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# WESSEX NEWS

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## *Preserving the marque in Hampshire*

Welcome to this months newsletter which is once again a bumper edition. I am always very grateful when members send stories for publication and would like to encourage any of you who have an adventure to write about it and share with us all, it may inspire someone to go somewhere they had not previously considered .

We are just back from this years IWE, somewhere we have been before, and once again it was at Malvern. We went with friends and so this year I had bit of company, whilst Jim and Clem were off searching out bargains in the large shed that house's all the trade stalls. My friend was tempted by the spa treatments on offer in the "Ladies Section" but that was not for me. She commented after that although it was very nice, the tannoy blaring and the constant sound of cars was not really conducive to a relaxing experience. We spent quite a bit of time sitting enjoying the sunshine and carrying large items around the show ground for our respective other halves.

We didn't camp, as I spent a large number of my teenage years under canvas in North Wales and the Peak district and its not an experience I wish to repeat. The camp site did appear very full though, much more so than our last visit. The intrepid Wessex campers declined the offer of our flag, so we were never able to find them on the campsite. We didn't go to the evening events either, but we did bump into Nigel Jordan who had been serving at the free bar on the Friday evening and he said, unsurprisingly that it had been very popular.

Next year we are going to Lincoln and we hope there are some new things to do . Roy Clough did introduce a Gymkhana event on the Saturday afternoon but was disappointed that only three cars entered. This may be something to do with the lack of description of the event. There were no horses involved, rather cars drove a prescribed course and took part in various challenges, egg and spoon being one and another involved a tennis ball and boxes. He is hoping to do it again next year so lets support him and try and get a few more entries. I have a few ideas and may rattle off an email to the organiser. A bit of live music in the afternoon may be quite pleasant.

Anyway lets hope we get to enjoy a bit more summer in our TR's so see you at the Cream tea run next month.

**Lorraine Pullen - Editor**

## A word from our leader

Hi ,

Welcome to the August edition of the Wessex Newsletter.

Overall the weather this Summer has been kind to us particularly for the club run to Bucklers Hard. The weather forecast for the Sunday two days before was absolutely awful and Jim and I were faced with what do we do? In reality the weather was glorious, as Jim had promised, and the 16 or so TRs made a fantastic sight lined up on the green. I must find out who his God is but many thanks to Jim and Lorraine for organising a great day.

The invited car night was another success, we were blessed with fine weather and the event was well attended. Not as many as last year but enough to make a car show organiser very happy. Ranging from a Bentley 2.5 to a McClaren plus a few Ferraris and a Lambo. Tony's new motor, an MGB GT V8 looked particularly fine.

Last weekend we had the IWE held at the Three Counties Showground at Malvern. The weather was excellent this year and the Wessex presence was muted. I know Peter, Gerry and others camped but we did not have the banner up so they were difficult to spot. Jim and Lorraine, Kevin and Ann, Roy, Ian and Nigel were also spotted. My abiding memory will be of Roy doing endless circuits of the Autosolo Saturday morning. Eight at the last count!

I have noticed over the last year or so several long standing members have been "hanging up their TRs" and moving to more modern, more comfortable cars. To name a few, Dave, Terry , Pete, and now Bill. I'm sure there are more but wondered if this is an increasing trend. Is it simply old age, boredom, frustration, money? Fortunately we do have a fairly steady inflow of new members joining Wessex. On a personal note I hope to get the bumper back this week from Hampshire Electroplating. Just in time as I'm beginning to quite like the lack of a bumper!

Finally and by no means least I would like to welcome new member James Barnes I hope you manage to get along to our meetings sometime in the future.

TTFN

Stuart



# Ivor Bleaney Classic Cars

Now here is an offer you don't get very often, many of you will know Ivor Bleaney Classic Cars located in the New Forest. They are a family run business and have been established for 50 years priding themselves on providing an exclusive and personal service.

They are holding a 50th Anniversary celebration on the 19th September at the Sir Walter Tyrrell Public House and have opened the invitation to members of the Wessex TR Group. In return for taking your classic car they will offer you a free drink, a BBQ and the opportunity to look at some fantastic classic cars.

Please see the advert below for details and how to obtain a voucher. The invite is open to the whole family so when applying please state how many will be attending. Whilst Wessex TR Group are happy to promote events that may be of interest to our readers it does not mean that we endorse or are involved in running these events.

*On the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ivor Bleaney Classic Cars we would like to invite you to join us at the Sir Walter Tyrrell pub in the heart of the New Forest on the 19<sup>th</sup> September where as if you bring your classic car you will be entitled to a free drink and a BBQ with our compliments.*

There will be Classic Cars, Classic Beers and Classic food available from midday. Lots of entertainment for the kids, including a bouncy castle, safe play area and plenty of parking space.

An ideal opportunity for you to sell your Classic Car or even buy one. All cars must be at least 25 years old.

Bring your voucher with you having added all your guests because this is for your whole family not just the driver. Write the registration number and make of car on the bottom to qualify. Just hand it in at the bar and enjoy a great day.

Please email for your voucher at  
[enquiries@sirwaltertyrrell.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@sirwaltertyrrell.co.uk)

*Or*

[ivorbleaney@msn.com](mailto:ivorbleaney@msn.com)

Alternatively telephone us on  
Tel: 01794 390895 and we will send you one

Please take a look at our website  
[www.ivorbleaneyclassiccars.co.uk](http://www.ivorbleaneyclassiccars.co.uk)

## Invited Car Night

Our annual invited car night at IBM Hursley was once again a great success. This year Jim had sent out all the emails inviting other local cars clubs a month or so before the event. He didn't get any replies and in the days before the event we were left wondering if anyone would actually turn up. We should not have worried we arrived a good half hour before the advertised start time and found that a number of cars were already parked on the grass more were arriving behind us.

The weather had once again been a big factor in how the night would go. The previous weekend if you remember, had been dogged by very heavy rain and wind but thankfully once again, someone was watching over us and the evening was warm and sunny. Numbers were down on last year with around 60 cars at the final count, but the quality of the cars more than made up for the number present.



A contingent of supercars arrived and were none to keen on bouncing up our bit of wood onto the grass, so they had their own smaller section in the main car park. It wasn't until I went for a chat that I found out quite how precious a couple of the cars actually are.

This is a Lamborghini Miura SV made in 1972 and 1 of only 7 right hand drive models ever made. The car was originally built for Rod Stewart apparently paid for with the money he made from the song "Maggie May." It would be rude to ask how much something like that cost but a quick bit of internet research revealed this car was purchased in 2013 for £900,000. no wonder he didn't like our bit of wood!

Parked alongside the Lamborghini was a Ferrari GTO. This was another rare car, one of only 272 made, none of which were right hand drive. Originally built for racing, they never made it to the track.



Another car that was attracting a lot of attention was considerable older but also very special. This car was bought in 1956 by the current owner for £275. He was as student at the time and wanted it as a runaround. What a very good investment it has turned out to be. The car is a 1928 Bentley 4 1/2 Litre. and an absolute beauty.

We were pleased to meet a new member, Tony Mawson who had come along in his very smart TR2



It was a very nice evening with plenty to look at. Here are just a few of the other marque's that came along.



And finally, although not an old car, this land rover was rather smart. It had amazing leather seats and the inside lined with teak. It looked like a very fancy yacht in the back .



# IWE 2015 Malvern

By Jim Pullen

The International Weekend or IWE is of course, the biggest event in the TR Register calendar and a great chance to meet old friends, make new ones and buy the parts for your TR that you don't need or already have tucked away somewhere but have forgotten about over time. Just don't arrange to meet anyone who says "I'll be the grey haired old bloke standing by the red TR". Most of the men were grey and there were too many red TR's to count. This is our second visit and we now have a pretty good idea of what to look out for in the trade halls and what to avoid amongst the burger vans.



Lorraine has long since decided the only tent she will go in is a marquee and only then if the Prosecco is chilled, so it was a rather comfortable hotel for us and our friends. We did meet some of our group who were camping and thankfully they had great weather for it. Alas we didn't quite make it down to their encampment, but it was good to see familiar faces with their TR's.



This year saw the joint celebrations of the 40th anniversary of the TR7, the 50th anniversary of the TR4a and 60th anniversary of the TR3. Over the weekend all three marques were well represented in the arena with a unique commentary by Wayne Scott and Graham Robson and a celebration cake to cut.

The Autosolo was also very popular with brave owners driving through a course of cones to set the fastest time. There was plenty of appreciation from the grandstand for those taking part, one of whom was our very own Roy Clough in his anniversary TR4a setting a very respectable time. He suggested with a smile, that his might not have been the fastest time but at least he didn't put his car into a wall unlike one of the 'professional' drivers.

There really is something for everyone and I, like many others made for the trade stalls. At the big shows you are 3 deep trying to check out the prices, here it's a more relaxed affair. Not only do you get more time and space to peruse, but because all the traders are located so close together, you can easily compare prices and more importantly quality. It's also a great opportunity to meet the experts and glean a little knowledge, or in my case hang on their every word. Once again I seemed to have bought more than I intended!

Next year the IWE will be held in Lincoln right next door to RAF Scampton home of the Red Arrows. It is already looking to be a great weekend with lots of new events and attractions to entertain you. We are already checking out the hotels and hope to see you there.



A racing TR

TR Survivors Display



# August Run

**By Tony Alderton**

Our club run this month was to The Boot Inn, Houghton which is a lovely old pub set on the banks of the River Test in Hampshire. Seven cars departed from our usual meeting point at Ower at 11.30, initially heading north west on the A36. Unfortunately, due to the heavy seasonal Sunday traffic, many of the cars were separated on departure. However, after West Wellow the run itself was on quiet roads with very little traffic. Less than 10 miles in, after making a left turn, I glanced in my mirror and noticed that Jim and Gordon shot straight past the junction to who knows where, with others in hot pursuit. Ros and I continued in a rather lonely convoy of just 3 cars, Us, Geoff and Jane and new members Dave and Linda in their left hand drive TR6.

Despite the fragmented convoy, we all appeared to arrive at The Boot having done just under 30 miles within an hour, not all however following the prescribed route! Fortunately there was ample parking, given that this is a very popular pub with a relatively small carpark. An additional three cars arrived from all points of the compass having not started at Ower, bringing the grand total of TRs to a respectable eleven. At the rear of the pub there is a large expanse of lawn running down to the banks of the river, where large trout can be easily spotted in the crystal clear water. We had adequate seating reserved for our party right beside the river and enjoyed a good lunch and chat, all made more agreeable by the surprisingly clement weather. It was good to see more new members Tony and Ben joining us for their first Sunday run with the club.



## A bit more on the August Run

by **Jim Pullen**

Many thanks to Tony for organising the 'Boot' run, a great venue that we will visit again. I'm sure many of us have approached classic car ownership in very different ways and here's our short story.

Following our move down to the south coast from Hertfordshire we began to explore our new surroundings and found ourselves on New Years Day 2013 at the White Buck Inn in the heart of the New Forest. Someone had mentioned they have a classic car display to start the new year off and we duly arrived early enough for a bacon butty and a cup of coffee. Whilst wandering around the car park and amongst the 50 or so cars we came across a little red sports car with an engaging owner. Peering into the cockpit I remarked on the unusual seat trim and the owner described it as his 'boudoir' and went on to enthuse about this club he belonged to of which he was one of the very first members.

The little red car sowed a seed and we decided to buy ourselves a sports car to engage in such wholesome activities as standing in a freezing pub car park at 9am on New Years Day.

Fast forward to August 16th 2015 and I found myself driving that little red sports car through the Hampshire countryside to the Boot Inn. My navigator and the owner beside me being very patient as I forgot to cancel the indicators and trying to get to grips with the handbrake. We had a great run, sometimes in convoy sometimes on our own and managed to arrive first at the pub.

So a big thank you to Gordon Denson for allowing me the privilege of driving his 'boudoir' It was an experience not to be forgotten. A case of member 781 meeting member 44185.



# Soggy Silverstone Classic

**Words and Pictures by Kevin Warrington**

Ann and I have been to Silverstone for the Classic extravaganza for each of the past four years. For three of those years, it has rained; this year being no exception! Actually, it was more like November than July and we were so pleased that we had booked a “Snoozebox” for accommodation rather than camping on the arctic wastelands of Woodlands Campsite.

Thursday afternoon was a pleasant drive north along the A34 towards the M40, ducking and diving on and off old roads to avoid the worst of the traffic jams and then onto the A43 to reach the circuit without too much delay. Friday is qualifying, which in the rain with most of the events behind the safety car was a bit of a procession and how they determined starting order for the races a puzzle, at least to me. This year, a grid of 1930s cars had been added and watching them tackle the sharp bends of the Grand Prix course on such thin tyres was interesting, or at least, what we could see through the spray!



Practice and Qualification in the rain on Friday

One of the cars caught my attention, so we wandered over to the paddock for a closer look. A distant examination suggested it might be an Alfa-Romeo 8C; it had the same general proportions, with a huge bonnet covering an 8 cylinder supercharged engine, but the radiator was wrong and the steering column had a lever for a Wilson pre-select gearbox. When in doubt, look at the radiator as this will usually give a clue, especially if there is a badge. And there was...



The badge was the original Triumph logo, the sort used on motorbikes. And beneath the logo, there was the word “Dolomite”.

It was the fabled Dolomite 8C, designed under the auspices of Donald Healey while he was working for the original Triumph Company in the 1930s. Three cars were built, Healey wrote one of them off during the 1935 Monte-Carlo Rally when he was involved in a contretemps at an ungated level crossing in Denmark (of all places) and the other two, long thought to have been lost, were rediscovered in 1979. Graham Robson wrote a very interesting article on the cars that was published around 1999 in *Triumph World*, if anyone has a collection that goes back that far.



Cockpit of the Dolomite 8C

In amongst the Bugattis and Bentleys, the Triumph was being driven with all the enthusiasm possible, given the weather. What would a car like that be worth? Probably more than any of us could afford!



On Saturday, we woke up to sunshine and some real racing took place. The pre-war exotica; a Formula 1 tribute (proper F1 cars that make the right noise, that is); 1960s saloon car racing dominated by Lotus Cortinas and Mini-Coopers; sports cars and GT cars. Other than the Dolomite, only one other Triumph had been entered and that was Karl Weatherill's TR4 that is a regular sight around classic racing. A key attraction of Silverstone is the live music in the evening; usually tribute bands, but this year, the headline act was a "real" band; none other than the mighty Status Quo. They rocked their

way through two 45 minute sets, although succumbing to the cold, many of the crowd were leaving at the interval, ourselves included.

The rain returned on Sunday in style with the track looking more like a canal than a racetrack. So having watched qualifying on Friday under safety car conditions, we now had "racing" in the same manner. Even at controlled safety car speed, many of the competitors were struggling to get around the corners and it became an event for the die-hard enthusiasts only. We made the decision that we were there for enjoyment, not as part of that old Japanese game show "Endurance" that Clive James was so fond of on the telly, so we made a run for home around lunch time. And as we got to Oxford, the rain stopped and the sun came out. Typical. Just typical.

# 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. Shown below are the current range of items available bearing the Wessex group logo.



Low profile heavy cotton drill cap front and rear



The favourite T shirt  
*(female)*



Jersey crew neck T shirt



Short sleeve polo shirt



Sweatshirt  
Classic 80/20



Full zip fleece

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

## September Run - Cream Tea

The September run is this years Cream Tea Run. Stuart arranged the run last year but then was unable attend, this led to an interesting hour as we did our best to follow his instructions. After driving around for a bit longer than we intended then having a huge traffic jam of TR's on small forest roads when we all tried to turn around, we eventually arrived at The Bramble Hill Hotel.



It was worth it as the cream tea was brilliant. So after so much excitement last year Stuart has decided to try and get his cream tea again. We will therefore once again be going to The Bramble Hill Hotel, Bramshaw, New Forest, Hampshire SO43 7JG.

Meeting at Ower Services we will depart at 2pm on Sunday 13th September , for a short slowish drive around the New Forest, before arriving at our destination for the main event... Scones. The weather gods have been smiling on us all year so keep your fingers crossed

## Club Nights

August is traditionally one of our quieter club nights and this year is no exception. A simple Natter and Noggin will be taking place at the Nondescripts club, Lyndhurst from 8pm on the 25th, so come along for a pint and a chat if you are not off sunning yourself somewhere.

The September club night is once again our very popular Barbecue night. We particularly like to see our new members come along to meet as many of the old hands as possible. We will be meeting on Tuesday 22nd from 8pm . There will be sausages!! Look forward to seeing you all.

## Post Christmas weekend away 16th -17th January 2016

I can't quite believe it's time again for your social committee to be thinking of Christmas, and more importantly how the Wessex Group are going to celebrate. This year we are pulling out all the stops for a really nice weekend away, and it is actually after Christmas this time.

The venue will be the Royal Chase Hotel in Shaftesbury. This is a three star Best Western Hotel and has it's own Leisure club with heated indoor swimming pool and steam room. The hotel has ample free parking yet is within walking distance of the town.

We will be enjoying our meal in a private room with our usual resident DJ to take us into the night.



Of course, you will have the choice, just come for the dinner or stay overnight at the hotel or maybe come early to make a real weekend of it. There are 33 en-suite bedrooms to accommodate, us with Free WiFi

We will have the full details in our September Newsletter from our event organiser Sue Chorley. Mark the dates in your diary and don't forget to tell your other half.

<http://www.theroyalchasehotel.co.uk>



# 2015/16 Diary of Events

## Wessex Group Events

### August 2015

25th Club Night - Natter and Noggin, Nondescripts Club, Lyndhurst **8pm**

### September 2015

13th Club Run - The Cream Tea Run Bramble Hill Hotel 2pm at Ower

22nd Club Night - Barbecue at Nondescripts Club, Lyndhurst **8pm**

### October 2015

11th Club Run - lunch and a trip to a Gin Factory further details next month

27th Club Night - Presentation by Vintage Tyres of Beaulieu at The Empress of Blandings PH, Romsey Road, Copythorne, SO40 2PF **8pm**

<http://www.vintagetyres.com>

### November 2015

24th DVD night at Nondescripts Club **8pm**

### January 2016

16th-17th Post Christmas weekend away - The Royal Chase Hotel, Shaftesbury

<http://www.theroyalchasehotel.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.**

### Other events of interest

22nd Simply Classics - National Motor Museum, Beaulieu

<http://www.beaulieu.co.uk>

### September 2015

5th - 6th Beaulieu International Autojumble - National Motor Museum  
Buy tickets [Here](#)

11th - 13th Goodwood Revival

[Revival](#)

19th Ivor Bleaney Classic Cars 50th Anniversary celebrations  
Sir Walter Tyrrell Public House , Brook , Lyndhurst, Hants

[More details here](#)

**Weekly events - Classic cars on the Prom** too many dates to add them all but various meetings in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Highcliffe Castle all over the summer.

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## TR Register Wessex Group Clothing Order Form

Name:

Contact number:

E-mail Address:

Qty	Item	Size	Colour	Code	£
Please make cheques payable to: TR Register Wessex Group.					<b>Total</b>

Send to: Tony Alderton, 9 Coppice Close, St. Ives, Ringwood, BH24 2LB

E-mail: [tonycd.alderton@gmail.com](mailto:tonycd.alderton@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 ( <i>female</i> )	BE07 6	Mid Grey, Berry ( <i>Raspberry</i> ), Black, Chocolate, Coral, Dark Grey, Maroon, Navy, Light Orange, Red, Light Blue, Purple, Royal Blue, White, Light Yellow.	8.50
		<b>Size:</b> S=8, M=10/12, L=14, XL=16.	
Jersey crew neck T shirt ( <i>male</i> )	CV00 1	Aqua, Mid Grey, Light Grey, Black, Red, Deep Teal, Olive, Evergreen, Maroon, Navy, Purple, Light Teal, White, Orange.	9.00
		<b>Size:</b> XS=35", S=37", M=39", L=42", XL=44", 2XL=46".	

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.	12.50
		<b>Size:</b> XS=34/36", S=36/38", M=38/40", L=41/42", XL=43/44", 2XL=45/47", 3XL=47/49", 4XL=49/51".	
Sweatshirt Classic 80/20	SS20 0	Black, Bottle Green, Burgundy, Deep Navy, Light Grey, Navy, Red, Royal Blue, Sky Blue, Yellow, White.	18.00
		<b>Size:</b> S=36/37", M=38/40", L=41/43", XL=44/46", 2XL=47/49".	
Full zip fleece	SS52 8	Black, Bottle Green, Deep Navy, Red, Royal Blue, Smoke.	29.00
		<b>Size:</b> S=35/37", M=38/40", L=41/43", XL=44/46", 2XL=47/49".	