



COTSWOLD VALE TR **NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2016**

Thankfully no errors, apologies, corrections and omissions from last month's newsletter (as far as members have made me aware), so straight into a review of events since we last met at the Fleece.

August 27th. Curry Night



Following the success of the previous curry nights and to celebrate Phil Barnet's birthday (again), Meg and Richard organised yet another culinary experience at a venue in Hall Green, Birmingham. Judging from the empty wine bottles and clean plates, it looked like everyone enjoyed a great evening. (Is Phil sober?)

August 29th Pershore Plum Festival

It's Bank Holiday Monday, so it must be Pershore Plum Festival, so it must be raining. Wrong on the last statement, it was fantastic weather. I arrived on site just after 8.00am to find the Mazda MX5 boys trying to invade our space as they had a potential 85, yes 85 cars coming, as I was wearing my yellow tabard they thought I was some official when I said they would have to move their cars back from where we were going to be. It worked !

So CVTR signs put up and by 8.45 Richard Durrant and the TRDC guys turned up , what a sight, about 8 X TR7,s in a line and that was before Andy arrived with the blue ropes. But once Andy was there the ropes were out, the gazebo up and we were off. There were a total of 41 cars, with the Coventry and Birmingham groups in full support. We had two rows nicely set up, but then found we had to double park further cars and then fill up, the gap in the middle, but as the photographs will show, what a super sight.

I guess the overall numbers on the fields were approaching 1000 cars, which all adds to the support funds for The

Abbey. On the subject of support funds, our two St Richards collection tins were also on display, along with the banner, so we got a few coins and some folding money to kick start round two of the tins (the first two being handed back as they were full).

Good weather, good company, what better way to spend a bank holiday- well some of our ladies did find a better way -- shopping, no names but you know who you are.

Many thanks for all the helpers in making it a successful day. Next stop Sudeley!





Words, Andrew Racey, Eric Winters (BirminghamGroup) and not forgetting Jane Canning and other facebook entries.

PERSHORE PLUM FESTIVAL - EXTRAS

Richard Durrant





...."Your Grandad used to have one of these"

So then I climbed the 220 steps to the top of the tower



...to be confronted by the pigeon scarer...



The view over the Abbey Park and in excess of 1000 classic cars was impressive, and Pershore and surrounding countryside is laid out in a new perspective.

Couldn't resist this picture, but not a TR in sight, until I moved round to the south side



Andrew pointed out to the MX5 parking attendant that they were not supposed to park in our area.....



....and we managed to pack in all our cars to form the most impressive display on the Park.



Even though I was offered money, I declined to come down on the zip wire....!!
This beautiful TR2 arrived late and joined us. I didn't find out his name, but I suspect he is attached to the Coventry Group?



(ed comment - this car belongs to TR Register supporter Paul Harris – Paul Harris Tyres, he is sat in it)

Phil Barnett and Richard Flynn were also late arrivals to the relief of a couple of dogs
“Come on Butch, these wheels need a wash!”



Pershore was packed of course, and there were stalls and entertainment everywhere



Guess where Meg is headed.....!!!



Provide your own caption to this, and it will be published in the local press....



Nearly forgot – the section you are all waiting for....



I had a wander round the Park, and found ten TRs that didn't enter our display, including these Dorettis, which are members of the Usk Valley Classic Car Club. Not too far away – perhaps we could get in touch with them?





(Ed comment, almost a nice registration on the saffron TR6!)

Richard Durrant

September 3rd LMA Display

Having missed last year's and this year's events at Cosford, I was very much looking forward to the show, unfortunately the wet weather and windy conditions in the days preceding, and on the day, led Gareth and I to conclude that there would be very little flying, so we chose the option to defer our visit to 2017.....

Ian Brown

September 2/3/4th Lakes tour – no report, as yet.....

September 4th Honeybourne village show. No report as yet.....

September 10th - Peopleton show- Once again, no report

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

Yes it was Sunday lunch time again and 9 TRs in the car park of The Chequers at Crowle kindly organised by Gareth. We have used this venue a number of times before, however it has been taken over and a lot of money spent on doing it up ,both externally and internally.

The car park has been laid to Tarmac replacing the pot holed gravel from previous years. Inside it is clear from new tables, chairs and decor than no money has been spared in making for a very pleasurable atmosphere. But of course it's all about the food and that didn't disappoint either. Most of the party of 21 had the Sunday roast and looking at the size of Jane and Linda's Yorkshires (puddings) it was well worth. Lots of vegetables and nothing too much trouble for the helpful staff.



“Look at my the size of my Yorkshire!”



“Yours is bigger than mine!”



Sue gets stuck into her bread roll



OK Richard – caught red handed, a guilty as charged look



Even Meg and Rob agree!



Proud TR Owners, Cat and Dave’s cars stand alone



And here are the rest of them!



Yet again a very enjoyable lunch with good food and company, what more could you ask for.
Many thanks to Gareth for organising it.

Andrew Racey (additional images Richard Durrant)

September 18th Sudeley Classic car show.

Sunday 18th September and a number of CVTR members ventured into Gloucestershire to Sudeley Castle. This is the third year that the event has been held (ed comment - in recent times, we were there many years ago!) and it's very clear that it is becoming more and more popular. Last year I would guess there were 45 cars this year about 125.

CVTR had 9 cars plus our support vehicle (thanks again Andy). Unfortunately Alan Wilding broke down on the way to us with a gear box issue. He was quickly recovered and returned home to get the car fixed. We all arrived on site by 10.00am, well I say all but Bob decided to have a tour/ drive around Winchcombe and surrounding area and eventually arrived 15 minutes later.

The weather was warm and sunny, so a walk around the garden and park was a must before venturing into the church and house. For those who have not been its well worth a visit. Our group relaxed around the gazebo or strolled to the restaurant for a bacon bap or in some cases lunch and then afternoon tea.

After returning from tea I was sitting minding my own business (yes I know that's unusual) when a small dog started to wander around freely without any sign of an owner , five minutes later a much bigger one also wandered around. Still couldn't see an owner but said in a rather loud voice "dogs should be on a lead " (as per the joining instructions) I then repeated that dogs should be on a lead when a gentleman walked through our display and said " it's OK I live here " ! -- so that told me, I said in that case I guess you can do what you want before crawling into a hole!!

Some of our group suggested that he should be setting an example, but hey ho! He lives there so carry on sir.

At 3.00 pm there were presentations for best car on site, and best group display which was won by the Crossfire car owners group. Given that this was a classic car show we were all somewhat bemused as to how a group of modern cars could win this award. Sour grapes maybe but the Austin Healeys deserved the award far more than newer cars.

So to sum up, a very enjoyable day at a super location.



The start of CVTR display with gazebo at the ready



More cars lined up and our collection box for St Richards



Austin Healeys looking good.



Castle from the gardens



Inside the church where Catherine Parr is buried



It is what it looks like. A Royal loo with a comfy seat.



Rear view of the Castle



More cars on display including this Bond Bug



General Display



Mind the kerb with these whitewall tyres



Another of Bob Heppel's lovely cars

COLIN BOOTHER MEMORIAL RUN
AUGUST 18th 2016

At the start of 2016, Alan Wilding, myself and Sandy thought it would be really nice to follow up Colin's suggestion from the previous year in getting as many as possible of the CVTR members together for a run following the route of the River Wye to the Elan Valley. So after spending some time finding a start point, a pub where we could finish the run and planning the route, the job was done.

The meeting point was at the Teddington Stores car park close to the Teddington Hands Roundabout which is about 4 miles from Tewkesbury. Although there were 28 cars in total taking part in the run, about 20 turned up at the start and the others had arranged to meet us on route at various points.



All the cars arrived safely but of course some final tuning was needed for the 90 miles to the finish.



Not only did we have a good turnout of our own members from Cotswold Vale but it was nice to see some of Colin's friends join us from Birmingham, Leicester, London and Wales. In fact, with 50 people in total, we had to arrange for another pub at the finish (The Eagles) to take the extra people as The Triangle Inn could only manage to serve 35 for lunch.

The route took us through Tewkesbury, Ledbury, Hereford, Stretton Sugwas, Staunton on Wye, Bredwardine, Hay on Wye, Clyro, Glasbury, Boughrood, Builth Wells, Newbridge on Wye, Doldoelod and finished at Rhayader where we had lunch at the two pubs.

On route near Hereford and Bredwardine



Relief at last. Toilet stop at Glasbury



All seemed to go to plan and we managed to meet as arranged the other cars on route including Lesley and John Boother driving Colin's 4A. In total the run took about three to three and a half hours to complete including the stops and all the cars arrived at the finish without any major problems although some of the road signs on the way were a bit confusing.



Finish Point The Triangle Inn



Thanks to everybody who gave a contribution to St Richards Hospice and to Andrew Racey and Ian Brown for their efforts in collecting the money. Over £200 was raised on the day.

Phil Blake

COLIN BOOTHER MEMORIAL RUN WYE VALLEY AUGUST 2016







Richard Durrant

TECHNICAL SECTION

No need for me to worry about small jobs reporting this month, both Rob King and Dave McHattie both have projects worthy of more coverage than these columns:-

Rob King gets his own back from the strippers! (Capri GT, not clothes.....)



Dave McHattie making excellent progress with his Vincent Hurricane:-



I called round to help Dave fit the fuel tank and the pedal assemblies, both jobs made much easier with two pairs of hands. The car is back from the paint shop, I was surprised to see it resplendent in Brooklands Green when Dave had previously told me he was going to paint it the same colour as his E Type.....

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The fan club have been very quiet this month.....

COMPETITIONS SECTION

Latest update from Anthony Cotgrave:-

TRack Day Castle Combe

Lucky my time slot was early pm so the track was drying out nicely.

Only Classic running in the 20 car grid.

So mixing it with Evos, Subys and old Nissan Skyliners. All where respectful in the Red zones and allowed me to take the Blue apex on each turn.

Suprised to see a granddad racing but we gave each other plenty of room on the exits.

Nice Birthday present from my wife , who spectated behind the catch fence and even waved me off !

Also insisted later we stop and watch the " Drifters"crazy people in cars, which had passengers. Apparently this is not covered by the MSA !!

So waiting for BOC (Bugatti Owners Club – Prescott) last entry for the Autumn Classic in October .

Cheers

Tony.

September 28th. CVTR meeting at The Fleece.

Gareth started the meeting with apologies from, Mike Parry, Alf Widmer and Martin Pemberton. He welcomed Peter Walker to our meeting with his TR6. We had 33 members in attendance.

Gareth then reviewed the previous months activities as above before Andrew went onto discuss future events.

FUTURE EVENTS

September 30th Curry evening -Shunarga in Pershore.

Bookable through Richard Durrant. - richardidurrant@btinternet.com

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. Details have been sent out so please confirm your booking with Brian bcwiggins@hotmail.co.uk

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. A trip through the Cotswolds ending up at Batsford Arboretum .Again contact Brian on bcwiggins@hotmail.co.uk or phone on 01527542164

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.

Please read the notes below in AOB from our September meeting.

November 13th Sunday lunch at The Thai Emerald in Evesham being organised by Tim Walker

November 11/12th Classic car show at The NEC.

November 23rd CVTR meeting at The Fleece plus our AGM .

(NB last year our AGM was held in February out of respect for our previous Group Leader, Colin Boother, we have therefore decided to hold as in previous years in November). If you were in receipt of one of our awards last year could you please return it at this meeting .

December 10th- Christmas lunch at The Fleece. Contact Keith Brown

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.

Bob Heppell was able to present the menu for the dinner (see below) . Our last dinner at Dumbleton was in the view of those that attended one of the best, if not the best , with very good food and service, so please come along and support the event and CVTR ., If you have any special diet requirements or have an issue with the menu then talk to Bob, he can be contacted on Robert.heppell@btinternet.com or phone 01386 860499

*Cotswold Vale Annual Meal and
Presentation Dumbleton Hall Saturday January 28th 2017
meal served @ 6.30 for 7.00*

Menu

starter

Cream of Butternut Squash Soup, Sage Beignets

Ham Hock & Guinea Fowl Terrine

Poached Pear, Blue Cheese & Parma Ham salad

Main

Roast Pave of Lamb, Flageolet Puree & Balsamic Glaze

Hake on bed of Warm Tomatoes with chorizo Crumb & Herb Oil

Pan Fried Chicken Supreme with Haggis Farce & whisky Cream

Mushroom Guinness & Root vegetable casserole with Creamed Potato

Dessert

Lemon Tart with Berry Compote

Apple and Sultana Sponge, Anglaise Sauce

Sunken Chocolate Cake with Clotted Cream

Cheese and Biscuit Selection

Freshly Brewed Tea or Coffee with Dinner Mints

Name..... Tel Number

Meal are £25.95. Rooms to be booked direct with Dumbleton Hall mention Cotswold
Vale when booking £87.00 a double (4 poster bed extra £20.00) Dumbleton hall
Telephone number and Email address are tel 01386 881240 Email dumbletonhall.co.uk

Please make cheques payable for meals to R Heppell

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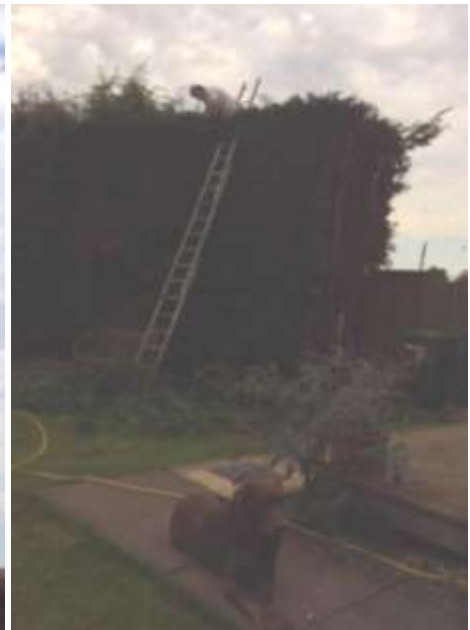
A few items were raised under this heading.

Phil Blake has had an ongoing issue with our insurers. He has a multicar policy but on calling out the recovery service he discovered that they only record on of his cars on their date base, therefore wouldn't recover him. After numerous phone calls to the office etc he was eventually recovered. However we know from further tests on the system that this issue is still not resolved. So if you have more than one car on your policy beware you may have a problem. This issue we are told is being addressed however ten to twelve weeks have gone by and still no resolution.

Members expressed concern with reference to The AGM that at this point in time we hadn't seen sight of the resolutions to be presented at the meeting or confirmation of the various roles in the club which have not been advertised. ie Financial Director and Technical Director. We have not been made aware of people stepping down from their positions, indeed it appears only a small minority of senior officials know what's going on and lack communication to members is not acceptable.. Cat was only able to confirm that October 1st will see published on the web site what's going on. He did confirm that Merve Parkes has stepped down.

Other Stuff

Andy Canning gets to grips with his trees:- Whilst Ted (H&S Manager) keeps a close eye on things



Top marks this month also go to Andy Canning for organising a taxi run in a Lancaster bomber, named "Just Jane", to celebrate Jane's birthday. I am led to believe that Jane's father was a crew member on Lancasters during the war..... (ed comment, well done Andy, brilliant idea)

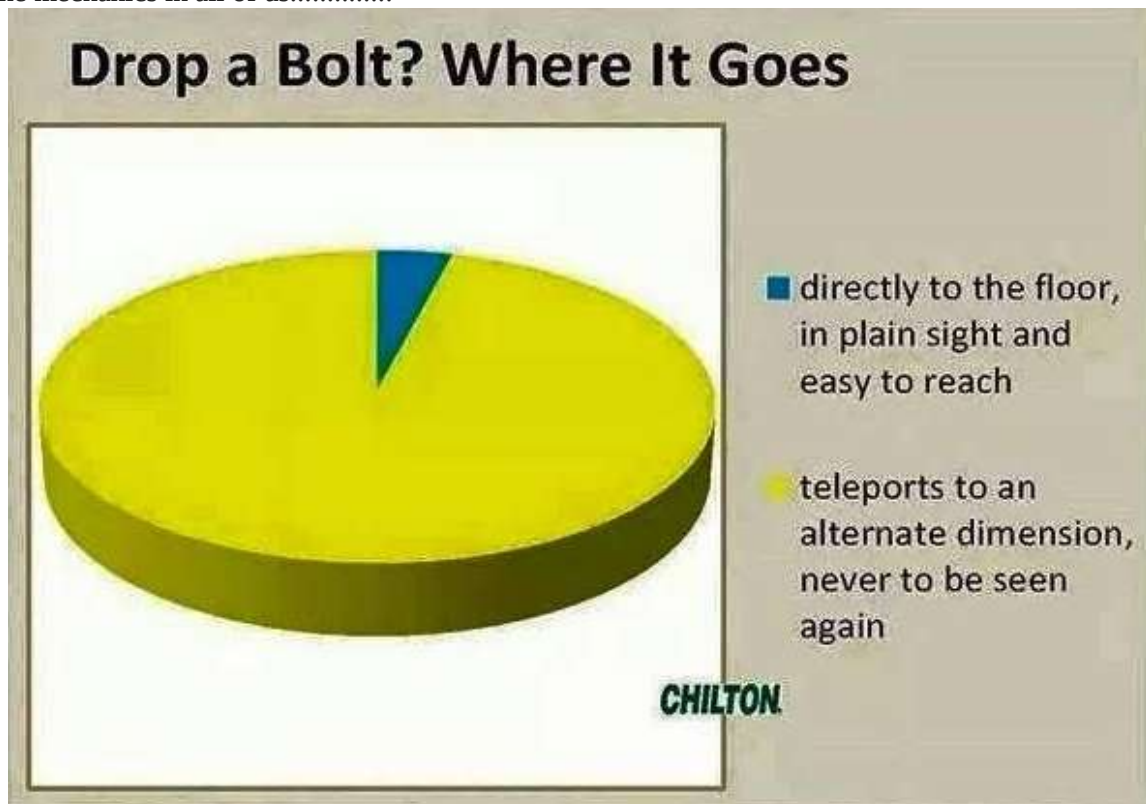


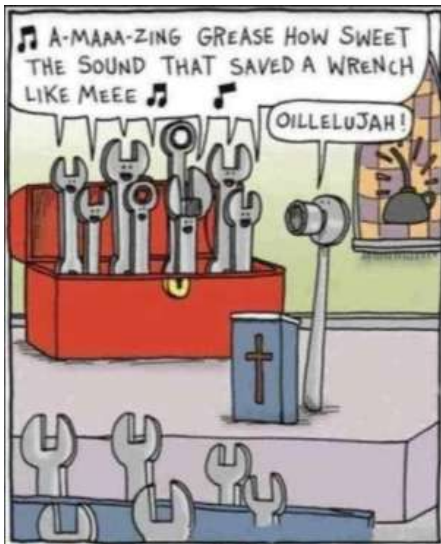
SUPPLEMENT

If you ever wondered how they managed close up shots of racing cars before current technology, this is how it was done:-

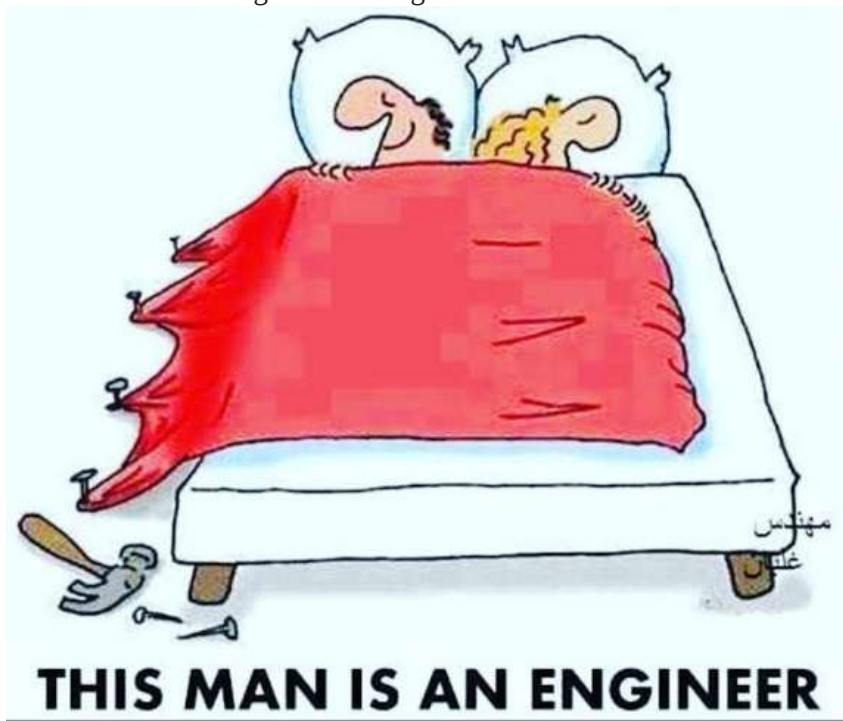


And for the mechanics in all of us.....





And this is for the engineers amongst us:-



Andrew Racey, Ian Brown and Richard Durrant