



# Wessex News 553

## February 2025



### Hello Group

January's quiz night, thank you for a good attendance again, nigh on 30 people. I know how much you like the 'missing words'. As a certain member got very close to getting nearly all correct last year, I had to make it a bit harder this year. At the end of the evening the results were very close, the winning team with Ian, Geoff, Nigel and Keith (+ one other) scoring a total of 38, second had 37. A film suggested for the facts for next year has been 'The sound of music', because Gordon has seen it over 100 times, he was the projectionist at a cinema for a while!!! And Julian, 'LeMans 66', Ken Miles Wife's name, Mrs Miles!!! Fail.



Well, the evenings are now drawing out, it will not be long before we are attending the pub events, Port Solent, Goodwood Breakfast Clubs, Exbury Social clubs and all manner of other events that are cropping up all over the place to display our cars, looking forward to it. My Jobs on KITT are 'nearly' finished, the fuel tank is now on plan 'B', the suction we decided to completely weld it up, and a thicker threaded top ring for the sender unit, but I have to say, it has been just a little chilly to be going out in the garage. Instead, I have been having a go at this trimming lark!! Just be brave and have a go, what's the worst that can happen?? So, with a bit of leather I have done the dash top, crash pads both sides and the centre console. Ordered a few more hides for the seats and door cards etc, not sure I will have a go at the seats though!!!



Waiting for a Stitching punch pliers and I feel quite confident in doing the steering wheel too.

This month is the skittles at The Black Horse in West Tytherley, just a friendly of course!!!



I follow David Appleby Engineering, well, it's nice to see how he puts his cars together. But the level of detail!! 'Every little help's, an adaptor nipple for the clutch master to the flexi down to the slave. The steel variety weighed 38grams, special billet machine version 12grams!!! But if you can save 66% on every nut bolt and washer!!! That is a hell of a saving. Now I understand why these cars come in at £250,000:00 a go.

This is a part of his workshop, and that is a genuine 'Dell Lines' V8 conversion Sherpa.

I have sold my caravan, I didn't use it last year at all. I can't get Piper on the insurance for the XC so getting KITT and the van to event can't happen. Yes, Piper can now drive KITT but only with me sat next to her, so that doesn't work either!!! So, my days of tenting are over, I have an idea! The hunt is on.

## Club Skittles Night - 25th February 2025

**The Black Horse, The Village, West Tytherley,  
SP5 1NF**

Meet at the pub at 18:45 for a 19:00 start.

### Raffle.

We will be doing a raffle to pay for the room hire, if possible, please can you bring a raffle prize, tickets will be sold for £1 a strip.

### Food per head.

Chicken Curry	£15.00
Chicken Goujons and chips	£13.00
Sausage and chips	£13.00
Vegetarian on request	

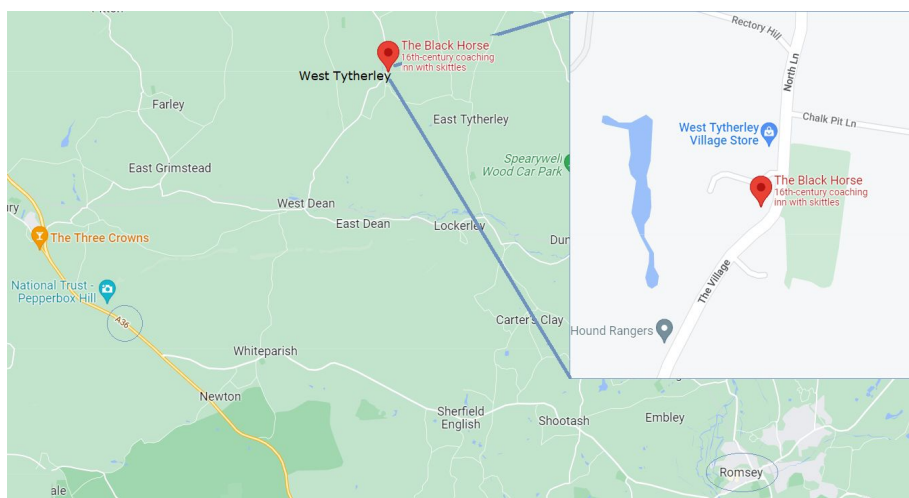
The deadline for food choices has now passed, but for further details please contact jasper: [jasper@complete-security.co.uk](mailto:jasper@complete-security.co.uk)

Please Pay in full to The Wessex T.R. Group

Account number **40909262** sort **20-79-25**

Put *skittles* and *your name* as a reference.

### Directions.



**From Romsey**, go via Timsbury, Lockerley then turn right onto Dean Road at West Dean.

**From Ower**, follow the A36 and turn off at the Alderbury exit, go to East Grimstead then turn left onto Dean Road at West Dean.

**SP5 1NF** will take you past the Pub to the Village store.

See you all there, it will be a great night. Jasper



## Club Run - Sunday 9th March 2025

### Pub Lunch at the Northbrook Arms, East Stratton, SO21 3DU



Due to popular demand we will be using the Northbrook Arms again this March; the lunch will be banquet style with private dining in the Barn. Reserved parking will be in front of the pub on the lane.

Depart from Ower Services at 10:45 to arrive at 12:00 ready for lunch at 12:30.  
Deadline was the 20<sup>th</sup> February but please contact Jasper for further info.  
jasper@complete-security.co.uk

If you plan to meet at the pub let Jasper know so we don't get confused at Ower. Hope to see you there, a nice country drive has been planned, route to be distributed on the day.

#### STARTERS

- Soup of the Day** served with toasted sourdough and butter (v)(gfa) 8.25
- Cumberland Sausage Scotch Egg** with katsu curry sauce and pickled shallots 9.50
- Duck Liver Parfait** served with toasted brioche, cornichons and onion jam (gfa) 9.75
- Pea and Mint Hummus** with chilli olive oil, toasted flatbread, fresh mint and parsley (ve) 8.25
- Baked Camembert Sharer** served with honey, thyme, walnuts and toasted sourdough (v)(gfa) 17.50

#### SUNDAY ROASTS

All of our roast dinners are served with roast potatoes, tenderstem broccoli, roasted carrots, baked cauliflower cheese, Yorkshire pudding and gravy

- Roast Topside of Beef** 22.75
- Roast Loins of Pork** with sage and onion stuffing 20.75
- Supreme of Chicken** with sage and onion stuffing and a pig in a blanket 20.50
- Trio of Roasts** (Beef, Pork and Chicken) with sage and onion stuffing and a pig in a blanket 26.95
- Vegetarian "Nut Free" Roast** (v) 18.00

#### ALTERNATIVE SUNDAY MAIN MEALS

- Flower Pots Battered Fish and Chips** served with mushy peas, gherkin, charred lemon, tartare sauce and curry sauce 18.00
- Northbrook Arms Shepherd's Pie** served with tenderstem broccoli, mint salsa verde and red wine jus (gf) 21.00
- Brie, Potato and Caramelised Onion Wellington** served with tenderstem broccoli and vegetarian gravy (v) 17.95

#### BURGERS

*served in a brioche bun with lettuce, tomato, gherkin and tomato relish mayonnaise with Cajun spiced fries, homemade slaw and onion rings.*

- Buttermilk Chicken Burger** 17.50
- Beef Chuck and Rib Burger** 18.00      Add cheese – 1.50
- Moving Mountains Vegan Burger** (ve) 17.00      Add bacon – 1.50

#### DESSERTS

- Chocolate and Caramelised Biscuit Cheesecake** served with vegan vanilla ice cream (ve) 9.00
- Plum and Cardamon Cobbler** served with a stem ginger custard 8.50
- Baked Salted Chocolate Torte** with pistachio cream, raspberries and popping candy 9.50
- Apple Tart Tatin** served with clotted cream ice cream and a calvados flambe 9.50
- Madelaine's** served with cinnamon sugar, berries and chocolate dipping sauce 7.25
- Sticky Toffee Pudding** served with vanilla ice cream and caramel sauce 9.00
- Cheese Board** with stilton, brie and Coastal cheddar served with crackers and chutney 12.50
- Affogato** Espresso poured over vanilla ice cream with a Lotus Biscoff crumb 5.00
- Two Scoops of Ice Cream** (vanilla, chocolate, salted caramel) 6.00
- Three Mini Chocolate Truffles** 3.50
- A Smidge of Cheese and Chutney** your choice of brie, stilton or coastal cheddar with two crackers 5.00

## Devon TRip

Ian and Sandra Domeney have offered to organise a Wessex group weekend away from Friday the 30th of May to Monday the 2nd of June 2025.

The venue for the weekend is the Fisherman's Cot, Bickleigh, Tiverton, EX16 8RW.

<http://www.fishermanscotpub.co.uk>

10 rooms have been reserved. The cost is £309.00 per couple for three nights bed and breakfast and a 20% discount has been arranged for evening meals.

The plan would be to travel together / meet up en route. We could have a leisurely time as a group with days out in the local area or just do your own thing if you prefer.

If you would like to join in, please let me know as soon as possible. Booking will be done on a first come first served basis. Some rooms have already been taken, so be quick. Jasper

## Early Bird Runs to continue

Roy intends to do some Early Bird runs on Sundays during the winter and spring when the threat of salt on the roads has receded, and will post the details onto our WhatsApp group the preceding Thursday. The usual format is a 07:00 start for a 1 - 1.5 hour drive through the Forest, usually ending up at a cafe.



## Verwood Rustic Fayre / Bransgore car show - fyi

Although still in the planning stage, we will be running the classic car show element of Verwood Rustic Fayre on August Bank Holiday Monday on behalf of the Rotary. This is a very recent decision, more information in due course.

As a reciprocal to other local Rotaries publicising it, we have been asked to publicise their Bransgore show on the 13<sup>th</sup> July. We probably won't formally attend this as it clashes with our July club run to Wings and Wheels at Wallop.

## For Sale

WOSP LMA638-80 Alternator, which is an 80A Lucas equivalent. It was removed from a 4-cylinder TR after a month. Subsequent testing by both WOSP and a TR specialist proved it is fine. £30, and includes a wide pulley. You are advised to fit it with a heat shield. [adrian.jefferies@rocketmail.com](mailto:adrian.jefferies@rocketmail.com)



**BRANSGORE ROTARY CIO**  
**NEW FOREST CAR SHOW**  
**SUNDAY 13TH JULY 2025**



**THE PLAYING FIELD BRANSGORE BH23 8AY**  
**11 AM - 4 PM**

**CLASSIC CAR ENTRY FEE £5**



**CAR BOOT & AUTOJUMBLE £5 PER PITCH**



**VISITOR PARKING £4 ENTRY OVER 16s £1**  
Book via Bransgore Rotary Website  
[www.bransgorerotary.com](http://www.bransgorerotary.com)

## The 32nd Wessex Annual Duck Race! Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June

Duck supremo NeilW has confirmed the Duck Race – save the date! More info later in the year.



### TR4 rebuild – Bodywork preamble

I have just started the first steps of doing some bodywork: cleaning and painting the engine bay. Prior to this I spent a fair amount of time drilling or enlarging the bodged front wing mounting holes to get the wings exactly where I wanted them, each drilling needing a touch of rust converter then stone guard to protect the bare metal. I also installed the improved scuttle drain system – as is well known, the original design was rather optimistic as the scuttle would empty into a closed section behind the wheel arch which had a small drain hole in the sill. The recommended method is to extend the pipe beyond the baffle plate.

I also took a detour to replace the steering column bushes, although the effort to extract the jammed steering column almost made me abandon the idea. Anyhow, I got there in the end and removed the bushes. My thanks to Dave Smith for giving me a hand inserting the new ones, a tight fit but we wound them in with washers on a long threaded rod. Thanks also to Joe Vella for completing the gearbox rebuild, the ‘box now back in the garage awaiting its turn on the list of jobs to complete. Lastly, thanks also to Bill Chorley who told me about the repeated “Car S.O.S.” TV show which featured a TR4 rescue.



The photo shows rust-cure operations, and my charity shop vacuum cleaner on standby. Although it works like a champ its two drawbacks are its dreadnought-like weight and the short extension hose. But no problem: used extra long hose ordered from eBay!

More cleaning and painting to follow, though I have just noticed that the old “flashed over” orangey paint in the engine bay, on top of some dark primer with the original red below, isn't very stable. Adrian



KINDLY PEDESTRIAN. “My dear young lady, have you met with an accident?”  
OWNER DRIVER. “Well, I ask you—do you think I always look like this?”

## Recommended Suppliers

Here is a list of Suppliers that members are happy to recommend.

Garage / Supplier	Specialisation & Work Done	Recommended By & Notes
Ashley Motors <a href="https://www.ashleymotorrepairs.com">https://www.ashleymotorrepairs.com</a> Ashley, New Milton, New Forest	MOT, General work, Restoration. Replacement starter motor (supplied by owner) - 2024	Roy Froud. They have historically worked on old cars and the new owner of the business is keen to maintain this. High standards of workmanship.
hydrate-80 <a href="https://bilthamber.com/product/hydrate-80">https://bilthamber.com/product/hydrate-80</a> , eBay	Rust converter, bonds to steel and rust	Julian Furness. Good product, makes a layer suitable for painting.
Bearing boys <a href="https://www.bearingboys.co.uk">https://www.bearingboys.co.uk</a>	Bearings	Adrian
Crucial Automatics <a href="http://www.crucialautomatics.co.uk">http://www.crucialautomatics.co.uk</a> Titchfield	TR7 Service, Restoration	Nigel Jordan
Historic Metalwoks (Shaun) <a href="https://historicmetalworks.com/">https://historicmetalworks.com/</a> Sway, New Forest	Panel Beating, Bodywork	Adrian
Jim Stokes Workshops <a href="https://www.jswl.co.uk/">https://www.jswl.co.uk/</a> Waterlooville	High-end engineering, head work. Cylinder head exhaust valve recutting	Adrian. High quality
K&N Finishers <a href="https://www.kandnfinishers.co.uk">https://www.kandnfinishers.co.uk</a> Totton, Southampton	Shot Blasting, Powder Coating. Hood frame	Roy Froud. Great quality that is so much better than painting. Also had a garden gate done by them!
Totally Trimmed (Katie) 07900 892362 Throop, Bournemouth	Interior Trimming	Ian Evans. Great Job!
Mobile Welder <a href="mailto:robsmobileweldingservice@gmail.com">robsmobileweldingservice@gmail.com</a> 07888 706797 Bournemouth	Body Welding	Adrian
Neil Ferguson <a href="mailto:neil.fergusontr6@gmail.com">neil.fergusontr6@gmail.com</a> 07977 001571	TR5 TR6, Metering unit reconditioning -2024	Roy Froud. Not easy to get hold of but really knows his subject. Ex Lucas. He can calibrate a metering unit based on engine spec. e.g original, CP, CR, hot cam etc.
New Milton Motor Services <a href="https://newmiltonmotorservices.co.uk/">https://newmiltonmotorservices.co.uk/</a>	MOT	Michael
Rayson Radiators <a href="https://raysons.co.uk">https://raysons.co.uk</a> Yeovil	Radiators	Neil
Revington TR <a href="https://www.revingtontr.com">https://www.revingtontr.com</a> Somerset	All TR Work, Rolling Road, Tuning, Parts	Roy Froud. Can have a long leadtime on workshop bookings
Shiply <a href="https://www.shiply.com">https://www.shiply.com</a>	Courier Service	Adrian
Spaldings <a href="https://spaldings.co.uk/">https://spaldings.co.uk/</a>	Nuts & Bolts	Adrian
TR GB <a href="https://www.trgb.co.uk">https://www.trgb.co.uk</a> Cambridgeshire	TR Parts	Roy Froud
TR Shop <a href="https://www.trshop.co.uk">https://www.trshop.co.uk</a> London	TR Parts	Michael

Further contributions please?

**WhatsApp** <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Crmu6QvABgF2oqO63KkOjp>



This continues to be popular and a good source of information. We encourage you to join as many members are now signed up to this handy app. Follow this link and Jasper will accept you to the group.

## Tool Aid, Ringwood

This is still continuing – as ever, if you have any old tools, bring them along to club nights and I'll pass them along.

[Tool Aid Ringwood](#) Adrian

## Diary 2025

**Club Night: 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of Month**

**Club Runs: Normally 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month, February through October**

**New/Changed Events denoted with \***

Early Bird Runs	Ad hoc, New Forest Area, Continuing through the winter, Roy Froud via WhatsApp
<b>February Club Night</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> February – Skittles, Black Horse, West Tytherley, Jasper (see above)</b>
March Run	9 <sup>th</sup> March - Northbrook Arms, East Stratton, Jasper
March Club Night	25 <sup>th</sup> March – Talk on trip Angulem Circuit de Ramparts, Jasper
*April Run	13 <sup>th</sup> April - tbc
April Club Night	22 <sup>nd</sup> April ( <i>5 Tuesdays in April</i> ) - Nagger 'n' Noggin
*May Run	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> May - Yesteryears Vintage and Classic Vehicle Show, Thruxton (tbc)
May Club Night	27 <sup>th</sup> May – Invite: maybe the Stags or Octogenarian Club
<b>*Devon TRip</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> May to June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Devon weekend away</b>
Club "Run"	22 <sup>nd</sup> June – Pride of Ownership, Mervyn and Sheila
June Club Night	24 <sup>th</sup> June - Nagger 'n' Noggin (post Pride of Ownership)
*Duck Race	29 <sup>th</sup> June
July Run	13 <sup>th</sup> July - Wings and Wheels, Wallop, Steve Workman
Show	20 <sup>th</sup> July - Sherbourne Classic (tbc)
July Club Night	<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Invited Car Clubs at IBM Hursley (<i>No meet Tuesday</i>)</b>
August Club Run	10 <sup>th</sup> August, tbc
<b>*Verwood Rustic Fayre</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> August, Bank Holiday Monday – Wessex to organise classic cars
August Club Night	26 <sup>th</sup> August - BBQ & Bring and Buy
Club Run	14 <sup>th</sup> September, Seven Stars, Petersfield, Jasper
September Club Night	23 <sup>rd</sup> September – Talk (tbc) ( <i>5 Tuesdays in September</i> )
September Club Run	12 <sup>th</sup> October - Treasure Hunt (tbc)
October Club Night	28 <sup>th</sup> October - Nagger 'n' Noggin
November Club Night	25 <sup>th</sup> November - Odd Photo Competition plus Feely bag
<b>Christmas Dinner</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> December - The White Buck at Burley, Jasper
No December club night	(Christmas Dinner is the clubnight)

## Castle Coombe

[Castle Combe Race Circuit \(castlecombecircuit.co.uk\)](http://castlecombecircuit.co.uk)

### Gurston Down - 2025 Season Event Dates

Sunday 13th April 2025 – Test Day

Weekend – 26th and 27th April 2025

British Hill Climb Championship Meeting – 24th and 25th May 2025

Weekend – 14th and 15th June 2025

Weekend – 5th and 6th July 2025

Weekend – 2nd and 3rd August 2025 – August 2nd is our 400th meeting

Championship and Challenge Finale – 23rd and 24th August 2025

Why not come and Join us on the Committee? Have you got a run of your own, or know of a destination you would like us to explore? Have you got any interesting TR stories, or photographs you would like to share? Perhaps your story could feature in our next Newsletter, or one of your photos in the next calendar, send them in! Share your technical information and your mechanical know-how. We're always looking for new people to join the committee to bring new ideas, so why not give it a go — you might enjoy it!

Come and have a chat at Club Night, or drop Neil an e-mail if you'd like to know a little more.

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