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May 2025



Dear Club Members

First of all I would like to thank you all for the incredible support I've received in my new role as Group Leader, there was a tremendous turn out at the April club night when I proudly received my group leaders "gong".

Looking ahead, I plan to carry on as before, supporting and encouraging the wonderful community we have. Our club is full of social, enthusiastic members, and I'll continue doing my best to ensure everyone feels welcome and joins in on the fun.

Righto, enough of that, we've got a great summer lined up, starting with our weekend away at the Fisherman's Cot in Bickleigh, Devon. A big thank you to Ian and Sandra Domenev for organising what promises to be a fantastic trip. Don't forget to check the calendar (below) so you don't miss any of the other events we've planned!

(Don't panic! Photo's of me will not be a regular occurrence)

SWT UPDATE:

There are new owners at the Sir Walter Tyrrell, "Richard and Emma" who have expressed great interest in our club and have kindly invited us to continue using the pub for our club nights "mutual benefits". This is great news though, as the free use of the rear room and screen is invaluable and very much appreciated.

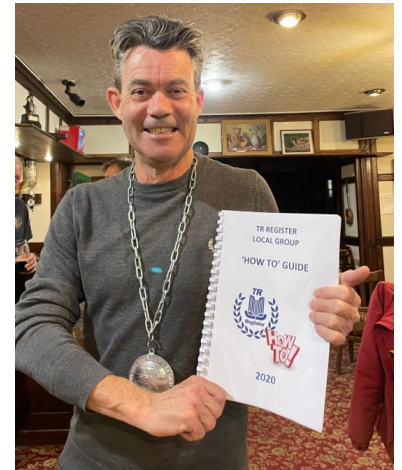
We've invited the Stag Owners Club to join us at our next meet on the 27th of May, so I look forward to seeing you all there for a great evening of shared enthusiasm and good company.

Jasper

Calendar (now split into Club Nights, Runs, and Additional Events)

Club Night: 4th Tuesday of Month

May 27th	Invited Stag Owners Club for Natter and Noggin at the SWT, formal car line up in the carpark.
June 24th	Casual club night Natter and Noggin.
23 rd July Wednesday	Invited Car Clubs at IBM Hursley (No meet Tuesday)
August 26th	Summer BBQ and Bring and Buy sale at the SWT. Full details to follow.
September 23rd	Casual club night Natter and Noggin.
October 28th	Casual club night Natter and Noggin.
November 25th	Odd Photo Competition and Feely bag quiz.
December 6th	Annual Christmas Party at The White Buck, Burley. Full details to follow. Jasper Small.



Club Runs: Normally 2nd Sunday of month, February through September

June 22nd	Pride of Ownership BBQ at Mervyn and Sheila's.
July 13th	Wings and Wheels at Nether Wallop, 8 cars booked, arranged by Steve Workman.
August 10th	Trip to the Haynes motor museum, meet at Ower Services. (provisional) Keith Boniface.
September 14th	Sunday lunch at the Seven Stars Pub near Petersfield. Meet at Ower Services. Jasper Small.
Early Bird Runs	Ad hoc runs through the New Forest Area, continuing through the year. Contact Roy Froud via WhatsApp

Additional Events

June 29th	Duck Race. See details further on.
August 25th	Verwood Rustic Fayre, Wessex Group are hosting the "Classic Vehicle Show", Wessex members have free entry. Full details to follow. Jasper Small. https://verwoodrotary.org.uk/rustic-fayre-202

May Club Run – Royal Oak Recap

The May Club Run to the Royal Oak was a great success! We had a slightly delayed start, as a few of our merry members were caught in traffic due to a breakdown on the A31 en route to Ower Services.

Everyone arrived in the end, including two new members, Steve and Michelle Rogers, who joined us in their beautiful red TR6. They are new to the Triumph marque, having only recently purchased the car, so a very warm welcome to you both!

Rob and Lin came along in their Stag, as their TR6 is still at the menders, as is Chris and Geertrui's TR5, though they were kindly lent a car by Mervyn, ensuring they didn't miss out.

Once we were all together, we headed off up the A36, taking a left turn into and through the forest toward Beaulieu via Fritham and Brockenhurst. There were quite a few cyclists on the roads, causing some additional delays, not to mention a particularly cautious Nissan Micra doing about 15mph along the Ornamental Drive! Still, we all made it safely, with no casualties, just a few laughs and a very real thirst. I can confirm my first pint went down extremely well!



The pub service was excellent, offering great food and a warm welcome. But the true star of the day was the weather: wall-to-wall sunshine from start to finish, which made the drive through the forest especially enjoyable.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the next run! Jasper

Pride of Ownership – Sunday 22nd June



Mervyn and Sheila Lister have once again kindly offered to host this year's Pride of Ownership BBQ at their home near Ringwood. For those who haven't attended a PoO before, it's a fantastic opportunity to showcase your TR, catch up with fellow club members, and enjoy a relaxed BBQ in great company.

Organising this event takes a lot of preparation, from sorting food and hiring equipment to setting up tables, chairs, and a marquee, not to mention all the gardening!

To make it viable, we're aiming for a minimum of 16 TRs, though there's space for over 20, so the more the merrier.

There is a small cost to cover food and equipment hire, so if you'd like to join us, please let me know as soon as possible, and make sure you pay the £12 per person, into the Wessex TR Group bank account by 25th May. This will give us enough time to finalise all the arrangements. Please see the full details below.

Hope to see you there, it promises to be a great day out for all.

Jasper





Pride of Ownership 2025



- Date/Time:** The event will take place on Sunday the 22nd of June, please arrive no later than 12:00.
- Location:** Trollsmead, Woodend Road, Crow, Ringwood, BH24 3DG.
- Cost:** The cost is £12 per head, please pay the Wessex TR Group no later than Sunday the 25th of May. **Acc No 40909262, sort code 20-79-25**, put PoO & your surname as a reference.
- 12:00** Arrival: TR's will be marshalled and parked in order of marque.
- 12:30 – 13:00** Welcoming and drinks (please bring your own, with glasses).
- 13:00 - 14:00** Judging: Everyone will be asked to pick their favourite TR, and there will be three categories.
- Categories: **Ladies choice**
Gentleman's choice
Best TR in show
- 13:00** Raffle draw: During the judging there will be a raffle, please can everyone bring one prize for each TR entering the show. Tickets will be sold for £1 a strip; all profits will go to the club funds.
- 15:00** BBQ Lunch, please bring your own plates and cutlery. Condiments and napkins will be provided along with tables and chairs.
- 16:00** Results and Trophy presenting.
- 16:30** Event close and depart.

For further information please contact me direct by email, phone or WhatsApp.

Invited Car Clubs at IBM Hursley – Wednesday 23rd July

This is on the **Wednesday** and counts as our clubnight. Wednesday 23rd July at the IBM Hursley Sports and Social Club, Hursley, SO21 2JN from 19:00.

Refreshments can be bought from the Social Club bar, and in previous years this popular event has been well attended with many marques of cars displayed. We

hope you can make it, please pass the word to other enthusiasts and clubs. Note that the turn in to the ground is quite tight so not really suitable for big vehicles.



Verwood Rustic Fayre - August Bank Holiday, Monday 25th August



Wessex TR will be running the classic vehicle show element of Verwood Rustic Fayre on August Bank Holiday, Monday 25th August on behalf of Verwood Rotary. Wessex TR members are admitted **free** with a Pass, otherwise tickets are £7 for driver & passenger. We will pass a “bucket” round for contributions. All money goes to local good causes. Please mention this to other clubs and enthusiasts, we need the numbers!

[Buy tickets – Verwood Rotary Rustic Fayre Classic Vehicle Show – Potterne Park, Verwood](#)

The 32nd Wessex Annual Duck Race! Sunday 29th June

Message from Duck HQ:

In view of the recent dry weather, I did another survey a few days ago of the various streams in the Forest. Disaster!!!! The stream we used last year has dried up completely in various places and our traditional stream is at a standstill in places - ducks would have more chance with a slight breeze across a lake. Also, sadly, our traditional stream now has 7 large trees across it, blocking the way. I looked at a few other possible watercourses but it was the same picture everywhere. So if anyone knows of any stream/river in their neck of the woods that is currently running and might be suitable for our race, then please let me know and I'll investigate.



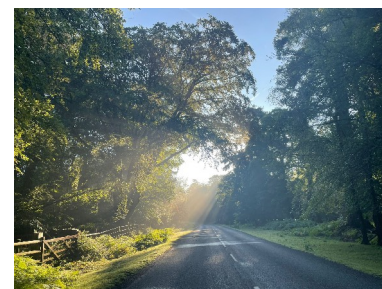
Otherwise, we'll just have to hope for a bit of rain (maybe a lot!) in the next few weeks, or we may just have to postpone the race until later in the year, which would obviously be disappointing for everyone. Or you'll have to start training your ducks to run, not swim!

You can e-mail any suggestions to me (Neil Winscom) at: wtr@sagique.com

Neil W

Early Bird Runs to continue

Roy intends to continue with the Early Bird runs and will post the details onto our WhatsApp group. The usual format is a 07:00 start for a 1 - 1.5 hour drive through the Forest, usually ending up at a cafe.



Non-GL Chat

Hello everyone. Do not adjust your sets, just a few words of what a couple of Motorsport enthusiast have been up to.

26th/27th April. Gurston Down. As Keith had other plans on the Sunday we decided to go up on the Saturday. Which turned out to be the better option. It was a round of the TR Register Sprint and Hill climb which saw 12 Triumphs having a go up the hill, including an Acclaim!! They were only there on the Saturday, so we wouldn't have seen them had we gone on Sunday. Walking about the paddock was this 'morphed' 930 RS. We started talking to the long-standing owner, apparently this car came out of the factory as a 2.7 RS, yes, hindsight is a wonderful thing, but I would still have this 600BHP version to a 2.7 RS. It was road registered and street legal and he does drive it on the road.



But on the way to Gurston, Keith was following in his Lotus and started to notice that as I was braking the brake lights didn't appear to be coming on. On arrival checked the bulbs through the side light feed, both OK. Now brake lights have got to be the simplest system on the car, feed, switch, 2 bulbs which are earthed. So, switch, now we didn't do too well here!! On trying to remove the spades it came apart. Unable to fix it there, we came back a more scenic route with Keith following as no brake lights. Back home I found all the bits of the switch and started looking at it. It appeared that the plunger that springs out when you press the pedal wasn't always springing, it's only plastic so over time (could well be the original) scores up and simply doesn't want to function. So, our favourite 'Brothers' web site. Then I thought, I wonder if Romsey Motor Factors can get one. So, I popped in the Monday lunchtime with various part numbers, now being BL this switch was fitted to virtually any vehicle with brake lights!! Sensible thing!!! He tapped away, Yep, it'll be here on this afternoon's van. I collected it on the Wednesday morning, now, the 'Brothers' price was £8:90, Romsey Motor Factors, £5:01!!! Don't discard your local Auto Factors because we run 50+ year old cars, Romsey Motor Factors are still making their own margin on that, but I am far happier to support local businesses.



Sunday 4th May. Compton Abbas. This is the second time I have been here, lovely setting, and an array of cars. The 912 parked next to us was gorgeous. It's also a lovely drive across the plains. Now Keith's 5 is having a bit of a Metering Unit issues, so I had a chair for change.

10th May. Awbridge Village fete. I tried to attend this last year but after sat in the lane for 45 mins before I turned around and came back home. But this year was a lot better and drove straight in. What a lovely little event, and it spawned a Rosette holder for one of our members, Sheridan's family dog, Paddy, was voted most handsome male, and he fully deserved it. If you are like me, I always walk around and think, 'what would I like to come home with me', well this time it wasn't even a car, now I love these, a Kenworth W900!! How he got it through the gate I don't know, it was massive.



This Saturday, the 24th May, it's someone's Birthday, yes, Piper is 20!!! I know some of you will remember the first Clubnight I bought her along to when she was just 4 weeks old, the 24th May 2005 was actually a Clubnight, she was born on a Clubnight. She has now just come back from Sardinia having spent a few days out there with two of her friend's, 20 years!! Dear oh dear!!! Happy Birthday Piper.

Neil

Prescott Historique – a call for help, 25th May

The Register are looking for a volunteer to help set up the stand and assist on the day at the Prescott Historique event, please contact Mick Forey as below if you are able to assist.



<https://www.tr-register.co.uk/event/2025/05/3946/Prescott-Historique-TR-Register-display>

Please ask your members to see if one of them is willing to help set up the club stand and assist on the day. Wayne will also be on the club stand to help out. Please let me know asap.

Many thanks,
Mick Forey
Membership
TR Register Car Club
07910 700932 membershipmanagement@tr-register.co.uk

Events of Interest

Here are some suggestions of events that are not on our formal Calendar but that you might be interested in attending. Feel free to investigate further and put a message onto WhatsApp if you'd like to take the lead.

Cuckoo Inn, Hamptworth (between Romsey & Salisbury), Sunday 8th June, fyi (free)

<https://www.cuckooinnamptworth.com/events>

Classic Cars On The Quay – Christchurch, fyi, but we are unsure if its still running as we have heard the guy has given up?

<https://www.facebook.com/ClassicCarsOnTheProm/>

A promotional poster for 'The Cuckoo Inn presents: Pride & Joy Meet vol.1'. It features a green classic car and a motorcycle. The text includes: 'The Cuckoo Inn presents: Pride & Joy Meet vol.1', 'Sunday 8th June', 'Live Music from "Renegade Rose" 1-3pm', 'BBQ 11.30-5pm', 'www.cuckooinnamptworth.com', 'Info: nik@cuckooinn.com', 'P: 01794338461', and 'Follow us on Facebook "The Cuckoo Inn Hamptworth"'.

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A poster for 'Classic Cars On The Quay 2025'. It features an aerial view of a harbor with many classic cars parked on the quay. The text includes: 'Classic Cars On The Quay 2025', 'Monday 21 April 10.00am - 5pm', 'Monday 5 May Christchurch Quay', 'Sunday 8 June £2 EXHIBIT FEE', 'Sunday 22 June ALL VEHICLES REQUIRED TO BRING A DRIP TRAY', 'Saturday 12 July', 'Sunday 28 Sept', 'Find us on Facebook', and 'Classic Cars, Vintage Vehicles, Military, Emergency, Motorcycles and to celebrate just turning 40 years of age Sinclair C5's'.

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Castle Coombe

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

Gurston Down – 2025 Season Event Dates

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

<https://gurstondown.org/2024/09/29/2025-event-dates/>

Check your Tyres!

Ian Evans has reminded us to check our tyres after he spotted the following splits the sidewalls of his '4a:



There is no legal limit to the age of tyres that can be used on cars, but new legislation states that tyres over 10 years old will be banned from the being fitted to the front steering axles of goods vehicles more than 3.5 tonnes, buses and coaches and minibuses unless the axle had twin tyres. My '4 has tyres about 30 years old (!) – replacements are part of the rebuild. Adrian

A warning for on-line selling and buying!



I have been trying to sell a TR4 Stanpart rear wing which I advertised on the TR Register website. You can make the advert visible to all, or just Register members. I selected "all" and was contacted by a "Chris Towne", ctowne40@gmail.com. It all seemed fine at first, but then he wanted to pay by cheque, then said the courier wouldn't accept a cheque, so the payment would include the courier fee. The use of english became odd too. This is a classic scam. I think the intention is that I would be directed to some fictitious courier website to collect my bank details, then the cheque stopped. Hence, take care, perhaps have a phone call with the purchaser or vendor before parting with your money? Adrian

TR4 rebuild – Gearbox connected to Engine!

Got a bit more done this past month, with a key milestone reached of the gearbox reattached to the engine. My thanks as ever to Julian for his expertise, it went together with negligible hassle and this time the we could actuate the clutch lever. Hence, we proved the clutch is working. We then filled the engine with oil and spun it over on the starter to check oil flow to the head, which worked as expected.



Ian Evans has long been an advocate of Petro Tape, this is a fibre tape of about 2 inches width which is impregnated with grease. It's used to prevent metal pipes corroding at



joins. As suggested by Ian, I applied the tape to the flanges of all four wings, cut holes for the screws and then put the wings on – hopefully for the very last time. I have become fairly expert at getting the wings on & off, although how this was done at speed "on the line" at the factory is a mystery.

Another fiddly item is building up the dash. My thanks to Dave Smith for his help in inserting the bushes into the steering column tube. This took two

attempts as the initial Moss items gripped the steering column far too tightly. Julian spotted this, so I bought the exactly reproduced items from the TR Shop in Chiswick, and these worked perfectly. With hindsight, I think steering column bushes should be replaced with either the TR Shop items, or the “uprated” items which are solid nylon but require reaming. The Moss items broke up when we were getting them out.



I have finally got round to a job I have been avoiding. I don't like working on the doors as they are heavy and internal access is difficult. However, with the crane (thanks again, Neil) and a friend to help it was simple. A long standing issue is the door check strap not arresting the door movement due to the mounts on the door being twisted. Getting the door off gives access for a bit of bending and a dab of weld.



Lastly, it isn't just me cleaning up wings – Dave Smith has been inspired to do the same on his TR6 (pictured). Adrian

Recommended Suppliers

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

Garage / Supplier	Specialisation & Work Done	Recommended By & Notes
Ashley Motors https://www.ashleymotorrepairs.com 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 https://bilthamber.com/product/hydrate-80 , eBay	Rust converter, bonds to steel and rust	Julian Furness. Good product, makes a layer suitable for painting.
Bearing boys https://www.bearingboys.co.uk	Bearings	Adrian
Crucial Automatics http://www.crucialautomatics.co.uk Titchfield	TR7 Service, Restoration	Nigel Jordan
Historic Metalwoks (Shaun) https://historicmetalworks.com/ Sway, New Forest	Panel Beating, Bodywork	Adrian
Jim Stokes Workshops https://www.jswl.co.uk/ Waterlooville	High-end engineering, head work. Cylinder head exhaust valve recutting	Adrian. High quality
K&N Finishers https://www.kandnfinishers.co.uk 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 robmobileweldingservice@gmail.com 07888 706797 Bournemouth	Body Welding	Adrian
Neil Ferguson neil.fergusontr6@gmail.com 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 https://newmiltonmotorservices.co.uk/	MOT	Michael
Rayson Radiators https://raysons.co.uk Yeovil	Radiators	Neil
Revington TR https://www.revingtontr.com Somerset	All TR Work, Rolling Road, Tuning, Parts	Roy Froud. Can have a long leadtime on workshop bookings
ShiPLY https://www.shiPLY.com	Courier Service	Adrian
Spaldings https://spaldings.co.uk/	Nuts & Bolts	Adrian
TR GB https://www.trgb.co.uk Cambridgeshire	TR Parts	Roy Froud
TR Shop https://www.trshop.co.uk 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 – Ongoing

This is still continuing – as ever, if you have have any old tools, bring them along to club nights and I’ll pass them along.
[Tool Aid Ringwood](#) Adrian

Committee

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 Jasper an e-mail if you’d like to know a little more.

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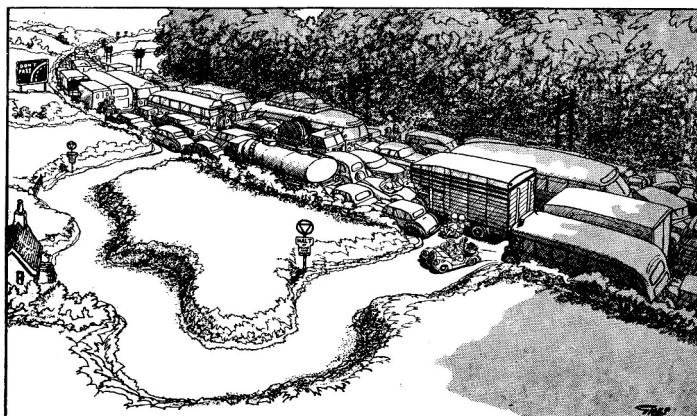
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