



## **COTSWOLD VALE TR** **FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER**

We start this month's newsletter with a catch up from our awards dinner last year kindly provided by Keith Brown when he visited Carey Pryor, GL Y Ddraig Goch.....and if you read down to the future events section, a special opportunity to find the missing parts from your restoration or simply to add to your stock of parts to keep you car going.....

### **Y Ddraig Goch**

Each year the Friends of Cotswold Vale Award is presented to an individual or group who have supported or been a 'friend' to the group. At our December meeting we awarded the Friends of Cotswold Vale Award to Y Ddraig Goch group for their Welsh weekends that many CVTR members have attended over the years. These events have been really enjoyable and CVTR were made more than welcome every year. Keith accepted this on behalf of the Welsh group and this month (January) has been able to meet up with Carey and Kevin to present the trophy to them.



So at the Ty Nant Inn near Morganstown just outside Cardiff we met up and enjoyed a substantial pub lunch, reminisced about Welsh weekends and the CVTR weekends before that, and Keith presented the trophy to Carey.

This year there is the 'unofficial' Welsh weekend at Llandrindod Wells where several TR-ers are meeting up to continue the tradition. This will be an unscripted weekend with no 'official' touring assembly runs planned at this moment in time. Simply a weekend to meet up with old friends and enjoy the cars.



Thanks Keith for doing the honours!

It was also great to read, in TR Action, about the efforts CVTR member Ian Benfield went to in his epic drive between the extremities of the UK, Lands End and John O Groats. A great effort raising monies for a worthy charity! You may also recall he was the winner of the carbon footprint award at “last year’s” awards dinner, but he never got to receive it!

Andrew Racey has also successfully sold his lovely TR7 (as advertised in our last newsletter), he really is on a roll having disposed of the redundant CVTR TRailer to Duckhams, and the blue gazebo to Nigel Smith at The Fleece. Although not quite recovering our total outlay on both items, the CVTR coffers have had a very healthy injection of monies from the proceeds of the sale of the trailer and gazebo! Well done Andrew, wrapping up your Social Secretary efforts on a high note!

### **Banbury Passage Control, Rallye Monte Carlo Historique, Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January**



It's always great when there is a local connection with any motorsport event, and so it is with Dave Robert's brother, John, competing in this year's event in his Fiat. Dave was in his usual capacity of travelling backup/mechanic.



(image from event programme)

It was still a cold day, but nowhere near as cold as the 2018 event, so we arrived in the Banbury market square at around 11.00am, and promptly headed for a warming coffee and cake in the most convenient coffee shop! The first person I met was Tony Cotgrave, followed by other fellow CVTR member, Nick Simpkins, I hope they enjoyed the event!

There was ample time to have a look around the classic car display before the participants were due to depart on the way to catch the ferry over to France. We did get to meet up with Dave and his travelling mechanic companion, but Sally was safely ensconced in the warmth of another coffee shop!

There were no many TRs on show, but there was a red TR4A, a gold coloured TR7 (parked between two XJS's), and Peter Lockley was there with his Dorretti.....



There were a number of very famous winning cars on display, both from Gaydon and Prodrive



Monte winner from 1964, driven by Paddy Hopkirk (note headlight washer jet in bottom picture)



WRC winner and Championship winning car

Continuing the rally car theme, here are a couple from the 1970 World Cup Rally



And a long distance rally MGB:-



(see later report from the Stoneleigh MG Triumph Show)

Here are a couple of nostalgic pics for my benefit.....



And an Austin Champ, capable of driving through 6ft of water (with a snorkel for the engine [and driver]), but not much other water protection for any occupants:-



Originally this vehicle could be driven submerged in 6 foot of water with the help of a snorkel device - (Not currently fitted).

There were plenty of pretty rare vehicles there including this DeSoto, and a BMW Z1



And a brilliant display of Berkely Cars, including a 50 year Diamond Jubilee Monte Carlo Rally veteran!!!!!!



And this immaculately presented example.....



Come the hour of departure, first up on the ceremonial departure ramp was a certain Fiat.....



And just to prove that Standard Triumph cars much older than our TRs were represented, the last car flagged away was:-



- a Standard Pennant

After watching all the 2019 entrants flagged away, we retired for another coffee and warm up, but a great event which I enjoyed enormously

***Ian Brown***

Sadly the Fiat succumbed to electrical failure, and driving night stages with no lights.....

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February MG TRIUMPH SPARES DAY – Stoneleigh Park**



“event was sponsored by A Plan Insurance....”

Not my finest diary arrangements, I had arranged to travel with Keith and Alf on Sunday morning, but a clash of appointments meant I was in Oxford on Saturday night. This left Keith and Alf to make their own travel arrangements, and I set off as soon as guest etiquette was satisfied, after breakfast. I arrived after 11.00am and all the bargains must have been snapped up before I arrived!

There was a very healthy CVTR contingent in attendance, not just myself, Keith and Alf, but I also met Mike Hill, Laurence McCarthy, Andy Canning, and this event proved once again to be one of the most social events on the TR calendar. I also met Pete Cox, Roger Hogarth, Ian Cornish, John Morrison, Pete Priestley, Darren Cummings, and enjoyed the redoubtable skills of Andy and Lyn Marshall who capably administered tea, coffee and biscuits to all the visitors to the TR Register stand. (You can also see Andy in this month's edition of Practical Classics!)



The TRDC stand looked excellent also



Featuring a freshly restored replica ex Brian Culcheth/Johnstone Syer TR7 Sprint rally car owned by Chris Turner

One of the most stunning cars on the Racetorations stand was this immaculate £100K TR6!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



But if you fancied something more within the “normal” price range, this Silverstone Grey TR may suit?



£35,000

TR250 anyone?



**Triumph TR 250  
For Sale**

*Langley Classics*

This car has been the subject of a full body-off restoration by Langley Classics including:

**Rebuild engine:**

- Re-ground crank, new pistons and bearings
- Skinned and rebuilt head
- Rebuilt carb
- New ancillaries

**Body:**

- Bare metal strip
- New upholstery and trim
- Custom English elm dashboard and door cupings
- New wiring loom, lights and switches
- New front and hood cover
- New Mon-die steering wheel

**Chassis and running gear:**

- Re-ground chassis
- New brakes, discs, shoes and drums
- All new brake and clutch hydraulics
- Full suspension rebuild with poly bushes
- New alloy wheels and tyres

The restoration is nearly complete and the car will be sold with a new MoT and 12 months warranty.

www.langleyclassics.co.uk 01223 331166

I daren't ask the price, and it wasn't on the spec sheet....(Langley Classics if you want to enquire!)

Undoubtedly there were many parts and spares available, along with a good representation from all the main suppliers, so if you needed any parts for your car, this was the show to attend!

NB You might recall the long distance rally MGB from the Banbury report above – well it was here as well!



*Ian Brown*

**17<sup>th</sup> February - CVTR Sunday Lunch – Blue Boar, Binton**



We had quite a gathering for the Blue Boar at Temple Grafton for the February Sunday lunch. We had 31 turn up. At this rate we will need a bigger pub! The food was very good and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

We had originally looked at a different pub but this other pub wanted exact numbers and exact food orders before they would even reserve any tables for us. In addition they wanted a deposit and also wanted us to collect the payments from everyone on the day. Needless to say we gave that venue a miss. By comparison the staff at the Blue Boar were extremely helpful although when I mentioned our experience with the other venue they (jokingly) said that everything would be fine as long as we brought our National Insurance numbers, driving licences, birth certificates and passports to prove our identities!

We had a few TR's as well so that was good. Thanks to Andrew for the photo.

*Keith Brown*

A few Sunday Lunch images from Gareth Davies:-



### **CVTR meeting at The Fleece.**

The Events Secretary opened the meeting with apologies from Meg and Richard (still enjoying the delights of the Caribbean) Mick Parry, and Sally Roberts, and Dave finally got to present Phil Blake with his CVTR special award for his contribution to numerous CVTR events in 2018



Dave continued by thanking Keith Brown for the successful Sunday Lunch at the Blue Boar.

It was noted at this point that a volunteer was still required for organising the Sunday Lunches for May Sunday 10th March, as you will note from the attached updated events diary, is the Sunday Lunch at the Beckford Inn, please contact Mike Hill before this coming weekend if you wish to join us.

Discussions then centred around the Feedback from members relating to suggested events, with the GWR supper and the visit to the Classic Restorer/Engineer heading the list with a 78% like approval, 50% of respondents were up for the karting, the GWR Murder Mystery trip, the Solstice and Autumn Runs.

As a result of the popularity of the GWR Fish and Chip supper, and following Bob Heppel's research into the available dates, he has provisionally booked the 10<sup>th</sup> of August, and this will now replace the Sunday Lunch which was scheduled for the 11<sup>th</sup>!

The Beckford Silk Mill visit will be arranged with details to be announced

One item that does requires your input, that is in regard to our Presentation Dinner at Dumbleton Hall, we require your views on whether or not we have music, and if that response is positive your suggestions (for discussions) for what and how that music is delivered. **All suggestions to Dave Roberts please.** [watersreach@talktalk.net](mailto:watersreach@talktalk.net)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Dear Ed**

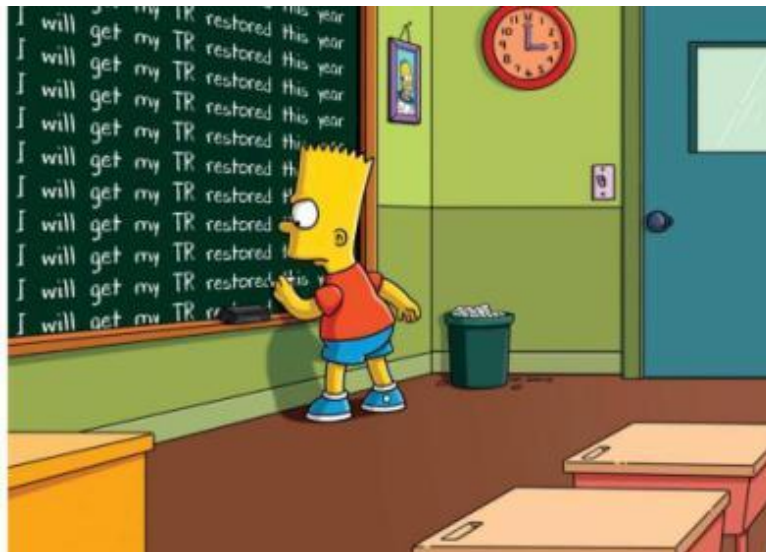
Cream Throw:- Below is a photograph of a Cream Throw which I discovered behind the passenger seat of my TR7 . Neither Sue nor I can remember where it's come from and assume it may belong to one of our CVTR members. It's about the size of a double sheet, we have washed it (in Comfort). If you believe it belongs to you then please form an orderly queue - or better still just phone.



*Andrew Racey*

## TECHNICAL SECTION

Seems like TR restoration has entered the world of the Simpsons.....come on Bart, get your finger out!



Brian Wiggins has been working on the master cylinder rebuild for his TR6, and I received the following request on Sunday evening:-

*“Does anyone one have a spare TR5/6 brake master cylinder they no longer need. I specifically require the nylon ‘cup’ on the secondary piston. Unfortunately mine ‘pinged’ out of my vice and vanished into a dark corner in my garage. Searched high and low but can’t find it!”*



The missing item.....

Brian also posted the request on the TR Register forum, and **within an hour** a fellow forumite member had offered to send a replacement!

The moral to the story – well there are two of them really

1. As Brian himself said – “If only I’d thought to reassemble it inside a clear plastic bag!!!!!!!!!!!!!!”
2. The TR Register forum is a brilliant source of information and assistance (despite what some may believe)

## **COMPETITIONS SECTION**

See Future Events section for details of 2019 Track Days.....

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

| <b>January</b>                                               |  | <b>February</b>                                                         |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
|                                                              |  | 22-24 <sup>th</sup> Race Retro Stoneleigh                               |  |
|                                                              |  | 27 <sup>th</sup> CVTR monthly meeting                                   |  |
| <b>March</b>                                                 |  | <b>April</b>                                                            |  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Lunch                                |  | 4 <sup>th</sup> Kinton Social Club Meet                                 |  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> TR Track Day Bedford Autodrome              |  | 6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Open Day at David Ferry workshop       |  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup> NEC Restoration Show      |  | 6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Goodwood Members Meeting               |  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> CVTR monthly meeting                        |  | 7 <sup>th</sup> Bromyard Speed Festival                                 |  |
|                                                              |  | 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Lunch – Green Dragon, Sambourne, Dave Gillespie |  |
|                                                              |  | 15 <sup>th</sup> TR Track Day – Cadwell Park                            |  |
|                                                              |  | 22 <sup>nd</sup> Coleford Festival of Transport                         |  |
|                                                              |  | 23 <sup>rd</sup> St George’s Day request for TRs at the Fleece          |  |
|                                                              |  | 24 <sup>th</sup> CVTR monthly Meeting (Shelsley Walsh Talk)             |  |
|                                                              |  | 27 <sup>th</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup> Prescott                             |  |
|                                                              |  | 28 <sup>th</sup> Drive It Day                                           |  |
| <b>May</b>                                                   |  | <b>June</b>                                                             |  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kinton Social Club evening meeting           |  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Birmingham Group Concours TBC                           |  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Shelsley Walsh              |  | 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Shelsley Walsh                         |  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Stratford Motoring Festival |  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> TR Track Day, Blyton Park                               |  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Donnington Classic          |  | 6 <sup>th</sup> Kinton Social Club evening event                        |  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> CVTR Wales Trip             |  | 9 <sup>th</sup> CVTR Sunday Lunch (Kings Court, Andrew Racey)           |  |

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| 12 <sup>th</sup> CVTR Sunday Lunch<br>12 <sup>th</sup> Classics @ Prescott<br>17 <sup>th</sup> /19 <sup>th</sup> Spa Classic<br>19 <sup>th</sup> Wroxall Abbey Standard Triumph Picnic<br>20 <sup>th</sup> TR Track Day Snetterton<br>22 <sup>nd</sup> CVTR Monthly Meeting<br>25 <sup>th</sup> /26 <sup>th</sup> Prescott La Vie En Bleu<br>26 <sup>th</sup> Ragley Hall with TRDC<br>27 <sup>th</sup> Bidford Wings and Wheels                                                                                                                                                                                      | 9 <sup>th</sup> Prescott Invitation Day with E Type Register<br>9 <sup>th</sup> GWR Classic Car day - Toddington<br>15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> Shelsley Walsh<br>16 <sup>th</sup> Prescott Bike Festival<br>22 <sup>nd</sup> Hampton Ferry Car Show<br>23 <sup>rd</sup> TR Mega Breakfast Haynes Museum<br>23 <sup>rd</sup> Summer Solstice Run<br>24 <sup>th</sup> TR Track Day Castle Combe<br>26 <sup>th</sup> CVTR monthly meeting                                               |
| <b>July</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>August</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Kineton Social Club<br>5 <sup>th</sup> TR Track Day North Weald<br>4 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Goodwood Festival of Speed<br>6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Shelsley Walsh<br>6 <sup>th</sup> Prescott Members Meeting<br>13 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup> – Broadway Ferrari weekend<br>14 <sup>th</sup> CVTR SHOW – The Fleece<br>19 <sup>th</sup> TRDC visit to Morgan Cars, Malvern<br>21 <sup>st</sup> Cotswold Classic CC, Andoversford<br>24 <sup>th</sup> CVTR Monthly Meeting<br>26 <sup>th</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup> Silverstone Classic<br>27 <sup>th</sup> Shelsley Walsh Test Day | 1 <sup>st</sup> Kineton Social Club<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Prescott VSCC<br>8 <sup>th</sup> Colin Boother Memorial Run<br>10 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup> Shelsley Walsh<br>10 <sup>th</sup> CVTR Fish and Chip supper on the GWR Steam Railway<br>12 <sup>th</sup> TR Track Day Anglesey<br><b>16<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> TRR IWE Stratford</b><br>26 <sup>th</sup> Pershore Plum Festival<br>28 <sup>th</sup> CVTR Monthly Meeting<br>31 <sup>st</sup> Peopleton Show |
| <b>September</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>October</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Boness Revival Hillclimb<br>5 <sup>th</sup> Kineton Social Club<br>7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Prescott<br>7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Lakes Weekend<br>8 <sup>th</sup> CVTR Sunday Lunch (Gareth Davies)<br>9 <sup>th</sup> TR track Day Castle Combe<br>13 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup> Goodwood Revival<br>21 <sup>st</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup> Shelsley Walsh<br>21 <sup>st</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup> Sywell Pistons and Props<br>21 <sup>st</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup> Kop Hill<br>25 <sup>th</sup> CVTR Monthly Meeting<br>27 <sup>th</sup> Curry Night<br>TBA Clay Pigeon Shoot          | 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Prescott Autumn Classic<br>7 <sup>th</sup> TR Track Day Donnington<br>13 <sup>th</sup> CVTR Sunday Lunch (Brian Wiggins)<br>23 <sup>rd</sup> CVTR Monthly Meeting<br>29 <sup>th</sup> TR Track Day Goodwood                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>November</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>December</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> NEC Classic Car Show<br>17 <sup>th</sup> CVTR Sunday Lunch (Tim Walker)<br>27 <sup>th</sup> CVTR Monthly Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> TR track Day Brands Hatch<br>8 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday) CVTR Presentation Dinner (Bob Heppel)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

Please see above and below.....

#### **6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> April Open Day at David Ferry's workshop/TR stores**

David Ferry is opening his store of TR parts for CVTR members to enjoy a rummage and bag a bargain. David purchased this large inventory of parts when Walter Petchey retired, and is now looking for homes for many of the parts. This stock includes panels and mechanical spares for the TR2-TR6 range of cars.

The workshop address is: Unit 24, Brewsters Corner, Pendicke Street, Southam, Warwickshire CV47 1PN.

So, what does he have - all manner of body panels mostly for TR4 but there are some sidescreen window frames, aprons, wings and bonnets. A variety of doors for TR4, 5 and 6. Two non overdrive gearboxes, an A type overdrive gearbox, a number of 4 cylinder block for TR2 to 4a. Loads of brake calipers for refurb, some refurbished brake callipers, suspension parts, including a number of IRS trailing arms. All manner of other small stuff - I'm sure you get the idea.

He would like to move on everything so that he has more workshop space and also space for car storage.

## More Advanced Notice



INTER-CLUB

# TRIUMPH WEEKEND

STRATFORD - UPON - AVON  
RACECOURSE

16 - 18TH AUGUST 2019

[www.triumphweekend.com](http://www.triumphweekend.com)

Logos for the TR Register and The Triumph Owners Club are also present.

**STANDARD TRIUMPH**

**PICNIC & HOG ROAST 2019**  
Sun 19<sup>th</sup> May - **Wroxall Abbey, Warwick.**  
Hosted by the **Pre-1940 Triumph Motor Club**

**FREE ENTRY - ALL Triumphs & Clubs Welcome**

The format is simple - turn up in your Triumph (10am to 4pm) with a picnic and marvel at the range of Standard and Triumph cars assembled on the lawns of this historic venue. Dating back to the 12th Century and once the country seat of Sir Christopher Wren, Wroxall Abbey is not only a beautiful country house hotel in Warwickshire, but one of the most historic. For those without a picnic there will be food available including a hog roast.

**Wroxall Abbey Hotel & Estate**  
Birmingham Road, Wroxall, Warwickshire. CV35 7NB

The poster includes images of a Standard car, a Triumph car, and a group of people at a picnic.

Also attached for your consideration is a list of further activity suggestions put forward by members, your comments would be welcome, please reply to Dave Roberts [watersreach@talktalk.net](mailto:watersreach@talktalk.net)

### Additional Suggestions for 2019 Events

*Skittles evening, Versus Birmingham group ??*

*Ladies Pamper/Spa day*

*Mid-week run to Atwell-Wilson Motor Museum, Calne*

*CVTR pitch at Defford Air Day*

*Inter Group Karting event*

*GWR Steam Museum (and retail therapy!). Swindon*

*RAF Cosford Museum and/or Large Model Aircraft Association display*

*Fleet Air Arm Museum/Flying Day and Haynes Motor Museum. (Near Yeovil, o/n at Podimore Travelodge(A303))*

*Crich Tramway Museum near Matlock/Peak District Tour (with Keith Brown, overnight stay at Cromford)*

*Shuttleworth Air and Transport Collection and House with Swiss Garden . (Possible Flying Day.) Old Warden*

*Bedfordshire. Near RSPB Headquarters. (Over night stay probable)*

*Imperial War Museum Duxford, Cambridge. Lots of aircraft. Air Show usually in July (Overnight stay probable)*

*Donington Grand Prix Collection*

*Coventry Transport Museum*

*Ironbridge Museums*

*Black Country Living Museum*

## CLASSIFIEDS

If anyone is looking for an original dealer modular workshop manual for a TR4, look no further:-



It is not a concours example but a used, complete manual, complete with oily fingerprints, and it could be yours for £35, contact Ian Brown ([ianbrown11252@googlemail.com](mailto:ianbrown11252@googlemail.com))

### Cycle for sale.

It's not a TR but if you live in Evesham and want to get through town quickly then here is the answer.



Turbo Classic bicycle with ten speed Shimano gears. In very good condition and I will throw in the lock. All for the bargain price of £55.00. Safety helmet and high vis cross band available by separate negotiation. Contact Andrew Racey 01386 765523 or email. [andrewracey1947@gmail.com](mailto:andrewracey1947@gmail.com)

See also – sale of parts at David Ferry's workshop on 6/7<sup>th</sup> April

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*Ian Brown Dave Roberts and Richard Durrant*