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Thank you for all the nice comments about my finishing this newsletter at the end of the 2026 after 12 years and about our very successful 'Tony Matthews Tour'. There is a truncated report on here and there will be a full report in the next edition of REVS which is our quarterly on-line magazine which is also available to read on our website. <https://owenmotoringclub.co.uk/revs-magazine> Talking of which I have now brought that up to date to include our 'Graham Hill Sprint' times/results plus dates for some 2027 Owen events and our TM tour dates/venues history page.



Towards the end of July I took my Herald to the Barton under Needwood Steam Rally which is another good local show. Lots of interesting exhibits plus not a great

distance to travel for me in this hot summer we are having.



The other highlight of August was the Canwell Show, I think the only complaint was that it was too hot! We had a turnout of about 30 cars 11 of which were Owen members. Personally, I don't think the show was as good as previous years with emphasis this year on live music although the general public



seemed to like it judging from the on-line comments. Thank you to Dean for assisting me with the laying out and setting up on Friday afternoon, our overall space was altered slightly by the organisers on the evening, but we still occupied the main roadway into the show which gave us maximum publicity.

Heartbeat actor David Lonsdale who played David Stockwell in the series will open a brand-new Heartbeat Exhibition at The World of James Herriot in Thirsk on Saturday 29th August 2026. The exhibition establishes a



permanent home for the legacy, books and memorabilia of the late Peter N. Walker, who wrote the Constable series of novels under the pen name Nicholas Rhea



Elaine and I did go to the Cromford Steam Fair with our classics on Sunday 2nd August and again a good show but just too hot for walking around hot traction engines etc. and very little shade available due to its location. A nice thank you at the end of the day was a Cromford mug for every classic car that

remained there although a lot went early due to the heat.

John & Di along with Elaine & myself were on the West Midlands Police Classic Car Club stand at the 3rd Kings Bromley Treasured Vehicle Show the week after the Canwell Show. As you know this has taken the place of the much loved and missed Lupin Farm Show. Pleased to say the weather was more bearable that day and this show is becoming more popular each year.



Here are some of the nice email comments I have received following last month's newsletter.

"I would agree with your comments on not continuing the newsletter not an easy task and to call time. Sadly, it's whether anyone else will be keen to pick this up."

"You'll be a hard act to follow Mart."

"Thank you for your hard work getting these newsletters out for so many years."

"Good luck in finding a suitable capable new Editor, hard act to follow but I understand why you can't carry on for ever."



Derrick Wallbank made a last-minute entry at the National Alfa day at Bicester motion. He entered his Alfa Berlina in the show and shine and won best over 40 years old car. Another trophy for his display cabinet, well done.



The Severn Valley Railway classic car weekend wasn't as well attended this year; I think due to the heat and the fact they were not running steam trains due to the fire risk. Still, we got our day's pass for future use which made it worthwhile plus a nice carvery lunch at The Ship Inn.



Thank you to Dean, Sue, Sarah & Elaine for helping me with the 'Tony Matthews Classic Tour' which started from The Hollybush in Little Hay and finished 90 miles later at Heage Windmill in Ambergate.



Everyone enjoyed the day with lovely comments being posted afterwards. Planning and tulip compiling was very frustrating for me this year due to various road closures that kept appearing and the software that seemed to have a mind of its own! In the end I purchased new software and this did the job admirably.



Everyone made the finish although there were a few wrong slots and chairman Mike and his navigator Paul were wrong slotting even before they got to the start. Our route took us

out of Lichfield up the A515 then via the Weaver Hills to a mid-morning stop at Hulme End. From here it was eastwards on the B5054 through Hartington and Youlgreave. Dropping South, we then skirted Carsington Reservoir towards Ambergate and the finish. While Charlotte was being attacked by wasps and mooing at the cows we assembled near to the main display area which was full and later Roger Hatcher, who is Chairman of 'The Friends of Heage Windmill', came and introduced himself and suggested we had photographs taken in our cars outside the windmill, which Anton took. Thank you to everyone who took part and I hope you enjoyed the drive around Derbyshire.



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November is approaching so make sure you have the dates in your diary and book your tickets in advance so you can celebrate your love for classics with us at the ultimate season finale! www.necclassicmotorshow.com

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Preliminary 2026 OMC Events/Classic Events Calendar

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

SEPTEMBER

Sat 5th Curborough Breakfast Meet
Sun 6th Middleton Classics
Sun 6th **Himley Hall Classic Show**
Tue 8th Moira Furnace Classic Meet
Sun 13th Hollybush Classic Car Meet
Tue 22nd Sir John Moore Classics

OCTOBER

Sat 3rd Curborough Breakfast Meet
Sun 4th Middleton Classics
Sun 11th Hollybush Classic Car Meet

NOVEMBER

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

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