



COTSWOLD VALE TR
NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2016

We start this month with a few corrections and clarifications from last month's newsletter:-

Charles Taverner wrote to me to say that the section about his attendance at Churchill had caused him severe pain and embarrassment, indeed it was only when the swelling had subsided and he was able to see out of his right eye that he was able to determine the source of the problem. The article had read "Jane" when in actual fact his wife is called Helen.....ooopppsss.....



Richard Durrant also pointed out the images of the track day at Blyton were wrongly attributed, indeed they were the work of Tim Walker and Dave Roberts. The error arose when these pictures were revealed, they were taken by an anonymous CVTR member..... (I fear some retribution may be afoot when Richard and Meg find out who)



In fact these were the pictures Richard submitted, and they were indeed taken by Katrina Forey:-



Richard also pointed out that it was a “best dressed” competition at the IWE and that it is not their everyday attire!

And so, back on the normal format, this is what we have been doing over the last month (well, those events that have been reported)

August 14th Sunday lunch at The Coal House at Apperley

13TR.s and Nick and Karen's Porsche in the car park (his TR was on its MOT so he is forgiven). So 25 members enjoyed yet again a superb lunch cooked by our host Kay. Steve the landlord took the orders and served the drink. A lot of us sat outside and when those tables were full then the reserved seating inside coped with the overflow.

A very relaxing way to spend a Sunday, good food, good company and good weather, what more could one ask for. (yes OK Yvonne, sorry they did run out of salmon and then your second choice chilli, so next year we must get you at the front of the queue).

Thanks to everyone who came.



No – Rob’s car is not pulling the trailer!



Nick's Porsche



Gathering of the clans



Meg and Mick in conversation



Not sure what Lesley has just told Val??????????



Ready, steady, go..... Lesley won!



Meg tucking into the house speciality



Meg's sprint engine TR7 with Alan's award winning TR6



Cars lined up for inspection

Andrew Racey

August 18th Colin Boother memorial run.



In January 2015, as part of the annual event planning process, Colin had suggested that CVTR members may like a run out to the Elan Valley, and at the following monthly meeting the idea received enthusiastic support. Unfortunately Colin's illness prevented him completing the arrangements and so the idea was shelved for 2015.

However, in 2016, Phil Blake and Alan Wilding offered to finish the work Colin had started, and consequently arrangements for the run out through Wales to the Elan Valley were completed and invitations distributed through the newsletter and at our monthly meetings. Without wishing to steal any thunder from the report from Phil Blake following in next month's newsletter, members from London, Wales, Birmingham, and Leicester were present, and following publication of some photographs on facebook from Dave Lees, members from Shropshire and Stoke also suggested they would have joined in had they known about it. There must have been more than 25 cars and 50 people who arrived on the day and enjoyed a great drive through spectacular scenery in the company of good friends. Lesley and John Boother joined us en route, and Colin was never far from everyone's thoughts on a pretty special day.

My personal thanks go to Alan and Phil for thoughtfully completing and delivering an idea suggested by Colin in 2015, it was well worth all the efforts.

For those who missed out, here is a picture (from facebook – it won our photography competition last week, unfortunately I didn't take it!) of the dam at the Elan Valley reservoir:-



Ian Brown

TECHNICAL SECTION

Yet another month goes bye and no submissions from other members, so you are stuck with my spanning ministrations yet again.

I had not had any reason to alter any of the heater settings on my car since last December, but the weather on the run into Wales was so warm that I needed to turn off the heater – not a problem, until I realised that the heater valve was inoperative. It didn't matter which position the valve was in, it made no difference whatsoever. Whilst I may have put up with warm legs and feet, Sue was more vocal than that and subsequent instructions were issued, - get it sorted! A bit of research showed that the original valves were never that efficient, nor reliable, and that cable operations were usually pretty clunky and stiff. As an alternative upgrade some people had fitted TX1 taxi heater valves, an in line valve that does the job effectively and efficiently, and pretty reasonably priced ie almost the same as a replacement heater valve from a TR parts supplier, but they work effectively and more efficiently.



It looked pretty simple, but you need to fashion a bracket and sort out the connection to the cylinder head. A neater solution was a valve made by the same company, Everco, model 74648, but different configuration and fitting. This screws into the existing fittings and is much neater. Unfortunately this model appears to be only available in America so whilst the purchase price may be reasonable for a neater solution, the shipping costs are pretty steep! To cut a long story short, via a friend, I managed to source just about the last one in the UK.....



The new valve even has the on and off positions marked.....

First step – remove the old valve:-



Now you see it

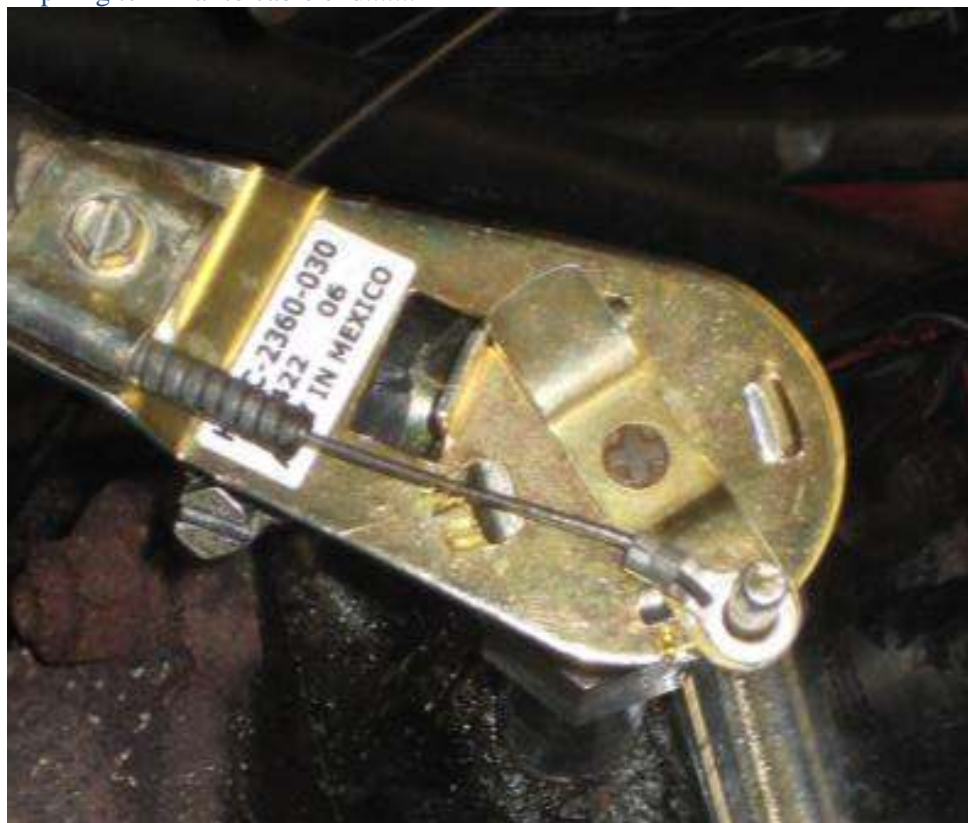


Now you don't

Second step – screw in the new valve with plenty of PTFE tape on the thread and attach cable:-



Trim cable and crimp ring terminal to cable end.....



Finish off with tube sleeve and an "e" clip to retain the ring onto the spigot.



Check the full range of motion with the control knob and the job is finished, (and hugely superior to the original).

Ian Brown

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

SERENDIPITY SAVES SMILING SCARLET



LAST SUNDAY CAROL AND I JOINED THE GROUP AT THE COALHOUSE AT APPERLEY. I WAS DRIVING MY TR3 'SCARLET' AND CAROL WAS IN THE TR7. WE HAD QUITE A FAST DRIVE BACK ON 70MPH DUAL TRACKS AND SO ON, ALL WITHOUT INCIDENT. HOWEVER, WHEN WE GOT TO THE DRIVE OF OUR HOME I SLOWED AND, AS I OPERATED THE REMOTE KEY FOR OUR GARAGE DOOR, I REALISED THAT I WAS ROLLING BACKWARDS DOWN THE VERY GENTLE SLOPE OF THE FOOTPATH, SO I BRAKED A LITTLE FIRMER RESULTING IN A BURSTING SOUND. AS THE GARAGE DOOR OPENED I DROVE IN DISCOVERING THAT I HAD NO FOOTBRAKE, SO I APPLIED THE HANDBRAKE AND ENDED UP IN A PILE OF CUSHIONS FROM OUR GARDEN SEATS. NO DAMAGEDONE. I FOUND TWO BURSTS OF BRAKE FLUID IN THE ROAD AND A TRAIL OF THE SAME ALONG THE DRIVE.

A LITTLE LATER I CHECKED UNDER THE CAR EXPECTING A RUBBER HOSE TO HAVE **FAILED**, HOWEVER IT WAS THE RIGID COPPER PIPE AT THE REAR OFFSIDE DRUM WHICH HAD A SHINY SQUASHED AREA WHERE IT HAD BEEN CAUGHT BETWEEN THE AXLE AND THE BUMP STOP STRAP.

A LITTLE RESEARCH LED ME TO REALISE THAT THE PIPE SHOULD HAVE BEEN ROUTED AT THE FRONT OF THE AXLE BUT WAS IN FACT BEHIND IT, WHERE THERE APPERS TO BE LESS SPACE.



SO WHAT A STROKE OF LUCK. COULD HAVE LOST MY BRAKES AT ANY OF THE ISLANDS SLOWING FROM 70MPH...COULD HAVE ENDED UP LOOKING LIKE THIS!
I HAD A WORD WITH SCARLET AND SHE EXPLAINED THAT SHE 'WAS BURSTING BUT WAITED TILL

WE GOT HOME' BLESS HER!
ANYWAY...SERENDIPITY STRIKES...I'M VERY HAPPY...AND SO IS SHE.

Rob King

COMPETITIONS SECTION

CVTR MEETING 23rd AUGUST

CVTR Meeting at The Fleece Tuesday 23rd August (hands up who forgot it was Tuesday this month and not Wednesday)

Gareth opened the meeting with apologies from, Messrs Wiggins, Wilding, Barnett, Lees, Heppel, Blake, King and Roberts.

We had 21 members and 3 TR,s in the Courtyard

Gareth reviewed the activities from the previous 4 weeks as detailed elsewhere in the newsletter. He also confirmed that Will and Ruby Clapton have rejoined .Then handed over to Andrew to report on the next few weeks.

FUTURE EVENTS

August 27th. Curry Night

Phil Barnett enjoyed his birthday bash so much at the curry house in Pershore that he is suggesting a get together in Hall Green for a further curry night. Meg Durrant has "volunteered" to try and sort it out (at least that's what Richard said) so if you would like to go then its the usual address richardidurrant@btinternet.com or phone 01905 840386. Can you please let them know as soon as possible please so that they can confirm the booking.

August 29th Pershore Plum Festival

Those who have filled in the forms now have their tickets for entry. If you haven't a ticket then you can pay on the day at the gate. So far with support from Coventry Group and The TR Drivers Club we are expecting around 40 cars. We will have our usual spot by the Abbey. Andy's X2 will be on site by 8.30am with the blue ropes.

September 3rd LMA Display

At Much Marcle, weather permitting several members will be attending this spectacular aerial diaplay. Check it out here - www.largemodelassociation.com

September 2/3/4th Lakes tour

Please contact Paul Tunnadine if you wish to go then please contact Paul. paul.tunnadine@sky.com

September 4th Honeybourne village show.

Held in the field next to Andys house. This is a typical village show with a craft tent and lots of stalls.

September 10th - Peopleton show

This has proved to be popular over the last year or two, with lots to do and see. Just turn up on the day and pay on the gate.

September 11th Sunday Lunch at The Old Chequers at Crowle.

Gareth Davies is organising this event. Please let him know if you can attend.

Sunday 11th September -Classic Vehicle Day. Toddington GWR

Come and revel in the nostalgia of cars of yesteryear. <http://www.gwsr.com/planning-your-visit/2016-events-calendar/classic-vehicle-days.aspx>

September 18th Sudeley Classic car show.

This is one of the events which Andy Canning will be supporting with the CVTR show kit. Pre booking is essential. You should by now have seen the application form, please return it to Andrew Racey NOT Sudeley. Cost is £5 per car, usual entry is around £14 per person at time of writing this report we only have

a disappointing 6 entries, as this is our final event of the year with the large gazebo, we had hoped for more. Not too late to book in, contact Andrew Racey.

September 28th CVTR meeting at The Fleece

September 30th Curry evening at the Shunarga in Pershore.

Richard Durrant has booked 30 places, so contact Richard on a first come first served basis, book early to avoid disappointment. Last year it was terrific!

October 1st Intergalactic Custom Shop Charity Day

Chance to see the Drag racing car and workshops of Wayne Allman. This magnificent beast will be showing off its huge engine etc. Contact Andy Canning for details. – proceeds in aid of charity.



October 1/2nd Prescott American Classic car weekend.

October 9th Sunday lunch at The Broom Hall near Bidford.

We have used this venue before and it's being organised by Brian Wiggins.

October 16th . Autumn Leaves Run

Brian Wiggins is happy to organise an Autumn Leaves run. Details will follow in the next few weeks. To those who attended the CVTR meeting, please note the revised date.

October 23rd- Restoration show at Stoneleigh

October 26th CVTR meeting at The Fleece.

Sunday 6th November. TRR AGM

NEW VENUE. .Ardencote, The Cumsey, Lye Green Road, Claverdon, Warwickshire .CV35 8LT. You are asked to register your attendance via online form at www.tr-register.co.uk/agm or by notification in writing to the office before October 26th. Or phone the office and register with Jo. Lunch will only be available for those who have pre registered.

December 3rd An audience with Stuart Turner, ex Competition Manager at BMC and Ford.

The TR Register along with Terry Smith are organising another event at Prescott - Details will be published in the next TR Action magazine. £25 gets you a three course lunch and an entertaining day hosted by Wayne Scott.

January 28th. CVTR Annual awards dinner.

SUPPLEMENT
Eclectic Mix of Odd Images





Andrew Racey, Ian Brown and Richard Durrant