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# WESSEX NEWS

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## *Preserving the marque in Hampshire*

The summer rolls on and although we are having some not so nice days, just lately all our events and runs have been blessed with lovely weather. Last weekend was no exception when a day that had the potential to be a washout, turned out to be the most glorious day. A full report of our day out at Bucklers Hard can be found further on in the Newsletter.

This month we have had two runs fall within the reporting cycle of this newsletter and Geoff Glover has kindly written a report of our lovely day out at Longstock for you to read. Members have been off having adventures in their TR's and Steve Harridge has written a report of his and Sue's trip to Tuscany. It looks like they had a great time in George.

Lots to look forward to on the TR front in August. A weekend away in Malvern awaits for us at the IWE. Now I know some of you hardier types will be camping, and we will happily wander over for a chat, but its a nice country hotel for us and our friends who are coming along. I hope you all got you copy of the programme with TR action last month. Don't forget to take it with you as last time, they were in short supply.

Later in the month Tony will be leading us on a run along the Test Valley ending at the Boot Inn for lunch or a pint alongside the river. I hope you will be able to join us. It has been really nice to see so many old members who have not been on runs for a while turning out, and we have had a considerable number of new members joining us as well. Bucklers Hard saw three generations of several families enjoying the venue and the cars.

Tuesday find's us at the IBM club again for our invited car night. I hope to see you all there enjoying what should be a brilliant display of cars. Here are some from last year.

Lorraine Pullen - Editor



## A word from our leader

Hi everybody,

Welcome to the July edition of the Wessex Newsletter.

I'm seriously worried I have started to find myself reminiscing! Is this what is going to happen from now on, living more and more in the past? I happened to be thinking about the clean car competition from last month and that is when it happened, with no warning whatsoever .

I realised I had been organising the event since way back in the last century. I took over from John Bradley in 1990 sometime. Some of you may remember John. My reminiscing then took me on to the Wessex News as John, was the editor for a few years. He produced the proofs and once a month we would meet up in a pub carpark to hand them over in a brown paper envelope. I would then go into work the next day and monopolise the photocopier producing black and white newsletters. Then after collating, stapling, stuffing in envelopes I would post them out. How things have been changed for the better Lorraine, much better! I will have to watch out for this daydreaming. If anyone sees me with a faint smile on my lips, and a distant look in my eyes it won't be indigestion or some other digestive issue. It will be me reminiscing. You have my permission to dig me in the ribs and get me back to reality.

Talking of reality, we have a lot going on at the moment. I'm writing this just before the run to Bucklers Hard which should be a great day out. Then we have club night on the 28<sup>th</sup> July which is invited car clubs, if the weather holds it should be tremendous, so you should try and get there. International Weekend is looming on the 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> August.

August itself should be a wee bit quieter as you should all be away in the school holidays. Except that concept does not work so well now we are all a bit older. Tony's run on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August to the Boot Inn will be good. August club night will be the mid year Natter and Noggin.

Finally and by no means least I would like to welcome three new members, Tony Mawson, Roger Martin and Ben Freer and hope they 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)

# Longstock Water Gardens

**By Geoff Glover**

A convoy of 13 TRs left Ower just after 10.30, on a bright sunny morning, for our June run to Longstock Park Nursery and Longstock Park Water Garden, on the John Lewis estate near Stockbridge.

The 32-mile route was a mix of A roads, B roads, C roads and single-track roads with plenty of turnings, which encouraged navigators to stay on their toes. It was chosen to make the journey as attractive as possible, passing through little villages, woods, and pastoral stretches. The navigator in the first car was spooked by a couple of horses, one ridden by a policewoman, which resulted in a turn being missed. Consequently, half the group were led astray, whilst those further back followed the correct route and arrived at our destination first. This was the Nursery where we stopped for lunch.



Parking and tables in the licensed restaurant had been reserved for our party, the leader having been warned that on days when the Water Garden is open (the first and third Sunday at 2pm from April to September) it was usually very busy, and so it proved. Some joined the anticipated long queue for simple freshly prepared food whereas others took advantage of a co-located farm shop to make up their own meals. An early arrival had been planned to enable participants to make a tour of the nursery, which houses the national collection of Clematis viticella and buddleia, and the Gilchrist Collection of Penstemons. Some were tempted to buy a plant or two, but a TR is not the best vehicle for carrying plants and most resisted the temptation.

The Water Garden is situated half a mile away, where again parking was arranged. Entry was £6 a head, with the proceeds going to the National Garden Scheme Charity. The Garden was developed by John Spedan Lewis, the founder of the John Lewis Partnership, who bought the estate in 1946. The central lake of the garden was formed when previous owners dredged gravel from the River Test, and Spedan Lewis added islands and bridges, creating the effect of a mini archipelago.

It is fed from and drains into the Test, so keeping the water fresh and clear, with many large ornamental fish, and was stocked with a range of plants and trees, so that the garden ranged from the formal to the informal grassed areas, the latter having many specimen trees, such as the unique Dawn Redwood and Wollemi Pine. In the centre he built a thatched summerhouse, with a telephone installed, from where he could sit and manage his department stores!

The water garden boasts some 40 different species, and is a delight to behold. Sadly, the water lilies, which combine a mix of red and white, were not all in flower at the time of the visit. However, there were a host of summer flowers in bloom surrounding the lakes, including such notable varieties as Primula Japonica, with deep red flowers, Candelabra Primulas, the difficult to grow Himalayan Blue Poppy, the Flowering Rush, the Marsh Marigold, Astilbe, Siberian Iris, Arum and Day Lilies and not least Gunnera, like giant rhubarb, to name but a few. Some were even fortunate enough to spot a kingfisher. Some of the more interesting varieties were bred in the Park by Head Gardeners.

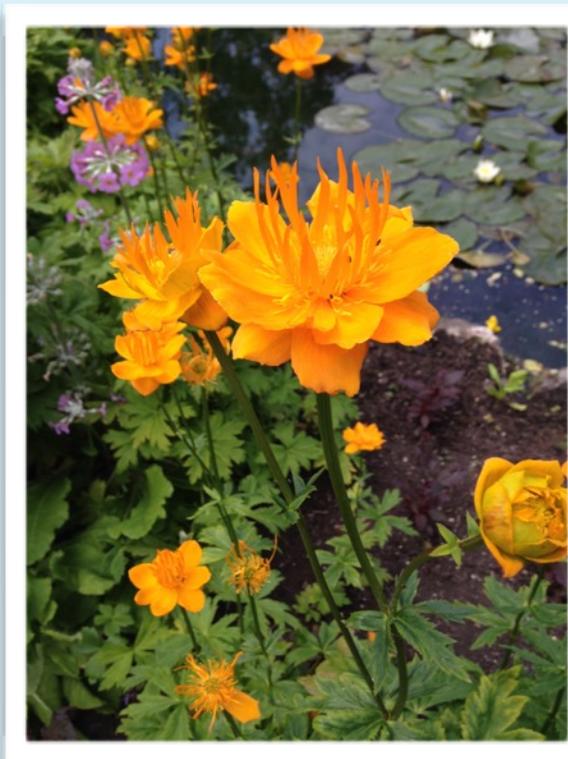


If anyone missed the trip, keen gardener or no, the Longstock Park Water Gardens are a delight, and are strongly recommended for a lazy visit in spring, summer, or autumn, when there are always many different plants, trees and flowers to admire.

**Editors Note:-** Geoff led us on a wonderful day out but upon arrival at the Nursery he was suffering a minor issue with the electrics on his car, I suddenly found myself witnessing one of those “How many men” moments as members huddled around the open bonnet making suggestions for a remedy.



Eventually a consensus was reached and a poor contact was diagnosed, but no one had anything to fix it with. It occurred to me that a nail file would do the trick and luckily Lin Thompson had one which was duly handed over. A few minutes later and the ladies had saved the day and Geoff was running on full electrics again.



In the gardens later we all fell in love with this beautiful plant, but none of us knew what it was. When I got home I posted this image on Twitter asking if anyone knew it. I got an almost instant response.

It is a Trollius, Chinensis 'Golden Queen' - a fantastic bog plant.

So if you have bog in which to grow it there is a supplier in Hampshire. Hardy's Cottage Garden plants in Whitchurch or order online [here](#)

# Clean Car Night

**By Stuart Thompson**

This year's clean car night was better attended than 2014, although I feel interest is waning. We were a bit short on numbers in the TR7/8 class, a problem we used to suffer in the TR2/3s. As is becoming the norm, the weather was fine and dry, and the BBQ stalwarts soon got stuck in to the business of lighting it up.

We had 3 cars in the TR2/3 class, 7 cars in the TR4/4a, 7 cars in the TR5/6 and 1 car in the TR7/8. No guest trophy was awarded this year, as we had no guests. Every year the standard gets higher and higher, and this year was no different. We had some particular fine examples the TR2/3 and TR5/6 class. The TR5/6 class was particularly well supported.



The winners were :-



**TR2/3 Phil Brown**



**TR4/4a Stuart Thompson**



**TR5/6 Steven James**



**TR7/8 Nigel Jordan**



**Broken Piston - Ian Evans**

From zero to hero for Nigel after looking so disappointed when he won the Broken Piston last year

**Best in Show** went to Ron Hatch and his beautiful TR250



Following on from my “A word from our leader” at the start of this newsletter, the social committee, quite rightly, are relooking at how we assess the cars. After so many years of using the same old format to judge the cars it is time to move on and use newer and better criteria. Rather than just visual appearance over 8 categories, the time has arrived to consider things like the car’s usage. The car that has had the latest refurb may not be the best car in its class. As long as we can keep it simple and avoid getting too serious!

Anyhow getting back to this year’s clean car night it is probably best to leave the pictures to do the talking.

## July Club Run to Bucklers Hard

This year it was the Family Fun Day that nearly didn't happen, all week we had watched the weather and despite the forecast showing sun right up to Wednesday, Thursday's forecast showed rain moving in and dumping the whole lot during Sunday. Come Friday it was touch and go whether to call it off but we held our nerve and hoped for the best.

Which all seems a bit unnecessary having just driven back from Bucklers Hard where the sun had shone all day without a sign of rain or even a grey cloud.

This is the second year we have been allowed to park right on the Main Street in Buckler's Hard and display the cars, no mean feat considering Lord Montagu banned cars back in the 1970's and we are now just one of a handful of groups accepted.

As usual we met at Ower at 11.30am to enable us to get into formation, all was going well and very serene until Nigel Jordan turned up in his just re-upholstered TR4, a rather fetching red with white piping around the seats with matching red carpets and door cards. I think this will give

Gordon Denson's TR3 a run for his money in the 'boudoir' category. Looks like a lovely job though.



Whilst Stuart took the TR's for a run around the forest Lorraine and I hot footed it direct to Buckler's to be the welcoming committee, we did have a red Mercedes convertible in tow at one point but I think they got lost.

First to arrive was David Hirst followed by Roy Clough having not been able to keep up with formation they peeled off and came direct. Once the main group had arrived there then followed the usual 'bomb burst'.

Being typical Wessex members the majority headed straight for the pub and the BBQ. This year we had an added bonus with our admission, a trip down the Beaulieu river on the river cruise which was unsurprisingly well subscribed. Other members and their families chose to take to the water under their own power in Kayaks, supplied and under instruction from New Forest Activities.

We also had the opportunity to welcome Ben Freer and his partner who are new to the group and looking for their ideal TR. I hope you had a good look at the different TR's on display and look forward to seeing you during the year.

Once again we had a great day out up three cars on last year with 15 on display. It was nice to see so many of the visitors to Bucklers Hard taking an interest in the cars with so many favourable comments. Some were very knowledgeable, although Lorraine did overhear one comment as a group walked by stating that the cars were all part of the Beaulieu Museum's private collection and were available to rent for the day! I'm not sure if that was a compliment or not!

The day was really made by those of you who came along to display the cars and we hope you enjoyed the day. Thanks must also go to Bucklers Hard and New Forest Activities, without their help we just couldn't have done it.



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

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

By Jim Pullen

## Invited Car Night – Tuesday July 28<sup>th</sup>

If you feel it is time to take that rather smelly, always noisy, high maintenance and very temperamental entity that lives with you out for an evening, you can do far worse than go to the invited car night at IBM Hursley from 7:00pm on Tuesday 28th July. I am of course referring to the classic car that resides in your garage.

If you fancy a drive through pleasant countryside and the opportunity to park up in a lovely setting, the annual Wessex TR invited car clubs meeting is the place to be. For the last few years on the 4th Tuesday in July we have held this event and last year in excess of 100 highly desirable cars turned up.

The BBQ will be lit for those who would like a picnic and a good selection of beers, lagers etc are available in the clubhouse. The Wessex TR group look forward to welcoming you. All we need now is a long hot sunny evening.

Directions to IBM can be found in last month's Wessex news.

## August Club Run

Our club run this August will be led by Tony Alderton meeting at Ower for an 11.30am departure on Sunday 16th August.

We will be taking a drive through the beautiful Hampshire countryside on A and B roads passing thorough many pretty villages. Our ultimate destination is The Boot Inn at Houghton. The pub has a beautiful garden which leads down the the banks of the River Test and Tony has booked us tables by the river, where we can enjoy a lovely lunch or just a drink.

There is an extensive menu which can be viewed [here](#)

If you are planning on joining the run, a route is included at the end of this email for you to print and bring with you . Look forward to seeing you all there and lets hope that the weather is as glorious as it has been or our last few runs

The full address is The Boot Inn, Houghton, Stockbridge, Hants SO20 6LH

## You didn't come all the way from England in that?

By Steve Harridge

These were the words from the owner of a Castle in Tuscany where we'd gone to test some of the local wine. Looking at the eight TRs in their carpark, all of which were dusty and not as shiny as when they left Folkestone a week earlier, one could see her point. Despite that all eight cars made it back to UK without major mishap, doing around 2600 miles in some very hot weather.

The trip was organised by Mervyn Rogers, the TVG leader and Roger Humphries, his very able assistant. Mervyn has been going to Tuscany for many years and has a house there, in which some of us stayed. The original intention was to drive there, stay for about five days before putting the cars on the train back to Holland but the train company ceased operating so we had to drive back too. I had also made a mistake about the return date which meant that we only had three days there, coming back before the others with just one other who had a similar problem. The tour's organisation was impeccable. We all found Tuscany beautiful and many will return although possibly on newer wheels.



The cars (three 6s, two 4As, two 4s and George, our 2) behaved well; the only problems being the usual heat-related ones (vapour locks in the 6s and the expiry of our electric fan at Lyon on the way home for which we jury-rigged an alternative). It was not surprising the cars got hot because shade temperatures were usually in the low 30s from mid-France southwards, and the motorway driving was relentless although generally at TR-tolerant speeds of 60 to 65 mph. We had agreed

that we would try not to do over 300 miles a day although on the way home we did quite a bit more than that, to minimise the number of days spent travelling.

It's worth noting that I really don't think the jury-rigged fan did much, if any, good. It was too far from the radiator. The continued presence of the old (dead) fan probably hindered air flow through the rad. It simply meant we left early in the morning to get the journey done before it got too hot, although the problem diminished as we returned north.

We made a lot of new friends on the journey. We found the French and Italians to be much more enthusiastic about elderly cars than Brits and we had countless pictures taken, some of which were excessively exciting as they were taken on the mobile phones of lone drivers overtaking us on a motorway. George got more than his fair share of attention because of the older body style.

We took the opportunity to visit Laon, Arbois, the Mont Blanc tunnel, followed by the Aosta valley, Parma (where we stayed a night), Florence and Piza (on the way home). We stayed close to Citta del Pieve, a charming hilltop village where the cars were lined for a photo-call. The civil engineering, of particular interest to me, was stunning, constant bridges and tunnels going through the mountains. The tunnels were nerve wracking, there being limited 'hard shoulders', particularly in Italy, loads of noisy high speed lorries and a feeling of claustrophobia. The TR exhausts sounded good though. The air quality in them, even the long ones, and Mont Blanc tunnel was 11 km long, was good. The air was a lot cooler than outside (Frejus tunnel on the way home being the exception). The drive through snow-capped mountains made the hot motorways insignificant.



We'd recommend such a trip to anyone. Quite a lot of was type 2 fun (that which you enjoy in retrospect) but there was a lot of type 1 fun (the stuff enjoyed at the time) as well.



# International Weekend

## 7th - 9th August Three Counties Showground, Malvern

For those of you planning to attend this years IWE we would like to remind you that tickets are available from the Register office on 01235 818866 or by visiting the TR Shop and offer significant benefits over buying tickets at the event.

New this year

- Free Drinks reception on Friday evening for TR Register members. Ale, Wine and Soft drinks available
- An audience with Wayne Scott - "Winning Wedges" a conversation with key figures from the TR7 / 8's competition history
- New Saturday evening show: Adam Knight the Comedy Hypnotist! - Not to be Missed
- Triumph Survivors display of unrestored vehicles

Plus

- Largest display of TRs on the planet
- Autojumble
- Trade exhibition
- Concours and Pride of Ownership
- Autosolo and precision driving displays
- Arena presentations
- Evening entertainment
- FREE Technical Seminars

Celebrating 60yrs of TR3, 50yrs of TR4A and 40yrs of TR7.

Discounts for advance booking, so don't miss out! Closing date to buy your pre-booked tickets is the 26th July.

**IWE 2015 Advance ticket sales**



# 2015 Diary of Events

## Wessex Group Events

### July 2015

28th Club Night - Invited Car Night at IBM, Hursley, SO21 2JN **7.30pm**

### August 2015

7th - 9th International Weekend, Three Counties Show Ground, Malvern

16th Club Run to The Boot Inn, Houghton, Stockbridge, Hants  
SO20 6LH **11.30am** at Ower <http://thebootinn-houghton.co.uk>

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

### September 2015

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

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

### October 2015

11th Club Run - Awaits

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**

**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

### July 2015

24th - 26th Silverstone Classic, Northamptonshire

<http://www.silverstoneclassic.com>

### August 2015

2nd Lymington Spectacular Classic Car Show - Woodside Park Leamington

[Apply Here](#)

9th Newbury Classic Vehicle Show, Monks Lane Newbury RG14 7TD

10am - 4.30pm [Apply Here](#)

16th Hampshire Classic Motor Show - Breamore House, Nr. Fordingbridge,

Hants, SP6 2DF [Apply Here](#)

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 Highcliff Castle all over the summer.

Group Leader & Chairperson	Stuart Thompson	01794 512867
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	Sue Chorley	02380 293492
	John Davies	07341846490
	Geoff Glover	01202 861939
	Neil Winscom	01425 653336



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0.0	In	From Ower Services @ RAB take 4 <sup>th</sup> Exit A36 - SP Salisbury, Wellow, Plaitford & Landford
1.6	1.6	@ Wellow TR in to Whinwhisle Road/Tanners Lane - SP East Wellow & Awbridge
4.3	2.7	@ + straight over A27 in to Danes Road - SP Awbridge & Kimbridge
5.6	1.3	@ staggered + (War Memorial opp) TL then immediately TR in to Saunders Lane - SP Lockerley
6.3	0.6	@ TJ TL on to B3084 - SP Broughton, Mottisford & Dunbridge
7.1	0.7	@ Mill Arms TL in to Lockerley Road - SP Lockerley & East Tytherly
8.3	1.2	@ TJ TR - SP East Tytherly
8.8	0.4	After St. John's church on Right take next Left in to East Dean Road - SP East Dean, West Dean & Baptist Church
11.5	2.7	@ TJ TR over bridge - SP Tytherley & Winterslow
13.7	2.1	Caution! @ West Tytherley TR in to Church Lane - SP East Tytherley
15.1	1.5	Caution! @ East Tytherley TL - SP Broughton
17.1	1.9	@ TJ TL on to B3084 - SP The Wallops & Broughton
18.0	0.9	@ Broughton TR (one way) in to Queenwood Road - SP Village Centre
18.2	0.1	@ sharp bend to Right (The Grey Hound on Right) TL - SP Middle Wallop & Stockbridge
19.5	1.3	@ + straight over A30 (no SP)
20.9	1.4	Caution! Through village and immediately after passing bridge on left take next Right (no SP or road name)
22.9	1.9	@ TJ TR (no SP)
25.1	2.1	Caution! @ farm buildings on Right TL (no SP or road name)
25.9	0.7	@ TJ TR (no SP or road name)
26.8	0.9	@ staggered + cross A30 - SP Houghton
27.4	0.5	Enter North Houghton
28.6	1.2	The Boot Inn is on Left, car park at rear
		Boot Inn tel: 01794 388310

### Driving Directions from Ower Services to the Boot Inn Houghton SO20 6LH

RAB = Roundabout. TL = Turn Left. TR = Turn Right. SP = Sign Post. TJ = T Junction. TrL = Traffic Lights. + Cross Roads.

Caution! = keep an eye on your mileage for reference.