and this includes a buffet meal. Please contact Clare for your tickets.



Our first motorsport event of 2026 takes place at Curborough Sprint Course on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February and is the 2nd round of the Cannock & District CC ' 2026 Wheelspin Series' It is 'The Crimson Dynamo Autosolo' and regs, entry and marshals registration forms are all available on our website, click the following link. We hope that you will support our events & hope to see you in February.  
<https://owenmotoringclub.co.uk/competition-events/crimson-dynamo-autosolo/>

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The Tony Matthews Classic Tour will again take place again this year, a date and finish venue has yet to be finalised, the good news is that the start will once again be William Wheat & Sons Garden Centre <https://wmwheat.co.uk/> on the Chester Road, Aldridge. We will limit it to 40 cars and details will be included in this newsletter closer to the date, if you want to put your name down to ensure a place then please drop an email to [tonymatthewstour@gmail.com](mailto:tonymatthewstour@gmail.com)

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A lot of Owen members enjoyed the usual meet up at Gaydon Motor Museum for the HRCR Rally Day on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January. Following the mandatory breakfast buttery, it was good to shuffle around the  incredible display of Works and World Rally Championship cars plus trade stands, car club tour stands and an autojumble area. Always good to clear out the Christmas cobwebs with this event.



Whilst surfing the internet last week I came across this car that some Owen members might recognise. This car was a centrepiece of our Owen Club stands at the NEC Restoration Shows back in 2015 & 2019. It is a 1970 ARK Sprite Twin Cam race car c/w a current FIA Historical Passport valid until the end of 2034. A fantastic rare local car with a great history that is due to be auctioned on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February at Race Retro.



<https://www.iconicauctioneers.com/1970-ark-racing-sprite-rec16440-1-stoneleigh-0226>

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## THE TRIUMPH PICNIC AND MARQUE DAY

SUNDAY 31ST MAY 2026

WOODLAND GRANGE

LEAMINGTON SPA

PRE-1940 TRIUMPH MOTOR CLUB



This, the eighth of our picnics, celebrates everything that is wonderful about owning and running a classic Triumph, Standard or Standard Triumph car. As always, all Clubs and individual owners are truly welcome. You are asked to do nothing more than arrive in your car between 10am and 4pm and spend a sociable day with us enjoying and marvelling at the range and variety of cars that these historic companies produced between the 1920s and 1980s.

As in the past two years, the venue is the beautiful Woodland Grange, near Leamington Spa, CV32 6RN which has proved to be a splendid, easily accessible location with plenty of space, trailer parking, toilets etc. - so make a date with us, pack your car and your hamper. We will run our coffee shop and our fresh ice cream vendor will join us in the afternoon, together with Leamington Spa's local brass band. For more information you can call Steve Jacobs, our event co-ordinator on 07763 848989



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20-22 FEBRUARY 2026

STONELEIGH PARK

SAVE THE DATE!

**CROMFORD STEAM RALLY**  
1 - 2 AUGUST 2026

Derbyshire's Premier Steam & Heritage Show

### Preliminary 2026 OMC Events/Classic Events Calendar

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

#### JANUARY

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> HRCR Open Day, Gaydon  
Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Clee Hill Trial

#### FEBRUARY

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Crimson Dynamo Auto Solo  
20/21/22<sup>nd</sup> Race Retro, Stoneleigh  
Sat 28<sup>th</sup> OMC Awards Night

#### MARCH

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> AGBO Stages Rally  
20/21/22<sup>nd</sup> NEC Restoration Show  
Sun 29<sup>th</sup> 'Dave Lucas' Memorial Tour

#### APRIL

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Drive it Day

#### MAY

Sun 31<sup>st</sup> Triumph Day @ L'ington Spa

#### JUNE

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Graham Hill Sprint @ Curb

#### AUGUST

1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Cromford Steam Rally  
Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Canwell Show  
29/30/31<sup>st</sup> Oulton Park Gold Cup

#### NOVEMBER

13/14/15th NEC Classic Motor Show

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# Kidderminster Motor Car Club

presents

## The Dave Lucas Memorial Tour

**Sunday**

**29 March 2026**

For information or regs, email  
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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

