



COTSWOLD VALE TR **NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2018**

COMPETITIONS SECTION

SHELSLEY WALSH “CHAMPIONSHIP CHALLENGE” 11TH & 12TH August 2018

This was a special weekend for Shelsley Walsh, the oldest motor sport venue in the world still running it's original course, as on Sunday 12th August it became 113 years old!

On 12th August 1905 with an entry of 39 cars, Ernest Instone took his 35HP Daimler with three passengers on board up the hill to set best time of day of 77.6 seconds. The current record time, set on 17th August 2008 by Martin Groves in the 3,500 cc Gould GR55 is 22.58 seconds!

I have heard Shelsley referred to as “Formula One up a country lane”!!!

The Revington TR/TR Register Sprint and Hill Climb Championship was held on Saturday 11th, and Martin could possibly do a fast run and get back down in the time that it took us to get to the top!! In fact the best time of day was put in by Will Hall in the 1998 cc turbo Force XTEC at 25.13 seconds.

Our fastest time was set by Alan Yeo in his 1998 cc normally aspirated Triumph Vitesse at 41.16 seconds!!

The TR Entrants – in the Orchard as the paddock was full to overflowing!



They were.....



Chris Roberts TR7 V8....
complete with experimental forced air intake which was
surprisingly still in place at the end of the day!



Roger McEwen TR6....
Roger meditating before putting up the second fastest run of
42.26 seconds



Martin Paine TR6...
Requiring electrical fiddling after blowing a coil..



Dale Strachan TR6....
Breakfasting....!



Neil Revington "Beta"
(That is of course a Birmingham registration number and
not a play on words.....!!)



Richard Durrant TR4A.....
Bonnet propped open to ease cooling air flow. Accepted by
scrutineer, but he insisted that I bolt my seat down more
rigidly (must check MSA regs re road car) and change lap
straps around to put buckle underneath (sensible to avoid
possibility of undoing with enthusiastic wheel turning) .
Also said that the belt stitching should be underneath but
"let it pass, provided I sorted before next visit". We all
checked our belts to find the stitching uppermost - as
provided by the manufacturers!!!



Hamish Roscoe TR3A...
Sponsoring Pancreas Cancer Charity..



Alan Yeo Vitesse...
Fastest time of our entries at 41.16 seconds

Although Richard's published time was fourth fastest at 42.92 seconds, use of Roger's magic algorithm against his Championship bogey time put him in second place behind Alan in class for this event.

Our Saturday was spoiled as we were scheduled to be last of the day for our second timed runs and had to wait in the queue for the start for around 20 minutes while a white van went up the hill to set up cameras for the demonstration of the Jaguar Formula E car. Dry conditions turned to drizzle and then rain so the runs were pointless, and we all went home afterwards, and didn't stay to watch.

Here is the car anyway...



The motorbike lunatics were there and after Roger had inspected them he made the wise decision to remain on four wheels....



.....even though a couple were running on three, both with a lady occupying the suicide tray ...
The sponsorship caption reads..."Life Safety Systems".....!!

The two day meeting hosted a wide variety of cars...



A row of historic V8s....



5000 cc Lola T142..



David Hepworths 4WD Guyson..



Hepworth Ferguson 4WD
"Guyson Sandblaster Special"



The car was first tested, in F5000 specification, by Jack Brabham after which it was deemed the 4WD system was significantly increasing the cost of motorsport and subsequently banned from any further F5000, and is also the car responsible for getting 4WD banned in F1 at the time. Due to this David Hepworth decided to turn the car to hillclimbing.



The car originally did not feature any form of aerodynamics, the wings came to the car in approx. 1970, the car started hillclimbing in 1968 known as the "Ferguson Four" and powered by a Traco V8, and finished 7th in the British Championship, 1969 however was the first year David won the British Hillclimb car, 1970 he was beat by Sir Nicholas Williamson by a mere 2 points and was the first to break 30 Seconds at Shelsley Walsh.



The car returned in 1971 for its final British Hillclimb Championship win and its last full season of racing in Hillclimbs, fitted with a Chevrolet V8, since 1972 the car has had very limited running and has been fully restored by the Hepworth Family, the bodywork you see today is all original as it finished the last hillclimb in 1971.

Thank You to Guyson International on their sponsorship in period and for the Festival of Speed and their continued support.

GUYSON

Hepworth
International

Ex Tony Marsh 4,250 cc 4WD Special, driven here by his sons Simon and Peter



“Quae promisi exsolvam”

My 4th form Latin doesn't help!! Come on you Classics scholars?

TONY MARSH – MARSH 4WD SPECIAL

Tony was a six-times British Hillclimb Champion, his wins coming in three hat-tricks that were ten years apart in 1955, 1956 and 1957 and then 1965, 1966 and lastly in 1967. In taking the 1955 title Marsh and Wharton had finished equal with the same number of points (29), tying for the title. This eventuality had not been foreseen by the R.A.C. and the title was decided on who had put up the 'most meritorious performance' and Tony Marsh was declared the winner. In 1956 Tony Marsh narrowly took the title but then won emphatically in 1957 scoring maximum points securing his first hat-trick of Championship wins and all in a 1.1-litre Cooper-JAP. He took the Prescott hill record down to 42.33 seconds. In 1958, at the 5th May meeting he set a new record time of 41.87 seconds. At the first Prescott Championship round of 1963 Tony Marsh again beat the hill record to 46.68 seconds in a 2.5-litre BRM 48/57. 1965 saw the first of Tony Marsh's second hat-trick of Championship titles, this time driving a 4.25-litre Marsh-GM. Tony's sons, Simon and Peter, will be competing in the Marsh 4WD Special and it is fantastic that they are able to join us.

A stroll round the paddock....

Minis – well presented.... andWell...!!



Ultra lightweight -Fibreglass, cardboard, gaffer tape, sticky backed plastic, rivets, safety pins...

...two fire extinguishers...



Note the multiple welding on the turbo tract – couldn't find the pipe bender! It didn't half go, though!!

Another lightweight... Carbon fibre Ford..



Does this count as a Mini derivative...?



And do you remember the good old staid Morris Minor...



No, the engine isn't in the back...here it is...and a cockpit view



A beautifully prepared Australian GT6..



Simon Durling's original Lotus 7 Series 2...



A vintage Vauxhall Prince Henry racer... Look at the size of the supercharger....



Ex Basil Davenport 2400cc GN Spider 2...





And the section you have all been expecting.....I couldn't find one anywhere, so here is a picture of mine – now sold, sorry!!



Richard Durrant

FUTURE EVENTS

& More Advanced Notice

August. 27th Pershore Plum Festival

A highly popular event which gets booked up well in advance. We have secured yet again our prime location by The Abbey . Andrew Racey has enough tickets for CVTR members (plus Coventry group and TRDC members) Cost is £4 please book tickets through andrewracey1947@gmail.com or phone 01386765523 --- STOP PRESS -- my tickets sold out, so if you haven't got one and still want to go you will have to pay on the gate.

October 21st - Autumn Leaves Run.

Brian Wiggins

September 8th – Clay Pigeon Shooting

A second CVTR clay pigeon shooting day is going ahead and will be on Saturday 8th September. It will be on a similar format to last year. A half day event starting at 11.00am, consisting of a 25 bird practice shoot using 3 traps which will give different types of birds to shoot. A further 25 bird sporting shoot will be available to those who would like a bit more fun.

Tuition for anybody who has not shot before is included.

The cost for the 25 bird practice will be approx £16-£18 which includes your cartridges and clay targets and approx the same again if you want to take part in the sporting shoot.

There is a club house at the shooting ground so tea's, coffee's and breakfast rolls are available for those who want refreshments.

The Venue - Nadbury House, Edgehill Shooting Ground, Camp Lane, Warmington, Warwickshire OX17 1DH

Please contact Phil Blake if you would like to come along 07771 771663 or pb4x4@tiscali.co.uk

(Phil Barnet, please take protective equipment this year!)

September 9th Sunday lunch.

New venue, - The Vernon at Hanbury. See separate note from Gareth. Anyone who has yet to book, please let Andrew Racey know as Gareth is away until a couple of days before.

September 19th Visit to Aerospace Bristol.

Being organised by Mike Hill. Meet at Beckford 10.45am, stop for lunch prior to visit. If you have yet to book please contact Mike Hill ASAP

Friday 28th September

I have booked 30 covers for 7pm Friday 28 September at the Shunarga Indian Restaurant in Pershore.

It will help the kitchen if you can place your food and drink orders before we sit down for poppadoms. The restaurant is open well before 6pm, and Meg and me will be there early.

For those of you who haven't been before, the restaurant is on Pershore High Street opposite the entrance to the main car park, and parking is free from 6pm.

Please indicate below if you intend to join us, or email/phone me so I can confirm numbers in plenty of time:

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FUTURE EVENTS 2018

July	August
	27th. Plum Festival Pershore. Andrew Racey will get tickets, see above
September	October
1/2 nd LMA Much Marcle 8 th Clay Pigeon Shooting, contact Phil Blake as above 9 th Sunday lunch The Vernon, Hanbury, Gareth	6/7 th Prescott American w/e 14 th Sunday lunch TBA Brain Wiggins 21 st Autumn leaves run - Bodenham (near Kidderminster) Brian Wiggins .

Davies organizing, details TBA
?? - Peopleton show
7/9th Goodwood revival
19th Aerospace Visit, see above
26th CVTR meeting at The Fleece
28th Curry evening. Pershore, see Richard Durrant

24th CVTR meeting The Fleece.
28th Stoneleigh restoration show

November

December

11th Classic car show NEC (NB Sunday lunch moved to avoid)
18th Sunday lunch. Thai Emerald Tim Walker
28th CVTR meeting and AGM - The Fleece

**9th 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

FOR SALE - TR4.

If it's of any interest to CVTR members, my father in law has superb condition red car
Initial IMAGES BELOW Asking £20000

Thanks

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TR register member, Kidderminster



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Andrew Racey, Ian Brown and Richard Durrant