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RED ROSE RAMBLINGS



Dave's First Newsletter

After a phone call from Bob and a begging letter from Steve Dyne, I have agreed to take over the role of Newsletter editor, author or whatever the title is. Pauline has kindly agreed to be my mentor until such time as I can be let loose on my own. She has passed on her discs which contain her six years work. Hope she has kept copies so she can re-read them when there is nothing on TV. Before I ramble on too much a massive thanks to Pauline who has been our Editor for

5 years.

I will of course re-read Pauline ramblings and with a little bit of crafty cut and paste here and there, may be reuse some of her thoughts hoping of course that no one notices! I do however intend following the winning formula that Pauline and previous editors have so developed over the years. I also hope to introduce a few ideas of my own.

As I dig further into the editorship responsibilities I can now understand why I was elected was unopposed.

So having taken on this job, how to go about it ? Well, for inspiration I thought social media may help. I took a look on Twitter at two infamous Fleet Street editors Piers Morgan and Rebecca Brookes for some ideas but in the end decided that sort of inspiration was not conducive to a motoring club publication. Facebook also provided few ideas So where shall I start ? First , for those of you wondering who this David Buckingham is, I'm the one presently supporting a beard, hardly any hair and with a Brummy accent. A Sapphire blue TR6 is my love. Having admitted to the Brummy upbringing, not a lot of members may know this, but we do have other Midland exiles amongst our ranks. At the Christmas buffet I think amongst all the cheering and jeering Ronnie volunteered to be our first page 3 girl. All the boys will certainly look forward to this new feature. I thought in the last issue

Deryck Pickup's account of his trip to Switzerland was excellent. Let's have more holiday stories, please. For the benefit of our newer members and those too old to remember, these ramblings are available in paper and electronic versions. For those of you wanting the paper version they are available at a cost of £6.00/annum payable to yours truly. Those of you who would like to wait for the freebie electronic version, it is published later on the Red Rose Web site www.redrosetrs.co.uk. My first task is to include the following sad news.

Obituary

Alan James Handley sadly passed away on 26th November 2015. Known to his many TR friends as Jim, he was a member of the Red Rose group for many years and he went on the group's first European trip to Mannheim in 1999 with his wife Lynn. This was followed a year later by the Spanish

trip. We were all getting on well but thought Jim and Lynn were rather quiet until we discovered they were on the wrong CB channel for most of the holiday. It's been a running joke ever since. They became regular attendees on other holidays in their beautiful TR5, including trips to Italy, France and Cornwall. They also took part in almost every Traws Cambria weekend.

Jim, with his quiet sense of humour and easy friendship, will be very much missed and never forgotten by his friends at Red Rose.

The kind words courtesy of Steve and Ronnie.

Breaking News

Having mentioned the Web site we have a new Web master and like the newsletter Bob has gone for youth!! Phil Moss comes to us with Steve's blessing. Those of you who don't know Phil, he is one of our younger members. Phil arrives just as the register is giving its Web site a much needed overhaul. Phil will

expand later on how the two sites will operate together.

Christmas Buffet

On 13th December, 35 or so members sat for our annual do at the Antrobus Arms. I was rather disappointed that it was not the usual standard.

After the meal Jonathon outlined his ideas for the Summer Fayre. It will be held on Saturday 6th August at the Antrobus village hall. Later on in this news letter is an update from Caroline.

Christmas Dinner Dance

On December 19th we assembled at the Bridge Restaurant Prestbury for the annual dinner dance. The food and service was superb with an excellent choice from the a la carte menu.

One of the starters items was "Queenie and Scampie", sounded more like a music hall act to me.

All the ladies were beautifully turned out as were the boys in their Moss Bros uniforms (only joking).

We were entertained by Guy on

the organ with Sue, a vocalist whose voice reminded me of Karen Carpenter.

Later on a brass band arrived and played selected melodies of well known Christmas carols.

The night was well organised by Sandra (who managed to balance the books after a couple of recounts.) Thanks Sandra.

AGM

Sunday 10th January saw a good turnout for the AGM. The minutes of the 2015 AGM were approved by show of hands.

Election of Officers

Bob Eccles, Group Leader
Steve Dyne, Deputy Leader
John Leleu, Treasurer
David Buckingham, Newsletter Editor
Phil Moss, Webmaster
Chris Briggs, Events bookings
Bob presented his annual statement, not quite in the style of George Osborne, but chronologically taking us through our 2015 events. These included some wonderful trips. Drive it day, Traws

Cambria, Ireland, Red Rose weekend, Albert Dock (spoilt by a drop of rain, enough said) Summer Run, IWE, Silverstone Classic, Oulton Park Gold Cup, Lakes Weekend, Goodwood Revival and NEC Classic show. That's quite a year and also includes two visits to Tatton Park and various "spares days". If anyone attended all those I will gladly buy them a pint!

Two awards were made. The Red Rose Cup, which is at the discretion of the Group Leader, was made to Pauline for her outstanding contribution to the production of this mag.

The other The Mike Conry Memorial Plate (voted for by the members) was won by Bob for his splendid organisation of the Coast to Coast Run. The vote must have been a very close call and special mention should be made to Caroline, Jonathon, Carole and Mike for their Red Rose Weekend. Much appreciated thanks to all four.

Treasurers Report

John talked us through the accounts for 2015 which shows

a healthy balance at the bank of just over £2,000.00. There has been much previous discussion as to how we can relieve John of some of the cash. At this point, up jumps Jonathon rather like the opposition leader at Prime Ministers question time. Seems that he wants to spend most of our cash on a pig and a dead one at that!

Joking aside, Jonathon has already spent a lot of time planning our anniversary celebration and we should applaud his efforts and give him our total support.

Can it be recorded that everyone in attendance volunteered to help out !!!

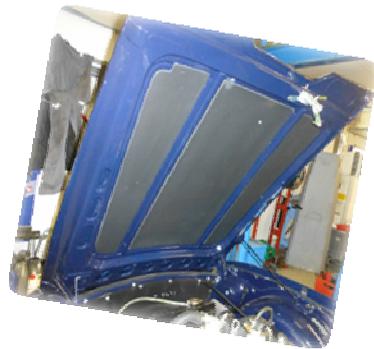
Letters to the Editor

This is a new section, so let's have your thoughts on any subject. It could include your experiences involving manufacturers, suppliers, garages, i.e. anything that can help me fill the pages.

We know that Bob for instance has had major surgery on his 6 engine. Winter projects?, what

have YOU all been up to ? please let us have a few words and photos if possible.

I spotted this TR6 fitted with sound insulation to the underside of the bonnet. I may be new to the world of TR land but I thought the idea was "noise is beautiful"



Do members have any thoughts on the above idea before I rush off and get it fitted. Only joking.....

Message from Caroline
RED ROSE 45th Anniversary
Celebration 6th August at the
Antrobus Village Hall

The idea was first proposed to members at the November meeting and the initial response was very good. Since then we have made quite a lot of progress and had some good suggestions and ideas of what to do on the day.

The Antrobus village hall is now booked and paid for. A suggested itinerary for the days events was put to everyone at the AGM and all members were very enthusiastic about the plans for the day.

We are planning to start the day off with a run which will finish at the village hall. Then there will be various activities including a car show and an auction. We will also be serving refreshments and are hoping to have a hog roast!

Obviously an event like this does not organise itself and whilst Jonathan and I and Carole and Mike are happy to do the main organising and to take on quite a few other roles we do need a jolly band of volunteers. Unsurprisingly,

Jonathan has appointed himself as a judge for the car show along with Mike. Shockingly Carole and I are going to be cake judges for the cake competition!

We will also be waving people off at the start of the run and setting up at the hall ready for when people arrive back. All extra help will be much appreciated.....

Red Rose members haven't disappointed when it comes to volunteering to help and so far we have managed to fill the following roles:

The run registration team will be the usual partners in crime, the Smiths and the Biddulphs. The official photographer is Tim Davies.

The marshals on the route stops are Alan and Doreen and hopefully Sue and Ian (they just need a bit of arm bending!)

The marshal for arrival at the Antrobus Hall will be Mike Grimes.

The tom-bola and bring and buy table will be manned by the glamorous twosome of Audrey and Pauline

The auction master will be Tim Davies. (I hope he has a big enough gavel)

The Tea and Coffee lady will be Judith although she will only be overseeing it i.e you will all have to help yourself!

The side shows will be manned by Steve Dyne and John Bell and Steve is hoping to set up a slide show and maybe a board of photographs, so if any one has any photos (the older the better) could they dig them out?

The official roving reporter for the day will of course be Dave Buckingham who will have his note book in hand looking for a scoop!

Further details and regular updates will follow along with a booking form.

As well as being a celebration we are hoping that this event will encourage more members to come to the meetings and on the runs and events that are organised by the club throughout the year.

We can promise you a fun day out so save the date in your diary and come along and support Red Rose. It's your club and we want it to keep it going for another 45 years!

Characteristics of a Sports Car

I found this item on an American site. They certainly have a way with the English language.

"When you imagine driving a sports car, you see yourself effortlessly running through the gears and throwing the automobile into hairpin turns. If this is what you expect from a sports car, then the Triumph has you covered. A standard four-speed, tight ratio, manual transmission with a short throw shifter provided excellent service.

Eventually an overdrive transmission with five speeds launched as an option to enhance Highway drivability and fuel economy.

With an inherent low center of gravity and a wide stance this automobile has an almost sticky quality when driving hard into turns. Standard 15 inch tires, rack and pinion steering and an impressive end linking sway bars add a level of confidence few cars of its era can provide.

For me the icing on the cake is the rear trailing arm suspension. It's the same independent type used on [sports cars like the Ferrari Testarossa](#). Skilled drivers can get their money's worth with every twist or turn that comes their way when piloting a TR6."



this one:-

Know your highway code

I thought it might be interesting to take a look at some of the more obscure "rules" from our driving bible. Most of us passed our tests in the last century, in my case over 50 years ago (shudder). When was the last time you browed its pages? So who knows

So that's it. My first attempt. Hope you have enjoyed it. Comments to the address below please.

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