



## **COTSWOLD VALE TR** **NEWSLETTER JULY 2017**

Well from where I am sitting, the number and variety of events continues to grow, and if you were so minded, our hobby could be a full time occupation!

So straight into what has been happening since our last meeting, and for those who wish to find out what is happening in the future, jump down to the future events section and make sure you have registered your interests and marked your diaries.....particularly the Colin Boother Memorial Run and the Pershore Plum Festival - (see future events section) and there is a another potential new section at the end – “classifieds”

### **Wed. 5<sup>th</sup> July - Lands End/John O’Groats – (Or Bust) – En Route at The Fleece –**



As written about in TR Action and our last newsletter, Ian Benfield decided some months ago along with a number of others within The Register to drive from John O’Groats to Lands End to raise money for children in need . Well the time came and Ian (minus some of those who said they would do it, indeed he was the sole entrant!) for him to put his TR5 to the test. After a wet drive through Scotland, he called in at The Fleece on his way south, as you can see from the photographs below, to a small welcoming party.

Nigel Smith cracked open a bottle of bubbly before Ian set off on his final journey to a Lands End. If you wish to sponsor him then look at the Just Giving web site and put in his name and his page will come up .His aim is to reach £1000. He will be arriving at the IWE on Saturday having covered the length and some of the breadth of the U.K.





Dave McHattie and Ken Aiton has the polish out for the reception with their E Type and TR6 respectively



Cat looks like he is preparing his speech, with welcome shade for refreshments



Before congratulating Ian and wishing him the best of luck for the Cornwall leg of his trip, with an intended finish at the TRR IWE in Malvern.....

WELL DONE IAN BENFIELD  
*Andrew Racey*

## Ian Benfield and Roger's halfway stop, John o'Groats to Land's End

Ian and Roger paused briefly at the Fleece Inn on their epic 2000 mile jaunt up to John o'Groats, down to Land's End and then back to the Cotswolds in Ian's TR5. This was in aid of Children in Need.

In Roger's words...

*Ian's classic car, (which is a Triumph TR5), retains all of its originality, which includes the same tyres, and the remainder of the original engine oil that hasn't spilled out over the road in the last 48 years. Some say Ian is a stickler for authenticity and originality; others say he is a bloody tight arse who has never spent a penny on it. I am drifting towards the latter camp.*

Well they reached the halfway point ok:-



And the car looks very shiny – we were told that was due to the rain in Scotland.

Nigel turns up with some dubious looking “champagne” that has been lurking in the bowels of the Fleece for some time.



And yes they managed to complete the second part of the journey to Land's End and back but the car decided that it needed a rest after that and refused to do the extra miles to the International at Malvern.

Donations still being accepted via:-

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ian-benfield>

Well done Ian and Roger.

**Keith Brown**

STOP PRESS – after 2000 miles around the country, Ian broke down on his way to the IWE at Malvern and his car never made it into the arena

## July 7-9<sup>th</sup> TRR IWE, Malvern



If anyone had been wishing for glorious weather, they were rewarded with fantastic wall to wall sunshine all weekend. I wasn't able to make any day other than Sunday, so I paid my £15 on the gate (Sunday rate), stuck on the wristband and parked up. The plan was to make a tour of the halls and the other exhibits and then decide where to spend a bit of time. The best laid plans came to nothing as I met loads of friends, acquaintances and contacts such that time flew bye.....

Of specific interest to me was the new format for the "Bring & Buy", well this is how it looked:-



it was more akin to a newsagents window, each card was hand written and close inspection was required for a description of the part and the contact details of the seller....

I have no idea how it worked out, how much money was raised, nor whether people preferred this format or not? (however, in my opinion – it was an absolute shambles!)

Just across from the "Bring & Buy", Glen Hewitt was just climbing into MVC575 for a slot in the arena:-



Clearly my iphone camera and photographic skills do not do this fantastic restoration of the most iconic of TRs any justice, if you haven't seen it yet, please make the effort, you will not be disappointed!

The concours and survivor cars were ably arranged and displayed, and the standard continues to rise, all the concours cars were better than manufactured and real credits to their owners.

The overall winning car was this stunning Italia, owned by the new Italia Registrar, Graham Andrews



The car parks were well marshalled, and it is always great to see so many excellent cars arranged neatly (without a blue rope in sight), these couple of images are from Mark Owen (Birmingham Group, via facebook)





And I did spot Bob Heppell's 3A nearby.....



I also met Andrew R, Richard and Meg, Mark Hellings, Martin Pemberton, and Phil Collins, and saw Dave Lees at a distance.....had a chat with Dave and Maggie Gleed along with numerous other members and long standing friends. For a change, I spent a short while watching the arena displays, and my view is that it was the best I had seen in over 25+ years! Graham Robson and Wayne Scott were excellent, and thanks must go to the members who shared their time and cars with the audience.

Of course, with the birthday celebrations of the TR3a and TR5, a cake was produced for each model, ceremoniously cut in the arena along with the owners of those models respectively (and very tasty the cake was too!)



The TR5 cake was lovely, but I missed out on the 3A cake being cut by Mike Ellis and Harris Mann!

Whatever anyone thinks about the IWE, it was great to meet and greet old friends, look at some great cars, speak to loads of suppliers, ask questions and get pointed in the right direction, where else can you find all this at one venue?

And for those who might wonder about the price, they might consider how much a ticket to a couple of hours sporting event costs, how much a theatre or show ticket costs, and how long that function lasts. The IWE lasts for more than two full days, costs less than a tank of fuel, was set in some fantastic scenery, and offered what I thought was great value. The adage of cost and value springs to mind.....yes of course it costs money, but how do you measure value.

*Ian Brown*

### Silverstone – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July



For those who were at the CVTR meeting in April, Paul Hogan announced that the British F1 GP Drivers Parade would feature all the drivers in a range of TR's, pretty much the same format as had been established in Australia for the last couple of years. Although Paul asked for volunteers, and several people expressed an interest, there were no CVTR members selected.....

So I was full of anticipation when I turned up that morning for the first and second F1 practice sessions, but disappointed to discover that my pass didn't allow a visit to the infield area where the cars were displayed in the old pits area, not only that, I couldn't buy a suitable pass to get there!

So here are a few images from that day posted on various facebook TR pages:-



And although I wasn't able to make the Saturday (prior commitment at the time, see below), my nephew and brother in law were there all weekend and took some great images of the cars and drivers/passengers on the F1 parade lap:-



MVC575 (Glen Hewitt), TS2 (Wayne Scott) and a TR7V8 (Phil Horsley)



It turned out to be this man's day of TRiumph..... (Driver Ian Smith, Chiltern event organiser)



Driven by Derek Hurford, but not Vettel's day after a puncture on the penultimate lap, mind you he did have an entertaining early race scrap with



Max Verstappen (driver Phil Horsley)



Screen shots from facebook.....

A terrific coup for the TR Register, organised by Chiltern member Ian Smith, supported expertly by Wayne Scott.

***Ian Brown***

### July 15<sup>th</sup> LMA Display, Cosford.

After the excitement of Friday at Silverstone, waking up to rain on Saturday was not a great start, but the forecast was encouraging, so I was determined not to miss the show this year.

How large are these models????????????????????



And when they are in the air.....who can tell the difference?



This English Electric Lightning was one of my favourites



We even had the Red Arrows:-



The mighty Avro Vulcan:-



A VC10 in BOAC livery





And we were treated to a brilliant aerial display by a B17 Flying Fortress:-



There were scores of WW1 and WW2 fighters, civilian planes, aerobatic planes, soarers (gliders)



And the detail in each model was brilliant!

A great day out, if you like flying/aeroplanes/models/skill, I'm looking forward to next year already  
***Ian Brown***

## Sunday 16th July – CVTR Car Show, The Fleece



- and we have chosen to have our Sunday lunch at The Fleece but to include a car show as well. We were expecting 10/12 cars but ended up with 24, so a splendid turnout on a cloudy day. We were very fortunate in having our own judge in Phil Blake who has judged a couple of TR International Concours events. So many thanks to Phil and Keith Brown who helped to organise the event and he supplied CVTR winners and runner up certificates. A separate report will show who the winners were.



Bob Heppel with his car



Mick and John studying Richards engine with Alf and Keith in deep conversation.



A line up of TR6's



First outing of 2017 for the CVTR gazebo



Our judges Corvette under cover



Dave Gillespie advising Richard on his engine.



Our judge Phil in action with help from Sandy.



A gathering of TR,s



Start them young . Harry Field ( Andrews grandson ) at his first TR event



Now for the serious stuff, eating and drinking.



First in the lunch queue



Looks like John is ready for his next pint.

*Andrew Racey* – (Winner in the TR7 class.)

NB, after dropping off the gazebo, Andy and Jane disappeared away to Prescott, where Jane spotted Terry Smith fancying his chances on the hill, posting a video of his start on facebook:-



**.....CONCOURS EVENT.....  
THE FLEECE 16 JULY 2017**



Twenty-four owners presented their meticulously prepared TRs on The Fleece lawns hoping to be judged best in their class...





Accredited expert Concours judge Phil Blake commenced his inspection of the cars....



....to be immediately confronted by an owner offering the contents of a brown paper envelope.....

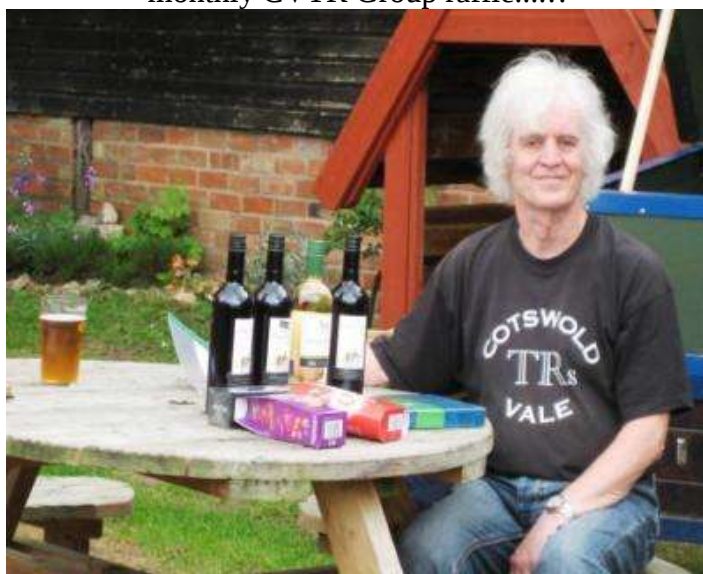


.....which the judge of course treated with the disdain it deserved!!

Judging completed, Andrew Racey called for order for the award ceremony....



....and indicated the vast array of desirable prizes presented by Keith Brown using the same approach as his monthly CVTR Group raffle....!!



....ale not included!!

The awards were broken down in TR marque order, and each winner was presented with a certificate noting his achievement.

### TR2, 3 and 3A

Winner: Bob Heppell TR3A



Runner up: Lawrence McCarthy TR2



**TR4, 4A and 5**

Winner: Alan Wilding TR4A



Runner up: David Gillespie

TR4



**TR5 and 6:**

Winner: Steve Henman TR6



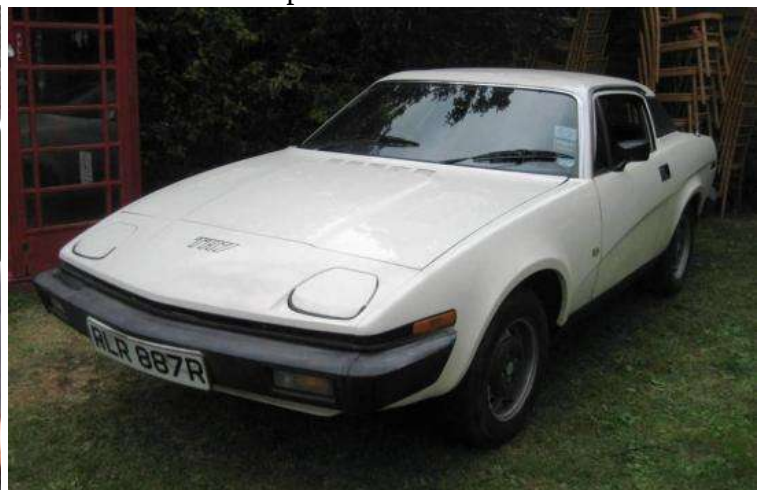
Runner up: Richard Vasey TR6



TR7:  
Winner: Andrew Racey TR7 Convertible



Runner up: Nick Smith TR7 Coupe



Unfortunately there wasn't a category for the Concours judge's car, but it is splendid...



Many thanks must go to Andrew, Keith and Phil (and any others involved!) for organising the event, which we hope will now be part of the CVTR annual calendar!

*Richard Durrant*

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ed

I would like to extend congratulations to Tom and Louise Boother who were married on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July.



Lesley's TRusty TR4A (pictured) was used as one of the wedding cars, whilst unfortunately the other, the TR6 had a malfunction on the way to lay a "buttonhole flower" on Colin's grave at Pirton Church.



John was driving at the time, and quickly enlisted the helpful assistance of some friends, who willingly exerted themselves pushing the car whilst John obliged with a "selfie"! Alf arrived shortly afterwards, with a "short" tow rope, and John enjoyed an exciting TRip back to Alf's garage behind Alf's BMW.

Thank you to Lesley and the whole of the Boother family for their hospitality that evening, and on behalf of CVTR, best wishes to the bride and groom for the future.

*Ian Brown*

PS, we are all looking forward to seeing you again on the 17<sup>th</sup> August (with cars fixed!)

**Dear Ed**

'Does Brian Wiggins get a prize for being the only Cotswold camper at the IWE and having a tent smaller in size than a TR!?'.



*Brian Wiggins*

**Dear Ed**

Although my TR4A is currently undergoing open heart surgery, see technical section, we are kept busy with the 1100 at various events. First up in July was a gathering at Gaydon, and whilst there Jen picked up a brochure for something she might be interested in attending.....



I wasn't too sure about fast Fords, but if anyone knows of a decent Maestro 2.0 Turbo – I am definitely interested. Anyway, just as another treat, Jen and I joined the throng at the Festival of The Unexceptional at Stowe the weekend after the formula 1 GP just down the road at Silverstone:-



*Dave Lees*

(PS the editor compiled the story from Dave's facebook postings!)

Dear Ed

**DERBYSHIRE DALES WEEKEND  
JUNE 2017**



Meg wasn't best pleased about this, but I couldn't find any way of attaching it using cable ties.....!!

Derby Dales Group's annual weekend was based as usual at the splendid Alison House hotel in Cromford near to Matlock Bath, which is ideal for getting out into the beautiful Derbyshire Dales and Peak District, either on organised tours or exploring on your own. In fact I will suggest that we use the hotel as our base if Keith Brown and me ever get round to organising a visit to the Tram Museum at Crich!

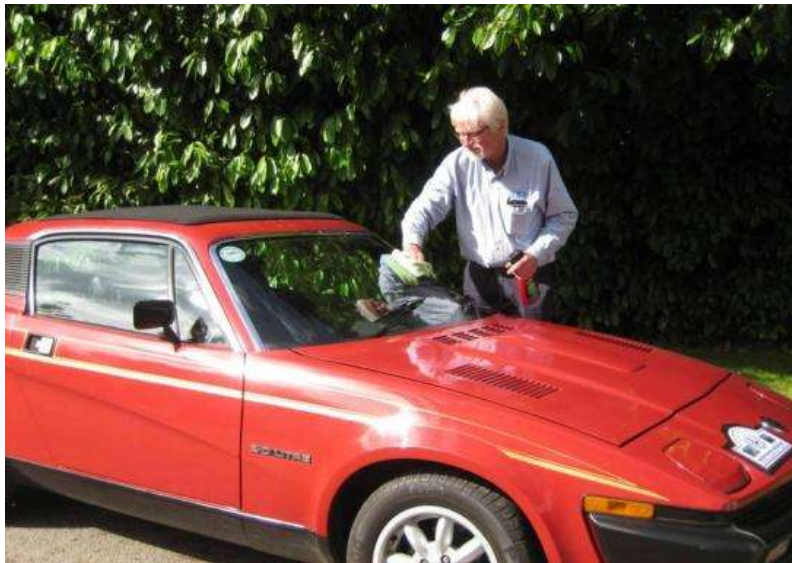
I estimated a total of around twenty TRs, a Spridget, an E-Type and a Mercedes took part in the Saturday and Sunday tours



With Cotswold Vale represented by Cat, Meg and myself...



The weather prior to setting out hadn't been perfect, so Cat decided that we should put on a good show of clean cars....



We decided to visit Dovedale so I could relive my childhood falling in the River Derwent under Thorpe Cloud. Fortunately, H & S have required the stepping stones to be enlarged, levelled and faced with concrete....



“Made it...!”



Fortunately Meg missed my last leap for dry land, but I managed to retain my balance and only immersed one foot anyway....



Unfortunately, the whole episode was filmed by a TV crew doing a documentary of Dovedale!



*Richard and Meg*

## COMPETITIONS SECTION

Looks like Richard and Meg have been busy:-  
**Shelsley Walsh July 23<sup>rd</sup> :-**



Nice pose Richard, love the overalls and hat Meg!!!!



At speed (or so the caption read on Eric Winters, Birmingham Group, pictures)

### **Richard “Demon” Durrant at the Shelsley Walsh Classic Hill Climb on Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

The first is of him racing away from the start line and the second is him attacking “Kennel” bend. Meg was there too, in a very fetching, personally tailored set of white mechanic’s overalls and a wee Jackie Stewart tartan cap.



A good day out. Phil and Sandy seen in the middle distance.



Lots of interesting cars in the public parking as well as in the paddock. (this is a Jensen 541 that the owner {he of the straw hat} has cut the top off. The hood is adapted from a Morris 98.)



*Phil Collins*

## TECHNICAL SECTION

**Dear Ed**

My TR4A engine has been away for a rebuild recently, and this is what was found:-



I think I need a new camshaft and cam followers

The rest is ok, and I check/change the oil regularly also the cam lobes on the front two cylinders are better. The big end shells are good but changing them anyway. There is lots of slop in the small ends. The block is going off for an acid clean, check all the oil ways and I will fit a new oil pump. With a new cam and followers it should be ok. It would be good to get it back on the road for the remains of the summer. Shopping list at the ready!

*Dave Lees*

## **CVTR Monthly Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> June**

22 members and 2 cars in the Orchard. Apologies from, Colin Gibson, and John and Yvonne Walker We also have three new members allocated to CVTR by the office.

Gareth started the meeting by reviewing the activities of the previous 4 weeks - as reported elsewhere in this newsletter. The general consensus was that the "Car Show" event was a huge success and that we should think about running it again next year.

### **Future Events Details**

#### **July 28/30th. Silverstone classic event.**

Tickets still available if interested

**August 3rd** -- advance notice of the visit to Staverton Jet Museum. This is being organised by Ian Brown with help from Mike Hill. The museum is closed to the public on weekdays other than private tours, and we will have free access and a tour guide to help assist with our enjoyment. The tour starts at 2.00 pm with a voluntary £5/head towards running costs. It has been suggested that we meet up for a bit of a drive around and coffee etc before arriving at Staverton. There will be plenty of photo opportunities.....

There are still some places available for this trip, if you are interested, [ianbrown11252@googlemail.com](mailto:ianbrown11252@googlemail.com) is the contact, please let him know (£5 per head donation to the museum required)  
We will be meeting at The Beckford Inn, between Evesham and Cheltenham, leaving at 11.00am.....

#### **August 6<sup>th</sup> NB - REVISED DATE for Sunday lunch at The Coal House in Apperley .**

A return to our annual trip to this venue by The River Severn who are famous for their steak on a stone- pre booked please. - phone 01452 780211 - best call at weekends. Being organised by Andrew Racey, [andrewracey1947@gmail.com](mailto:andrewracey1947@gmail.com) or phone 01386765523. The date has changed because I am on holiday on Sunday 16th. Names by 2nd August latest please.

To those of you who have not visited this location before. You need to exit M5 at junction 9 and then follow the signs to Tewkesbury. At traffic lights near Morrisons, go straight over heading into town. At the small roundabout in the town centre, bear left with The Abbey on your left and follow this road (A38 ) out of the town. After approx 3 miles look for a right turn B4213 signed Deerhurst. ( NB CVTR SIGNAGE WILL BE POSTED FROM HERE ) Keep on this road , watch out for sharp left hand bend. Approx 3/4 mile from that bend turn right into Apperley. Sports field on right after 200 yards. Follow this road into village until you get to a T junction, straight over into narrow lane. Down hill, left over a cattle grid then continue to The Coal House pub and park in the top car park by the river.

#### **August 13th.Burford Historic Specials Day at Cotswold Wild Life Park.**

We believe it's free entry in your classic car as the meet is in the car park and does not entail entry to the park itself.

#### **August 17<sup>th</sup> Colin Booter Memorial Run**

### **COLIN BOOTHER MEMORIAL RUN THURSDAY AUGUST 17th 2017**

We will convene from 9am-9.30 in the car park of The Oak public house in the village of UPTON SNODSBURY, which incorporates "The Twisted Spoon Cafe" serving hot and cold drinks, breakfast rolls snacks etc The village is 4/5 miles from junction 6 ...M 5. postcode WR7 4NW, we aim to depart 9.45 at the latest.

The relevance to the start point is the pub where Colin and Lesley first met.

This year the route, 78 miles, journey time circa two and a half hours, takes us into the Cotswolds, with least possible time spent on main roads, travelling along minor and off the beaten track roads. Passing through idyllic villages, ending at a quintessential Cotswold pub, approx. 8 miles from Evesham, The route is circular, therefore no long return journey.

Please let Phil or I know if you wish to join the trip (30 names already) and importantly, if you wish to take lunch/baguettes at the pub. No pre-ordering is necessary but the pub would appreciate numbers by Monday 14th August.

If you would like to take part please contact Phil Blake :- [pb4x4@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:pb4x4@tiscali.co.uk) – 01926 484272 – 07771 771663 or Alan Wilding 0788 884 5785 - [wildingalan@hotmail.com](mailto:wildingalan@hotmail.com)

### August 23<sup>rd</sup>

CVTR meeting at The Fleece.

### August 28<sup>th</sup> Plum Festival in Pershore.

Once again we have secured our usual rplace by The Abbey. Andrew Racey has pre brought tickets £4 , so he will require your car details in order to book you in. If you cannot get to a CVTR meeting and want to come along then email Andrew with your car details and address and he will send you the ticket.( pay when you see him.).

### September 2<sup>nd</sup> - Peopleton Show .

Application form to be filled in. (sent along with this newsletter)

Further into the future:-

Phil Blake is hoping to organise the Clay shoot around September for those who have expressed an interest.

## **FUTURE EVENTS** **CALENDAR 2017**

### **July**

28/30<sup>th</sup>, Silverstone Classic.

### **August**

3<sup>rd</sup> – Jet Museum visit – contact Ian Brown  
6<sup>th</sup>, Sunday lunch at The Coal House , Apperley - Andrew Racey.  
13<sup>th</sup> – Burford Historic Specials day at Cotswold Wildlife Park  
17<sup>th</sup>, Colin Boother Memorial run. Phil Blake/ Alan Wilding - see above for details  
19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> Tewkesbury Classic Car Show  
23<sup>rd</sup>, CVTR meeting at The Fleece.  
28<sup>th</sup>, Plum Festival- Pershore

### **September**

2/3<sup>rd</sup>, Lakes tour – Paul Tunnadine  
2<sup>nd</sup> Peopleton show.  
8/9/10<sup>th</sup>, Goodwood Revival  
10<sup>th</sup>, Sunday lunch. Chequers at Crowle , Gareth Davies  
10<sup>th</sup> Toddington Classic Cars  
17<sup>th</sup> Sudeley Castle Car Show  
27<sup>th</sup>, CVTR meeting at The Fleece.  
29<sup>th</sup>, Curry night – Shunarga - Pershore - Richard Durrant  
30/1<sup>st</sup>, October. American w/e Prescott

### **October**

8<sup>th</sup>, Sunday lunch – Brian Wiggins  
8<sup>th</sup> Malvern Classic Cars  
18<sup>th</sup> Autumn Leaves Run – Brian Wiggins  
22<sup>nd</sup>, Stoneleigh Autumn show.  
25<sup>th</sup>, CVTR meeting at The Fleece.

### **November**

4<sup>th</sup>, TR Register AGM Location TBA.

### **December**

December 10<sup>th</sup> CVTR Annual dinner and awards night at

10/12<sup>th</sup> ,.NEC classic car show.  
12<sup>th</sup> , Sunday lunch Thia Emerald Evesham Tim Walker  
22<sup>nd</sup> , CVTR meeting and AGM. at The Fleece

Dumbleton Hall - Bob Heppel.  
December 12<sup>th</sup> Birmingham Groups annual Quiz night.

## CLASSIFIEDS

Here is a message from Phil Blake

**"I have been offered a TR6 which has been stored in a garage for 37 years. It is a one owner car and is being sold by a lady whose husband passed away earlier this year.**

**I have some photos of the car and although it looks complete it will more than likely need a full restoration.**

**I have decided that I do not have the time to attempt the resto so if anybody is interested please contact myself for more details. Offers around £7,000 and the car is at Sutton Colfield**

[pb4x4@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:pb4x4@tiscali.co.uk) or 07771 771663"

## SUPPLEMENT

### SHOPPING IN WALLMART – USA STYLE!





They walk amongst us, and thankfully the Atlantic Ocean separates us.....!

Well, that is it for another month, so don't forget that the Plum Festival will soon be upon us, so please liaise with Andrew Racey if you are/fancy attending. Get the polish out, fill up the tank and take a drive, make the most of the summer weather.

*Andrew Racey, Ian Brown and Richard Durrant*