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Group Leader's Ramblings

I have given the Editor the night off so expect a fair amount of spulling and grummatcal errors. Says he confidently.

I started to put this newsletter together a few weeks ago and due to numerous reasons I have been extremely busy of late so my self imposed deadline has flown right out of the window.

It was unfortunate that Viv and I had to drop out of the Christmas Dinner at the last minute but circumstances made it difficult. I understand that as always, all had a good time. I also have to say well done for raising £110 on the night for the Great Western Air Ambulance. A superb effort indeed. I have attached a letter of thanks and certificate.

From what was a hectic 2015 for Viv and myself I hope that a level of normality will return to our lives and I can devote more time to leading the group. My time spent as a South West Director takes up a fair amount of time and has detracted slightly from my Brunel duties but I hope that you can all see the overall benefits from the Directors as a whole. I am lucky that you all give me support and especially from the Social Committee who have drawn up a good list of proposed events for the year. Included is a planned trip to France to stay at Eric and Jean Batty's residence. Response for this has been encouraging. Outline details for this are included in this newsletter and If you wish to take part please contact Elf as soon as possible as we need to get the ferries booked shortly.

I had an email from Etienne recently and he asked me to pass on his best wishes to Brunel. He has offered to write an article on life in deepest Wiltshire for the newsletter. He also has his TR back on the road, which was good to hear.

Whilst mentioning the newsletter, this will revert to a monthly format from March. I think that this is important with the coming seasons events. NB I must tell the Editor. What we are desperate for though is articles but especially



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photographs of events. Over the winter months I have struggled to find anything to accompany our Social Scene Report in TR Action and hence me having to resort to two camels. It raised a laugh with the TR Action Sub-Editor though.

Hopefully by the time that you read this I will have started to populate our website so again, photos needed. If I understand the workings of the TR Register website any TRR member allocated to Brunel will receive the newsletter once it is posted on the website. Well, I think that is how it will work.

We have made a slight change to our group logo to include the TRR logo. You will see this on our next newsletter.

Next week is our Annual General Meeting. This year to be held at the Jubilee Inn. It may be a bit of a squeeze but I am sure that it will be ok. The format of the evening will be the same as previous years and the Agenda, Minutes of last years Meeting and Accounts are attached to this newsletter. The pub will also be providing some nibbles. I have quite a few proposal/suggestions to put to you and I think hat it will be an important meeting. I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

And finally. I am sure that you have all made note of it but my email address is now: andy Spencer203@gmail.com

Andy

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Social Scene

Our plans for a trip to France are taking shape and below are the proposals from Eric and Jean Batty. If you are interested in coming please contact me as soon as possible so we can book the ferries etc.

FRENCH TRIP

Accommodation at Jean and Eric's house at La Bossardais, St Aubin des Chateaux, near Chateaubriant, Loire Atlantique 44110. The house is set in an acre of land,



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has 4 double bedrooms, one with en- suite and 2 bathrooms. There is also gîte accommodation in the area. The proposed dates and travel arrangements are Tuesday 21st June departing Poole 8.30 am and Arriving at Cherbourg at 13.45 pm; then leaving from Cherbourg 1700h Thursday 30th June and arriving Portsmouth at 1900h (high speed ferry). The current return fare is £201.60 (with discount) for 1 car with 2 passengers. The distance from Cherbourg to La Bossardais is approx. 200 miles, motorway (non-toll) except for final 10 miles of country roads.

The suggestion is that we plan day trips to places such as Nantes, the capital of Loire Atlantique, the Loire Valley, the coast at La Baulle, La Roche Bernard on the estuary and the walled city of Guerande. There are also local places of interest and a large lake with creperie within walking distance.

Lunchtime meals can be bought very reasonably; the menu du jour is usually around 12 euros sometimes including wine! The kitchen is fairly well equipped and we have a very large dining table! Hopefully, a good mix of relaxation and fun.

Best wishes

Jean and Eric

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I would also like some ideas for Drive It Day on Sunday 24th April. In the past we have not organized anything but this year it would be good to organise a run and a stop for lunch. Suggestions please.

You will see that the Social Committee have put together a list of events for the year which I hope you will find interesting and plenty of opportunities to get out and enjoy your TR. If you know of any more events that you would like to add, please let me know.

Elf



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Events Calendar

February

Wednesday 17th – Brunel Annual General Meeting, The Jubilee Inn, Flax Bourton
8pm start

March

Wednesday 16th – Monthly meeting, The Jubilee Inn, Flax Bourton

April

Tuesday 12th – **TR Register Track Day, Castle Combe**

Wednesday 20th – Monthly meeting, The Jubilee Inn, Flax Bourton

Sunday 24th – Drive It Day

May

Wednesday 18th – Monthly meeting, The Jubilee Inn, Flax Bourton

June

Sunday 5th - **Cherished Vehicle and Farm Fun Day, Allington Farm
near Chippenham**

Saturday/Sunday 18th/19th – **Bristol Classic Car Show, Shepton Mallet**

Saturday/Sunday 18th/19th – **Bath Festival of Motoring**

Wednesday 15th – Monthly meeting, The Jubilee Inn, Flax Bourton

Tuesday 21st to Saturday 25th – **Brunel French Trip**

Sunday 26th – **Chipping Sodbury Run**

July

Saturday/Sunday 16th/17th – **Powderham Historic Vehicle Gathering, Exeter**



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Wednesday 20th – Monthly meeting, The Jubilee Inn, Flax Bourton

Fri/Sat/Sun 29th/30th/31st – **Silverstone Classic**

August

Saturday/Sunday 6th/7th – **South Gloucestershire Show, Westerleigh**

Wednesday 17th – Monthly meeting, The Jubilee Inn, Flax Bourton

September

Sunday 4th – **Tetbury Classic Car Show**

Wednesday 21st – Monthly meeting, The Jubilee Inn, Flax Bourton

October

Saturday 1st – **Autumn Classic Meeting, Castle Combe**

Wednesday 19th – Monthly meeting, The Jubilee Inn, Flax Bourton

November

Wednesday 16th – Monthly meeting, The Jubilee Inn, Flax Bourton

December

Saturday 10th – **Brunel Christmas Dinner, Alveston House Hotel (tbc)**

Wednesday 21st – Monthly meeting, The Jubilee Inn, Flax Bourton

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