

# OWEN MOTORING CLUB

## CLASSIC VEHICLE GROUP

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*Polish it THEN use it !!*



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I omitted to mention the very well organised and supported 'Dave Lucas Memorial Tour'



in my April newsletter. I'd like to thank Steve Hubbard & Andy Trimbee (Car 40) for their report this month, which was sent to me by Mac Roath, Kidderminster Car Club Secretary & Tour Organiser. Elaine & I entered it in her Audi A3, due to the fact her Sprite was still off the road, and I didn't want to run my untested Herald on a long

first journey. There were several Owen MC members taking part on a great day out. This was a good way of remembering Dave by combining a car tour with Dave's other passion which was steam trains plus this event raised more than £700 for the Mary Stevens Hospice, who provided care for Dave and his family.



It would be nice if this could become an annual event and referred to it by name much the same as people still call ours 'The Tony Matthews Tour'.

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Thank you to all Owen officials and marshals for making this year's Ernest Owen Trial at the scenic Apley Estate another success. The main organiser Tim Beard has been in contact with the Apley Estate about Owen MC running the BTRDA final in October but unfortunately Apley feel this would clash with their shooting season so Owen MC will not be able to get involved this year. I heard our Chef Marshal Paul Langford did a good job in feeding the marshals too and in return raised £44 for the local 'Air Ambulance' Charity.



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Wolverhampton & South Staffs Car Club Ltd are running their 'Summer Fun Run' car tour on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July. This is a scenic tour through the highways & byways of Staffordshire and Shropshire. The start is from Albrighton Garden Centre, Albrighton, WV7 3EE with the finish at The Pigot Arms,

Pattingham, WV6 7BQ.

More information and on line entry form is available by using the following link.

<https://www.rallies.info/webentry/2026/summerfunrun/webentry>

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You might have heard that I did my first navigational Rally in the 'silly-seat' of Dean's rather quick MGB. The first round of the 2026 HERO Challenge with the HQ/starting point being the Holiday Inn in Taunton, we were running car number 39. a few people had told me this was "a good event to begin with" whilst others said, "nothing like going in at the deep end". One piece of good advice was to concentrate on getting my driver around the route and not worrying too much about speeds as better to get to the right point early/late rather than the wrong point on time and I think I repeated this to Dean many times before we set off!



You can read my full report in the next edition of REVS.

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Just a small housekeeping item for those who use our two 'WhatsApp' groups.

'Owen Classic Group' & 'Owen Marshals Group' are a good way of keeping everyone updated with relevant up to date information on Classic Cars Shows etc. and any marshal information. They are looked after by me and Dean respectively and we both agreed to ask you to keep any postings to the relevant group and only post stuff that is appropriate to the two headings.

If you want to be added to either of the groups or likewise want to be removed, then please contact either me or Dean. Thank you.

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A date for your diary is Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June where we shall once again be having a small classic car/competition car display at Curborough Sprint Course for our annual 'Graham Hill Sprint'. This is a come & go as you please sociable Sunday afternoon event. Don't forget there is also good food available from the on-site Café.

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I have emailed Andrew Christofis who is the 'Automotive Events Project Coordinator' at Oulton Park to confirm we can display at their 'Gold Cup Meeting on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August. If this goes ahead then Dean has offered to transport the club gazebo and other Owen display equipment in his van whilst trailering his MGB. If I hear anything before the next newsletter I will post it on the Classic WhatsApp Group.

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Owen marshals were out in France again at the end of April looking after regularity timing points on the Champagne Scenic Rally. This well organised rally by Scenic Rally Tours took place in and around Soissons, a historic town in northern France with some lovely smooth roads and very quiet surrounding villages. Places are still available for their next rally which is the Pommeau Scenic Rally Tour on the 25-28th September in St Valery-en-Caux.



<https://www.scenicrallytours.com/tours-1/the-pommeau-scenic-rally-tour>

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Kidderminster Motor Car Club Ltd  
The Dave Lucas Memorial Tour  
Sunday 29 March 2026

Sunday morning, March 29th, saw a keen group of car and motorsport enthusiasts meet at The Piston Club @ The Stag, near Stratford-upon-Avon, with the aim of completing The Dave Lucas Memorial Tour, a leisurely drive showcasing the beauty of the Cotswolds and beyond. Organised by Kidderminster Motor Car Club,



the event was held to honour the life and contribution of Past-President of the Club and Motorsport UK Long Service Award recipient, Dave Lucas. After enjoying a hearty breakfast, the full field of forty, cherished cars from the last seventy years of motoring, began a gentle, picturesque southerly route through the relaxing roads-less-travelled of the Cotswolds. Skirting the more familiar names of the area, the tour route cherry-picked some of the best villages on offer, including Mickleton, Ebrington and Guiting Power, as well as some of the most stunning views. Lunch saw the crews transfer from petrol and electric power to steam as they boarded a Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway steam train at Toddington station. Enjoying a trip to Broadway and back, allowed participants to further soak-in the beautiful countryside as they enjoyed their packed lunches and chats about the old-times and adventures gone-by.

Combining Dave's love of trains and all things motoring, the afternoon took in more spectacular views of the Vale of Evesham as the entrants travelled from Toddington, meandering through more quaint villages, to the finish destination of Shelsley Walsh Speed Hill Climb the oldest motorsport venue in the world that still uses its original course. The history seen on the day was only matched by the vehicles traversing the route and this was finely demonstrated as the cars were parked in the paddock at Shelsley Walsh, to allow the participants to enjoy a cream-tea in the Courtyard and more stories to round off a great day, which was truly enjoyed by all who took part.



The tour was also run in aid of Mary Stevens Hospice, who provided care for Dave and his family and raised more than £700 pounds for the charity. To complete a very special occasion, Dave's wife Vi, offered a few emotional words of thanks to the club for organising the tour and to the friends who supported the event and donated so generously to a very deserving charity.

Most classic car owners remember the very popular 'Lupin Farm Show' which is sadly no more. Once again, this year there is the Kings Bromley Treasured Vehicle Show which on Sunday, 16th August between 11:00am to 4:00pm. This is not far from Lupin Farm and is £5.00 per vehicle including one passenger to enter with a donation of the profits going to Cancer Research.

For more details and to guarantee a space, contact Yvonne Sheldon on 07774 937306 or email [treasuredvehicles@gmail.com](mailto:treasuredvehicles@gmail.com)

This event takes place on the Show Field in Crawley Lane, DE13 7JF which is opposite the Co-op if you know the area.

During the conflict of World War II, MG's Abingdon factory traded sports cars to manufacture major sections of the Armstrong Whitworth Albemarle, Hawker Tempest and Avro Lancaster as well as being a major repair hub for tanks. Their precision engineering didn't just win races; it helped to win the war.

As peace returned in 1945, MG didn't waste a second going back to what they did best. They launched the MG TC, a nimble sports car that defined the post-war era. American GIs stationed in the UK fell in love with the TC's sharp handling and classic lines. Thousands of these cars were shipped back to the States, effectively sparking the entire American "sports car craze."



### Preliminary 2026 OMC Events/Classic Events Calendar

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

#### MAY

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

#### JUNE

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Curborough Breakfast Meet

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Middleton Classics

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

#### JULY

Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Middleton Classics

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> **Walsall Arboretum Classic**

#### AUGUST

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Curborough Breakfast Meet

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Middleton Classics

1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> **Cromford Steam Rally**

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> **Canwell Show**

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Nether Whitacre Show

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Clungunford Classic Show

14/15/16<sup>th</sup> Car Club Fest, Malvern

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Kings Bromley Vehicle Show

Mon 31<sup>st</sup> **Oulton Park Gold Cup**

Mon 31<sup>st</sup> **New Hall Mill**

#### SEPTEMBER

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Curborough Breakfast Meet

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Middleton Classics

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> **Himley Hall Classic Show**

#### OCTOBER

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Curborough Breakfast Meet

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Middleton Classics

#### NOVEMBER

13/14/15<sup>th</sup> **NEC Classic Motor Show**

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