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A TR4 Rebuild

So, continuing my TR journey which ended in 1984 when I sold my last TR, a perfect TR5, for the paltry sum of £2800!

My interest in TR's never waned and I always wanted to fully restore a TR6.

During that rebuild period I found this TR4 in Fort Worth, Texas. The car was built during the first two weeks of production at Triumph in October 1961. It was then shipped over to the USA and registered in January 1962. Taken off the road in 1977 due to a small accident, it stood until I found it and purchased it from the garage where it had sat for 45 years!

I stripped the car totally, every nut and bolt. The chassis was still perfect, and the only rust was both floors due to what looked like an ongoing leak from the heater over many years. I sent the tub to M&T Classics in Wombourne for the bodywork to be done, two new floors and conversion to right hand drive. Then the body was stripped back to bare metal, some minor repairs carried out one of the wings, which was a series of holes where the car looked like it had been shot at with a 12-bore shotgun! Not surprising, the car had come from Texas!

I proceeded to strip the chassis and then totally rebuild after painting, with new brakes suspension and bushes. I had obtained a set of NOS original silver wire wheels with period correct Michelin tyres. There was no way at this time of life I was going to teach myself how to marry the body and the chassis back together and get all the gaps correct so this was done by M&T Classics after they had carried out a complete paint job, which is fantastic.

I sent the engine to be fully rebuilt to Bradbury Engineering in Loggerheads who made a fantastic job, new pistons, main bearings, skimmed cylinder head and hardened valve seats. The carburettors were rebuilt and refurbished and came back looking like new, in fact better than new. All metal components were blasted and powder coated and reused

where possible. All brakes, brake lines and suspension components were renewed. I obtained an overdrive gearbox and dropped this in during the rebuild. I installed the brand-new wiring loom and kept original lights and all the chrome work. I managed to find an original right hand drive white metal dashboard which was blasted and re-coated in original new white, all the dials were sent away to be refurbished with new faces and bezels.

Another job I did not fancy teaching myself was how to wire it all up, so I sent the car away to TR Bitz who did this and gave me the car back, it was not cheap! So, at present where we are at is all the interior needs re-fitting and a set of new bumpers which I am on the lookout for. The seats have been reupholstered in black leather with red piping and the rest of the interior trim made to match. I'm hoping to be able to trust the car on a long run very soon so hopefully see you at the next show/event!



APRIL

Weston Park - Fantastic day today at Weston Park, our first group show of the year. We had a great drive out with 10 cars from the Stoke group and 2 from the Red Rose group, joining over 20 TRs altogether. Huge thanks to the Shropshire group for making us feel so welcomed. It was lovely catching up with everyone and enjoying the amazing weather. A great show in a fantastic location with plenty to see and do, from displays to stalls and attractions. Finished the day with a wonderful sun-baked drive back home.



APRIL



Drive it Day, Great Drive It Day for the group, with plenty of Stoke TRs out enjoying the run and a couple of Sunbeam Alpines joining us too. We had a fantastic drive down to RAF Cosford, where we parked up and took some brilliant photos with the historic planes as our backdrop. The weather was definitely on our side, with sunshine all day making it even better. In total, we had 12 cars along for the trip. There was heaps of fascinating history to read about in the museum and an incredible collection of planes and exhibits to explore. A perfect day out with great company and plenty to see and do for everyone.

What a brilliant day at the **Leek Rotary Auto Extravaganza**! We had 12 cars turn up, which was a fantastic turnout for the Triumph TR Stoke group. The weather was perfect, with sunshine all day, and it was great to catch up with everyone—plenty of laughs, stories, and friendly chats all round. The show just keeps growing every year, now stretching across even more fields to showcase an incredible range of vehicles and create a brilliant atmosphere throughout. It seems the gods were looking down on the event, as this was the fourth year in a row with fantastic weather. We also got the opportunity to set up our new group gazebo, which offered some welcome shade from the sun. Same again next year?

MAY



MAY



What a great day at the **Rolleston Show** with 9 cars from the group on display! The weather held out nicely, the crowds were fantastic, and the atmosphere was buzzing all day. Unfortunately, the planned Lancaster bomber flyby was cancelled due to strong winds elsewhere, but it didn't spoil the event. A real highlight was seeing not just one, but three TR250s on display—a rare treat at a smaller show like this.

JUNE

The Stoke TR Group joined a damp **Tatton showground** alongside the TR Red Rose Group for an enjoyable day at this very busy event. Despite the wet weather, the Red Rose stand was immaculate, with around 30 TRs beautifully displayed and drawing plenty of attention. The show offered something for everyone, with excellent stalls, a lively autojumble full of interesting finds, and a funfair adding to the atmosphere. There were plenty of food stalls serving up tasty options, a welcoming pub, live music, and much more to enjoy. A great day out, rain or shine, and a fantastic turnout from both groups.



JUNE

Crich Tramway Museum The group enjoyed a fantastic drive across the beautiful Peak District, taking in stunning views along the way. Arriving at the Crich Tramway Village, we had the rare treat and a real highlight of parking right outside the Red Lion pub—a piece of Stoke history carefully dismantled and rebuilt brick by brick in the museum's period village. We had a brilliant turnout with 10 TRs, including 2 from the Red Rose group. Many also stopped off for an evening meal back in Endon to round off the day perfectly. Great roads, great cars, great people, and a venue full of character—days like this really remind us why we love getting out and driving together!



JULY

TR FEST – See **Special Edition** (added to this edition of **TR Stoke**, click the image to listen to a musical rendition of the event)



JULY

In July, the **Oulton Park Classic Car Gold Cup** offered a fantastic long weekend of classic and historic car racing. The **TR Register (Red Rose)** proudly hosted 30 cars on their stand, making for a strong club presence. Sunday saw TR Stoke join the action with four cars on display. The event featured Oulton Park's iconic Historic Gold Cup, celebrating the golden era of motorsport with three days of nostalgic entertainment. Saturday and Sunday were the main race days, showcasing an impressive variety of vintage and historic racing machinery. With plenty to see and do for enthusiasts, families, and fans alike, it was a truly memorable weekend for all classic car lovers. (Thanks to Red Rose for inviting us onto their stand)



LIVING WITH A TR4

My latest TR purchase? I must be crazy, having two TR's in my collection already, but this new interest was initiated many years ago when wandering around the Tatton Classic Car show in the mid 90's – one stall holder was displaying a 1963 TR4 restoration on a trailer. 1963 resonated with me – it was the year that I was born, and the link made it more interesting to me. I personally like the clean Michelotti styling of this car, which is [in my opinion] so much nicer than the TR4A, TR250 and TR5 where the modified, chunky side indicators and trim look like an afterthought. I must admit that this latest purchase came following conversation with Chris Turner at the November 2022 NEC Classic Car show when he mentioned, in passing, that he was looking at moving on his TR4 restoration project. I had every intention to view the car, but with a busy work schedule this just didn't happen, so the first time I actually laid eyes on the vehicle was when Chris dropped the 1962 TR4 off at my home. Gentle interrogation soon revealed that it was mainly complete, but with hindsight very rusty body shell. To be honest, it looked totally different to the numerous images that he'd sent to me by email!



I have been busy checking the car over and hoovering up endless rust, plus talking to fellow owners that provided me invaluable information for this ground up restoration. I have been stripping the TR4 sorting out the various parts that have already been removed from the vehicle, plus cleaning and crucially labelling up. I was told the chassis was rotten and needed replacing, but after lifting the shell off. The initial plan was to fully brace the body tube with Adjustable door braces purchased, note currently on the group leaders TR5, also cross brace the shell to hold the body ridged. This plan just didn't work with the shell been so rotten especially at the lower sections, that had already been patched previously, this showed up when we tried to lift the tub off the chassis, so I cut my losses and cut the tub into two halves.

The chassis was in good condition with only minor rust and serious issue was the two rear crossmembers tubes. I soon found and purchased the front crossmember tube but struggled to get a supplier for the rear crossmember tube. This was trying around four suppliers, I did keep thinking why this tube needed to be a back-to-back dog leg step in it, which I noticed was the same as the TR2 & TR3. This is when the penny finally dropped that this was just a production anomaly that was left in to keep things standard across the TR2 to TR4 range. This was due to the TR2 and TR3 spare wheel was under the boot floor and slotted in from the rear, instead of through the boot, so a replacement straight tube with a thicker wall has now been purchased and ready to be welded in. Since my initially purchase around two years, I have secured both a TR4 Front and rear shell, plus both floor panels and inner and outer sills.



Club Merchandise

Summer's here—show your Stoke Group pride!

With the season in full swing, it's a great time to grab some fresh club merch. Clothing embroidered with the Stoke Group logo lets you show your part of the team while helping raise funds. Wear it with pride this summer!



Caps £15



Polo Shirts £15



Fleece £25



Gilet £30



Payment is preferred with order, if that's not possible it must be on collection. Please see **Karen Kelly** for further details at a Club Night.

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CLUB SHOP



Polo Shirt
£15.00



Gilets
£30.00



Fleece
£25.00

Caps also available at £15.00
Contact Karen Kelly for orders.



Design will show the TR Stoke club logo (shown above) embroidered.



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JULY 12	TR FEST, TR REGISTER NW EVENT, Northwich CW9 6LB (Details)
JULY 20	CHESHIRE CLASSIC CAR SHOW Capesthorpe Hall. SK11 9PY (Details)
JULY 20	WEM VEHICLES OF INTEREST, Wem, Shropshire. SY4 5DA (Details)
JULY 25-27	OULTON PARK GOLD CUP, Tarporley, Cheshire, CW6 9BW (Details)
JULY 27	DERBY MOTOR FEST, Elvaston Country Park, Derby DE72 3EP (Details)
JULY 27	AUDLEM FESTIVAL OF TRANSPORT, Audlem, Cheshire CW3 0AG. (Details)
AUG 3	DOROTHY CLIVE CLASSIC CAR EVENT, Market Drayton, TF9 4EU (Details)
AUG 4	CLUB NIGHT AT LONGTON RUGBY CLUB
AUG 17	CUAN CLASSIC CAR & CRAFT FAIR, Much Wenlock, TF13 6DD (Details)
AUG 24-25	CHESHIRE CLASSIC CAR SHOW Capesthorpe Hall. SK11 9PY (Details)
AUG 25	APEDALE CLASSIC CARS AND STEAM TRAINS, Newcastle ST5 6AX (Details)
SEP 1	CLUB NIGHT AT LONGTON RUGBY CLUB
SEP 6-7	GULF Sponsored RUN, (Details to follow)
SEP 12-14	GOODWOOD REVIVAL, Chichester, West Sussex, PO18 0PH, (Details)
SEP 13	BIDDULPH CLASSIC VEHICLE SHOW, Biddulph, ST8 6AR, (Details)
SEP 14	TRENTAM CLASSIC & RETRO CAR SHOW, Trentham, ST4 8JG. (Details)
SEP 20-21	GREAT BRITISH CAR SHOW, Cheshire showground, WA16 0JJ (Details)
SEP 21	CHOLMONDELEY CASTLE, Malpas, Cheshire, SY14 8AH (Details)
OCT 6	CLUB NIGHT AT LONGTON RUGBY CLUB
OCT 13	STOKE GROUP DRIVE IT DAY, (Details to follow)
NOV 3	CLUB NIGHT AT LONGTON RUGBY CLUB
DEC 1	CLUB NIGHT AT LONGTON RUGBY CLUB
DEC 7	STOKE GROUP CHRISTMAS MEAL, (Details to follow)

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Northwest Regional Meeting 2025

When 5 groups become 1 for one day, you get **100** TR's *



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RED ROSE



SHROPSHIRE



CUMBRIA

TR Fest – What a Day! It's not every year that you witness such a remarkable gathering of classic Triumph TRs, nor an event that brings together enthusiasts from across the Northwest in the spirit of friendship and shared passion. But on **Saturday 12th July 2025**, TR Fest did exactly that—and more.

This landmark event didn't come about by accident. The idea was first floated earlier this year when the TR Register's Northwest Regional Coordinator posed a bold question to the five Northwest groups—**Red Rose, Cumbria, Stoke, North Wales, and Shropshire**: Would you be interested in putting on a combined event together?

The answer was a resounding yes. so, the wheels were set in motion.



Red Rose group had previously hosted a similar event and had a ready-made template that could be adapted and expanded. With enthusiasm high and a solid framework in place, planning began.



Organising an event of this scale takes enormous time and effort, and none of it would have been possible without the outstanding commitment of the whole organising team. However, two people truly stood out—**Jonathan and Caroline**. Their relentless passion, eye for detail, and unwavering dedication were central to the event's success. From logistics to layout, they were the engine that drove TR Fest forward.

In addition to the efforts of the regional groups, we were fortunate to have the full backing of the TR Register itself, which kindly supported the event by advertising it in TR Action, the club's magazine. That coverage played a big part in spreading the word and creating such strong early interest.

The event was hosted at the charming **Antrobus Village Hall** in Northwich, Cheshire. With tickets priced at just £10, they quickly sold out—proof of just how excited the TR community was to come together. On the day, we welcomed **100 Triumph TRs ***, representing every marque from the early TR2s right through to the TR8s. Seeing these iconic cars lined up together in the summer sunshine was a truly breathtaking sight.

The morning was dedicated to **three organised road tours**, each taking in a unique local attraction:

- A scenic drive to the **Lion Salt Works** at Marston, exploring Cheshire's salt-mining history.
- A trip to **Norton Priory** in Runcorn, home to monastic ruins and tranquil gardens.
- A visit to the impressive **Anderton Boat Lift**, a triumph of Victorian engineering.

The roads echoed with the sound of TR engines as groups set off from Antrobus Village Hall. These relaxed, well-organised tours gave participants a chance to drive their cars, enjoy the scenery, and socialise in smaller groups before returning to the main venue.





By lunchtime, the field was buzzing again with returning cars and happy faces. A hog roast awaited, along with mountains of **homemade cake**—lovingly baked and brought by car owners from every group. The food wasn't just delicious; it was a true community effort and a great symbol of the spirit that defined TR Fest.

We must also give a special mention to our team of over **50 volunteers** who helped make the day run like clockwork. From parking stewards and marshals to cake servers and ice cream distributors, they were everywhere smiling, welcoming, and ensuring everything flowed smoothly. There was no formal ice cream van, but there was ice cream, and it was handed out cheerfully by volunteers who truly went the extra mile.

We were also proud to have the generous support of our **main sponsor, TR Bitz**, whose backing helped make the event possible. Their ongoing commitment to the TR community is invaluable and greatly appreciated.

Throughout the day, the atmosphere was electric. Laughter, the clink of teacups, and the low burble of TR engines filled the air. The sun shone brightly, casting perfect reflections off polished chrome and gleaming bodywork. Everywhere you looked, conversations were happening—new friendships were formed, and old ones rekindled.

One of the highlights of the afternoon was the **presentation of awards**, celebrating just a few of the standouts from an already exceptional crowd. Two acknowledgements were made:

- **Kevin Bucknall** of the Stoke group was awarded the prize for "**Most Likely Side Screen Car to Drive**", thanks to his beautifully unpolished but utterly charming **rustic TR2**, which had clearly earned its miles.
- And a well-deserved award went to **Jean Heathcote**, whose cake entry earned **third place** in a fiercely contested baking competition—no mean feat given the variety and quality of sweet treats on display.

A **tombola** added a bit of extra fun to the afternoon, with prizes donated by TR members and supporters. As people relaxed, wandered the car rows, and shared stories over tea and cake, it became clear that TR Fest was more than just a car show—it was a celebration of everything that makes the TR community special.

As the day wound down, the smiles on faces told the story. The effort, planning, and teamwork that went into TR Fest had truly paid off. Everything—from the morning tours to the hog roast and community spirit—had come together seamlessly.

As the last cars departed and the sun began to set over Antrobus Village Hall, one thing was certain: **TR Fest 2025 was a resounding success**. The cars were brilliant, the food was fantastic, and the company was unbeatable.

Most importantly, the event created lasting memories and deepened the sense of community that makes the TR Register such a special organisation. So, here's to Jonathan, Caroline, and every volunteer who helped bring TR Fest to life. Here's to the groups who came together as one. And here's to the many more events we'll share in the future.



**Officially 98 TRs attended TR FEST 2025*

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