



COTSWOLD VALE TR **NEWSLETTER APRIL 2018**

Other than the last week, we appear to have experienced the longest and wettest Spring season for many years! It was dry enough on Sunday the 8th so I ventured out in the TR to Burford, the first outing since its MOT earlier this year. No sooner had we passed Broadway than the clouds descended and we seemed to be driving in the clouds/mist/drizzle all the way, and if that was unpleasant, the new sport of “dodging the pothole” kept me on my toes. Anyway, the car ran brilliantly (I hope I’m not speaking too soon), so as soon as I got home, I dried it off and put it in the garage – now awaiting some motivation to clean it properly inside and out.....

I have, however, managed to get a new coat of paint on the garage floor, as well as over my hands and clothes, and as a result, I’m now in the doghouse (again) as the house smells strongly of fresh paint.....

Anyway, I trust your experiences last month have been just as “enjoyable”, and please carry on reading if you want to check out the reports submitted for the various activities, or jump to the future events section and check out what is planned. Please ensure you make your interests known to the respective event organisers, they put in lots of effort on your behalf.....

April 14th Group Leaders meeting at Gaydon.

Tim Walker and myself attended the GL meeting at Gaydon. The day was divided into two sessions, the first being presented by members of the board intending to impart useful information to help GLs in their job, including

- Website update from Wayne Scott
- GDPR implications from Phil Tucker
- TR Register “code of conduct” presented by Derek Hurford
- GL guidelines as outlined by Bob Eccles
- Membership update from Alan Westbury (TRR member numbers pretty stable)
- TS2 update and options

The afternoon session involved groups of GLs considering the following topics:-

1. TRR SWOT analysis
2. Membership, attraction, retention, involvement
3. IWE thoughts
4. Other national and inter group activities
5. Media presence
6. What do GLs want from the office
7. TS2 feedback

Needless to say, there was insufficient time to cover any of these topics in any detail, however one point was strongly made in that a large number of members do not use the website or forum, therefore using that media doesn’t communicate with a large proportion of members.

All the information recorded in the GL groups was collected for compilation, and the board meeting due the following day was due to process the most pertinent feedback.

It will be interesting to read the minutes of the GL and board meetings.....

April 15th. Sunday Lunch @ The Green Dragon at Sambourne hosted by Linda and David Gillespie –



I'm sure others will send you photos, but here's one of today's lunch. 28 attendees, all reasonably well behaved. Those that weren't know who they are!.

David Gillespie

Sunday lunch at The Green Dragon at Sambourne organised by Linda and David Gillespie - well Linda really as David says "he was just the eye candy ". Our landlady was on good form and laughed and smiled with a number of people (honest - I saw it with my own eyes). 28 attended lunch with new members Nick and Karen. We only managed 7 TR.s cars as most of us chickened out as the skies were black and forecast heavy rain.

The meal was excellent with staff very attentive, nothing too much trouble. So, well done to all - especially to Linda.



6 TR's parked up.(Alan Wildings out of picture)



Keith relating the story of the cats using his garden



Alf suggesting a 12 bore would sort problem.



Welcome to Nick and Karen



Andy holding forth with Mick and Joan



Andy finishes his story

Andrew Racey

April 22nd FBHVC National drive it day.



Prescott breakfast club.

Hooray, the sun had got its hat on this weekend, so Andrew Racey and I dusted off the TR's (well I say dusted off but Andrew's car was fresh back from a proper polish at the bodyshop) and we set out for breakfast at Prescott.

We arrived pretty early at Prescott and were promptly allocated parking on the front row of the grid:-



The Ferraris were in exalted company!

Dave and Sally Roberts found a friendly TR to keep company



And so to the restaurant for a “full English” (well it was St Georges day the next day!), where we met several other CVTR notables:-



Dave and Sally had just returned from an amazing trip to South America and it was fascinating to hear their recollections. Phil didnt dare mention anything to do with the work on his car just in case Bea found out the true cost, and Mike was contemplating the removal of his gearbox to sort some maladies.....

Breakfast was terrific in quality and value, and certainly I will be making another visit, long may they continue!

So, full of bacon, mushrooms, eggs, beans, toast and coffee (gave the sausages and hash browns a miss – dieting of course), it was out into the sunshine to have a gander around the cars present, starting with our in house representations:-

Phil and Bea Collins showed off their freshly refurbished bodywork and showed the Porsche brigade some real sports car heritage



And Mike Hill decided to embarrass a Healy



However Joy Rainey played “top trumps” and turned up in this.....



McLaren 530

Mind you, it was give a fair run for its money as it was parked next to a very nice MK1 Spitfire



There were also a number of vintage vehicles around, including this Bentley and its stable mates





Including some with three wheels (and no weather protection or heaters) not Morgans!:-



The weather played its part and it was sunshine all the way there and back, the only issue being Andrew involved in a case of road rage in Gretton where a local driving a car converted van through the village refused to give way, eventually having to mount the kerb to get past us instead of courteously making room for everyone to get by..... I think he picked the wrong person to argue with!

A lovely day and a great drive out to support the national cause through the FBHVC and to simply celebrate our hobby!

Ian Brown

APRIL 25th - CVTR meeting at The Fleece.

Apologies from Richard and Meg Durrant and Mike Hill - who are in The Isle of Man (Richard competing and Mike is a spectator) also apologies from Andy Canning. 23 members attended the meeting. Welcome to John from Droitwich with a Long door TR2.

After a brief review of activities since the last meeting, (see below for some of those reported), we were swiftly on to the future events. Please advise the respective organisers if you wish to attend any of these activities as numbers are often limited..... see below for what is coming up, and please also note that, unfortunately the Friday evening car show in Birlingham has now been cancelled due to too many people arriving unannounced/uninvited causing consequential issues with the other residents of the village.

Keith followed up with his tale of money laundering before drawing the raffle. It must have been Phil and Sandy Blake's lucky day as their tickets were frequently drawn, only to be declined to give the less fortunate members a chance!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ed

On my recent visit to Bourton on the water, I thought your readers may be interested in these images



Garage door art at Bourton Land Rover



A running exhibit from the great motor museum...

And something here for Keith Brown who was lamenting the lack of a local ironmongers/hardware store



Ian Brown

Dear Ed

You just can't go anywhere without being spotted by someone with a camera, and when they put it "on line" you can become famous!



Keith Brown spotted at the Fleece enjoying a "session"

Anon

TECHNICAL SECTION



What happens when Old Car Guys
get sent to the Nursing Home

Dont laugh, it may happen.....

COMPETITIONS SECTION

Richard Durrant thought he could sneak this under the radar onto the TR Competitions website pages:-



Although he is so busy he hasn't the time to write up his competition exploits these days, either that of he hasn't got his car back yet.....

FUTURE EVENTS

April 29th - John and Yvonne Walker have kindly invited us to afternoon at their home. Anyone requiring directions can contact Andrew Racey or John directly

Please let John know if you can attend to allow them cater. ydgwalker@hotmail.co.uk

BONUS VISIT – John's brother and fellow TR owner Robert, has offered to open his engineering workshop for those interested from 1.00pm before afternoon tea - <http://www.robwalkerengineering.co.uk/> if you want to look around, give Robert a call on 01993 868683 to confirm

May 5/7th Welsh Weekend - Traws Cambria

May 7th Bank holiday Monday . TR Register Regional day and Steam Rally at Gaydon,

On arrival quote TR Register Car Club visit to the parking Marshall. All inclusive £9 per person payable on the day.

May 13th Sunday lunch at The Boot - Mappleborough Green - on A435 through Studley towards Redditch. NB. The pub is on the main road and on a bend so take care when approaching. Meal organised by Alan Wilding. A separate note will be sent out nearer the time.

May 13th Standard Triumph @ Wroxall Abbey, Warwick



Andrew Racey

More Advanced Notice

June 10th Churchill Show – contact Andrew Racey for tickets and arrangements, numbers limited

June 11th Cotswold Distillery Tour - <https://www.cotswoldsdistillery.com/>



Ian Brown is organising a trip to the Cotswold Distillery on the 11th June, followed by lunch at The Plough Inn, Stretton on Fosse, (www.strettonplough.com).

The Plough does not normally open lunchtime Monday but are making an exception for us. We will have exclusive use of their dining room and have a choice from the lunch menu which will be circulated to those attending. Whilst pre-ordering is not critical, we were asked if we could help by doing what we can on that front so look out for a call for menu choices.

We will meet at The Round of Gras car park, Badsey for a prompt 10.00am departure

A leisurely Scenic drive to the Distillery ready for our scheduled tour at 11.00am

Lunch is arranged at The Plough, Stretton on Fosse, around 1.30pm (opened exclusively for our party)

Please book your places directly with Ian Brown at ianbrown11252@googlemail.com - first come first served, places limited to 15 being the maximum allowed per group.....

The tour is £10 per person, and includes tasting afterwards, and drivers are able to "take home" their drinks rather than drink and drive.....it requires payment up front which Ian will do in full and collect monies on the day.

July 20th Invitation Only – possibly one of the nicest and best Friday evening car shows in the Midlands. CVTR have been "invited", all representation will need to be notified to Andrew Racey, and the confidentiality must be maintained to avoid previous event disruption to village residents. **SADLY THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

July 21st Wythall Transport Museum visit



One of the largest active selections of buses, electric vehicles, fire engines in the country, there is even a scale miniature railway running on the day:- <http://www.wythall.org.uk/>

This tour is being organised by Ian Brown, please put the date in your diary, more details nearer the date, but please register your interest with Ian by email, ianbrown11252@googlemail.com there is no numbers limit. There is a cafe on site for drinks and snacks.

August 16th Colin Boother Memorial Run – Phil Blake and Alan Wilding are organising once again.

March	April
	29 th John & Yvonne Walker - garden party
May	June
4/5/6 th Donnington Historic Festival 5-7 th Welsh Weekend 7 th (Bank Holiday) Gaydon TRR - Annual steam fair and regional get together, (see above). 13 th Sunday lunch TBA 25 th CVTR meeting The Fleece 26/27 th La Vie En Bleu et Rose. Prescott 27/28 th Ragley Hall classic car event G Davies will organise if enough interest	10 th Churchill classic car show (contact Andrew Racey) and Sunday lunch? 10 th TRR and JDC E Type joint register track day . Prescott 11 th Cotswold Distillery Visit, see details above. ?? Maybe a Saturday . Mid summer Cannonball Run 23/24 th Bicester Flywheel classic car show - G Davies will organise if enough interest 23 rd – Feckenham Wake car show (TRDC) 23 rd – Hampton Ferry (Evesham) car show 27 th CVTR meeting The Fleece 30/1 st IWE and Standard Triumph Marque Day. Lincoln show ground
July	August
8 th Sunday lunch and CVTR Car show event at The Fleece. 6/9 th Le Mans Classic 7/8 th RAF Cosford Museum LMA model air display 12/15 th Goodwood Festival of Speed. 15 th Classic car motor show - Shipton Oliffe Sports Ground 20 th Classic car show , by invitation only . See Andrew Racey 21 st Wythall Transport Museum visit, see above for details 21 st Defford Air Day, see Richard Durrant 25 th CVTR Meeting The Fleece. 28/29 th Shelsley classic Nostalgia	12 th Sunday lunch The Coal House at Apperley. Andrew Racey 12 th Cotswold festival of motoring - Bourton on the Water 19 th . Tewkesbury classic car show 16 th Colin Boother memorial run 22 nd CVTR meeting The Fleece. 27 th . Plum Festival Pershore. Andrew Racey will get tickets
September	October
1/2 nd LMA Much Marcle 9 th Sunday lunch TBA ?? - Peopleton show 7/9 th Goodwood revival 26 th CVTR meeting at The Fleece 28 th Curry evening. Pershore.	6/7 th Prescott American w/e 14 th Sunday lunch TBA Brain Wiggins ?? Autumn leaves run - Bodenham (near Kidderminster) Brian Wiggins . 24 th CVTR meeting The Fleece. 28 th Stoneleigh restoration show
November	December
11 th Classic car show NEC (NB Sunday lunch moved to avoid) 18 th Sunday lunch. Thai Emerald Tim Walker 28 th CVTR meeting and AGM - The Fleece	9 th Annual CVTR dinner and awards night Dumbleton Hall

NB - note, due to the annual awards in December, we are planning to hold a Sunday Lunch on January 13th 2019

CLASSIFIEDS

Here are a few items for sale :- you can see them all on the TR Register website.....



A Heritage Motorparts original TR5/6 Twin Choke cable complete with chrome bezel (slightly tarnished) for Carburettor TR5 & 6 cars
Price includes Postage £40
Andy Canning



TR 4A/5/6 Stainless twin downpipe Part ref Falcon FSTH47
Price includes postage £30
Andy Canning



An Original Brand new Waso TR5/6 steering lock & Ign Switch with loom, security bolts and 2 keys.
Casting number 71247294 please check your original part as the casting number will be the same for fitment.
This item has now been superceded so is rare as it's an original fitment and unused.
£150
Andy Canning



TR2 TR3 TR3A windscreen assembly, frame complete with stanchions, tenon plates, corner brackets, dzus fasteners and small tenax studs.
Rubbers perished and need replacing, along with glass £175
Ian Brown



TR2 TR3 TR3A Jaeger oil pressure gauge complete with original copper capillary connection pipe. £65
Ian Brown

As usual, I would ask that anyone who wishes to be removed from the circulation list simply needs to make their view known to our GL, Gareth Davies, who will update the editorial team as required. Thank you for your understanding, and keep on TRucking!

Andrew Racey, Ian Brown and Richard Durrant

SUPPLEMENT

When you think you have seen it all.....again



