



COTSWOLD VALE TR **NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2019**

Happy New Year to all CVTR members and friends! Who knows what 2019 will bring, or how CVTR will function without a new Group Leader?

That said, we had a very positive start on Wednesday 17th at the Fleece when a number of members turned out to put their thoughts down on paper for possible events that members may consider supporting. Keith had booked the dugout from 7.00pm for a couple of hours, and so it was that our new Social Secretary Dave, ably supported by Sally, sent out a skeleton schedule as the starting point for the year.

Bob Heppel, Tim Walker, Mike Hill, Richard Durrant, Andrew Racey and myself, joined Dave, Sally and Keith, apologies from Phil Blake, Alan Wilding and Phil Barnet, and you should read about the output from the meeting later in this newsletter.

Sally championed the ladies and suggested more activities specifically for the ladies would not go amiss, a view echoed by all present! So don't be shy, all suggestions welcomed.

There have been a couple of events since the last newsletter, namely the Birmingham Group Quiz and the first Sunday Lunch of the year at the Three Horseshoes, Wixford. Unfortunately there are no reports from either function, but I gather CVTR maintained their losing form in the quiz, and twenty eight members enjoyed a lovely lunch.

CVTR meeting at The Fleece.

January weather is never warm, and Wednesday was no exception, we gathered in the barn as normal with many electing to keep their coats on!

Dave Roberts ran through the social events since we last met, and outlined the provisional calendar which you will find at the end of the newsletter. Also at the end of the newsletter is a list of suggestions made by members at the planning meeting on the 17th January, please take time out to register your interest directly with Dave so that he gets a view as to what you the members would like to support. If enough numbers register their interest, there is every chance the member who nominated the event will follow through and organise it. Lack of response or interest will mean that it falls by the wayside.

Before the raffle was drawn, Dave had the pleasure of presenting Mike Hill with his well deserved award, (Mike was away on holiday at the time of the dinner), as outlined in the last newsletter.

Keith then regaled the audience with a tale of "the school trip" as experienced by his daughter.....and moved on to drawing the winning numbers!

Bob Heppel had provided yet another gem of a raffle prize, a set of "bling" gold crown valve caps, which the lucky raffle winners fought over (to avoid!) Brilliant stuff Bob, bring it on with even more wacky prizes please.

Just to finish off, please let Dave know what you want from the social team, your feedback is essential if we are to continue to broaden our attraction to our members.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ed

Happy New Year to everyone reading this letter.

It is rare for me to comment on anything related to my motoring interests these days and for the last 3 years at least I've diverted my attentions to house and garden although there has been some burning of midnight oil down in my workshop due to a long promised completion of a 1967 2 door Volvo Amazon.

For the uninitiated the Amazon was a Swedish creation by Chief designer Jan Wilgard who went on to design many Volvo models including the 940 Turbo "redblock" which incidently is now rising in Value and is still complimented with the reputation of being the Antique Dealers car.

Anyway back to the Amazon, having restored several TR's over the years in comparison the Amazon is a dream, parts arrive from Sweden and immediately fit and to be fair the whole experience has been a joy and to cap it all I was presented at the Annual Dinner at Dumbleton with the "Tony Holland" Trophy which is given to recipients for their engineering skills, so my name sits alongside several other club recipients who have also toiled in an effort to bring about their own special creation. I wish to thank the team for my award it is greatly appreciated.

Also while I'm at the keyboard I would like to say thankyou to many of the past team who create this Newsletter, their never ending patience and imagination create the monthly news made up of factual info, stories and photos for the entertainment of us all and without their dedication it would have been a very different Club I'm sure.

This leads me nicely to a thank you to Andrew Racey who has for many years been the back bone of the Social Calendar and organiser of many events, the old adage "you would have to get up early to catch him out" seems proven when dealing with Andy as when ever I turned up to help at any event Andy was already there with flask of Coffee and the obligatory bun.....oh! and the clip board with the to do list.....of course.

His support in my years as GL was second to none and oiled the wheels at many functions. Andy stood down at this years AGM and I guess like in all things in life his attentions are required in other places but probably with a young Grandson if I know anything so THANKYOU ANDY and may our friendship never wain.

Dave Roberts has stepped into Andy's shoes and I'm sure he will get the respect and support that comes with this special role.

And finally.....there seems to be a rumour around that I've received an Honorary Life membership Award from the TR Register, sadly this is not true and needs to be clarified.

I resigned with immediate effect from the Register in August 2018 after 38 years of dedication and loyalty due to my personal feelings regarding a situation that I felt was misleading & unprofessional, it was my choice and I hold no grudge to any CVTR colleagues.

I have been offered 12 months free membership and my old number but I have not commented or replied to the offer.

My interest in TR's and my loyalty to a group of friends I have made over the many years remains steadfast and my door is always open for a cuppa and a chat.

All that remains to say is that I hope we meet up somewhere in 2019 but midnight oil is still required as the TR is still in need of my skills.....so watch this space.

Andy Canning

Dear Ed

I thought this might prove to be prescient advice:



Dave McHattie

Dear Ed

Marque differentiation north of the border.....



Richard Durrant

TECHNICAL SECTION

Seems it's too cold in the garage for anyone to submit an article.

COMPETITIONS SECTION



Richard Durrant and Dave Roberts will be in action again this year, hillclimbing at Prescott and Shelsley Walsh, along with Tim Walker on track days, we look forward to more reports and action shots in 2019!

Some of the drivers competing this weekend . . .



Chris Westwood - Class A2



Paul Jones - Classes C1 & C2 (merged)



Geoff Lancaster - Classes J1, J2 & L (merged)



Mike West - Classes B1 & B2 (merged)



Derek Sweeney - Classes H & I (merged)



Karl Scholier - Classes H & I (merged)



Oliver Wright - Class A2



Richard Durrant - Class RTR



Graham Godfrey - Class A3



Ken Morris - Class A2

Extract from MAC magazine with Richard Durrant featured

FUTURE EVENTS

Please see above and below.....



FR
1 Monte Carlo Classic Rally 2018 UK Leg -
Banbury Passage Control



Stoneleigh



NEC

INCORPORATING TSSC TRIUMFEST & THE TR REGISTER INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND



INTER-CLUB

TRIUMPH WEEKEND



STRATFORD - UPON - AVON
RACECOURSE



16 - 18TH AUGUST 2019

www.triumphweekend.com

TRR - IWE

More General/Advanced Notice

January	February
23 rd CVTR monthly meeting 27 th Malvern Autojumble 31 st Classic Monte passage control Banbury	10 th MG Triumph Spares Day, Stoneleigh 10 th /17 th Sunday Lunch? 22-24 th Race Retro Stoneleigh 27 th CVTR monthly meeting
March	April
10 th Sunday Lunch 22 nd /24 th NEC Restoration Show 27 th CVTR monthly meeting	4 th Kineton Social Club Meet 6 th /7 th Goodwood Members Meeting 7 th Bromyard Speed Festival 14 th Sunday Lunch – Green Dragon, Sambourne, Dave Gillespie 22 nd Coleford Festival of Transport 24 th CVTR monthly Meeting 27 th /28 th Prescott 28 th Drive It Day
May	June
2 nd Kineton Social Club evening meeting 4 th /5 th Shelsley Walsh 5 th /6 th Stratford Motoring Festival 4 th /6 th Donnington Classic 4 th /6 th CVTR Wales Trip 12 th CVTR Sunday Lunch 12 th Classics @ Prescott 22 nd CVTR Monthly Meeting 25 th /26 th Prescott La Vie En Bleu 26 th Ragley Hall with TRDC 27 th Ragley Hall 27 th Bidford Wings and Wheels	1 st /2 nd Shelsley Walsh 6 th Kineton Social Club evening event 9 th CVTR Sunday Lunch 15 th /16 th Shelsley Walsh 16 th Prescott Bike Festival 23 rd TR Mega Breakfast Haynes Museum 23 rd Summer Solstice Run 26 th CVTR monthly meeting
July	August
4 th Kineton Social Club 4 th /7 th Goodwood Festival of Speed 6 th /7 th Shelsley Walsh 6 th Prescott Members Meeting 14 th CVTR SHOW – The Fleece 21 st Cotswold Classic CC, Andoversford 24 th CVTR Monthly Meeting 26 th /28 th Silverstone Classic 27 th Shelsley Walsh Test Day	1 st Kineton Social Club 3 rd /4 th Prescott VSCC 8 th Colin Boother Memorial Run 10 th /11 th Shelsley Walsh 11 th CVTR Sunday Lunch 17 th /18 th TRR IWE Stratford 26 th Pershore Plum Festival 28 th CVTR Monthly Meeting
September	October
1 st Boness Revival Hillclimb 5 th Kineton Social Club 7 th /8 th Prescott 7 th /8 th Lakes Weekend 8 th CVTR Sunday Lunch (Gareth Davies) 13 th /15 th Goodwood Revival 21 st /22 nd Shelsley Walsh 25 th CVTR Monthly Meeting 27 th Curry Night TBA Clay Pigeon Shoot	5 th /6 th Prescott Autumn Classic 13 th CVTR Sunday Lunch (Brian Wiggins) 23 rd CVTR Monthly Meeting
November	December
? CVTR Sunday Lunch (Tim Walker)	8 th (Sunday) CVTR Presentation Dinner (Bob Heppel)

CLASSIFIEDS

For sale TR7 dhc 1982.



MOT until October 2019. Immaculate condition with nothing spared to keep it in tip top condition. Huge file on history of servicing and parts used. Most recently bodywork overhauled with new door skin and some wheels arches with new metal welded in. Total respray down both sides. Most recently a new petrol tank fitted. Full tonneau cover in same colour as car-- Cavalry Blue . Revolution wheels. Stainless steel exhaust. 73500 miles, mainly dry summer use . £5995.00 ono. Based in Worcestershire. Tel 07966021539 or email. andrewracey1947@gmail.com CVTR member

GDPR, we at CVTR only have your contact details from the office and no other personal information. As you receive this newsletter, you have already asked and consented to be on the circulation list for CVTR affairs. 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, whoever that may be, who will update the team as required. Thank you for your understanding, and keep on TRucking!

Ian Brown

PS Don't forget to check below and return your preferences in good time.



CVTR PROPOSED EVENTS 2019



ACTIVITY	Yes	No
9 Hole Golf Experience (midweek with lunch)	☐	☐
GWR Fish and Chip Special (weekend)	☐	☐
GWR Murder Mystery Special (weekend)	☐	☐
Karting (mid week)	☐	☐
Summer Solstice Run	☐	☐
Autumn Leaves Run	☐	☐
TR Track Day	☐	☐
Visit to Classic Car Restorer/Engine Builder	☐	☐
Ladies Visit to Beckford Silk (and lunch in cafe, midweek)	☐	☐

YOUR OTHER SUGGESTION(S)

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NAME

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Please reply directly to Social Secretary, Dave Roberts, at watersreach@talktalk.net, ideally before the 11th February to enable preparations for our February CVTR meeting.