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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.



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 8th 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/>

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

A lot of Owen members enjoyed the usual meet up at Gaydon Motor Museum for the HRCR Rally Day on Saturday 10th January. Following the mandatory breakfast butty, 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 21st February at Race Retro.



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

STANDARD TRIUMPH



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 10th HRCR Open Day, Gaydon

Sun 25th Clee Hill Trial

FEBRUARY

Sun 8th Crimson Dynamo Auto Solo

20/21/22nd Race Retro, Stoneleigh

Sat 28th OMC Awards Night

MARCH

Sun 22nd AGBO Stages Rally

20/21/22nd NEC Restoration Show

Sun 29th 'Dave Lucas' Memorial Tour

APRIL

Sun 26th Drive it Day

MAY

Sun 31st Triumph Day @ L'ington Spa

JUNE

Sun 14th **Graham Hill Sprint @ Curb**

AUGUST

1st or 2nd **Cromford Steam Rally**

Sat 8th **Canwell Show**

29/30/31st **Oulton Park Gold Cup**

NOVEMBER

13/14/15th **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 :

- ◆ Leisuredly 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

