



COTSWOLD VALE TR NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2015

Another month flown past, talking of “flying past” see end of newsletter. OK recent events round up.....

September 25th Curry Evening – Shunargra Restaurant, Pershore

Twenty-eight Cotswold Vale gourmets turned up at the Shunarga at the same time, creating the impression that they had come together on a coach.....

Fortunately, most had ordered their meals in advance so the staff seemed quite relaxed...



....until everybody sat down and started demanding food....

Andy is obviously extremely hungry, and possibly worrying that he won't get served until Bob and Rose sit down...and Ian wasn't standing on ceremony!



.....sorted!!



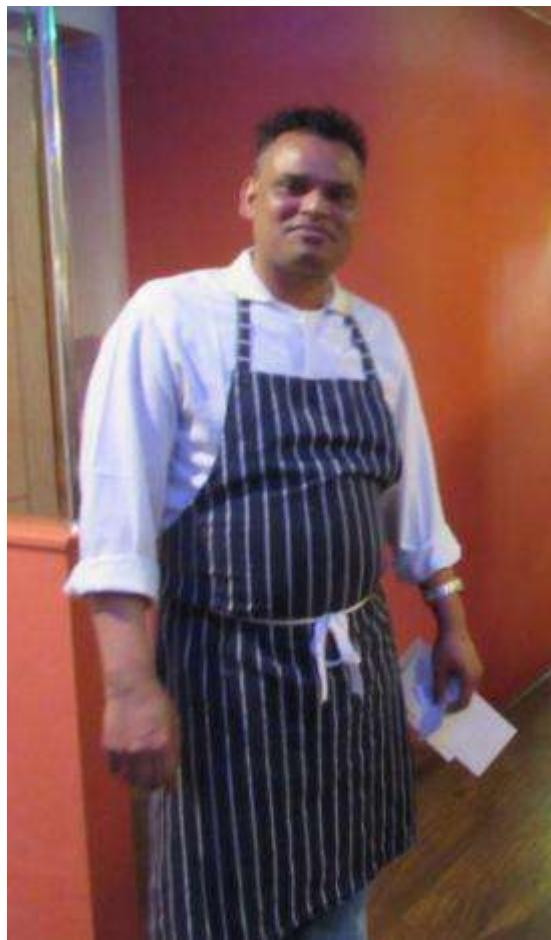
The Walkers and Meg started on their campaign to clean out the bar stock...



.....and everyone socialised happily while anticipating their meals...
(and a dancer skidding to a halt on Jennie's head!)



...so Farouk the Chef headed off to his lair to have a cup of tea...



Poppadoms were served to keep us occupied while he chased his staff to get the starters plated up, and this chap devised a method of eating his from the centre outwards! I photographed him out of focus in an attempt to conceal his identity, but you all know who it is anyway!!



The kitchen, Abad and the floor staff did a fantastic job of getting everyone's meal on the table at the same time, which was then rapidly disposed of....

....although it seems to have had a strange effect on Jane....!!!!



Actually, for some reason she had tipped the contents of her handbag on the floor.

One brave member complained that his meal wasn't hot enough!!! It certainly was when it returned from the kitchen! Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the evening, and we departed in high spirits, some higher than others!! Shall we do it again next week/month/year? (Delete as appropriate)

Richard Durrant

Prescott Autumn Classic 3rd 4th October

The sixth Prescott Autumn Classic was held over the weekend of 3rd and 4th October in mixed weather conditions. Cold and damp on Saturday (when we attended) then some sunshine on Sunday (when we didn't!!)

In consideration of the weather we decided to go in Meg's car, as we have had difficulty in getting the TR off the field in the past for this reason....



Dave Roberts sensibly parked adjacent to the exit road....



This could easily turn into a reproduction of previous years' reports, so I suggest that you may like to look at the CVTR Newsletters for October 2012, 2013 and 2014.

WHAT!!! – Don't you keep previous Newsletters – do you even look at them....?!!

This is the last Prescott meeting of the year, and combines runs up the hill against the clock – over 140 Classic cars competing, including a round of the Revington/TR Register Hill Climb and Sprint Championship - and an American influence, to the degree that it is in danger of being renamed The American Weekend! Hot Rods, Steam cars, Indian bikes, Stilt Walkers...



....the Bravo Boys playing jukebox classics live on stage....



....and the Demon Drome Wall of Death, occupied only part of the proceedings.





The Wall of Death evolved in the early 1900s when board track racing was banned in America. Although, how turning the track through 90 degrees to the vertical could be considered safer seems odd.....!! This unit was constructed in 1927 and shipped to the UK not long afterwards to appear in funfairs, eventually in Skegness until the early 80s. It then travelled until 2000 when it was abandoned on the back of a lorry until restoration started in 2003.

It was easily the star attraction for families and non petrol heads and the queues stretched the length of the paddock, but we gave it a try and it is well worth watching. More on this subject later!

The Revington/TR Register Hill Climb Championship



We had to leave before the second run up the hill on Saturday afternoon, but the results for the first run were:

54	Dale Huxford	Spitfire	1296cc	53.93
60	Roderick Warner	TR7 V8	3500cc	54.01
56	Nick Smith	TR6	2600cc	54.35
55	Robert Barnard	TR4	2300cc	56.11
58	Roger McEwen	TR6 PI	2598cc	58.68
53	Alan Yeo	TR7		61.46
59	Graham Ramsey	TR7	1998cc	62.83
753	Chris Roberts	TR7		65.62
57	Jim Berry	TR6	2498cc	70.60

Second run results will be available on line and in the Competition report in the next TR Action.
(Outright hill record is 35.51 set in 2014 by Jos Goodyear in a 1340cc supercharged GWR Raptor!)

As promised, back to the Wall Of Death.

The Runners and Riders...



....including a converted AUSTIN SEVEN.....!!!





.....maybe I could convert my 1934 Box Saloon....?!! (ed comment – and practice your panning skills)
Richard Durrant

PRESCOTT EXTRA:-

On the way to Prescott, Andy Canning and I went to a coffee morning organised by Wayne Allman who builds hot rods and drag racers near Ilmington.



The drag racer below can reach 182mph from a standing start in only $\frac{1}{4}$ mile!! Yes that's correct – one hundred and eighty two mph.



I really like this T shirt.



At Prescott at the other extreme were these steam cars. One of the owners said there was no risk of these being stolen because it took about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour to steam them up!



Keith Brown

(Ed Comment – we should make this Wayne Allman event a feature on the CVTR calendar, if Wayne runs it next year!)

October 9th HERO Throckmorton Challenge

I turned up at the Vale Golf Club on Friday morning to play golf, only to be greeted with this view:-



It was actually a HERO TRaining day, so great to see couple of TRs ready for action! These are two “arrive and drive” TRs, prepared by TR Enterprises, for event hire

Tony Sheach was in action with Rob Kiff in his now infamous “Beastie”

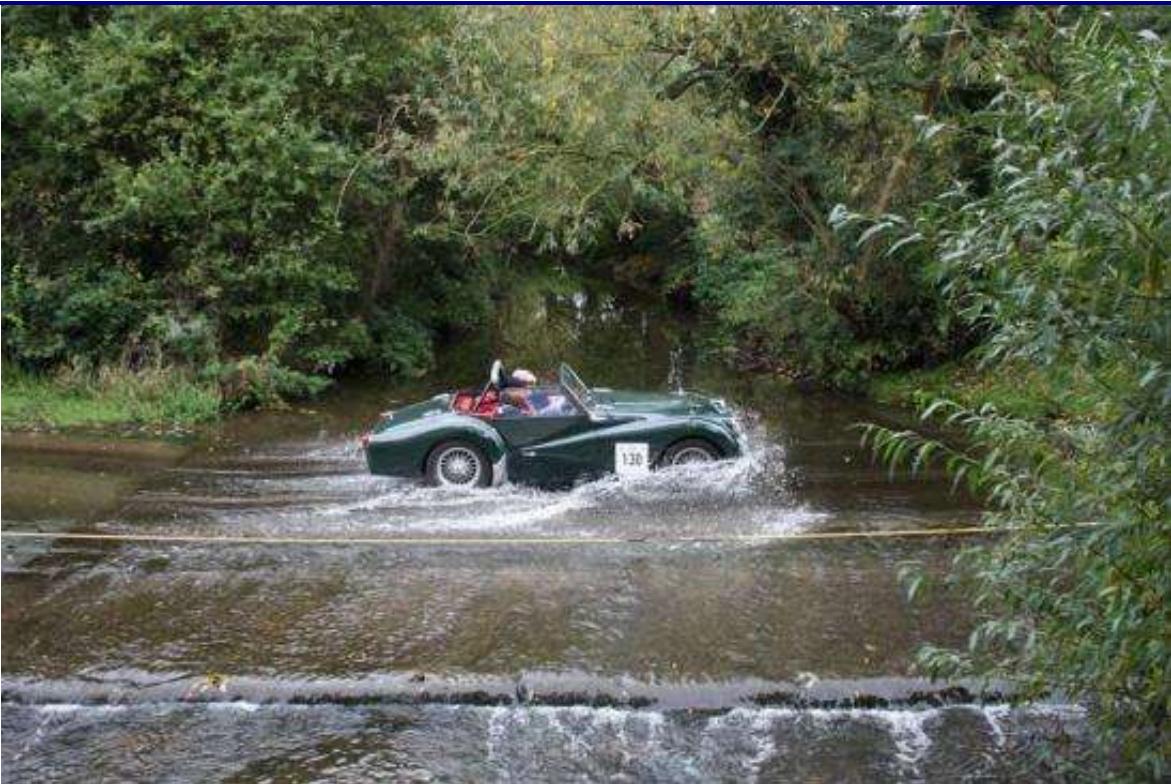




And Rachel Wakefield, whom some of our members know from her photography portfolio of their cars, was in the navigators seat alongside David Hankin.



There were plenty of other TRs entered, including TR6s and sidescreen cars:-



(photos courtesy of Tim Sawyer, HERO website)

Rallying was my sport (in my youth) and as such I'm putting this on my calendar for 2016!

Ian Brown

October 9th Skittles evening with Birmingham Group.

Probably worth starting the report with the formal exchange of communication between the organisers:-

Hello Dave

Many thanks for organising last night.

After round one when we were winning I thought we would be coming home with the trophy. What went wrong? Was we robbed? Did anyone check the scoring?

However it has to be said that in true grit British spirit our team did well despite the odds, with Rosemarie on crutches, Lorna with concussion, a black eye and suspected broken arm, and Jo recovering from a fall just for a start. Also playing away didn't help.

I did try to sneak the trophy out under my coat at the end but the Birmingham group security was just too much!!

Keith Brown

Hi Keith

Excuses, excuses.

That we were able to run the event is due, in no small measure, to your own efforts in picking up the baton from Colin.

We got to the required numbers for the booking and, allowing for the tip I gave to the barmaid, just covered the costs and didn't have to cancel and forfeit the deposit.

So thank you to yourself and to the CVTR team.

I look forward to the next time on your turf.

Dave Gibson

This was followed up by Keith to a note to the brave CVTR team

Many thanks to all team CVTR for support at the skittles last night. After round one when we were winning I thought we would be coming home with the trophy. What went wrong? Was we robbed? Did anyone check the scoring?

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Hope you all found your way home without too many wrong turns.

Thanks

Keith

And just to rub a bit of salt into the wounds, this appeared on the Birmingham Group facebook page with a few photographs:-

The Birmingham TR Register V Cotswold Vale TR Register Grand Skittles Challenge is a little like the Ryder Cup, it appears to have become a biennial event. Two years ago the Birmingham group won the magnificent Skittles cup for the first time. This year's re match took place at the Fountain in Clent. The Birmingham team retained the cup with a 238- 221 score (score to be confirmed). Well done team!



And the victorious winning team photograph



And the losers.....



Were we downhearted? – NEVER

Keith Brown

October 11th Sunday lunch, organised by Brian Wiggins at The Broom Hall near Bidford.

September 11th and its Sunday lunch at Broom Hall kindly organised by Brian Wiggins. Super food and company with 9TR's in the car park and 25 people sitting down for a carvery. We had the restaurant to ourselves so we were able to spread out a bit. One or two members indulged in a dessert which , one in particular said she would share with her husband, did he get a look in , well maybe a couple of spoons but that was it. guess who??.

Many thanks Brian, especially as you are very busy working away from home and only have your weekends to catch up on life around here.

(Only one complaint from a member, after she had eaten it all, “no sherry in the sherry trifle”, is a pattern developing here?)





Andrew Racey

And not be outdone in the photography stakes, here is Dave Gillespie's "blackmail" photograph



(what have I let myself in for here.....????????)

October 18th Autumn Leaves Run – Brian Wiggins

A cloudy Sunday morning and 11 TR's gathered at the top of Fish Hill for a very pleasant drive through the Cotswold taking in the autumn leave colours and super villages. Our destination was Batsford Arboretum for a lunch stop and, if so desired a walk around the arboretum. Once again we have Brian Wiggins to thank for organising the event.

No cars lost in the convoy but Terry Smith had a bit of an issue with his starter motor. On our way through Morton in Marsh we saw another group of TR's going the opposite way. It is thought they were from Brunel Group.

Pleased to welcome Dave Newberry on the run as well.

Thanks again Brian

Andrew Racey

October 25th Stoneleigh Restoration Show

A few CVTR members went to the Stoneleigh restoration show on the 25th, Dave Gillespie, Bob Heppell, Dave Newberry, Rob King, and Keith Brown. Dave Gillespie looking for some trim items for his TR3A that he plans to have on show at the NEC classic car show in November. Bob was probably looking for novelty items for the next raffle, and Keith was looking out for a spare sealed beam unit or two and other similar, exciting items.

Outside the main entrance was an opportunity to get up close to a rebuilt Spitfire (the plane not the car). I must say I cannot imagine how you would fly a Spitfire with such limited visibility and as for shooting down enemy aircraft - well those pilots must have been something special.



Keith Brown

Technical Section

Rear Suspension update – Brian Wiggins' TR6!

Having attempted to refit both drive shafts that Keith had so generously dismantled and reassembled with brand new bearings and attached upgraded driveshafts from Proptech (a total under statement of what's involved in actually doing the job!) I realised that one thread on each side had been stripped by the 'DPO' thereby giving me a major problem.

Keith convinced me to go for a stud upgrade kit to 3/8UNC from the original 5/16 UNF thread in the castings rather than fitting Helicoils. So off I went to collect the kit from John Southall of Classic Driving Developments in Shipston on Stour. The kit not only includes the studs, nuts, washers and Loctite but also the hire of drilling and tapping jigs to ensure that this is done with the degree of accuracy required to successfully refit the hubs!

Last Friday (16th October) I fitted the new studs to both the trailing arms. Because of the superb quality of the tools this is not a difficult task and I actually found it to be quite therapeutic knowing that I'm solving a known weak spot due to the vulnerability to over tightening of the original set up. The successful outcome enabled me to return the tool set to John's unit on our way back from the Autumn Leaves Run passing the Group we'd seen earlier but now parked in Moreton where I assume they'd stop for lunch!

One quite scary interlude was realising I didn't need to buy a tap wrench as I had one buried deep inside a old tool box. In fact I'd made both the tool box and the tap wrench (see photo) during my apprenticeship at Dennis Bros some 44 years ago! This was the first time the Tap Wrench had been used in all that time!!!

End result! Upgraded studs installed with 3/8 UNC in the casting both sides!

Next up is the removal of both trailing arms in order to fit new bushes as Keith detected play whilst checking for wear in the wheel bearings. Then reassembly with new springs and collars before turning the car around and attend to the MOT issues on the front end!



To be continued next month.....

SOMETHING WE CAN ALL IDENTIFY WITH



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear CVTR Newsletter Editor

I have said it before and I'll say it again; I might be a slightly remote member, but I have to say how much I appreciate the newsletter and the effort that goes into it. It's entertaining and informative, and makes me feel connected to a bunch of like-minded individuals.

Good work fellas - keep it up!

And thank you.

Mark Hellings

PS I have a new rear end (so to speak) after a slight shunt back in the summer!! Not too serious but it meant a new bumper and boot lid. Black paintwork looks a bit too shiny in this shot but it's calming down.



(ed comment, like minded individuals? Maybe we need some therapy!)

Dear CVTR Newsletter Editor

I thought you may appreciate these recent emissions test images:-



Anthony Bond

(Ed comment:- this is what I believed that I bought:-)



BUT - as cartoonist Matt aptly observed.....



*'We've found the problem. You're looking at
£18 billion plus parts and labour'*

Dear CVTR Newsletter Editor

Four members of CVTR took part in the recent Triumphant Welsh Tour. Please find attached the certificate with the total raised for the Hope House Children's Hospice £1,168.75, (I didn't contribute the 75p by the way.) Terry Smith, Jaqui Bailey, Mike Hill and myself set off for the Tour base at the Metropole Hotel in Llandrindod Wells, on Friday 18th Sept, travelling through the only rain we would see for the whole weekend. The Hotel was good, food and company was excellent, weather dry and occasionally sunny, the roads narrow, twisty and mountainous, scenery magnificent. Both of our cars ran faultlessly and we returned safely on the Sunday afternoon. I think I can say we all thoroughly enjoyed the whole trip and if Chris decides to repeat it then I would heartily recommend members to take part.

Thanks and see you at the AGM, if not before.



Ian Benfield

(Ed Comment – a great effort from the participants, and one I feel sure other CVTR members may have supported had it been made known to them. Chris Glaseby, long time TR Register member, the organiser, is also one of the founders of the Sporting Bears and has a great record of charity fundraising.)

Dear CVTR Newsletter Editor

I recently persuaded Ian to drop me off at the hairdressers in Doncaster (on one of our many trips back North), as you would imagine he was not in the best of moods at this chore! However his eyes did light up when he saw the reception desk, so much so he posed for this photograph:-



Sue Brown

From The CVTR Archives

I'm saving our archive information for slow news months.....who knows when that might be???????

CVTR MONTHLY MEETING 28th OCTOBER 2015

Apologies were received from Ian Benfield, Brain Wiggins, Alan Wilding, Richard and Meg Durrant and Colin Boothe.

Andrew confirmed to those present that Colin was very poorly at present ,following a couple of spells in hospital with cancer he is now in St Richards Hospice where he is trying to build up his strength and have complete bed rest prior to any further treatment. I am sure everyone in CVTR thoughts are with Leslie and the family at this time and send Colin our best wishes.

We were able to welcome a new member Nick Simkiss who lives in Bromsgrove and has recently purchased a TR4a, and it was also good to welcome back Dave McHattie.

We have also decided to postpone the AGM due next month until the spring of next year. Meanwhile a number of members will do their best to keep everything ticking over. Your help in doing this would be much appreciated.

Ian started the meeting by going through the events over the past four weeks - as seen in this newsletter.....

FUTURE EVENTS

November 1st TR Register annual AGM,

hopefully those who wish to go have now registered with the club their intention to be at the meeting.

November 8th--Thai Emerald Sunday lunch in Evesham.

Return to this venue being organised by Tim Walker, please contact Tim on t1_walker@tesco.net

November 14/15./16th Classic car show at NEC

David Gillespie's TR3a will be pride of place on the TR Register stand.

November 25th - CVTR meeting at The Fleece.

December 6th Date for the diary, Christmas lunch at The Fleece.

Available from 1st December until 3rd January
1 course £11.95 2 courses £15.90 3 courses £19.90
Starters or Soups only £5.95

Starters

- HOMEMADE SOUP OF THE DAY SERVED WITH CRUSTY BREAD AND BUTTER
- SMOKED SALMON ON A ROSEMARY CROSTINI, HORSERADISH CRÈME FRAÎCHE
- CHICKEN LIVER AND SMOKED BACON PÂTÉ, TOASTED FOCACCIA, FIG CHUTNEY
- CREAMY OXFORD BLUE CHEESE MUSHROOMS, TOASTED BRIOCHE, REDCURRANT SAUCE
- CHICKEN, BACON & BLACK PUDDING SALAD, WHOLEGRAIN MUSTARD DRESSING

Main Courses

- TRADITIONAL ROAST TURKEY SERVED WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS
- MULLED CIDER MARINATED BELLY PORK, BLACK PUDDING, SAGE FONDANT POTATO, CIDER SAUCE
- BRAISED BEEF, WHOLEGRAIN MUSTARD MASH, BABY VEGETABLES
- BRIE, CRANBERRY AND CHESTNUT TART, ROCKET & SPRING ONION SALAD, NEW POTATOES
- PAN SEARED SALMON, POTATO ROTI, LEMON AND PRAWN BUTTER
- RUMP OF LAMB, SPRING ONION MASH, ROSEMARY AND REDCURRANT SAUCE

Desserts

- TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS PUDDING, BRANDY SAUCE
- STICKY BANANA PUDDING WITH CUSTARD

Chocolate and Tia Maria bread and butter pudding with Spot Loggins vanilla ice cream
Triple chocolate brownie, Spot Loggins honeycomb ice cream
Homemade raspberry and white chocolate brûlée
Selection of locally made cheeses

During December three course set menu will include starter, coffee and mince pie.
For other tea and coffee orders complimentary mince pies will be included.
Children's meals & gluten free menus are available.

Please ensure you have given your name to Keith Brown who is organising this event-- .01386 830604

Saturday 19th December

Matinee performance of Dick Whittington at The Artrix in Bromsgrove:-

Brian Wiggins, Vice Chairperson, Stage Manager and Publicity for Artrix (& CVTR member!) comments:-

"The show is suitable for all ages and is based on the traditional British pantomime formula where all the double entendres go straight over the children's heads!"

I will of course be back stage but I can also arrange a tour 'behind the scenes' after the show. "

Brian has said that due to the popularity of the weekend shows the only discount he can propose is the Family Ticket offer which is £47 for either two adults and 2 children or one adult and 3 children. Four tickets would normally cost £57 so that's really good value. Should you wish to attend then please contact Brian ASAP with requirements AND payment in advance. He will then try to ensure everyone sits together. bcwiggins@hotmail.com or phone 01527 542164.

January 20th - CVTR "committee" meeting at The Fleece. 7.00pm in the pub.

This is where we are looking for ideas for the diary for 2016, so please come along and help us work on the programme for your club.

New Years Annual Awards Dinner to be held at Dumbleton Hall on January 23rd 2016

Bob Heppell is organising this popular event. A menu is available. This year the cost is £25 per head (£1 cheaper than last year). Cheques should be made payable to R Heppell. Please book your rooms with Dumbleton Hall and quote Cotswold Vale event.

Polish off your best bib and tucker!

Cotswold Vale TR Club January 23 2016	
Meal time 6.30 for 7.00 PM	
@	
Dumbleton Hall	
Menu	
Starter	
Cream of butternut Squash, Sage Beignets.....	
Ham Hock & Guinea Fowl Terrine.....	
Pearls of Melon, Fruits & orange Sabayon.....	
Main	
Roast Pave of Lamb, Flageolet Puree & Balsamic Glaze.....	
Hake on a bed of Warm Tomatoes with Chorizo Crumb & Herb Oil.....	
Pan Fried Chicken Supreme with Haggis Farcé & Whiskey Cream.....	
Mushroom Guinness & Root Vegetable Casserole with Cream Potato.....	
Dessert	
Lemon Tart with Berry Compote.....	
Apple and Sultana Sponge, Anglaise Sauce.....	
Sunken Chocolate Cake with Clotted Cream.....	
Cheese and Biscuit Selection.....	
Freshly Brewed Tea or Coffee with Dinner mints	
Name.....	Tel number.....
Name	Tel Number
Meal price is £25.00 per person rooms @ special price £85.00 Double Quote Cotswold vale when Booking Dumbleton Hall Tel Number 01386 881240 Post Code WR11 7TS Book Rooms Direct	
Please Make Cheques Payable to R Heppell (Meal Only)	
Contact details for Bob Heppell are robert.heppell@btinternet.com or phone 01386 860499	

At this point in time the numbers are down on what we have come to expect, PLEASE let Bob know if you intend to attend. Yes it is a long way off but all Bob wants at this stage is your name on the list , he will sort out your meal requirements and payment later .robert.heppell@btinternet.com or phone him on 01386 860499

SUPPLEMENT – ODD VEHICLES



(Brian Wiggins Fire Engine Prototype?)

Andrew Racey, Ian Brown and Richard Durrant

And finally.....

XH558 completed its last flying display season, here is a memory from its first display in 2015 at Throckmorton.



Add this to the weekend Halloween celebrations..... and that's it for this month!



(Well, not quite finally, I'm still trying to work out what word Rob King was intimating in his September letter!)