



COTSWOLD VALE TR NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2018

And the sun continued to shine, at least for the first few days in August, and we have a couple of catch up reports this month so no time for any preamble.....

Towards the end of this newsletter are details of the upcoming events, please feel free to jump down to them if you don't fancy reading reports from previous events attended by enthusiastic CVTR members:-

Defford Charity Air Day 21 July 2018 – The Aerial Stuff

Defford Charity Air Day is a fund raising event in support of the Mission Aviation Fellowship and County Air Ambulance. As in previous years, there was no charge for entrance, the fund raising relying on participants and public making generous donations, as these organisations rely almost entirely on charitable support.



This year the field adjacent to the grass airstrip was packed with classic cars from all eras as usual, but there were no full size aircraft flying apart from hang gliders, powered and free flight, a visiting Mustang...



An Auster sporting aircraft in UK Army livery....



And an autogiro...powered by a large lawnmower/go-kart engine.....!!



There was a variety of aircraft on static display....



Pitts Special...



Auster...



Stearman....



.....but the highlight of the day was the display put on by the Large Model Aircraft Association who brought along and flew a wide variety of piston and jet engine models.

In the static display the models – some of which were accurate scale reproductions of the full size aircraft – obviously represented many thousands of hours taken in building them, but when airborne being flown by experienced LMA pilots it was almost impossible to distinguish them from the real thing
Waiting for clearance to take off....





Apparently the pilot hadn't completely woken up after winter in the attic....





The Lancaster was wonderful to see and hear in the air , flying at scale speed with synchronised engines...



The Red Baron managed to fly two aircraft at once, putting on a spectacular WW1 aerial dog fight



.... But in my opinion, and I am sure that of most other spectators, the display of the day was put on by

“PITBULL” (and Pilot!)







I asked the pilot (bottom left corner of above picture) if he had any of the manoeuvres pre-programmed, but he said that he makes them up as the flight progresses until the aircraft runs out of fuel and dies for smoke!! Every display he puts on is different!!

Dead stick landing....



FANTASTIC!!!!!!

There was of course a field full of classic cars to inspect, but this needs separate attention as space is limited....
Richard Durrant

Defford Charity Air Day 21st July 2018 – The Cars

The “Air” aspects of this excellent day have been covered under separate heading, so I will now concentrate on the classic cars on display.

In previous years we have been able to have our own TR Register pitch but as I was unable to guarantee numbers in advance, we had to take pot luck and park where we could on arrival, so TRs were spread around, which gave a good excuse for walking around to see what else was on offer!

We arrived fairly early in Meg’s TR7 Sprint repro and started new row in the hope that enough TRs would soon arrive to set a precedent...



....but that failed as the public immediately pushed in!

Then Ian Brown arrived and started the row in the opposite direction...



A while later, this car arrived and the driver asked if it would be alright to park next to Ian, so I said, “Ian would be delighted as he has a soft spot for the Austin Marque!”

This is of course a grown-up Austin Seven.....!!



Moving on, we have Keith Brown's TR4A



Robert Browett's TR4A...



...parked next to a lovely Triumph 2000 Roadster...



.....which was parked next to a 2 litre Vitesse convertible...



Chris Simmonds' TR6 had an impressive engine department...



.....and this TR250 was for sale in the trade for a measly £55,000...!!



I have lost Meg's notes, so can't remember the names of the couple in this TR3, but they were very pleasant people...!!



Andy and Lynn Marshall's Volvo PV444 is visible in the background, so here is a picture of the car...



Jim Pickard came from Coventry Group with his aptly registered TR7..



...but I didn't get to speak to the owner of this Stag, parked next to a rare FWD BSA Scout...(the only decent car my Dad ever owned!)



GT6 next to another big Austin...



In addition to the above cars, Cotswold Vale Group was represented by Bob Heppell's recently completed Frogeye Sprite...



.....and his lovely MG TF 1250....



.....ready for the continental tour....

On the subject of MGs, this chap suggested that I might like to take a picture of his RV8 as a change from Triumphs....He used to come to our Drakes Broughton Shows, and Meg always obtained and barbecued minted lamb burgers for him..!!



I wasn't solely concentrating on Triumphs of course, so here is a picture of an Austin 1100 with CVTR Group owner Dave Lees extolling it's virtues...



There weren't many Minis around, but as these were parked together....



Morgans.... Ancient...and modern



This Rochdale Olympic gets around....very quickly...!!



...and there is Don Cluley's car in the background....



I see this 1934 Salmson often....let me know if you need a translation of it's description!!



And finally – nearly... George Simpson's beautiful Rolls Royce...



.....parked next to the car I WILL own one day (subject to the lottery gods sympathetically recognising my requirement)
I see the owner regularly at Shelsley and Prescott and local shows, and he is quite understanding of my desperation to own his gorgeous AC ACE, but...



I may consider putting a short article together explaining my obsession...!!!

Richard Durrant

Alcester Motor Show 22nd July



I'm afraid no one has put pen to paper to report on this event, but Bob Heppell sent these photographs to Richard Durrant:-





DUDLEY CASTLE 22 July 2018



Organised by Chairman Maurice Cole we were invited to attend the West Midlands Classic Car Club's annual event at Dudley Castle. This is a small gathering of a wide variety of classic cars, and it seems that everyone is presented an award of some description at the end of the day!!

A selection of Maurice's cars...



He also currently has a white TR6 for sale...!

Maurice asked me to take part in the judging of a class of cars that were entered for the concours. For some reason my class (Saloons) were parked about as far away as you could get from Meg's TR7 Sprint, which wasn't entered anyway! Unfortunately, none of the cars I judged made it to the final!!



The only other TR there was Steve and Pan Benjamin's TR4...



....but there were a number of other Triumph derivatives on display...A couple of Stags...



A Vitesse and a Herald...



And a Spitfire..



From the heading picture you can see the variety of cars on display, but a few that caught my attention were:

An immaculate Sunbeam Alpine with a hot engine..



...next to this Spitfire..



....with a multi-coloured engine compartment



Together with a TR4A, which was left at home, all of these cars are owned by the same family who are members of the TR Register Glavon Group.

Minis, of course, but I think that these are real Coopers..



A lovely Fiat Dino that I have seen several times this year...



A rare Zephyr convertible....



The shiniest E-Type I have ever seen...



A modern Mustang...



A very well presented Riley RM...



The ciggies are even younger than the car....and I couldn't detect any visual or lingering odour evidence that they had been smoked in the car...!!



An MG J2 (I shared one of these with a digs mate at Birmingham University)



Parked next to a well restored Morris Eight.



AND NOW....THE AUSTIN SEVEN SECTION



Both of these cars have been restored and rebuilt as appropriate by the chap in braces with his back to us. Additionally, he has owned the Opal since new!!



What do you think....?!!

Richard Durrant

July 28th . Birmingham Group Merve Parkes Concours

The weather forecast being what is was I decided (was requested by my beloved) to put the hard top on the car for the trip to the Sommers Club for the annual Birmingham Group Concours meet.

You will note from the attached images the finer points of my superbly presented vehicle (or what to look for in a prize winning TR4A).

The perfectly aligned panels and panel gaps to doors,



the well defined blistering paintwork,



the well maintained and original interior,



the highly polished standard chrome bumpers, together with the detailed engine bay which is where I must have scored double points for having twice as many cylinders !!



Yes believe it or not this rather dilapidated but very enjoyable TR did walk away with a class prize!! (OK Phil I know it's an injustice, but c'est la vie)



I would like to thank the Birmingham TR Group for their generosity and good humour in presenting me with the trophy, it only goes to show you have to be in it to win it (or preferably be the only TR4 to turn up!).

Special thanks to Dave Gibson, Cat and all those that helped, and to Merve's cousins, Gloria and Olwen, for the generous presentation of a Merve Parkes Trophy, which was awarded to a very original looking Healey 100/4.

Thanks to all in making the Merve Parkes Memorial Concours the success it deserves, a fitting tribute to a true gentleman.

But please don't expect me to line up with the masters class next year, much too embarrassing!!!!

As a footnote it did rain a lot on the way home so the car was cleaner on its return than it was when we left and I was also in Sally's good books for having the roof on.

Dave Roberts

Here are a few other images from the Birmingham facebook page.....



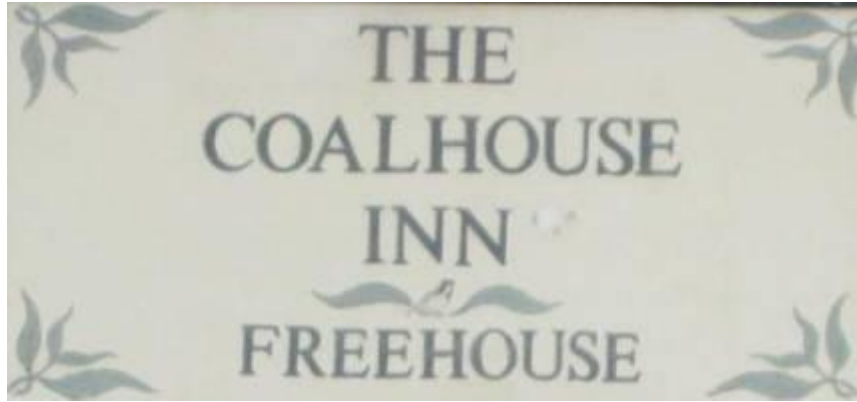
Robin Fountain and his awesome TR7V8 (Dave and Sally looking on.....)



August 12th and Sunday lunch at The Coal House at Apperley .

Typical - hot and very warm for weeks but come the TR lunch and we have rain. Richard and Meg took over the organisation on the day as Andrew couldn't make it. So many thanks to them for putting the signs up in the wet and to Steve the landlord for looking after the group with 22 sitting down for lunch .

Andrew Racey



Organised annually by Andrew Racey, who was unfortunately unable to be there, the lunch proceeded without a hitch as usual. As the weather wasn't too promising, 22 people arrived in three TRs, a TVR and assorted tin tops...



Oh.....and Ted came in his Volvo...



We occupied one half of the dining room/bar so, as I couldn't get out when seated, I deputised Dave Lees to take pictures of the diners after he had organised his plate....



Guess who got all the peas...

Most people opted for the basic menu which was an excellent roast with a choice of beef or pork and a substantial supply of vegetables.

A couple of people ordered steak on a stone...



...at least 8 ounce best fillet with deep fried potato cubes coated in savoury herbs, assorted dips and side salad....lovely!

Look at David's expression wondering how he could lift my lunch!

The best part was that we were served last, so several people had finished their roasts and had to watch us enjoy the steaks!! Another enjoyable CVTR lunch – Thanks Andrew, and of course Steve and kitchen staff of The Coal House.

Richard Durrant

Thursday August 16th 2018 – Colin Boother Memorial Run

The weather forecast had promised us rain for most of the day and it looked like that prediction was going to be true after setting out from home with the wipers working at full steam to clear the downpour. Luckily by the time we had reached the hotel, at the start point, the rain had stopped and it looked to be a lot better than the forecast.

A few of those taking part were already there having breakfast and most of the others started to arrive from about 8.45 onwards. After teas, coffees and breakfasts were finished there was a short briefing and the first cars started to leave at 10.00.

It was great to see all the 24 cars taking part which included 20 TR's, Rover P4, Morgan, Porsche 944 and Dave's 1100.





The route for the run (thanks to Alan) started at Little Malvern and took us along the west side of The Malverns with lovely views across Herefordshire, onto the Suckley Hills and then past the Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb. It continued on through Stockton on Teme, Cleobury Mortimer, the Clee Hills, Tenbury Wells and ended up at The Swan Inn, Newland. The total distance was 68 miles and took about 2 hours plus of lovely country lanes and superb views.

Thanks to all of you who came along, especially those from outside of our area (London & Leicester) and to Lesley who drove the route with her son-in-law and met up with the family at The Swan. It made us all think of Colin and I am sure he was thinking of us.

The pictures below are of all the cars parked outside the pub. They had reserved the front parking area for us and thanks to them for looking after the hungry group.





Phil Blake

Hello all

I was talking to Dave Gillespie after today's Colin Boother run. While the rest of us did around 70 miles it appears (according to Dave's odometer) that Dave did 300,000 miles. The odometer was adding about 1000 miles at a time. I can only put this down to him entering some kind of Dr Who time-warp. This means he must have been travelling at 150,000 miles an hour but was also getting around 100,000 miles to the gallon. Doesn't explain why he arrived after us though? Anyway for travelling over 300,000 miles does that qualify for the carbon footprint award even if he only used 3 gallons of petrol?

Keith Brown

More images from Roger Hogarth:- (Roger kindly sent me the full res images, let me know if you want a copy)





Monday 30th July Didcot Railway Centre

Fish Hill car park, 10.30., Phil and Be, and Alan in their TR's, Dave and Jenny in the 'I've been everywhere' 1100, and, with two TR6's off the road, I, in the eurobox, was somewhat out shone by Richard in his immaculate Austin Healey 3000 Mk111. Tail end Charlie was Ian with Mick and Joan in another eurobox.



All went well as we collected John near Standlake in his TR.



Shortly after we took a minor diversion, followed later by a wrong turn just as we approached Didcot. In aviation terms you are never lost, merely temporarily uncertain of your position, so I commend my followers who, if only out of curiosity, followed me as we made our 'circling approach' to the pub at Didcot, as I was mentally composing my application letter for the dipstick award.

A brief lunch at the 'Prince of Wales'



where we were kindly allowed to leave the cars, and a stroll over the road to the Railway centre.



Here we were met by our genial host, Frank Dumbleton, a founder member of the railway centre. The Didcot site is much larger than I anticipated and Frank gave us access to many things not normally open, starting by the Coal Stage with the Steam Rail Motor - drivable from both ends, but with a vertical boiler over one of the bogies.



We then moved on to the engine shed, complete with bullet holes from a WW2 strafing attack. Here reside around 25 locos in all states of repair, with Frank pointing out many aspects that would otherwise have passed us by.



Then a visit to the signaling display with the track display from East Bristol - just east of Temple Meads, together with other signaling equipment.



At this point we took a short tea break before heading for the museum and the library and archive.

Next stop was the trolley shed, with a rather unusual wood block floor made from wooden segments from the discs of old 'Mansell' railway wheels, said to provide a better ride. Perhaps rather more unusually the shed contained a coffin trolley.



Off now to the Carriage works - again carriages in all states of repair.



Included here was one rather interesting Edwardian carriage which had been used as a Thames side holiday home, and discovered by Frank whilst on a boating trip on the river.

At this point time was beginning to run out and half the team left to avoid rush hour. Frank led the smaller team out to the broad gauge display, with a section of Brunel's unsuccessful Atmospheric Pipe,



and a look at the complexity of mixed gauge track - ie 3 rails - standard and broad gauge together.

A visit to the Transfer shed followed, with a reproduction broad gauge locomotive - owned, but disliked by the National Railway Museum, together with rolling stock, third class being only really suitable for our recent heatwave.



Finally we returned, with a view of the 1930's diesel railcar



and finished the tour a little after 17.30, well past our planned time. Thanks to Frank, our excellent host, who came out to see the cars, and is seen in Phil and Be's TR2.



Mike Hill

(My thanks to Ian and Phil for the photos)

July CVTR meeting at The Fleece.

Apologies from , Gareth Davies, Mike Parry, Richard and Meg Durrant , Mike Hill. Colin Gibson. Phil and Sandy Blake. 16 members at the meeting with 3 cars in The Orchard. As Gareth was on holiday Andrew chaired the meeting and briefly reviewed the previous 4 weeks activities as mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter.

NB Diary date .December 9th . Annual dinner and awards night at Dumbleton Hall.

Under AOB It was mentioned that next years IWE could be held at Stratford on Avon in August. Details have yet to be firmed up.

Andrew Racey - Events and Social Secretary

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ed

I spotted this TR2 travelling past the end of my road last Sunday, and eventually caught up with him by accident on the Childswickam road – great registration number (iphone image from the passenger seat!)



Ian Brown

Dear Ed

Just to prove that BMW are not sitting on the Triumph brand name after all as they've just launched their latest mode the
TR 04 AAA
(Photographed at Hook Norton Brewery on August 12th).



Brian Wiggins

Dear Ed

This is Ted proudly displaying the 3rd prize rosette that he and Andy won at the Compton Abdale village fete at the end of July. This was for the competition for the owner and dog that looked most alike. Now you mention it there is a resemblance! Maybe if Ted had worn his shades they would have won?



Anon E Mouse

Dear Ed

Dear Editor,

We returned a couple of weeks ago from a visit to the Channel Islands to watch the hill climbs at Bouley Bay (Jersey) and Val des Terres (Guernsey). While full rounds of the British Hill Climb Championship with RAC stewarding, the occasions were so relaxed. No charge to watch, programmes free (though you could make a donation), open access to the paddock and very few "Do Not" signs. Yet the whole thing was very efficiently run. Three interesting vehicles seen in the car parks:



a Massey Ferguson 35 that has lost a wheel and gained a huge Vee Twin engine,



a Lambretta commercial and



what once was a Jaguar X type estate which has been sand racing- get those tyres.

Last weekend was a contrast at the VSCC Prescott meeting. Richard's favourite model was there- so close to the ground it must have been using ground effects to increase the down force. Didn't know A7s went that fast.



Gromit also got in on the event as a radiator mascot on "Gromit's Revenge"- a Riley Mk4 tourer.



Happy TR- ing
Phil and Be Collins

Dear Ed

Here are some images for the newsletter:-



Coal House Sunday Lunch

Richard Durrant Section



TECHNICAL SECTION

How appropriate for an engineer.....????



Anon

FUTURE EVENTS

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 Davies organizing, details TBA ?? - Peopleton show 7/9 th Goodwood revival 19 th Aerospace Visit, see above 26 th CVTR meeting at The Fleece 28 th Curry evening. Pershore, see Richard Durrant	6/7 th Prescott American w/e 14 th Sunday lunch TBA Brain Wiggins 21 st Autumn leaves run - Bodenham (near Kidderminster) Brian Wiggins . 24 th CVTR meeting The Fleece. 28th 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	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 - Peter Taylor PeterTaylor100@hotmail.com TR register member, Kidderminster

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Andrew Racey, Ian Brown and Richard Durrant