



WESSEX NEWS

Preserving the marque in Hampshire

Christmas Rambling

The past year has flown by with a great deal going on in TRWorld and the Wessex region certainly looks to provide a range of interesting opportunities for members; this newsletter looks firmly forwards to up and coming events.

As mentioned in last month's newsletter we feel it is important to broaden the committee; there are also two opportunities for members to organise runs – see page 2 – so do talk to one of us if you would like to find out more about this.

James

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The Committee Page

A couple of housekeeping reminders.

A TR themed calendar has been designed by John Davies and we still have 5 of this sought after Wessex Calendar available which can be purchased via eBay or via contacting John.

If you search Ebay “Wessex Calendar” it will pop up we can also offer free posting to the UK.



The funeral of our former Group Leader, Stuart Thompson, took place at Southampton Crematorium on the afternoon of 30th November. It was very well attended, not just from the Wessex TR Group, but also from the many local and area Prostate Cancer and Lions associations and support groups of which Stuart was a long standing and senior executive member. Attendance was such that virtually half the congregation had to stand for the service, a measure of the high esteem in which Stuart was held. The address was given by Stuart's eldest brother, who recounted the highlights of Stuart's very full and rewarding life. Stuart's wife Linda had asked that as many Group members as possible should come in their TRs, Stuart's being brought to the Crematorium by his brother Adrian. After the service, the Wessex members TRs, led by Stuart's, formed an impressive convoy in honour of Stuart to depart the crematorium in front of the assembled mourners. A reception was held afterwards at the Romsey Golf Club, to which approximately 80 guests came, including those of the Group who had known Stuart for many years."

Anyone for a trip to the continent in the old TR?

The Wessex group committee are looking at the possibility of organising a 4 night tour of Brittany in early September 2017. At this stage it's really only a toe dipping exercise in La Manche so to speak. However, an early indication of interest would be most helpful in furthering this proposal.

If you would be interested in such a trip, please would you email Tony Alderton, without obligation, at

tonycd.alderon@gmail.com



There is an opportunity for members not on the committee to organise club runs on the 12th March and 8th October. If you have a good idea for a run and would be happy to organise a trip out on those days, please get in touch with one of the committee listed on page 10.

Wessex Events 2017



Month 2017	Event	Location / Details
January 24th	Noggin&Natter	The Sir Walter Tyrell, 8.00pm
February 12th	Club Run	tbc
February 28th	Skittles evening	tbc
March 12th	Members Club Run	tbc – see committee page
March 19th	THE Duck Race	tbc
March 28th	Roy's Quiz night	tbc
April 23rd	Wessex and New Forest Run	Ringwood Long Stay / Lorry Park 10am
April 25th	<i>Meet the members</i> pub night	The Sir Walter Tyrell, 8.00pm
May 14th	Wykedown Inn & Whitchurch Silk Mill	Whitchurch Silk Mill Hants RG28 7AL
May 23rd	Club visit	Hurn Aircraft Museum, time tbc
June 11th	Club Run to The Boot	tbc
June 27th	Pride of Ownership	The Sir Walter Tyrell, 7.30pm
July 9th	Run to Sarum Airfield Salisbury	tbc
July 25th	Visiting Car Night	tbc
August 13th	Club Run	tbc
August 22nd	The Wessex BBQ	tbc
September 10th	The Cream Tea Run	tbc
September 26th	Noggin&Natter	The Sir Walter Tyrell, 7.30pm
October 8th	Members Club Run	tbc – see committee page
October 24th	Club night	tbc
November 28th	Club night	tbc

All events are covered in full on the Wessex TR Register Facebook page and any late updates or cancellations will be published there.

ROMSEY'S 15TH ANNUAL BOXING DAY PRE 1976 CAR & BIKE MEET (PRE 1986 AMERICAN CARS, HOT RODS & BIKES)

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www.romsey-classiccarandbikemeet.co.uk

**Romsey –
December 26th**



This year's Annual Boxing Day Pre 1976 Car & Bike Meet, the 15th, is dedicated to the memory of Stuart Thompson, a customer, friend & supporter of the event for many years, who died just recently from advanced Prostate Cancer. Stuart & his brother Adrian co-owned a magnificent Triumph TR4, that Adrian loved to work on whilst Stuart preferred just "driving & posing in it"! News of Stuart's death, via a kind email from his wife Linda this week, was quite a shock to me as Stuart had looked so well the last time I had seen him, whereas 2 years back during his treatment, he had collapsed in my shop & we had to call an ambulance. There's times when organising the event singlehandedly gets difficult & becomes all encompassing but news like this makes me more determined to continue to try & give people an enjoyable & free day out & at the same time try & raise as much money as possible, to help find a cure for this damn disease that keeps robbing us of such nice people as Stuart.

R.I.P Stuart.

"Romsey's Annual Boxing Day PRE 1976 Car & Bike Meet" most of you will know, is an annual event that I started in 2002, which now attracts some 6 - 700 plus cars and 200 plus motorbikes each Boxing Day. It's a free event but I collect for charity each year and we have raised monies for various charities over the years and have raised over £18,000 for Prostate Cancer UK (£3879.78 last year). This year's event will again be collecting for Prostate Cancer UK but for the benefit of those unable to visit, or those wishing to benefit from Gift Aid, I have set up this page for you to donate to this very deserving cause. Full details of the event can be found here - www.romsey-classiccarandbikemeet.co.uk



Dear Historic Vehicle Enthusiast

The Federation is pleased to announce that the full report on the results of the 2016 National Historic Vehicle Survey is now available. The report is in pdf format and can be downloaded from the Federation's website (www.fbhvc.co.uk). A link can be found on the Federation's home page or by going to our site's Research pages by clicking [HERE](#). The full report provides a wealth of data for anyone interested in the historic vehicle movement. I would encourage you to have a look and share it with your friends and members of your historic vehicle clubs. (For those who find the detail in the full report too daunting the summary report will continue to be available on the Research pages of the Federation's website!) May I also take this opportunity to wish you the compliments of the season. Hopefully we will all have an opportunity to enjoy our historic vehicles over the holiday period. The Federation will be launching further research projects in 2017. I hope we can count on your support to help us ensure we can all continue to enjoy 'yesterday's vehicles on tomorrow's roads'.

Kind regards
Paul Chasney Director - Research

Tours, rallies and events



EVENTS PREVIEW 26 DECEMBER MEETS

BOXING DAY'S BEST

Our pick of what to do in your classic once the Christmas pud's gone down

ROMSEY PRE-'76 CLASSIC CAR AND BIKE MEET
Broadwater Road, Romsey, Hants SO51 0BF 9am-4pm

What started out in 2002 as a small local event has now become a huge gathering of 600 to 700 cars plus 200 bikes. Spread over three car parks (Aldi, Crosfield Hall and the bus station) in central Romsey, the meeting is limited to pre-1976 European cars and pre-1986 American cars and hot rods due to limited space. There will be a collection in aid of Prostrate Cancer UK.
www.romsey-classiccarandbike.meet.co.uk

January 1 st		Brooklands New Year's Day Gathering	01932 857381 www.brooklandsmuseum.com
January 1 st	10.00 – 2.00	Yeovil Car Club Meet	Haselbury Mill TA18 7NY 01935 863512 www.yeovilcarclub.com
January 15 th	From 9.00am	Classic Vehicle Meet	The Aviator Gloucester Airport GL51 6SR Ray Martin 07889 823688
February 13 th – 17 th		Half Term family Activities, Brooklands	As above
February 17 th - 19 th	All day	Olympia Historic Automobile Fair and Auction	Olympiahistoric.com
February 23 rd – 26 th	Varies	The London Classic Car Show	www.thelondonclassiccarshow.co.uk

Making a change



Motivation for change is an interesting thing; on the one hand there can be a simple desire for improvement but on the other the more complex issue of 'scratching an itch' – a fairly irrational basis for exchanging considerable sums of money.

In this particular case it was more an interesting alignment of the stars or what I usually refer to as 'extenuating circumstances', when I actually mean opportunities.

July saw a house move rapidly followed by the destruction of the back of the house. Such events have an alarming and unwelcome likelihood of busted budgets; it is oh so simple to add a bit here, create a bit there and then see the carefully constructed spreadsheet of costs burst into flames. At the precise moment of maximum meltdown the 6 – misdemeanors mentioned previously on these pages – was throwing another of his periodic hissy fits; driving like a dream for 250 miles, and then behaving in a manner that gives rise to the sort of spleen venting undertaken by Basil Fawlty on his Austin 1100 Countryman. I did resist, but more in pique than genuine expectation put him on the market.

One viewer mentioned in passing that he had come across a 4A that was definitely not concours, more a work in progress, but usable and sound. The owner who was thinking of selling, let my contact have a look, but it wasn't for him; I saw a potential opening. A few days later with a broad ok from Enguinity, broad in *literally* the broadest sense, we agreed a price subject to the 6 selling - with no time pressure. 2 weeks ago the stars aligned and I picked up the 4, gave my builder a comforting wodge of cash and considered my acquisition.

The spec - overdrive, Surrey Top in red - is spot on and being from the last month of production is interesting. The gearbox is a honey, the engine badly in need of tuning and the tyres ridiculously large and old – Longstone have come up with 165 Michelins at a reasonable price. My list includes: getting underneath with a scraper and waxoyl, tidying up the interior and generally fettling doors and lids. In comparison with the 6, which was immaculate, it is a bit of a rough and ready old thing but imbued with dollops of character and charm.

The Alpha-male 6 went by the name of The Colonel, the 4A, with a slight play on words in honour of her assistance in funding the kitchen, is Kitty; a somehow gentler persona to go with her more leisurely and genteel approach to life. I will keep you posted....

James.

*HAPPY CHRISTMAS
AND NEW YEAR*



**Wessex
Committee
contact
numbers**



Group Leader and Chairperson	
Treasurer	Roy Clough
Regalia Manager	Tony Alderton
Secretary	Geoff Glover
	Neil Winscom
	John Davies
Newsletter Editor	James Barnes



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

Wessex Group Regalia

Tony Alderton has recently become our regalia manager and he has put together a new selection of items that can be purchased to promote your membership of the Wessex group. New members may wish to purchase an item or two and those of you that already have some, may need a replacement's. Shown below is the current range of items available bearing the Wessex group logo.



Low profile heavy cotton drill cap front and rear view



The favourite T shirt
(female)



Jersey crew neck T shirt *(male)*



Short sleeve polo shirt



Full zip fleece



The Club Mug



Sweatshirt Classic
80/20

Full details of sizes and colours available and the all important cost of each item is provided on the order form. Any other queries about regalia should be made to Tony Alderton

TR Register Wessex Group Clothing Order Form

Name:	Contact number:	E-mail Address:
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Qty	Item	Size	Colour	Code	£
Please make cheques payable to: TR Register Wessex Group					Total

Send to: Tony Alderton, 9 Coppice Close, St. Ives, Ringwood, BH24 2LB
 E-mail: tonycd.alderon@gmail.com

Item	Code	Colours / size	Price £
Low profile heavy cotton drill cap	BC05 8	Black, Bottle Green, Bright Royal Blue, Classic Red, French Navy, Light Grey, Natural, White.	8.50
The favourite T shirt (female)	BE07 6	Mid Grey, Berry (Raspberry), Black, Chocolate, Coral, Dark Grey, Maroon, Navy, Light Orange, Red, Light Blue, Purple, Royal Blue, White, Light Yellow. Size: S=8, M=10/12, L=14, XL=16	8.50
Jersey crew neck T shirt (male)	CV00 1	Aqua, Mid Grey, Light Grey, Black, Red, Deep Teal, Olive, Evergreen, Maroon, Navy, Purple, Light Teal, White, Orange. Size: XS=35", S=37", M=39", L=42", XL=44", 2XL=46".	9.00
Short sleeve polo shirt	BA30 6	Anthracite, Black, Light Blue, Bottle Green, Light Grey, Navy, Purple, Orange, Red, Royal Blue, Sand, White, Light Green, Brown, Yellow. Size: XS=34/36", S=36/38", M=38/40", L=41/42", XL=43/44", 2XL=45/47", 3XL=47/49", 4XL=49/51".	12.50
Sweatshirt Classic 80/20	SS20 0	Black, Bottle Green, Burgundy, Deep Navy, Light Grey, Navy, Red, Royal Blue, Sky Blue, Yellow, White. Size: S=36/37", M=38/40", L=41/43", XL=44/46", 2XL=47/49".	18.00
Full zip fleece	SS52 8	Black, Bottle Green, Deep Navy, Red, Royal Blue, Smoke. Size: S=35/37", M=38/40", L=41/43", XL=44/46", 2XL=47/49".	29.00
The Club Mug			10.00