

WESSEX NEWS

Preserving the marque in Hampshire

As Editor this month marks my 9th edition of Wessex News. It has been an enjoyable experience, but actually takes up a lot more time than I realised when I casually suggested that I would take it over from Nigel. I find myself most months, wondering what I will have to include and making sure that Jim and I go to as many events as possible and take hundreds of photos. So I am leading up to a bit of a plea, over the winter, we won't be out in our cars as much. I'm sure that over the summer you will all have had some adventures in your cars, and I think that everyone would love to hear about new places to go and stay. There will be space to fill and so please consider writing a page and sending it in with a few pictures.

If you do feel you want to write something, please send it to the Group Leader, as Jim and I are lucky enough to be going on a cruise where there are no TR's. The next two editions of Wessex News will once again be edited by Nigel. Those of you that come to events regularly will know our lovely Labrador, Gibson. We wouldn't dream of putting him in kennels, or leaving Freda our TR6 alone in the house, so Aunty Janet, is coming to stay and looking after them both. She will be bringing her MG along as well for a bit of extra company.



So whilst we are over eating and having a bit of a rest, we hope you all enjoy the remaining events of the year, which are going to be excellent.

We will be at the Barbecue next week and I will be making cakes, which is going to be torture as I am now on the "squeeze into my evening dresses diet". See you there!

Lorraine Pullen

A word from our leader

Hi everybody, as the season draws to a close for another year and we enjoy this extended Indian summer, there are still a few events left in the calendar to look forward to. Make sure you come along to our end of season BBQ at the Nondescripts on Club Night next Tuesday, and have a burger on us. Please try and make it if you're a new member, or if you otherwise don't get along to other events during the year as it's a good chance to meet everyone in a relaxed "end of term" mood.

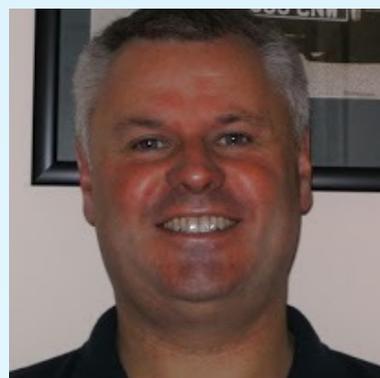
The main event for me over the past couple of weeks – as it has been for many of you I'm sure – was the Goodwood Revival meeting. This is probably my favourite weekend of the year and I love wandering through the paddocks looking at the cars and watching them getting fettled for the races. This year, among other highlights, was a celebration of the Maserati 250F racer, and to see and hear 8 of these famous cars was incredible. Another highlight for me, and something which makes the Revival very special, are the flying displays, and this year we were treated on each day with a fly past by the 2 remaining airworthy Lancaster bombers accompanied by 4 Spitfires, 2 Hurricanes, a P51 Mustang and Messerschmitt BF109! An incredible sight – and sound – which will never be seen again as one of the Lancasters will be returning to its base in Canada.

One car I did make a point of seeking out in the paddock at the Revival was the Tornado Talisman. This car was a successful racer back in the day and fully justifies its invitation to Goodwood. The car uses many TR2 components and will be the subject of our October Club Night when we have the former MD of Tornado Cars as our guest speaker for the evening. The history of this small company is really interesting, and epitomises the post war era of engineering ingenuity before car manufacture became dominated by big multi-nationals, and I really hope you'll come along and listen to this fascinating glimpse into the past.

The next event in the calendar is our Cream Tea run on Sunday, and talking of calendars, we'll be taking advanced orders for the Wessex Group 2015 calendar on Club Night on Tuesday, ready for collection on October Club Night, so get your orders in then.

See you at Club Night.

Nigel



Simply Classics at Beaulieu

The August bank holiday weekend arrived with its usual threat of unpredictable and rainy weather, but Sunday was looking promising. Although this year Wessex were not taking part as a group, Jim and I decided we would like to go along to Beaulieu if the weather was kind.

Sunday morning arrived fine and even slightly sunny, so we loaded Gibson into the TR and off we went on the short drive across the New Forest to The National Motor Museum. Due to impeccable timing, there were no queues and we were quickly in and heading for the parking area. The first people we saw as we turned in were Ann and Kevin, just setting off for a stroll. I was a bit surprised as I knew they were moving house a couple of days later, but I think they had both had enough of boxes and were having a day out.

We had been followed almost the entire way to the Museum by a Lancia Montecarlo, a mid engined car built from 1975 - 1981 and it was rather a nice looking car. Apparently there are now only 29 on the road. Chatting with the owner, he has owned the car for a number of years but doesn't drive it much, in fact this was its first trip out this year. It was certainly attracting a lot of attention and was the cause of much head scratching amongst a few children who looked in the front expecting to see an engine.



A quick wander around the field and we found some other Wessex members having an afternoon out, Peter Bailey with his red TR4A and Phil and Aly Bishop in their TR6 .

After a chat, we set off for a look around. This year the event was celebrating the 90th anniversary of the MG. Now we know from our recent invited car night, the MG owners locally turn up en masse and the same was true at this event. They were everywhere, hundreds of them . All the shapes, colours and models you could ever wish to see, sorry no pictures, but for those of you who know Beaulieu, they filled the space from the restaurant all the way to the wall around the house.

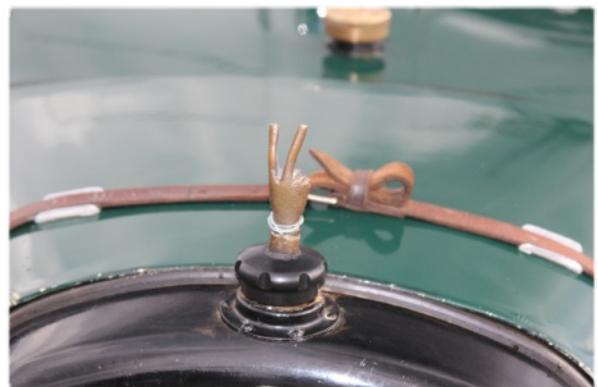
This year as previously there was a competition for the public visiting the museum to choose their favourite car. This time, though it was split into top MG's and then top other cars.

It took quite a while for the results to be announced and we had decided to head home. As we drove out I noticed that Peter had an invitation to the arena as his car had been voted in the top 10 by the public. Brilliant, but we couldn't stay, so before writing this I emailed Peter to find out how he had got on. He replied that he had been at his car around 1pm and at that time there had been nothing on his car, he then went and watched the MG and other cars voted by the public before returning to his car and finding his invite! what a shame. He did though, let us know that a rather pretty VW caravanette, had been voted as the public's favourite car.

Here are a few of the other cars that were on display



This little car had a rather entertaining hood ornament.



A very pleasant afternoon in the sunshine, see you at the event next year.

Goodwood Revival

by Nigel Jordan

The Goodwood Revival meeting is a celebration of that era in post war Britain known as the “golden age” of motoring, but it celebrates more than just the motor car, and has become equally famous (well, almost) for the fashions, lifestyle themes and aviation, as the cars and on-track action. The Revival tries to recreate a time in our past when going motor racing was more about flat caps and straw bales than race helmets and Armco and so a unique atmosphere is created where car guys can enjoy the cars and racing, the fashionistas can show off and be seen in their period wardrobe, the Mods can mix with the Rockers, and the military re-enactors can dress in their uniforms and everybody has a fun time, not taking life too seriously for 3 days.

The first Revival meeting was held in 1998 when the late Ray Hanna flew his Spitfire along the start/finish straight below the height of the control tower! That British derring-do set the tone for all future meetings which pay homage to racing legends and gentleman racers of the past, and has grown exponentially in popularity. The festival acts as a showcase for exceptional wheel-to-wheel racing around a classic circuit. Untouched by the modern world, it relives the glory days of the Goodwood motor racing circuit, which ranked alongside Silverstone as Britain's leading racing venue throughout its active years.

There is too much to summarise in these pages so I'll pick out a couple of highlights among all the highlights over the weekend. The Fordwater Trophy is always an interesting race and particularly so because it is a race for the cars we enjoy, sports and GT cars, and evokes the spirit of Goodwood and the weekend racer more than any other. In the mid '60's it wasn't too difficult to get your car on the starting grid at Goodwood; buy a road-going sports or GT car, stump up for membership of the British Automobile Racing Club (BARC), drive to the circuit and stick some numbers on the doors – and then go racing! The Fordwater Trophy pays tribute to those weekend racers who entered their road cars into the fray with little more preparation than taping over the headlights, and never a thought for how they might get home should the worst happen!

Such drivers were the backbone of the Goodwood members meetings back in the day before the circuit closed in 1966. British marques feature strongly in the Fordwater Trophy; Abingdon based MG was at the height of its powers in the mid '60's as part of the British Motor Corporation, and so was Triumph of course, and for around £1,000 you could drive off in a new MGB. Models such as the Morgan Plus 4 and, of course, TR4 were equally desirable with the TR having proved its competition pedigree in internationally rallying.



In fact, enthusiasts were spoiled for choice with a wealth of machinery on offer from emerging sports car manufacturers such as Lotus, TVR, and Ginetta, all of which were represented at this year's event. It was also great to see models from less well remembered British marques such as Gilbern, Turner, Rochdale and Tornado in action too, and remember, it's the Tornado Talisman that will be the feature of our October Club Night guest speaker Bill Woodhouse, who is the former MD of Tornado Cars and who will be presenting a talk on this little known British sports car. Of course, it wasn't all British metal on the grid, Porsche 901 and 911, Ferrari 275 GTBC and ISO Rivolta all add a welcome touch of European glamour.



Turner



ISO Rivolta



Torando Talisman

Off the track the highlight had to be in the sky, and the sight of 4 Spitfires, a Hurricane, P51 Mustang and a Messerschmitt Bf109 in formation circling around the circuit is a sight and sound I will never forget. Bizarrely all the aircraft are powered by the Rolls-Royce Merlin engine – even the Messerschmitt. Known as the Hispano Buchon, in 1943 the Spanish government agreed a licence production with Messerschmitt to produce 200 Bf109G's, but as the tide of war turned Germany couldn't supply the engines or components needed to complete the aircraft and by the end of the war Hispano Aviacon modified the airframe to fit different engines, the most successful being of French origin. Improving relations between the Spanish government and the West from 1952 onwards, saw a more powerful engine sourced from Britain, the two-speed Rolls Royce Merlin 500-45. The combination of ex-German airframe and British powerplant was successful, and the first prototype flew its maiden flight on 30 December 1954.



The highlight of all highlights however, must be the flypast on all 3 days of the only 2 airworthy Lancaster bombers. They flew in formation around the circuit and were flanked by the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight including the other Spitfires. Truly a wonderful sight and which will never be repeated as the Canadian Lancaster will be returning to its base in Canada

And so the Revival is over for another year and I for one am looking forward to next year already, but it's difficult to see what Lord March can come up with that will surpass this year's event – but I think that every year - and every year I'm amazed! 2015 will be the 17th consecutive year of the Revival, and to think the motor racing circuit only operated in period for 18 years between 1948 and 1966, so I wonder if 2016 will be the last Revival meeting - I very much doubt that, but it might be time to change the name!

Nigel

Here's a small selection of photos I took over the weekend, I have posted lots more on our Facebook page. You can watch highlights of the weekend racing on the Revival web site. Just google Goodwood Revival.



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September Run - Cream Tea



The September run will be the re-scheduled Cream Tea Run. We will be going to the Bramble Hill Hotel, Bramshaw, New Forest, Hampshire SO43 7JG.

Meeting at Ower Services we will depart at 2pm on Sunday 21st September , for a short slowish drive around the New Forest, before arriving at our destination for the main event... Scones.

Keep your fingers crossed for a nice sunny autumnal day.

Club Night

September club night sees us back at the Nondescripts Club in Lyndhurst at 7.30pm for our annual end of summer barbecue. We would especially like to invite any members who have joined the group in the last year and have not managed to make any of the events so far, but of course, everyone is welcome to see Nigel honing his cookery skills at the grill.

The usual sausages and burgers will be available , along with cake and a cheese board, and of course drinks from the bar and chat with other members.

So pop the date in your diary and hope to see you there.



October run to Athelhampton House

The date of this run has been changed from that originally published. It will now take place on Sunday 19th October 2014. The run will also start from a different location, Furlong Short Stay Public Car Park in Ringwood just off the Mansfield Road. Departure will be promptly at 10.45am. A tour of the property has been booked by Geoff who is leading the run, and this will take place at 2pm.



Athelhampton House is a stunning 15th Century house and is bursting with fantastic history whilst boasting some of the most breathtaking gardens in the area. The gardens are full of variety, the formal architecture is balanced by woodland scenes, and The Great Court, with its striking pyramid shaped yew trees is the most famous of gardens. Originally planted to punctuate the corners of planted rose beds, the trees now dominate.

There is an on site restaurant and a pub nearby.

For more information on what promises to be an excellent destination for our run, have a look at the website

[Athelhampton House & Gardens](#)

The Tornado Motor Company

A talk by Mr Bill Woodhouse - Co Director

October Club Night sees us at the Nondescripts Club in Lyndhurst for an 8pm start. This evening we are delighted to have Bill Woodhouse, a co director of the Tornado Motor Company who will be joining us to present a talk on the company that he founded with Mr Tony Bullen. They produced their first car, The Typhoon, for the British market in 1958.

The company produced Kit Cars from a factory in Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, then in 1962 using a TR3 they produced the Thunderbolt.



I am sure that you will all be very interested to hear more about the company and its cars so come along for what promises to be a great evening

Here are a couple of useful links to wet your appetite.

<http://www.britishracecar.com/bobwismer-tornado-thunderbolt.htm>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tornado_Cars



Christmas Meal 2014

TR Register Wessex Group Christmas Dinner
Le Chanteclerc Cadnam, Hampshire
 7.30 Saturday 13th December 2014

Homemade Soup of the day
 Crayfish salad with chilli, lime, garlic & ginger dressing
 Smoked chicken, bacon & avocado salad
 Thin slices of Parma Ham with melon
 Homemade coarse Pate with toast
 Avocado with prawns in cocktail sauce
 Deep fried Camembert with apricot conserve

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Roast Turkey
 Roast Pheasant
 Fillet of Sea Bass meuniere
 Breast of chicken with cream, brandy and black peppercorn sauce
 Crispy Duck with orange sauce
 Sirloin steak with Cafe de Paris butter
 Medallions of Pork fillet with cream & coarse grain mustard sauce
 Spinach & ricotta in puff pastry with tomato & basil sauce
 All served with fresh vegetables of the day

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Christmas pudding with brandy sauce
 Creme Brulee
 Profiteroles with chocolate sauce
 Meringue Glace with raspberry sauce
 Mango & passionfruit parfait

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Filter coffee

Two courses with coffee £22.00 Three courses with coffee £25.00

A deposit of £10 per person should be sent to Sue Chorley ASAP and then the remainder of the money and menu choices by November club night :-

Sue Chorley - Minden Fields, 248 Woodlands Road, Woodlands, Southampton, SO40 7GH
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2014 Diary of Events

Wessex Group Events

September 2014

21st Club Run - Cream Tea Run at the Bramble Hill Hotel.
Depart Ower Services at **2pm**

Bramble Hill Hotel

23rd Club Night - Barbecue at the Nondescripts Club, Lyndhurst. **7.30pm**

October 2014

19th ****Note - this date has changed from that previously published****
Club Run to Athlehampton House , Dorchester, Dorset
Depart from Furlong Car Park, Ringwood **10.45am**.

Athelhampton House

28th Club Night - A lecture by Mr Bill Woodhouse, the former MD of Tornado Cars
8pm The Nondescripts Club, Lyndhurst.

November 2014

25th Club Night - Dvd/Film night and Mince Pies

December 2014

13th Christmas Meal - Le Chanteclerc, Romsey Road, Cadnam, Hants, SO40
2NX **7.30pm**

<http://le-chanteclerc.co.uk>

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

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