



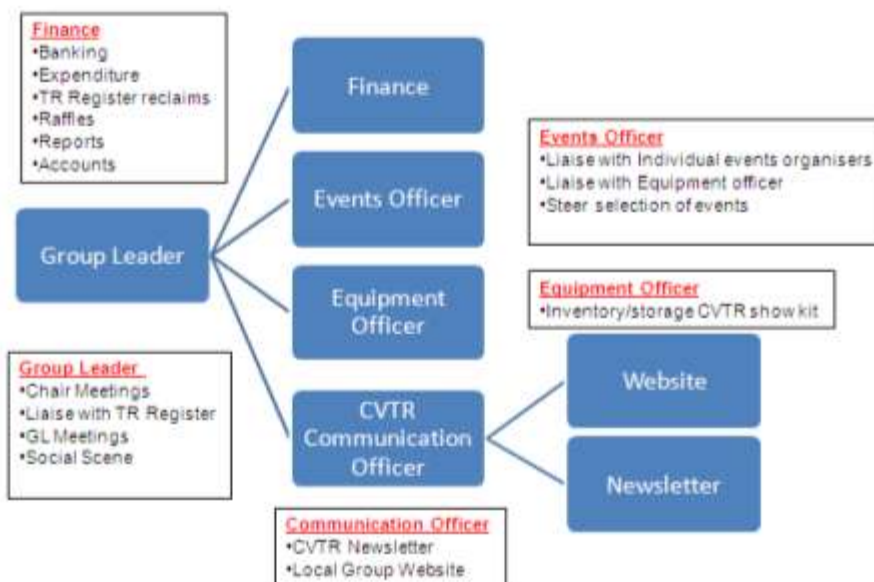
COTSWOLD VALE TR **NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2016**

Well it has been pretty quiet so far this month, not even a Sunday Lunch to report on as it clashed with Valentine's day, and plenty of members chose to spend their day with their loved ones, in the garage with their TRs, the others who needed brownie points pampered their wives/partners. In my feeble attempts to escape the doghouse (I am a frequent visitor) Sue and I decided to go shopping – in Tesco – that didn't win me any brownie points either!

Keith, Richard, Andrew and myself met up to try and put some structure and shape into the organisation of the club prior to the AGM, and agreed to put forward a proposal for discussion at the AGM, and this was duly circulated for members perusal and consideration. Doubtless you will read the outcome later in this newsletter, but here is/was the suggestion:-



Potential CVTR Structure 2016



Each of us were in agreement that a Group Leader was an essential role, and whilst we were each happy to continue to keep things going until the AGM out of respect for Colin and our members, no one was willing to take on more themselves on an ongoing basis. Our cars are our hobbies and we look forward to a new elected Leader taking on some of the work enabling us to return to what we are previously happy to do on your behalf.

Of course anyone can stand for any office, and maybe this could be my last newsletter if someone else wishes/wished to take the reins.

I sincerely hope we do not end up in the situation that the Birmingham Group find themselves in, trying to run the group by committee, good luck to them, and certainly they are getting selflessly amongst it in certain areas. Should this situation happen in CVTR, we may well be looking for more than a Group Leader!

By the time you read this, the outcome of the AGM will be known.....

MG & TRIUMPH SPARES DAY – Stoneleigh Sunday 21st February



After some pretty awful weather, Sunday turned out to be dry and bright, which was a huge bonus after some of the wet and dismal weather earlier so far this year.

The first person I bumped into was Dave Lewis, over from Spain gathering bits for his TR6 (you can read about it in TR Action). Dave is a long standing friend of CVTR and well known TR6 concours guru.

As usual, the TR Register was there with some proper show equipment, although it seemed a little undermanned this year with Merv running around tirelessly.



Bob Heppel commented that he even had to make his own tea this year as Dave and Maggie Gleed were not there waiting on members!

Well Dave Gleed had his usual pitch selling his stuff, and Maggie was in hospital recovering from a shoulder replacement operation. Dave told me he knew Maggie was on the mend as she had phoned him three times from the hospital that morning with his instructions.....!

There were plenty of other CVTR members around, Rob King was looking for shackles, Terry and Jackie were priming members for the Works Rally car Talk, Dave Gillespie had empty pockets (was that a ploy on Linda's part?), Mike Hazelwood was catching up with everyone, and I even said hello to our friend Mike Satchwell from the TRDC.

Overall it was an improvement on previous years, and putting MG and Triumph stuff together may provide a profitable way forward for such shows (even though Triumph were outnumbered and outgunned by MG)

I even managed to buy a small part that will provide a pattern for the small project I mentioned earlier, fingers crossed...

2016 Proposed Events Survey.

The deadline for returns was the 14th February, and as usual there were a couple of stragglers getting their input registered after that date – it is too late now to influence the initial outcome, so here are the relative total votes for each activity

 CVTR 2016	SCORES
PROPOSED EVENT	
Legends Racing & Bourton on the Water Motor Museum	14
Fleet Air Arm Feovil, and Haynes Museum (overnight stay)	7
Crich Tram Museum (overnight stay)	7
Pirton Brewery, Tour & Evening Meal	14
Memorial Run to Elan Valley	13
Quad Bike Trekking	5
Coventry Motor Museum	9
Imperial War Museum Duxford (overnight stay)	2
Black Country Living Museum	6
Ironbridge Museums	4
Curry Night - Shunargah Pershore	14
Prodrive Factory Visit. Banbury	25
Donnington Collection	8
Shuttleworth Collection	7
OTHER ACTIVITY DETAILS	
Country Walk (Anthony Bond)	3

The Prodrive trip is now fully subscribed with 25 in the group, and I have had to be pretty firm on the first come first served rule, so please make sure those who recorded their intentions put that date in their diary, 7th April 2016. More details will be emailed to those attending nearer the time, but we will be starting the tour at 5.30pm.

TECHNICAL SECTION

This month we have two members with significant projects on the go, one has just started – Rob King has dismantled his Capri and sent it to be paint and rust stripped prior to welding and rebuilding, and Dave McHattie is making steady progress with his Vincent Hurricane.

Rob King's Capri:-



No paint or rust – and not much welding to do.....



Rotisserie style repairs underway.....

Dave McHattie's Vincent Hurricane:-

With a bit more work it should end up looking like this.....



At the moment it looks like this:-





And it was acquired by Dave as a GT6 looking like this:-



I don't think it's any secret that Dave has not been and is not in the best of health currently, undergoing dialysis daily, so continuing with his day job and making progress with his cars (his Etype is currently also undergoing some improvements) is a bit of a lesson for those of us who thought we were busy.

Next month I might get around to completing one of my own small projects on the TR6, it has already had all its bushes replaced with Superpro polybush items, is awaiting conversion from rear "coilover" shock absorbers to the more efficient vertically aligned bracket variety that ties everything together properly, and when the bumpers come back from rechroming I will be getting them fitted (two man job without scratching anything) ready for use this year. There are a couple of other jobs I am undertaking, but will reveal all later (if it works!).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Well postman Pat has hardly been beating a path to my door this month, other than with "TR stuff" I have been acquiring from various sources, whether I need it or not. I'm sure it will all come in handy sometime.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Last month I left you with an extract from TR Action 100, so picking up from where I left off, (but don't hold your breath for too much riveting information.....)

COTSWOLD VALE

John Gibbons

I start this report by saying a special thank you to both Glavon and Birmingham Groups. Without their support our car display on the 24th June at our meeting at the Trumpet in Evesham would not have been such a huge success. Some twenty one cars, including a lovely Triumph 1934 sports Gloria, owned by our member Mr. Brooke-Fowler and Eric Barrett's superb TR6, PAC 50M attended. The Group hope that you make a speedy and untroubled recovery from your stroke Eric, and we can enjoy your company and car at major events again soon. I certainly endorse Ian Evans' comments at the prize giving ceremony at the International, when he said how much your presence was missed at the Concours this year. Speaking of the International weekend, what a great turn-out of cars this year. I was very happy to see some twenty members and their wives and friends attending from our Group. Andy must again be congratulated on what for me was his best Disco performance yet. And did you hear he will be seeing you all again next year. I must say a special thank you to Mike Hazlewood on the way he and, of course, his able assistants, organised the Concours this year. I thought the judging forms, pre-written and attached to the cars' windscreens an excellent idea, and saving valuable time when judging. When people like myself judge Concours cars, I can assure the owners that we do take great pride in giving you a very honest assessment in the time available. I thought this year's standard was very high, although I think we should still ask drivers to start their engines and check all electrical ancillaries are functioning. Your

thoughts, please Mike and Andy.

It was nice to see Brian Hartley of Wessex Group and have a spin in his rather long in the tooth TR5 PI, but it sure does fly. I don't think I have heard a sweeter PI six cylinder unit, revving freely and responsively well into the red line barrier. Brian really does prove what TR enthusiasts are all about, boldly going where no car has gone before. (No pun intended, Brian).

I noted Mr. Steven Redway of Glavon Group was looking, and sounding, decidedly fatigued by Sunday afternoon, but let's not forget his sterling efforts on the public address all weekend. I bet he drinks Carling Black Label and Wadworths 6X, all at the same time. The walkie-talkies got back to Sericom O.K. by the way, although no one knew anything about it, as the Manager was out on business. Funny how nobody talks to one another anymore. Perhaps they should join the TR Register.

My TR7 Convertible returned a very creditable 33 mpg during average driving conditions on A roads, two up and a boot full of camping equipment and clothing. Who said TR motoring is expensive? In a 7 it is positively heaven.

Ginny, I did see you in the trade hall, but not to speak too. However, I hope things are looking brighter on the health front and our Group sends their regards.

The Group has had a very enjoyable season this summer with greater emphasis on inter-Group co-operation. I think this gives the Register its key strength when organising events, especially when you are struggling with membership attendance figures in your own Group.

Happy TR motoring and don't forget to top up with anti-freeze for the Autumn months ahead.

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COTSWOLD VALE

John Gibbons

The nights are pulling in once more, and time that the TR was getting its annual check on antifreeze concentrations, and the underbody sprayed with Waxoyl ready for the winter onslaught, or will it be a mild sunny one to make up for the disappointing end to the summer we have had?

We had a good turn-out at our August Sunday drink at the Blue Boar, Binton with

some excellent food and drink on offer. Mr. Brooke-Fowler tells me his 1934 Southern Cross Gloria sports is featured in October's issue of Classic Cars. I had the privilege of riding in it earlier this year.

We have several new members, including Gary Hunter from Sedgberrow, who is looking for a TR6 to buy, and is prepared to pay around £6,000 for a good solid example. I went to view one in Nottingham with him, a nice Mimosa Yellow car with chrome wire wheels, so he may be tempted if the owner likes his price! One to watch at next year's concours, perhaps? We shall see! Alfred Widner has his TR250 back on the road after a period of months off, owing to a cylinder head problem. He missed having it at the International, but will, I'm sure, be showing it off next year. Another to watch out for, with triple Webers, not your usual run of the mill car.

Finally, I would like to thank our Group's resident mechanical genius, Jamie Frost, for his support in keeping our Group's cars on the road this year. I am sure I speak for us all when I say your efforts are very much appreciated. Also I would like to wish Eric Barrett a speedy recovery. I expect your car is missing you too!

Don't forget, don't be anti about antifreeze.

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John Gibbons

As this issue appears on your porch carpet, our annual Christmas Dinner will have just passed by. Yes, it's that time of year already! Doesn't time really fly by these days, especially when driving our beloved TRs?

The Group has been quite active this year with our usual blend of drinks, outings and meetings. Some of our main highlights were undoubtedly the Glavon Weekend in May with superb weather, thanks Steve. The International Weekend at Shepton Mallet, nice to see the old faces again. Our car display at the Trumpet in Evesham. Thanks again Glavon and Birmingham Groups for helping swell the numbers, and lastly the South West Group drink and natter at the Fox and Hounds, Devizes, home of the famous Wadsworth brewery and the life giving, and threatening, 6X ale.

Our membership still stands at a healthy one hundred, with some fifteen to twenty people making the effort to attend most events. Must be my magnetic personality, let's try and keep the support up for '93.

I must say thank you to certain members again this for their encouragement and enthusiasm. Thank you Alfred and Colin from Wadborough, for the keen interest shown throughout the year and giving us pleasure in racing such nice TRs, TR250

and TR4A respectively. Thank you Andy for your excellent disco at the International Weekend and support at our car display. Thank you Mr. Brooke-Fowler for showing your Triumph Southern Cross at our car display in June, and your support for the TR7 Convertible at the age of 81, and of course, the opportunity of driving your Bentley Saloon. Thank you Gary Hunter for supporting the Group again, after some years of absence, and now being the proud owner of a 1973 TR6. Please can we see it at a Group meeting soon. Thank you Jamie Frost for putting up with the Group's moans and groans when working on their cars. I'm sure they appreciate you really, especially when the cars are back with them and sounding healthy again. Thank you Terry and Fran for your support again this year. Your nagging does penetrate my rubber thick cranium sometimes. Thank you Ken Boyles for your display of that lovely TR4A and Stag at our car display. Thank you Michael Hill for the lovely TR7FHC at the display also. Finally, thank you to all those I have not mentioned, who supported the Group during the past year.

I would like to mention two people who I know are great supporters of the Register, who have been unlucky to be in poor health recently. Ginny Soden, who I spoke to at the Group Leader's meeting at our new Headquarters in Didcot on 25th October. I wish you every hope of a 100% recovery. Just listening to what you have suffered and are continuing to suffer fills me with great respect for you. Keep fighting! Let us not forget Eric Barrett of PAC 50M. Red TR6 Concours fame. I do hope you are making steady progress towards a full recovery, and Beryl is coping with things. Congratulations to Patrick Holland and Janice Frost for being a very credible third place overall and first in class in the Miller Oils Economy Run, returning 39.5 m.p.g. The winning car was a Triumph Spitfire, driven by Lewis Barton and Paul Muxworthy.

That's all folks for another year. I would just like wish you a Merry Christmas and a thumping super New Year. I could certainly use plenty of New Year luck this time around. This is your Groups Leader saying "Good luck, good night and cheerio to you all. Good Night!". Now where have I heard those words before? Good heavens, am I getting that old!

That is probably enough to bore the pants of you this month

CAPTION COMPETITION

Submitted this month by Dave Gillespie – "what is Meg saying?"



Entries as usual on a £20 note submitted to the editor whose adjudication will be final!

CVTR MEETING 24th February – The Fleece

We started off with our raffle where Keith yet again provided some interesting prizes, including the alternative pocket billiards set!!!!!!!

34 members in attendance, apologies received from:- Dave McHattie ,Alan Betteridge, Charles Taverner, Anthony Bond, Brian Wiggins, Pete Ratcliffe, and Austin Branson.

With our newly elected Group Leader in the chair Gareth Davies – well done Gareth and congratulations, Ian Brown fed back activities of the past few weeks. Reported above.

Ian also expressed concerns following the Chairman's report in the TR Action concerning the proposed reorganisation of club officials. Of particular concern is the proposal for the Group Co-ordinators to no longer be members of the Registers Board. CVTR members felt this was a retrograde step as members have enjoyed having direct access to and from the board via our Group Co-ordinator. We asked that Paul Tunnadine to convey this view to the Chairman and the board and our new GL will also write to Phil Tucker.

Ian was also concerned that it appeared that the Register was funding in some way the Le Mans Classic entry this year. Wayne Scott's report in the magazine says "We will be working with a major sponsor to support this entry ". We were told by one or two CVTR members that no monetary funds will go towards this "support "from the register.

Ian said that Rob King had suggested that we buy a smaller more portable gazebo to use at events which could be put in the boot of a TR. Ian had an example of one such shelter and the members agreed that we should look at the purchase of one subject to us satisfying ourselves that we could fit it into the boot of a TR. Meanwhile we have our newly purchased big gazebo which will be used for larger group events BUT the smaller TR Register badged gazebo will be made available for any other club which would like it. Cat will try and find a group that would like to take it on.

Finally Ian went through the proposed events list which 30 members had voted on. The results are above and we will, where appropriate action organising the events .Further details will be given at our meetings and in the newsletter.

We then moved onto the diary of events over the coming weeks. Andrew Racey went through the KEY ones, members should still look at the diary which was sent out earlier in the year as this section does not cover every item in the diary.

Future Events

February 26-28th –Race Retro –Stoneleigh

March 5/6th - NEC Practical Classics Restoration show (MVC575 will be on the TR Register stand, and Rob King's Capri on the Capri owners club stand)

March 13th- VC Rally cars talk by Ian Cornish and Graham Robson, at Prescott, see TR Action and the registers web site for details.

March 20th – Sunday Lunch at The OAK Inn at Defford Joanne and Ian Dancey are organising this lunch, please contact them on 01684 592475 .

March 23rd – CVTR meeting at The Fleece

April 7th – Prodrive factory tour. This is now full. Ian Brown will let those members who are attending have details nearer the time.

April 10th –Sunday lunch at the Green Dragon at Sambourne, being organised by Dave and Linda Gillespie. A return to this popular venue by CVTR. Contact Linda on davidandlinda@yahoo.co.uk or phone 01527 893723

April 24th- National drive it day

April 27th – CVTR meeting at The Fleece.

April 29/30/1st –Welsh weekend—being organised by Keith Brown.

Advance Notice

May 8th – Sunday lunch at St Richards Hospice Full roast lunch with dessert and a glass of wine £15.00. Andrew Racey organising—details will follow

June 12th- Sunday lunch –venue change to The Mill Hotel at Kingham . John and Yvonne Walker are organising – details will follow.

AND FINALLY

Our monthly meeting in AUGUST HAS BEEN MOVED TO TUESDAY 23RD (Fleece have double booked)

SUPPLEMENT – INEXPENSIVE CAR REPAIRS.....





And finally, this is what happens when you ask an engineer to put a pie in the oven at 120 degrees



That's about it from us, next month's edition will be approved by the new GL (Gareth you are more than welcomed into your new role), and perhaps any spelling mistakes and grammatical errors eliminated.

Andrew Racey, Ian Brown and Richard Durrant