



COTSWOLD VALE TR CHRISTMAS 2018 NEWSLETTER

Hot on the heels of our last meeting and AGM, leaving almost no time at all for TR driving, and a group of CVTR members, partners and family gathered together at Dumbleton Hall for our annual festive Awards Dinner.



The end of an era, with Andrew Racey completing his last event as Social and Events Secretary, and here is his report:-

December 9th. Annual awards night and dinner at Dumbleton Hall - once again organised by Bob Heppell. Super evening and a huge thank you to Bob for making it such an enjoyable end to our year . 35 members enjoyed a super three course meal, before the awards presentations . Also a big thank you to Meg who yet again must have spent hours knitting all those lovely faces to cover the chocolates she provided, sorry forgot to mention it in my speech.

Andrew introduced the awards after giving Gareth's apologies as he was unable to attend. We started off with good news in as much that Dave Roberts has volunteered to take on the role of Social and Events Secretary, well done Dave and thank you. We will ensure you get as much support as possible!

(Andrew read the citations and presented the awards - See below for Richard Durrant's report and photographs of the award winners)

After the awards presentations Keith did us proud on our Xmas raffle. Many thanks to all those who contributed prizes for the raffle.

Richard thanked Andrew for his contribution to CVTR over the past few years as he was standing down from his official role on the committee.

The evening continued with some dance music in the main dining room whilst some members got together in one of the lounges for a noggin and natter.

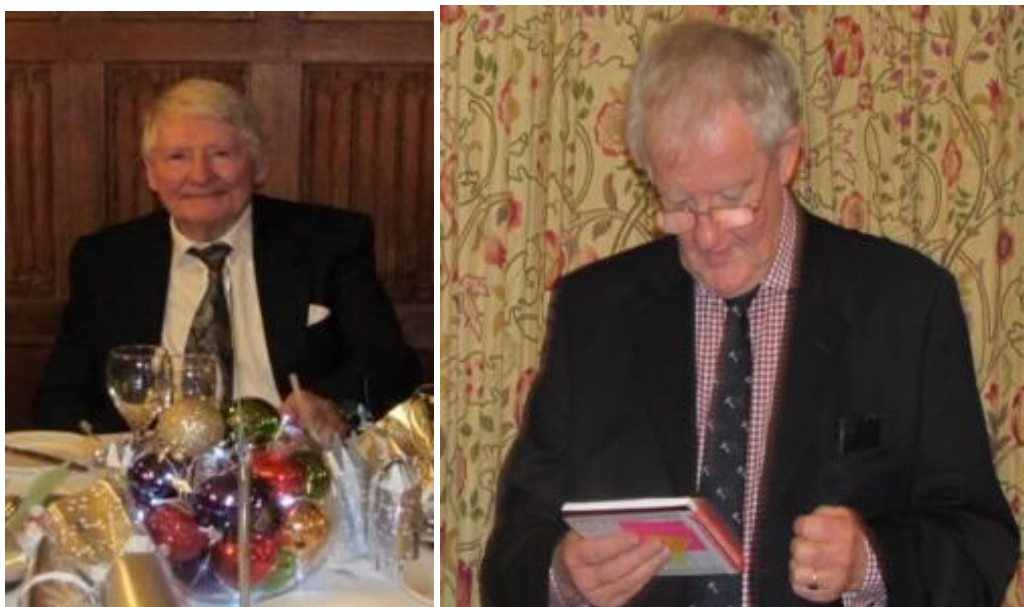
Great night had by all.

Andrew Racey.

PS my personnel thanks to Gareth, Keith, Ian, Andy and Richard for their huge support in helping me throughout my years of tenure. Without you guys the role would have been much harder. Also thanks to all CVTR members for your good wishes, we have a great car club and long may it continue.

Andrew

Thirty-five Cotswold Vale TR members attended their Annual Awards Dinner at Dumbleton Hall, organised as usual by Bob Heppell..... supported by paleontologist Andrew Racey on day release from a dig on the Jurassic coast, (note the tie....!!), in the capacity of MC



We were welcomed by a Christmas log fire in the foyer..



....and the dining room prepared for us.



A quick look round the lounge showed the real ale contingent already in situ... Accompanied by the ladies...



And Yvonne had already taken the best seat in the house!



With difficulty, the guests were herded on to the staircase for a group picture...



...before being allowed into the dining room to wonder at the vast array of exciting raffle prizes accumulated by Keith Brown, and the award trophies to be presented later.



While the raffle prizes were still fresh in everyone's acquisitive mind, Keith moved around us backed up by his heavy, Mick Parry, to demand money with menaces.

One of the first victims was David Gillespie....who was caught unawares....



.....but put a brave face on it. Linda found his situation amusing of course.....



.....and told Andrew to be careful, as nemesis was approaching!



Bob and Rose were next up for treatment...



.....unfortunately Bob was unable to hold back a tear...

The extortionists then moved on, as Keith pocketed his commission....



.....and counted the proceeds so far before descending on unsuspecting Dave Lees and Jenny. Dave seems fascinated by the contents of his cracker, wondering what it could possibly be used for.....



We eventually got him down from a corner of the ceiling unharmed

and Alan Wilding suggested that he should have read the instructions first..**** (deleted in order not to embarrass those of a sensitive nature)



Discretely moving on to see Bob and Rose's son John and daughter-in-law Linda...



Rose suggesting rather forcefully that John Walker shouldn't pick up the glass....



Andy Canning enquiring whether I thought that the mauve hat would improve his complexion....Jane declined to comment!



Joan and Sue wondering what on earth Ian is on about.....You need to remove the snowman before eating the chocolate Ian...!



.....and no, they wouldn't suit you!!

Phil and Bea Collins ignoring me, Antony Bond requesting a water jug refill as he was still thirsty, and Pat Widmer threatening me or Alfred if we didn't stop what we were up to..



.....Of course, it was Alfred. Should have told him that the cracker has to be opened to get at the party hat



Cat trying to convince me that he wasn't really wishing that the wine would magically become a pint of ale...



Meal dispensed with, we now come to the Awards part of the evening, presented by Andrew...



However, Andrew first announced that subsequent to his retirement after eleven years as our social and events secretary, including organisation of the Awards dinner for several years before Bob took over – and we are very grateful and congratulate him for his significant input to the role – a VOLUNTEER has stepped forward as lamb to the slaughter in the shape of David Roberts.....



....whose grin disappeared when he realised that it was now official...

.....and the crowning ceremony took place....



THE COTSWOLD VALE 2018 AWARDS

The Sods Law Award



Antony Bond for breaking down several times in France.
Unwise of him to trust the French, of course.....

The Carbon Footprint Award



David Lees for keeping his Austin 1100 going
(and returning!) for so many miles over the year.

The Friends of Cotswold Vale Trophy



was awarded to the Welsh Group who have hosted so many
of our members over the years. As a long standing Welsh
Weekend participant, the trophy was accepted on their
behalf by Keith Brown.

The Tony Holland Memorial Trophy



awarded to Andy Canning for outstanding engineering work
in restoration of his Volvo Amazon.

The Car of the Year Award



voted for by CVTR members to Ian Brown.

The Dipstick Trophy



Richard Durrant for the coil being shorted out by a failed
retaining spring on the dipstick while competing.

Extra comment from Richard post award - Dipstick Trophy - I understand that there were several other options recorded, so
I trust that they will be deleted from the records before next year....!!

Awards were made in their absence to Phil Blake and Mike Hill for organisation of events during 2018

Andrew then read out a citation prepared by the outgoing Group Leader, Gareth Davies for the Colin Boother Memorial Award to be presented to a member “who has shown exceptional pride and passion in their car and the Club”



The Award was duly presented to Keith Brown....



So, that concluded another splendid Cotswold Vale Awards Dinner, apart from the usual suspects who carried on until 1:30 am (refer to pictures earlier in this report....!)

Thank you Bob, and we are looking forward to next year.

CHEERS !!!



I MUST APOLOGISE TO ALL OF YOU WHO FEATURED ON CANDID CAMERA AND HAD TO SUFFER MY COMMENTS. SHORTAGE OF MATERIAL!

ALSO TO THOSE OF YOU WHO DIDN'T FEATURE – TRY HARDER IN FUTURE.....!!!

HAVING FILLED THE ROLE OF SOCIAL AND EVENTS SECRETARY, CVTR NOW NEED A NEW GROUP LEADER. THERE WILL BE A LOT OF APPLICANTS FOR THIS POSITION, SO GET YOURS IN EARLY!

MY BEST WISHES TO ALL OF YOU FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2019.

Richard Durrant

Post Script

If anyone was wondering if the food was any good this year, here are a couple of pictures of the puddings...!!!



The meal was excellent!

And a huge thank you to Meg once again for the chocolate cosies – mine took a fancy to my drink!



Ian

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ed

Someone was delving in his family archives and came across an intercepted a letter addressed to a Mr S Claus in Lapland from Brian Wiggins showing a picture of the present at the top of his wish list.....



TECHNICAL SECTION

Seems I am not the only one who has suffered trying to extricate sheared studs/bolts, so just to remind everyone:-



CLASSIFIEDS

Why not treat your TR4-6 to a set of Minator alloy wheels for Christmas, 6J, with decent tyres. Four have been used and one unused brand new wheel (£145) and new tyre kept in the boot as a spare, making a full set of 5



£375.00 ovno - Contact Ian Brown by email, ianbrown11252@googlemail.com

FUTURE EVENTS

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

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Andrew Racey, Ian Brown and Richard Durrant