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Welcome to the April edition and we're still waiting for the weather to get warm so we can get out and enjoy some classic car shows. Don't know if any of you read the Classic Car Weekly newspaper so if you missed it, we made an appearance again. It was the week before the NEC Restoration Show and a photograph of our stand at last year's Resto show was used to promote car club stands. Needless to say, Alison at the NEC show office was sent an email in case she missed it and hopefully keep our name in her mind ready for the Classic Show in November.

Due to the poor feedback for our local Newborough Show, which we have shown at for the past two years, I decided to cancel our planned appearance there. On the other hand, I had a good response for Canwell and Oulton Park. Hopefully we shall be at Oulton on Monday 31st August and will be contacting them soon to see if we can get a good, positioned stand there again. Finally, I was disappointed there wasn't more interest shown in the planned slot car race night for Owen Club Members at Oaklands Park Model Car Club in Birmingham, which was planned for Friday 17th April, so due to the lack of numbers this isn't going ahead. This is Britain's oldest slot car club in Birmingham and was for many years located at the 'Harry Mitchell Centre' in Smethwick, then in 2012 they were forced to relocate and can now be found in an upstairs room at Steel Spinnings Ltd, 94-96 Steward Street, Birmingham B18 7AF and they run every Wednesday night from 7.30pm, search them out on FB.



The British Army is to start retiring its Land Rover fleet after 70 years of service, the MoD has announced. The iconic vehicles will start to be phased out over the coming months and the retirement will be managed in line with demand from the Army, the MoD said. Plans are now under way to find its replacement, with the first new vehicles expected to be used by British soldiers by 2030. A government minister said: "The Land Rover and British Army share an incredible history, and the image of a Landy in Army livery is truly iconic." Land Rover vehicles have been a "trusted workhorse" for the British Armed Forces since their widespread adoption in the 1950s, the MoD said. In 2025, more than 5,000 of them remained in service across the UK military.

Derrick Wallbank is organising the Walsall Arboretum and Himley Hall Shows again. These are on July 19th and September 6th respectively, please contact Derrick if you haven't already done so regarding attending these shows. I already have names of people who want to attend Canwell and Oulton Park and likewise please let me know if you want to be added to the list for either or both shows.

Our next motorsport event is the 'Ernest Owen Trial' at the lovely Apley Park Estate on Sunday 3rd May 2026. This is a round of the UK British Car Trial Championship & the BTRDA Car Trial & All Rounders Championship. Entries are starting to arrive and we need marshals please. This is a great day out in lovely surroundings and a breakfast butty will be supplied by our resident chef, Paul. If you would like more information or want to register as a marshal then please contact Dean via email scouts8th@hotmail.co.uk



Dean and I entered and finished the HERO 1 Challenge which was in the Taunton area last weekend. This was my first time navigating on an event and I only got him lost once! Part of the route gave us 2 runs up the Wiscombe Park Hillclimb which I have never competed at before. A great Saturday out with a friendly bunch of people and lots of food.

I'm pleased to say that the car and driver performed faultlessly.



Don't let anyone talk you out of that quick 8 week car project, because those 9 months will be the best 2 years of your life!

OR IN THE CASE OF MY HERALD 3 YEARS



Preliminary 2026 OMC Events/Classic Events Calendar

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

MAY

- Sun 3rd Ernest Owen Trial @ Apley
- Sun 3rd Middleton Classics
- Mon 4th Newborough Village Fete
- Sat 9th Curborough Breakfast Meet
- Sun 31st Triumph Day @ L'ington Spa

JUNE

- Sat 6th Curborough Breakfast Meet
- Sun 7th Middleton Classics
- Sun 14th **Graham Hill Sprint @ Curb**

JULY

- Sun 5th Middleton Classics
- Sun 19th **Walsall Arboretum Classic**

AUGUST

- Sat 1st Curborough Breakfast Meet
- Sun 2nd Middleton Classics
- 1st or 2nd **Cromford Steam Rally**

Sat 8th **Canwell Show**

Sun 9th Nether Whitacre Show

Sun 9th Clungunford Classic Show

14/15/16th Car Club Fest, Malvern

Sun 16th Kings Bromley Vehicle Show

Mon 31st **Oulton Park Gold Cup**

Mon 31st **New Hall Mill**

SEPTEMBER

Sat 5th Curborough Breakfast Meet

Sun 6th Middleton Classics

Sun 6th **Himley Hall Classic Show**

OCTOBER

Sat 3rd Curborough Breakfast Meet

Sun 4th Middleton Classics

NOVEMBER

13/14/15th **NEC Classic Motor Show**

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