



COTSWOLD VALE TR NEWSLETTER JUNE 2016

There was a time when our calendar looked pretty sparse, but the popularity of classic cars at a variety of events, mainly focussed on fundraising, continues to grow, to such an extent that we at CVTR end up spoilt for choice and with split loyalties, none more so than early June, see below for the variety of stuff CVTR members attended on the 4th of June.....**BUT** – we start this month’s newsletter with a huge **CONGRATULATION** to **Lesley Boother** for completing her sky dive, along with **Kate** and **Neil**, raising funds for **St Richards Hospice** (see meeting report)



<http://www.justgiving.com/LesleyNeilKate>

And neither will we forget Dave Lees efforts with his Austin 1100 in the “Benidorm or Bust” rally, once again raising money for St Richards Hospice (see later in newsletter)

Other Event Reports – MAY/JUNE

May 30th Bidford Wings and Wheels

Quite a selection of cars and planes at this event near Bidford upon Avon.



Keith and Gill turned up in their 4A – as did Terry and Jackie next to a very nice Singer.



There were three Cluleys there early, Nigel, in a Peerless, and Don, in a Cluley – what else?



And where do you get replacement headlamps or windscreen for this car??



Also saw Ian Benfield (in the bar –where else) and Andy with Ted.

Bob Heppell was there with his MG TF and his son brought along Bobs E Type, there was also Andy and Lynn Marshall with their red TR4, also Les Clark's son Richard and wife from Broom near Bidford who still have their TR6.

Keith Brown

June 4th -- Asparafest at Ashdown Farm.

Overcast day but still a busy event. Disappointing turn out from CVTR but thanks to those who did come. Terry Smith being the first to help with the erection of the new shelter. We reckon it took 10 minutes.

Bob arrived with his fine looking MG and lined up alongside Mick Parry's 4a

Later Andy brought the trailer along just in case anyone needed a helping hand to get home!

So we had four TR.s and Bob and Andy's cars. Shelter easy to take down and pack away ready for next event.





Andrew Racey

June 4th - Birmingham group Concours
(images courtesy of Birmingham Group)



Good weather and a respectable turn out – well done Birmingham Group!



Merv and Martin Birch comparing notes.....(looks like Merv is having his lunch!)



Dave Gillespie confers with the judges.....

Dave later confirmed he collected a second place award in the category he entered, having arrived a little late and spent a large amount of time clearing out the fuel lines both getting there and in order to get home again! (Ed comment, crap in the carburettors? – observation rather than instruction)

June 4th – TRR Seminar – Concours Judging, based at TR Enterprises



Phil Blake learns the concours judging criteria from Phil Tucker (is it a ruse to prepare and enter his own TR5 at Lincoln???????)

NB - if you are considering entering the Concours, P of O or Triumph Survivors, please pre-register at: <http://www.tr-register.co.uk/lincoln16/concours>

June 5th - Churchill classic car show.

Sunday 5th June and yet another CVTR event , this time at Churchill Classic Car Show. Organised by John and Yvonne Walker who after some Cosmic Ordering (Noel Edmunds for those who don't know) ensured we had super weather as well.

A number of us met up in the car park at the top of Fish a Hill and Andy then convoyed us to Churchill, through Stow, Bledington and then onto Churchill. A super run even if at some stage we needed the headlights on because of the fog!

On arrival, gazebo up in 5 minutes , cars rolling in, deck chairs out, coffee and buns , what could be better. We had our line up of 9 TR,s plus Dave Lees 1100 (which hopefully by the time you read this will have done Benidorm , there and back). We were also joined by a couple of TRs with Darren Cummings from The Vale of White Horse and a friend of his.

So a good turnout, too many cars to photograph , so just the important ones.....

Our thanks to John and Yvonne for taking the lead on this one.



Jenny sitting in the 1100 taking it all in.....



Collecting for St Richards Hospice.....



Just Charles Taverner's TR6 needed to complete the line up!

Andrew Racey

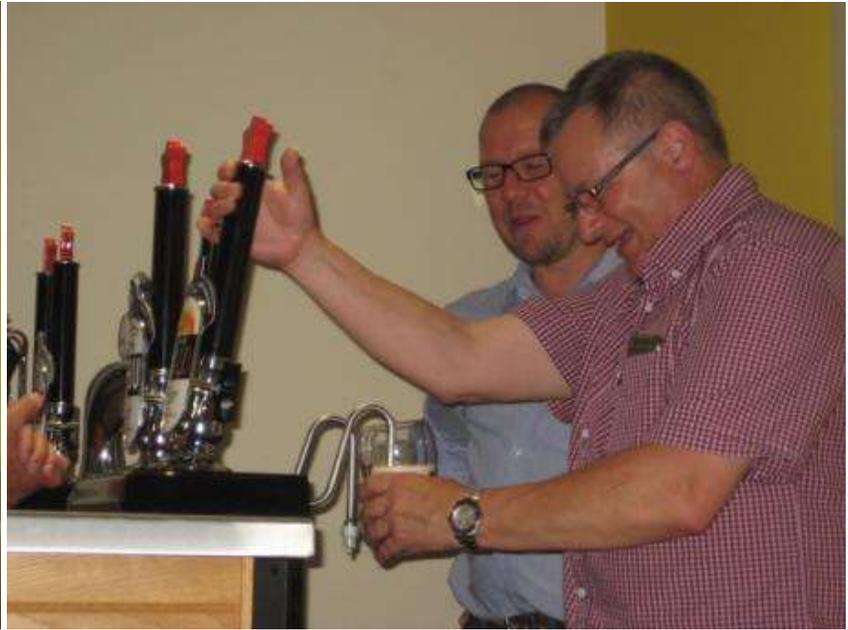
June 8th . Purity brewery trip.



The weather was murky and showery, but there was no stopping the tour of the Brewery, organised by Andrew Racey. I must admit I was a little wary of what we may have been letting ourselves in for when the first sign of branding was on the back of this brewery van:-



The reality could not have been further from the truth, our tour guide for the evening, John, was an enthusiastic expert on the brewery and the Purity brand, however he did share his “host” duties amongst the guests:-

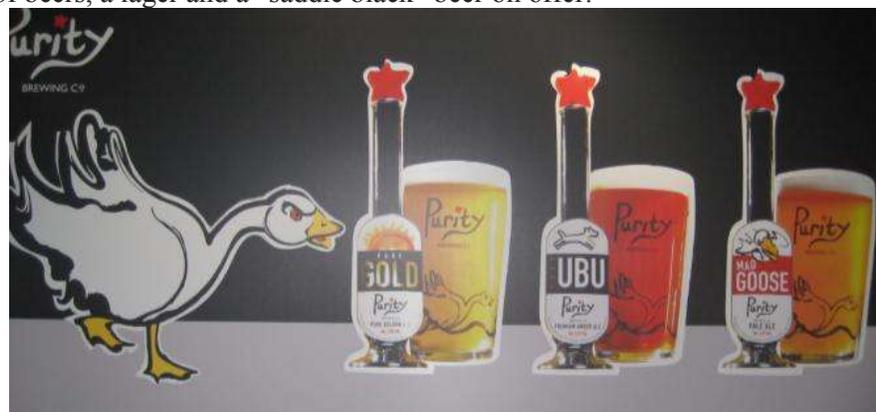


Dave gets some tuition



And Cat is an old hand.....

There were a range of beers, a lager and a “saddle black” beer on offer:-



Dave Gillespie led the way with a glass of “saddle black”, and persuaded me to try it – I am grateful that he did, it was a refreshing change from traditional ale and very flavoursome.

Part of the introductory talk covered the naming of each of their products, and as would be expected, there was a story behind each name, “saddle black” reflecting one of the owners passion for cycling, there was a hint with a Pashley bicycle hanging from the roof:-



Having heard about the history of the brewery, and refreshed our energy levels with appropriate liquids, we were then taken on a tour of the facilities (brewery, not toilets...)



And on our way round we spotted a familiar friend:-



A grey “Fergie”, still in use, except this one was missing its paint.....

The conclusion of the tour meant we ended back in the visitors bar (note - some of our members never left there for the tour)



And some put their tuition to the test:-



The evening was rounded off with a bowl of Longhorn beef stew, with a variety of artisan breads to dip in the gravy, what more could you want????

Andrew Racey organised things proficiently, and was very busy on the evening checking everyone had arrived, collecting monies and liaising with the brewery staff – hard work much appreciated by those who enjoyed a great trip (with unlimited free ales!) – thanks Andrew

Ian Brown

June 11th -- Throckmorton air show,

Cancelled mid week due to lack of funding and new CAA guidelines for airshows.

June 12th Sunday Lunch -The Mill House Hotel at Kingham.

Arranged by John and Yvonne Walker. A new venue for us and what a super setting in this lovely Cotswold Village. We were treated to an excellent Sunday lunch , well presented by very pleasant staff. 25 members sat down to the meal , but as can be seen from the car park ,only 5 TR,s as some of us decided that the heavy rain meant it wasn't worth taking the cars out. But to those who did brave the weather, well done. Our thanks once again go to John and Yvonne Walker



Well, the beer isnt as good as Purity



Ah – Food!



Looks like Andrew has a new phone to take photographs



Alan and Phil just returned from a Wild West show (the shirts are a give away)



Keith waiting patiently



Only 5 TR,s , but they did catch a few eyes of other guests.

JUNE DERBYSHIRE DALES GROUP -PEAK WEEKEND

Fifty-four TR Register members, including three from Cotswold Vale, congregated at the Alison House Hotel at Cromford near Matlock for a weekend touring round some of the beautiful areas of Derbyshire, with a couple of evenings enjoying excellent food and entertainment in good company.





Meg's TR7 transported us faithfully in the dry all weekend.....



...until the ignition switch and loom multi-plug failed on the A38 dual carriageway near Burton on the way home on Sunday, which required the excellent services of AA Barry complete with superglue and 12v soldering iron...!!!

Saturday's tour took us through the countryside to the coffee stop....



...where Cat tried to trade his TR for more personalised, and weatherproof, transport...



The tour continued to a point where most of Derbyshire and Staffordshire could be seen.....except that the mist got in the way!

The digger driver kindly waited until we were parked...



.....and Meg had the opportunity to catch up on the cricket score on Cat's radio.....



While we were moving, Cat had been indicating the state of play using his version of umpire hand signals!!

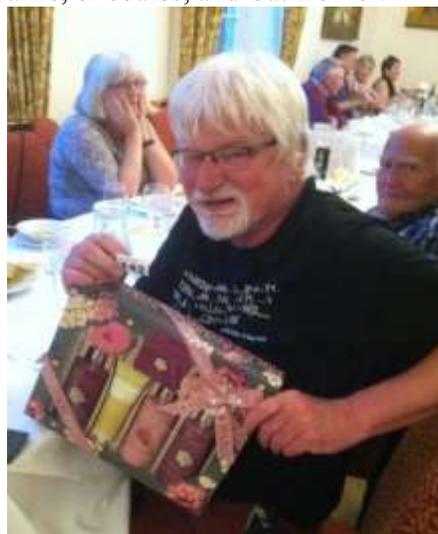
The tour concluded at Heage Windmill, which is the only stone tower six-sailed working windmill in England, but it started to rain when the CVTR party arrived...



....and then continued raining stair rods for around fifteen minutes. Cat couldn't even get out of the car to put his "soft top" on, which would have been pointless anyway.

Eventually the rain eased sufficiently for us to make it back to Alison House via flooded roads, to dry out for the evening carvery, which was followed by one of Dave Worne's quizzes.

Meg ran the raffle, of course, and Cat won CVTR's only prize....



Richard and Cat then went to the Boat Inn via the local allotments to meet a few like minded TR chaps to listen to a good band and have a nightcap - or two!

The Sunday tour wasn't so extensive, and left us at the Denby pottery, where Meg just happened to find some china to match daughter-in-law's dinner service!! We were then able to pick up the A38, and eventually got home courtesy of the expert attention of AA Barry – see previous comment!

Another excellent Derby Dales Weekend organised and administered seamlessly by Dave Worne and Gwen. Unfortunately, Group Leader Dave Burgess was in hospital having a major operation, but was able to let us know how he was progressing and will hopefully be fully recovered for their next event.

We have booked our room for next year. Why don't you give it a try!!

Footnote:

A CVTR trip has been suggested to visit the Crich Tramway Museum near Matlock, combined with a tour around some of the sights of Derbyshire. The Alison Hotel would make an excellent mid week base, and we could be sure of the same level of service we had over the weekend.

Richard Durrant

TECHNICAL SECTION

Surely I can't be the only person doing jobs on their TR..... and yes, thanks to a large slice of good fortune, I managed to acquire a genuine pair of UK spec front sidelight/indicator units. I had already collected all the parts necessary to effect some form of conversion of the American spec items on my car, thanks in no small way to Dave McHattie who donated a pair of Spitfire front units for me to cannibalise. It didn't look that difficult to fabricate separate lighting sections, but I didn't need to bother after all.....

What I did need to do was sort out the wiring and some very dodgy connections interfacing with a new UK injection spec wiring loom. Rather than try and track down any issues, I started from scratch, tested the units before I fitted them, removed all the old bullet connector sleeves and renewed them, cleaning the individual bullets with wire wool and contact cleaner as I refitted them together. I traced the earth wires back and cleaned those particularly well, finishing off with a liberal dash of waxoil over the earth fixings. I reconnected the battery, turned on the ignition and tested both front indicators, then turning on the sidelights and checking those also. Bingo, no problems and everything fully functional, all within a couple of hours!



I am steadily working my way though the list of a few jobs (none of which really need doing), but tinkering is part of the fun – if it aint broke.....

Ian Brown

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

I thought our members would appreciate some of the preparation work done to the 1100 in preparation for the Benidorm or Bust Charity fund Raiser, you can still contribute by visiting my “just giving” page –

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/DavidLees21>



Dave Lees

Dear Editor

Many thanks for the latest Newsletter which as always was an excellent read.

I have a small item for the next edition now that our TR is fully street legal and complete after the front and rear suspension rebuild is complete. Working away from home when not on business overseas plus the usual family commitments severely restricted the time available to do the work required. However we got there eventually despite some very frustrating 'detours' along the way including clutch failure immediately after passing the MOT!!

Many thanks to Keith Brown for dismantling the rear hubs, fitting the rear wheel bearings (which is a massive task!) and fitting the new UJ's to the uprated driveshafts. Thanks are also due to David Gillespie for converting a standard turnbuckle into a special tool to compress the new steering rack bushes.

Looking forward to getting out and about this season!



Regards

Brian and Gill Wiggins

(Ed comment – thank you for the compliments Brian)

Dear Editor

Here are a couple of TR images from the Stratford Festival of Motoring, sent across by the organisers:-



I know neither the cars nor the owners, so if anyone could enlighten us, please let us know!

Regards

Gareth Davies

Dear Editor – Drive It Day, 24/4/2016

Apologies for last week's meeting but I was in Spain, also somewhat belated but hopefully may prove of interest.. I entered the MAC Classic Tour 2016 (images attached) an annual or maybe every two years event organised by the Midland Automobile Club. It was a most enjoyable 117.40 mile tour/rally with cars starting from four different venues and all arriving back (hopefully) at Shelsley Walsh for an "untimed non-competitive ascent of the famous hill! It was incredibly well organised with a tulip style Road Books and Rally Plates and we were blessed with a nice dry day for a drive on predominately unclassified roads occasionally touching the odd B road and the very occasional A. Maybe something we ought to try as group one year? Richard Tysley was all their representing the CVTR in his TR6 and he'd taken part in previous events 'wearing his TVR hat' so I guess would further endorse the event.



Nick Simpkins

(Ed comment, lovely images and thanks for sharing!)

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Nostalgia may not be what it used to be, but more from the archives will be filling our newsletters when I get a chance to sort some gems out (it might take a while.....)

June 22nd CVTR Meeting at The Fleece

Gareth opened the meeting with apologies from Ian Brown, Dave and Linda Gillespie, Dave and Sally Roberts ,Nick and Jane Smith ,Alan Wilding and Phil Barnett.

We had 17 members and 3 cars in the Courtyard .Keith's TR, Phil and Sandys E-type and Dave Lees 1100.

After a review of the last 4 weeks activities as seen in the above reports.

We should also report on the success of two major fund raising events for St Richards Hospice

Lesley Boother along with daughter Kate and Son Neil successfully completed a parachute jump on 19th to raise in excess of £3000 (final figures next month) . Well done to you all from your friends at CVTR.

Dave Less also raised £415 on his sponsored drive in his Austin 1100 from Gaydon to Benidorm. A steady 55mph all the way ensured no major issues with car. Again well done to him and Jenny.

FUTURE EVENTS

June 25th Defford Air Day

I have told the organisers that we expect to display at least 20 TR Register cars, so would like to take our usual pitch near to the flight line and adjacent to the entrance to/exit from the field.

We therefore need to get there EARLY to erect the sail and signs, with as many cars as possible in order to define our territory! I will be there before 9:00 am, so assistance with setting up would be very welcome.

The airfield is located off the A4104, about 3.4 miles from the junction with the B4084 (previously A44) west of Pershore. After a short stretch of dual carriageway over the railway line at Defford, look out for signs on the right to the airfield down an unmade track. If you see the Oak pub (very good food!) on you right, turn round and try again!!

In addition to the aircraft – static and flying, and classic vehicles there is a variety of stalls etc to take your cash.

The field is very big, and you are free to arrive and depart as you please, but late arrivals may have to be diverted to the adjacent public car park.

Defford Charity Air Day



In aid of the charities:

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11.00 till 18.00, Saturday 25th June 2016

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Please let me know as soon as possible if you intend to be there or have any queries, so I can be sure to reserve enough space.

Regards

Richard Durrant

richardidurrant@btinternet.com

June 26th Hampton Ferry Car Show (Evesham)

July 2/3rd Bicester Flywheel. We need to check that tickets are still available.

July 9th – Drakes Broughton Show – contact Richard Durrant

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10am to 4pm

The Village Events Group need volunteers to join us
or help on the day

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July 10th Sunday lunch . being organised by Alan Wilding .

A return to a not to be forgotten Sunday lunch venue (you had to be there to know what we mean), however the pub has been renamed and the food and service improved 100%. SO –the venue is The Elgar Inn on the A38 at Earls

Croome. Take the Pershore to Upton Road through Defford and Baughton. When you get to the A38 turn right and the venue is about half a mile on the left. To view the menu for Sunday lunch go onto their web site

at www.theelgarinn.co.uk and click on evening menu to get the Sunday lunch menu . Basically its a choice of roast beef, lamb or chicken. (I have eaten there a couple of times and its very good.) You then need to look at dessert menu and let Alan Wilding know your choice. alanwilding@hotmail.com . Arrive 12.00 ish please. At time of writing the numbers were down on our usual attendance, so please contact Alan asap.

July 15/16/17. TR Register IWE Lincoln showground . NB if you are taking items to the Bring and Buy you MUST fill in a booking form for EVERY item you wish to sell. See TR Action for details.

July 17th, If you are not at THE IWE and still fancy a run out then the TRDC guys are involved with ST Marys Church Burford summer fete which starts at 2.00pm until 5.00pm Contact is Paul Medhurst at the TRDC.

July 22nd – Birlingham car show,

Evening event on the cricket pitch, well signed from the Pershore to Upton Road-about 3 miles out of Pershore. Arrive 5.00pm ish. If the weather is good , its a great evening. Barbecues and bar are available.....

MORE ADVANCED DIARY DATES.....

August 14th . Sunday lunch at The Coal House at Apperley

being organised by Andrew Racey. A separate note will come out on this.

August 18th. Colin Boother memorial run.

A separate note will be sent out on this, but the general details are as follows.

Meet up on the A46 Evesham to Tewkesbury Road at 9.15 for a 9.30 departure

Route will go through Tewkesbury, Ledbury ,Hereford, Stretton Sugwas ,Staunton on Wye, Bredwardine, Hay on Wye, Clyro, Glasbury, Boughrood, Bluith Wells ,Newbridge on Wye, Dollidoelod and finish at Rhayader

Run is approx. 100 miles and will take about 3 hours.

When arrival at Rhayader there will be an option to have a pub lunch or to go to The Elan Valley Visitor Centre where picnic and café facilities are available.

If you wish to take part please contact Phil Blake on pb4x4@tiscali.co.uk or phone 07771 771663 or 01926 484272 he will need to know if you want a pub lunch or carry onto the Elan Valley

August 21st. Possible barbecue at Ian and Jane Danceys near Upton on Seven. Please confirm to Gareth if you wish to go, some names were taken at the meeting. Unfortunately at this point in time and mainly because of prior commitments ,it looks as if this may have to be postponed until next year. Gareth will discuss with Ian and Jo

Our monthly meeting in AUGUST HAS BEEN MOVED TO TUESDAY 23RD (Fleece have double booked)

August 29th . Pershore Plum Festival - Booking forms are available from Andrew Racey at any CVTR meeting

September 4th Honeybourne village show

September 18th Sudeley Castle Classic Car Show. - We will need to pre-book cars, again through Andrew Racey

September 30th – Curry Evening at The Shunarga – contact Richard Durrant

At the end of the meeting Keith was able to demonstrate some of the issues when trying to sort out a wiper motor. One or two members took him up on the offer to help them understand where they may have been going wrong or to diagnose their problem --Thanks Keith

& Finally, something completely different - Ian Dancey has offered a Tuesday evening visit to his workshop in Cheltenham to look at the work he does on cut away engine blocks, strip down and rebuild etc. Gareth has seen round and suggests it would make for a very interesting couple of hours. Again if you wish to go let Gareth know.

SUPPLEMENT

The day that Albert Einstein feared most may have finally arrived.



Planning the honeymoon



A day at the beach



A meal out with friends



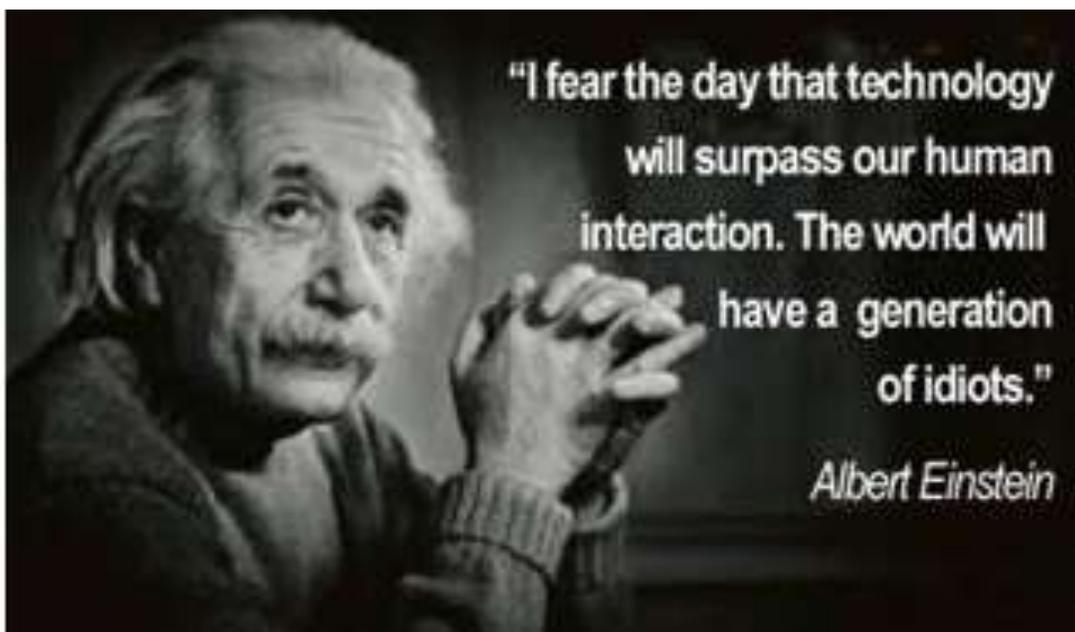
Intimate Date



Conversation with your bestie



A visit to the museum



It's here!

Well, maybe things have only just progressed a little????????????????????



Andrew Racey, Ian Brown and Richard Durrant