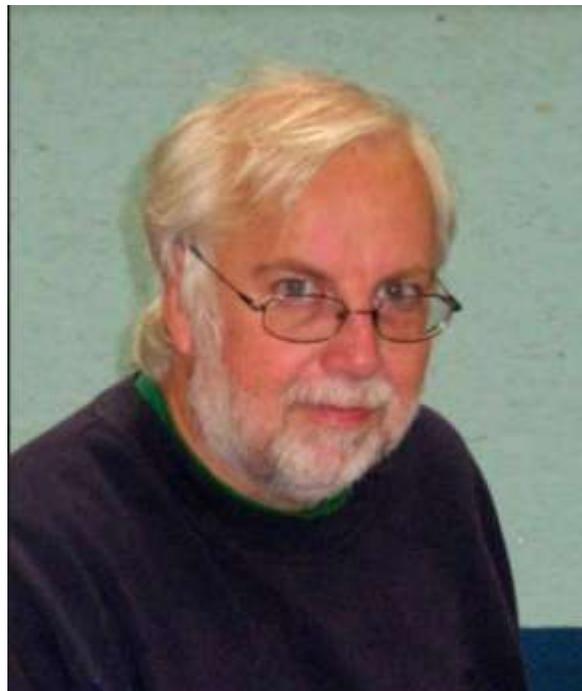




COTSWOLD VALE TR **NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2017**

A pretty sombre start to the newsletter this month with the sad news that Merv Parkes passed away at the end of October. News actually reached us the day before our last meeting, but without any more detail or information. Unfortunately we know little more about what happened or any arrangements, but we have lost one of the humblest servants that the TR Register has had the pleasure to know, and a regular attendee at our own CVTR meetings and events. Merv loved his steam trains and real ale, and he is now at that great signal box in the skies,



RIP Merv Parkes, our friend.
(pic from Dave Gibson)



Happier days

Well, since the clocks went backwards autumn has drawn in pretty quickly! Dark mornings and dark evenings are not great for driving, and the number of show style local events has dropped down to almost zero.

We did have a couple of things on the calendar, and I know that Alf and Keith went to Stoneleigh Restoration show whilst many other CVTR members attended the TR Register AGM at Puckrup Hall on the 5th November. The following weekend was the Classic Car Show at the NEC and our TRaditional Sunday lunch at the Thai Emerald in Evesham.

Our November monthly meeting at the Fleece incorporated our own AGM, so please check below for reports and election news.....

So without more ado, here we go with this month's report on events and what is happening in the CVTR universe.....

Sunday 5th November, TRR AGM at Puckrup Hall

after a couple of sterile events in previous years, the 2017 AGM proved to be significantly more interactive. This was "engineered" by producing a handbook containing all the director's reports and the accounts, such that the formal procedures followed the agenda very smoothly. Consequently all the officers who stood were elected, and this means we welcome a new Finance Director, Malcolm Tatton, a recently retired qualified accountant, and he replaces Phil Tucker who stepped in last year at short notice when the late Merv Parkes became ill. Malcolm is a Shropshire group member and has proved to be a steady influence from his forum postings.

Our own CVTR member Terry Smith was elected to the Events Director post, and the post of Technical Director was abolished.

Family membership was discussed and a new format agreed for partners and "Youth"

After the formal process was completed, lunch was taken and we reconvened for the club awards presentations.

When the presentations were completed the meeting was opened up informally for contributions from the members present. Discussions ranged from the name of the club, where any club base/office (and what type) may be, all in a lively and positive vein.

Personally I was encouraged to hear that Project TR Gold had been rejected!

Whilst not perfect, the meeting proved to be significantly more informative and interactive than had been experienced under the previous Chairman. A full report will be available shortly on the club website.

10-12 November - NEC Classic Car Show



Once again Alf offered to chauffeur Keith, Richard and myself to the NEC on the first day of the show, Friday 10th November. As the saying goes, "every little helps", the £12 parking was made a little easier by sharing, although the ticket prices themselves are steep enough to include parking! We chose Friday in the belief that a great number of people would be at work and the show would be less congested.....



you can see we were wrong – there were hoards waiting to get in! (if you look hard, you can see us in the queue – pics. from the show facebook page)

First stop was the TR Register stand, where we hope the tea and coffee would be ready and waiting:-



Steve Rockingham's ex Works, Simo Lampinen TR7V8, and the car that carried Lewis Hamilton at the British GP.

We formed an orderly queue whilst Andy and Lyn Marshall were fully occupied with the facilities.....



I say fully occupied, unfortunately for the wrong reasons as someone had plugged an appliance in a tripped out the power to the stand.

It wasn't long before the resident TR Register stand constructor, Nigel Cluley was on the case, assisted by several willing hands. For some reason the stand power unit was located underneath the feature car:-



It only took a few multimeter checks to discover that it was not just the TRR stand that was "powerless", but the complete block! Thankfully the NEC staff were promptly on the case and normal supplies were restored.

Needless to say the offending appliance was consigned to the bin!

Richard had decided that checking out his various literary contacts had moved to the top of his priority list, so he disappeared whilst the others of us found a quiet NEC facility to get our morning caffeine fix.

Suitably refreshed, the next couple of hours were spent in the autojumble/trader area searching for various rare bargains which proved very elusive! However I did buy some BA spanners, Alf purchased some parallel edged files, and Keith continued looking for Lucas relays.....amongst other items.

After lunch we visited other areas of the show, and we were very fortunate to catch the re-launch of the Duckhams oil brand, led ably by our own Press Officer (and current Duckhams PR manager), Wayne Scott:-



Wayne seen pictured here with Practical Classics Editor, Danny Hopkins

Also much in attendance and working for Duckhams was our very own CVTR member and TR Register Events Director, Terry Smith



And just to prove we were there, check out myself, Richard, Alf and Keith right behind the official photographer



Most of the TR Register board were there supporting Wayne and Terry, leaving Paul Hogan to man the TR Register stand singlehandedly.....



Whatever, it is great to see Duckhams back in circulation, and Keith was so enamoured that he was amongst the first in the queue

But not only did Keith buy a can of oil, he also mugged the staff for another goodie bag and a free drink



Seen here handing over money!



Cheers Keith!!!

This wasn't the only dalliance Keith experienced in the afternoon, he benefitted on a stand dedicated to "inflatables"



I was also pleased to be able to meet up once again with Fuzz Townsend, but not on the barn find stand this time:-



Not quite the real deal.....



But this is!



and Keith managed to catch up with Fuzz's rock drumming hobby!

On the way around, we visited the Masters Class in the concours competition to give Graham Andrews Italia the once over



a beauty to behold! (I understand it won third prize at the weekend)

We also paid the TR Youth Group stand a visit





where Richard demonstrated his blindfold art skills (still better than mine with my eyes open!)

As usual, there were more exhibits and things to see than we had time to do them justice, however here are a few shots of interesting cars,



Lovely Maserati Sebring, not Registration number is almost the same as Mick Parry's car. (NAB 731D)



Porsche Diesel



Porsche Carrera 924 GT



Barn Find Mini



Alastair Flack's badly damaged rally car (inflicted during the Jersey Rally last month)



“My Parker” system for constrained space garages (this may have saved Andrew Racey some recent expense!)



If this is genuine it is worth £14million



But this one isn't.....either real or worth £14million

As usual, there is far too much to see in one day, but we had a great time, and thank you Alf, Keith and Richard for the company and the humour! Roll on the 2018 shows!



Ian Brown

STOP PRESS TR REGISTER WINS PRACTICAL CLASSIC AWARD – *Best Website and Use of Social Media.*

November 12th – Sunday lunch at The Thai Emerald in Evesham,

kindly organised by Tim Walker. 21 member attended and the buffet was up to its usual standard. Help yourself as many times as you wish is an open invitation to one or two CVTR stalwarts. I counted one member going up four times- so good value for money.

Good time had by all, thanks Tim.



Thai Buffet anyone???????



The crunchie bar dessert on the right is to die for!!!!



Richard trying to decide what next,,,,,



but Meg knows exactly



Tuck in guys!

Andrew Racey

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ed

A couple of ideas for members Christmas present lists, and a warning – be careful how you reveal them to your partners.....



Anon E Mouse

Ed Comment – I showed these to Sue to demonstrate someone else's bravery, her reply was that she would provide some of these instead:-



TECHNICAL SECTION

Andrew Racey and I paid Dave McHattie a visit last week to help him along with his Vincent Hurricane project:-



Principally this was to help rectify a clutch travel issue which had previously been identified, and when we arrived, we discovered that the overdrive solenoid was also not working. Dave had purchased a new item but unfortunately it was of the wrong type, which was a good job as there was much head scratching about how to remove the old one given the constraints of the gearbox tunnel and gearbox mounting bracket and proximity of the chassis. A brutal solution was agreed, but before destroying the old one, we determined it would be appropriate to have the replacement ready to refit after the old one was removed.

Next up, the clutch slave cylinder was relocated with a spacer arrangement and clutch pedal travel checked by jacking the rear of the car clear of the ground, one of us holding a rear wheel fixed, another of us turned the other rear wheel whilst Dave was in the car operating the clutch – it all seemed to work correctly!

So we moved onto the first start up of the engine! A fuel supply was duly rigged (pipe from a can to the pump) and the engine turned over – only to find fuel running out of the fuel pump and various unions. Most of the leaky issues were corrected and the engine fired up – with a horrible metallic graunching noise.....so it was quickly shut off. We tried to identify the source of the noise, and the first things we disconnected were the alternator and water pump – no difference! More head scratching and we ran out of time as Dave had a hospital appointment to attend.

Subsequent investigations have led Dave to think that his ne high torque starter motor may be the culprit – more news next issue of the newsletter.....

COMPETITIONS SECTION

Richard Durrant made it onto the Shelsley Walsh web pages advertising the 2018 Reg Phillips Trophy event



Well done Richard, keep the flag flying!

And an update and request from Tony Cotgrave:-

Anyone in CVTR likely to have the above lying around gathering dust/never fitted , or too noisy on the road, contact Tony on tonycotgrave@aol.com



Earlier in the season I casually looked at HRCR.

I found a rare 1950s Microplas TR hardtop to perhaps start the thought process rolling. I would like to try some mild road rally events to use the car more.

The hardtop is "flatter" and the rear window set lower and we think was modelled on a big Healey BJ7 sidescreen G/F hardtop.

I have access to one of these hardtops and we think this a confirmed feature ,so very rare.

The screen vital part is missing ,of course.

However, I am working locally with Honeybourne Mouldings ,so TBC.



The need to quicker is always there so talking with DR.

He tells me to get down to Aldon and see what's coming out the back wheels currently,so TBC also.

All for now ,about to renew my Competition licence for 2018 ,now online,etc....

Anthony Cotgrave

CVTR Monthly Meeting November 22nd

Apologies from Gareth, Robert Moore, Lawrence McCarthy, Paul Tunnadine, Nick and Jane Smit, Phil Barnett, Sally Roberts, Ian Benfield.

We had 21 members at meeting. In the absence of Gareth, Andrew chaired the meeting which was followed by our own AGM - minutes of which will be sent out later. Andrew reviewed previous four weeks of activities as shown elsewhere in this report.

However, prior to the start of the meeting Andrew said a few words of Rememberance about Merv before we held a minutes silence out of respect.

Future Events

FUTURE EVENTS @ A GLANCE CALENDAR 2017

December

December 8th – Merv Parkes Funeral, see detail below

December 10th CVTR Annual dinner and awards night at Dumbleton Hall - Bob Heppel.

December 12th Birmingham Groups annual Quiz night.

December 8th. Mervyn Parkes Funeral

The funeral will take place at Stourbridge Crematorium DY8 3RQ at 2.10pm on Friday December 8th followed by a wake at the Somers Club Halesowen B62 0JH. Please advise if you plan to attend (for catering purposes) by text or email. Paul.Tunnadine@sky.com

07901 715752

Family flowers only, donations to Severn Valley Railway

December 10th CVTR Awards Dinner, Dumbleton Hall

This is a SUNDAY. and it's our Annual Dinner and Awards night at Dumbleton Hall, (expect the hotel to be decorated in its festive overcoat) kindly organised by Bob Heppel. This year we have moved the date into December to hopefully avoid all those of you who decide to leave the UK for winter in January. You will have seen a note from Bob about pre booking rooms at a reduced rate , please mention CVTR event when booking to get the discounted rate..we must firm up on numbers and food orders. Menus are now available - see other emails which will come out with menu choices- so please contact Bob on 01386860499 or bobhpl3@gmail.com Cost £26.00 - now where else would you get such good company, a nice hotel and great food for that price. Please support us , this is our big yearly annual event. If you have yet to book then please contact Bob ASAP . REMINDER -- 6.30 for 7.00pm .

December 12th Birmingham Group Quiz, Somers Club

Somers club.Halesowen B62 0JH .We need to get some teams together and bring back the trophy to CVTR.

The next Sunday lunch will be in 2018 - in all probability starting in February ,but watch this space for details.

January 10th 2018 :- Planning Meeting

We will need a future events/ diary meeting in early January to start next years planning. Suggested date is Wednesday 10th January at 7.00pm at The Fleece. Anyone and everyone is welcome, bring ideas and suggestions, and remember you will be responsible for organising and delivering them if sufficient interest is shown by members.....

January 24th . CVTR meeting at The Fleece where we will discuss draft programme of events and activities for 2018.

SUPPLEMENT

Anyone know a good plumber?????



That last image may seem ridiculous, but believe me, Phil Barnet and I stayed in the “chalet” below at Classic Le Mans in 2006, and the WC was exactly like that last picture!



CLASSIFIEDS

A new section this month, requested at the AGM, let us see how it goes.....

Please send in your requests for parts or items for sale, TR related only please. CVTR accept any responsibilities or liabilities resulting from any publication of requests in this document. The newsletter aims to introduce sellers and buyers respectively and it the those individuals responsibility to satisfy themselves of the integrity of parts or services.

THE FIRST REQUEST IS FROM ANTHONY COTGRAVE:- WANTED 4.3 cwp for TR 3A,
contact tonycotgrave@aol.com

That's all for this month folks, make the most of any nice weather and get the TR out for a run.....

Andrew Racey, Ian Brown and Richard Durrant