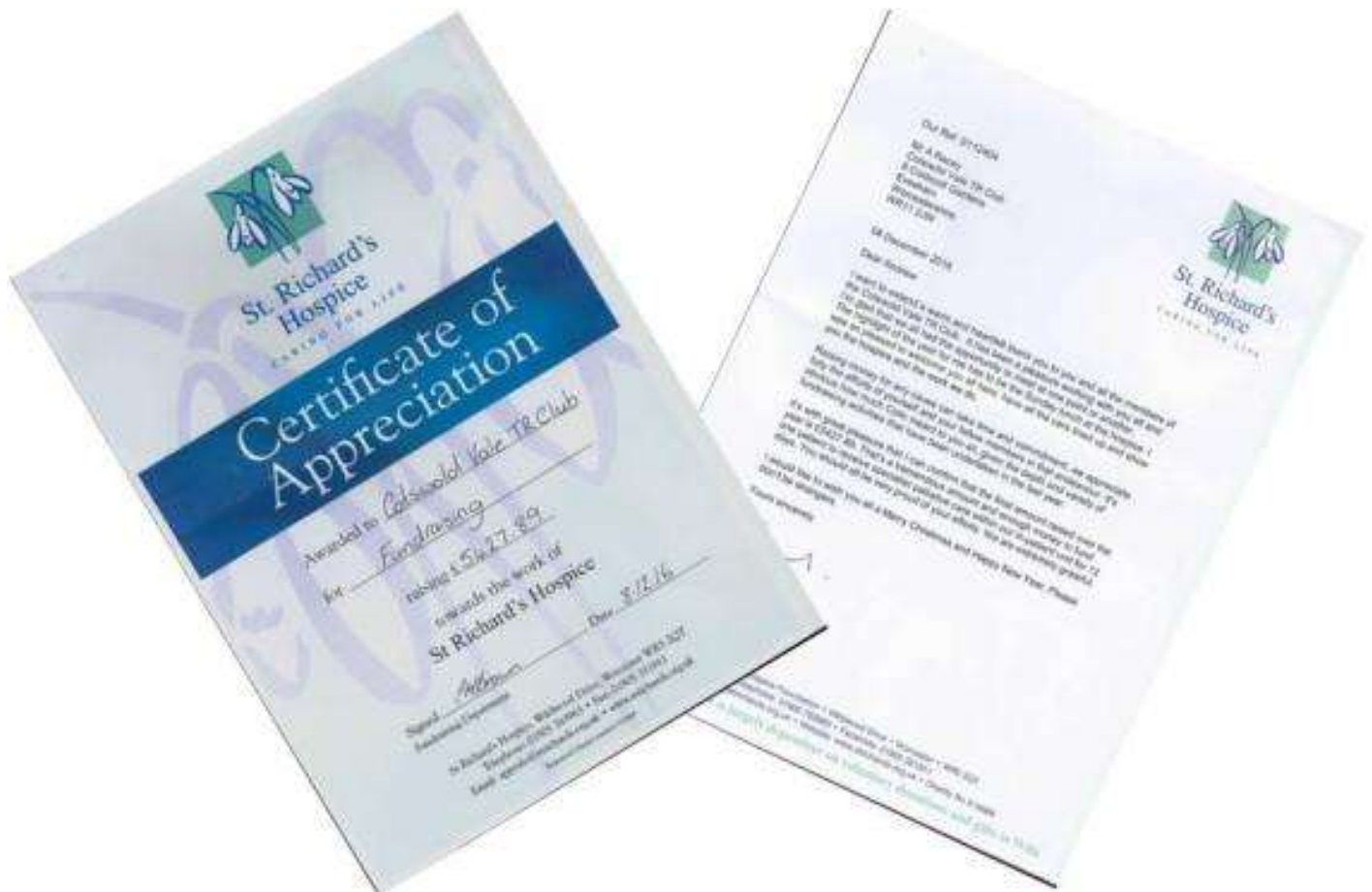




COTSWOLD VALE TR **NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2016**



What better way to end the year than a letter of thanks and certificate of appreciation for our fundraising this year...



Above is a copy of the certificate from St Richards following our efforts at fund raising this year. The grand sum of £5427.89 has been raised in the name of Colin Booth. A large chunk by Lesley and her family on their parachute jump, we then had a Sunday lunch where we raised over £630 , Dave Lees did a splendid job raising almost £500

driving to Benidorm in his classic car, Terry Smith lead the effort at Prescott event on behalf of the Register, and of course the Colin Boother memorial run organised by Alan Wilding and Phil Blake.

All of the above plus your generous donations throughout the year with the collection tins has given us this grand total. May I thank you all for your sterling efforts throughout the year, the money in Colin's name raised will go towards special palliative care .

Andrew Racey

Ed Comment – a huge thank you to Andrew on behalf of all CVTR members for making the effort to shake the tins, fly the flag (banner) and coordinate this initiative

November 27th . Classic car show and auto jumble at Malvern show ground.

Keith Brown and Andy Canning went along to check out the bargains on offer, sadly there did not appear to be any!

December 3rd An Audience with Stuart Turner - Prescott

Unfortunately no report received, although Ian Cornish reported that it was an excellent venue and a great talk!

December 10th = Poldark's (Martin Pemberton) 60th Birthday (A PROVISIONAL TASTER)

Friday night in the Pilchard Press:-





A few pictures of the “Poldark” themed outing Martin had organised for Saturday – when it rained all day!!



We had just bump started the coach!!



The Party on Saturday night!!





Before the party



and after the party

And he wasn't the only one!



Report to follow in January with more revealing photos.

Richard Durrant

December 11th - Sunday Christmas lunch at The Fleece.

A slightly smaller turnout than usual because a number of CVTR members had opted for a trip to our Poldark star Martin Pemberton for his birthday bash.

Usually the meal is in the barn but we swapped for the pewter room (so called because of collection of civil war era pewter) where we could sit by the fire. Nigel, the landlord, had arranged for Christmas crackers for everyone. By all accounts everyone seemed to enjoy the room and the food. Thanks to Gareth and Charles for the photos.





Keith Brown, ably assisted by Gareth Davies and Charles Taverner

December 13th. Birmingham Group quiz night.

Provisional information - Appleknockers – in memory of Colin – came third. Report to follow in January.



Richard Durrant

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

I thought you might like a picture of a mug I received for my Birthday:-



Seems to fit the bill admirably!

Ian Brown

Dear Editor

My friend in America sent over this sign from his local classic car garage, seems fair to me!



Andrew Racey

TECHNICAL SECTION

XMAS 2016 OFFER!!! - STRUGGLING WITH YOUR HANDBRAKE (TR4-6)?

This is an extract from the write up of a test of these products by Ian Cornish. The article will be published in TR Action in 2017, so here is a sneak preview and offer for all CVTR newsletter readers.....

“The perfect solution for the Girling handbrake brake is not a bolt-on addition to lengthen the lever at the back plate, it is a replacement lever of greater length. The original lever has an effective length between pivot points of 7.1cm (2¾”), whereas the new lever has 9.0cm (3½”) – an increase of approximately 27%. As can be seen from the photo, the form is the same as the original. Of course, the difference is that, in order to fit them, a certain amount of dismantling is necessary

Noticed any difference? Yes!!!!!!!!!!!!”

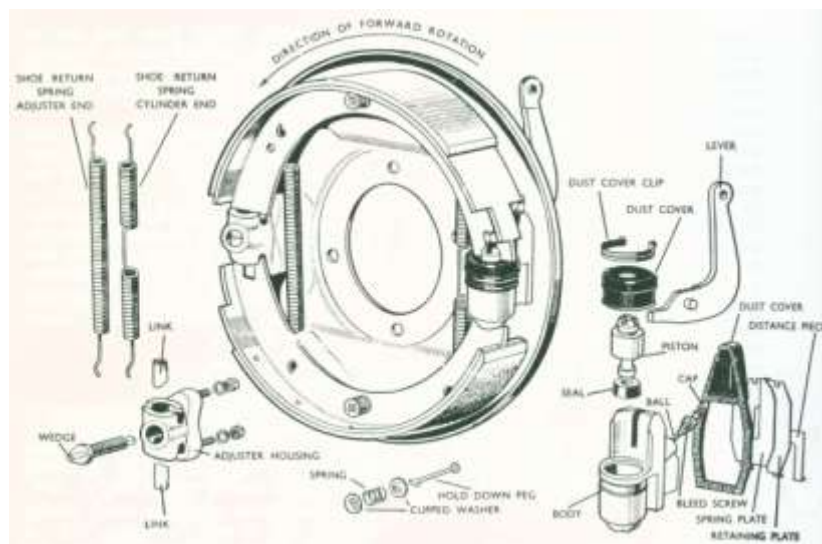
These levers are available through CP Fasteners, (remember the emergency bonnet release kit for later cars?) at the **INTRODUCTORY PRICE of £35 per pair, includes p&p to UK destinations,**
(offer price **only** available until the end of January 2017)

<http://cpfasteners.com/>

(items are so new to the range they are not yet listed on the website, but contact details are!)



Original and lengthened handbrake levers



Rear brake assembly

FUTURE EVENTS

January 8th. Bicester scramble

Over 700 cars usually attend the start of the year, you will have to book early on their web site if you wish to go!

January 9th . MEETING AT THE FLEECE TO PRE PLAN 2017 DIARY. STARTS AT 7.00pm.

Please come along to help your club in forming next year's diary.

January 28th. CVTR Annual awards dinner. – IT'S NOT TOO LATE YET!

Bob Heppel is organising our annual dinner and awards night at Dumbleton Hall, a venue we have used for the past 4 years. Last year's dinner and evening was regarded by those who attend as The Best Yet , (totally agree, food, service and entertainment was great). Contact Bob Heppel on 01386 860499 or email- robert.heppel@ btinternet.com . You can also book accommodation to stay overnight at a very reasonable rate, mention when booking that you are attending our dinner.

This is your yearly chance to put on your best Bib and Tucker and support CVTR's annual event. We will also be presenting awards for Car of the Year, Special awards x2 Sod's law trophy, The Tony Holland memorial cup for engineering excellence, Carbon Foot print award , and of course Pratt of the Year (be afraid , be very afraid) - notes have been made and we have at least 6 candidates eligible .There will also The Colin Boother Memorial plaque awarded by the Chairman to a CVTR member who has shown Exceptional Pride and Passion in their car or club.

Our numbers are down this year due to a few people away on holiday, but if you have yet to make up your mind then please come along and join our annual get together.



SUPPLEMENT

Sorting Out The Gene Pool For 2017





HAPPY CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR from the editorial team, see you all again in 2017!



Andrew Racey, Ian Brown and Richard Durrant