

# The TRunnion

TR Register Lea Valley Group

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## MEETINGS VENUE

Unless otherwise specified, all Group Lunchtime Meetings are now on the **third** Sunday of the month at The Cock Inn, 23 High Street, Broom, Biggleswade SG18 9NA (Tel: 01767 314 411), commencing 12:00.

This is a 'lunchtime meeting', not specifically a 'lunch meeting'. Food is optional, so no need to book. Plenty of parking space behind pub.

## WEB SITES

TR Register: [www.tr-register.co.uk](http://www.tr-register.co.uk)

TR Forum: [www.tr-register.co.uk/forums](http://www.tr-register.co.uk/forums)

LVG: [www.groups.tr-register.co.uk/lea-valley](http://www.groups.tr-register.co.uk/lea-valley)

Facebook: **"TR Register Lea Valley Group"**  
[www.facebook.com/leavalleyTR](http://www.facebook.com/leavalleyTR)

*Our monthly lunchtime meetings are well supported, so it would be appreciated if those intending to eat could please contact The Cock so that they have an idea of numbers. The kitchen is very small and cannot cope with a sudden influx of people wanting to eat, especially if they have other customers booked or campers in the adjacent field. Most people stay for a couple of hours and are happy to wait, so it shouldn't be a case of everyone needing food on the table at the same time. Hopefully we can avoid anyone going hungry and also overloading the kitchen!*

## 2016 EVENTS CALENDAR

### **BIG-4 Events**

**Please read the Committee and AGM Minutes for information on possible 2016 BIG-4 major events which we encourage all members to attend:**

**Jun.12: Luton Festival of Transport, Stockwood Park**

**Jun.26: CACCC Tibbles Tour**

**Jul.3: Bicester Flywheel Festival**

**TBA: Social TRip to a venue of interest to drivers and passengers**

**(This year's events continued below. Nominations for 2016 BIG-4 and other events welcome now)**

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## Other Events

*This year's calendar events are still to be confirmed following the Committee meeting in March. Meanwhile, Paul has provided a list of events which he is considering and we welcome any other suggestions from all members.*

*Events with an 'official' Lea Valley Group presence are shown in **bold type**. Please let me know of any other events that may be of interest to members and I will include them, plus others that I hear about.*

*Please contact Paul Richardson if you have queries about any of these events.*

*"We don't expect members to do all of the events, just good to give them the choice!!!" - Paul*

***Note: Monthly lunchtime meeting dates are always on the third Sunday.***

### 2016

#### Mar.19: LVG Committee Meeting

#### Mar.20: LVG Sunday Lunchtime Meeting

Apr.3: Old Warden Classic Show (Gemini)

#### Apr.6: LVG Evening Meeting (Venue TBA)

Apr.10: HRCR Corinium Run (N.Cotwolds)  
(Paul & Wendy)

" MK Classic Tour

Apr.15-17: CACCC Springing Up Tour

#### Apr.17: LVG Sunday Lunchtime Meeting

(Route to Lunch with Julian)

Apr.24: MAC Classic - Gaydon to Shelsley Walsh  
(Paul & Dave)

" TRR East Area Drive It Day - Duxford

#### Apr.30: Cars on Ramps at Robsport

May 2: Beds Car Show - Turvey House (Gemini)

#### May 4: LVG Evening Meeting (Venue TBA)

#### May 7: LVG Committee Meeting

May 7: Nostalgia Motor Sport Forum Film Show

May 8: Wallingford Classic Rally

#### May 15: LVG Sunday Lunchtime Meeting

(Route to Lunch with Brian or possibly combine with Chiltern Hills Rally)

May 22: Bicester Heritage Scramble

May 29-30: Classics in the Park - Knebworth  
(Gemini)

#### Jun.1: LVG Evening Meeting (Venue TBA)

Jun.5: HRCR Derbyshire Dales Tour

#### Jun.11: [BIG-4+?] Ace Cafe Triumph Car Day

#### Jun.12 [BIG-4] Luton Festival of Transport, Stockwood Park

Jun.18: LGCCVCC Transport Picnic - Halls Green

#### Jun.19: LVG Sunday Lunchtime Meeting

(Route to Lunch with Paul)

#### Jun.26: [BIG-4] CACCC Tibbles Tour

" Haynes Village 100 Festival of Motoring

#### Jul. 2: LVG Committee Meeting

#### Jul.3: [BIG-4] Bicester Flywheel Festival

([www.flywheelfestival.com](http://www.flywheelfestival.com))

Jul.3: Classic Motor Show, Hatfield House

#### Jul.6: LVG Evening Meeting - Classics in the Walled Garden, Luton Hoo

Jul.9-10: Chateau Impney Hillclimb - Droitwich

Jul.10: SBMC Classic Cars - Kimbolton Fayre

#### Jul.15-17: TRR International Weekend - Lincoln

Jul.17: STMD at IWE - Lincoln

#### Jul.17: LVG Sunday Lunchtime Meeting

(Route to Lunch with TBA)

Jul.23: Revs & Rythms - Shefford

(Classic Car Show and Live Music)

Jul.24: HRCR Lavender Run (Warks/Worcs/Glocs)  
(Paul & Wendy)

Jul.30-31: Silverstone Classic

#### Aug.3: LVG Evening Meeting (Venue TBA)

Aug.4: RNLI Vintage & Classic Meeting - Pirton

Aug.7: HRCR Villages/Valleys Tour (Wilts)  
(Paul & Wendy)

Aug.14: HRCR Welland Valley Wander -  
Northants/Leics/Rutland (Paul & Wendy)

#### Aug.21: LVG Sunday Lunchtime Meeting

(Route to Lunch with TBA)

Aug.28: Brill Beer Festival

Aug.28-29: Classic Motor Show, Knebworth  
(Gemini)

Aug.29: Blenheim Classic Car Show

Sep.3: Cars in the Claydons, Middle Claydon,  
Bucks

(<http://www.claydonestate.co.uk/whats-on/>)

Sep.4: HRCR Regis Tap - W.sussex/Hants  
(Paul & Wendy)

#### Sep.7: LVG Evening Meeting (Venue TBA)

Sep.11: Toddington Railway Car Club Day

Sep.16-18: CACCC Falling Down Tour

Sep.17-18: Kop Hillclimb, Princes Risborough

#### Sep.18: LVG Sunday Lunchtime Meeting

(Route to Lunch with TBA)

#### Oct.1: LVG Committee Meeting

Oct.2: HRCR Tour of Kent

" Bicester Heritage Scramble

Oct.15-16: HRCR Autumn Leaves Tour - Mid-Wales  
(Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells)

#### Oct.16: LVG Sunday Lunchtime Meeting

#### Nov.20: LVG Sunday Lunchtime Meeting

#### Dec.18: LVG Sunday Lunchtime Meeting

*This calendar will be updated in TRunnion and also on the website, so please check online regularly for latest information.*

**TRunnion Deadlines [Late contributions accepted by prior agreement]**

Please note the following easy-to-remember dates for 2016 TRunnion contributions.

~~Friday 1st January~~

~~Tuesday 1st March~~

Sunday 1st May

Friday 1st July

Thursday 1st September

Tuesday 1st November

## EDITORIAL

It's only March but I can't believe how much has happened already this year. This issue of Trunnion has two Group Leaders' reports and there are several other documents which members should read on our website, including recent Committee and AGM minutes, so I won't repeat information that is in those. However, I was personally relieved that the 2016 Kick-Off Lunch at The Crown, Shillington in January was not only fully booked and a great success but also raised £165 for charity and you can read about that in the AGM minutes and Pierre's reports below.

For the benefit of those who were unable to attend the AGM in February, I should point out that we now have a new Group Leader, Pierre Miles, and two additions to the committee, Chris Glasbey and Phil Sanford. This is almost certainly the strongest committee LVG has had in its history, so we are hopeful that we can continue the growth which we have experienced in recent years. All current committee members are remaining and roles will be agreed at a special committee meeting on Saturday 19th March, when we will also attempt to finalise this year's BIG-4 events. However, the group will only thrive with the regular support of the members in our catchment area so it is vital that everyone that receives this newsletter or reads the LVG Social Scene reports in TRaction, completes Julian's latest LVG 'Gaining TRaction' survey form so that we know what everyone wants from the club and what types of events will be best supported.

We need bookings for two events due very soon. The first of these is 'Cars on Ramps' in April which Robsport have kindly agreed to host for us again this year. This was very popular last year so make sure you book a place as soon as possible or you may well be disappointed. Pat Glasbey has also suggested a TRip into Cambridge for 'Ladies Who Lunch' while we are at Robsport. Of course, it's entirely possible that some ladies may be happy to remain at Robsport to look under the cars and some gentlemen would prefer to go for a stroll and lunch in Cambridge rather than have hitherto undiscovered horrors revealed. Whichever you decide, do it quickly and return the form which is downloadable from our website. (Please see below for more website information).

The second event is the Luton Festival of Transport which we have made the first of our BIG-4 events. We are collaborating with TSSC and inviting other clubs and owners to help make a real Standard-Triumph presence, so we hope this will be very well supported by our own members. Tickets are available from Paul Richardson.

Details of both events are in this newsletter, as are details of the LVG Shirts offer. Time is running out to order these at the discounted prices so don't delay as there may not be a second chance.

I'm sure those who take their TRs off the road during the Winter are looking forward to getting back on the road in April and for once, I'm in a similar situation. My TR3A has gone back to TRGB for sill repairs and although it's only been gone for a week so far, I'm missing it already - it's my anti-depressant pill! I just wish we still had Lynda's TR4A to go for a blast. As I've been solely responsible for servicing and maintenance for the last 8 years, I shudder to think what other problems they may discover.



BrianC

**REMEMBER:** All recent TRunnions are available on the website, but if you are not already receiving them directly, it's probably because I don't have your current email address. To keep in touch via TRunnion (or to contribute letters, articles or photos), email [bjmole1-trlvq@mybtinternet.com](mailto:bjmole1-trlvq@mybtinternet.com).

In an effort to restrict the number of emails and attachments, I regularly post updates to the calendar, entry forms, order forms, etc on our official Group website. We are still awaiting a long-overdue new Group website infrastructure, so meanwhile we are stuck with what I consider the World's Worst Web-management software. This makes maintaining and updating our website extremely difficult and frustrating, even for someone that has spent a lifetime in the profession. However, I do encourage everyone to check what is there regularly but bear in mind the very limited control I have over it. The pages provided are Home, How To Find Us, Social Scene, **Group Newsletter**, **Future Events**, **Group Gallery**, How To Join TR and TR Register Shop. Of these, only those in bold are editable by the Local Group's website manager. Even updates and changes to the Home page can only be made on request to TR Register staff or contractors. The Social Scene page normally includes copies of the last three TRaction reports by the group, although this no longer seems to be maintained. At present, in addition to the calendar on the future events page, the following documents are available on the Group Newsletter page: Survey Form, LVG Shirts Flyer and Order Form, Latest Committee Minutes, Last Year's AGM Minutes (confirmed), Latest AGM Minutes (draft), Details and Entry Form for Cars on Ramps.

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### The Year So Far in Pictures

I thought I would try to encourage a few more members to supply pictures for TRunnion. Most people have a mobile phone capable of taking photos so please send me any odd snaps taken at meetings, events or simply of your own TR out and about. High resolution and artistic composition are not necessary as I have to downsize and can crop to tidy up if necessary.



Early arrivals at the Kick-Off Lunch  
(Photo by Pierre Miles)



Concours Cup Presentation to Phil Sanford  
at the AGM (Photo by Magda Malkowiak)



Formation Parking at the AGM (Photo by Magda Malkowiak)

Alternatively, to look at it from another angle...



(Photos by Phil Sanford)

## Group Leader's Report 11th January 2016

As I start my last report as Group Leader feeling guilty having only filled the position for two years, but that said, I do believe we have developed as a group in that time. We have many new regular members and have enjoyed several stunning events organised by some very dedicated and generous individuals. We also have a well attended and dare I say it, revived social scene. All this has been borne out of the commitment, effort and sheer time invested by many people and at the risk of this sounding like an acceptance speech, I would like to especially thank our excellent Committee, and also Pete, Chris and Pat for their incredible support, without whom none of it would have been possible. My last plea as Group Leader would be to encourage those who have not yet been to one of our regular meetings to give it a try. We are nice people! And contrary to popular belief, we don't talk about trunnions and spigots all the time!

Following the 2016 Kick Off lunch in January, we will be holding our first 2016 Committee Meeting on 13th February in preparation for the AGM on 21st February, in which the 2016 elections will take place. If you have anything else that you would like to have discussed, please let me know. We are also encouraging volunteers for Committee membership, so if you are interested, please contact me. As last year, food will be provided at the AGM, which will be held at the Cock in Broom. All Lea Valley Group TR Register members are encouraged to attend but please let us know ahead of time so we can estimate numbers for food.

Our BIG-4 events for 2016 include supporting Howard's East Area Drive-It Day on 24th April where you can meet other members in the East Area. It is also anticipated that we will again attend the Luton Festival of Transport at Stockwood Park on 12th June. Other suggestions include a Day Trip to France (including military sites etc), a social event, Tibbles Tour, and Standard Triumph Marque



Day. Preferences and other suggestions gratefully received! Our first event however will be what I will now call the 2nd Annual Robsport COR (Cars on Ramps) on Saturday 30th April. This is a great opportunity to have a look underneath your car and get a 5 minute FREE once-over, courtesy of Simon and Co at Robsport. Bookings for this will be advertised in TRunnion as space will be limited! As always, please see TRunnion or contact me for more details. If you don't get TRunnion and want to, please let me know on 07818 060101 or at [jhensman@seorb.com](mailto:jhensman@seorb.com). Hope to see you at The Cock in Broom 3rd Sunday each month.



*Julian Hensman*

*This report appeared in TRaction #288 Social Scene, but I decided to give readers the benefit of two GL reports for the price of one, so following Julian's final report, I give you Pierre's first which should appear in TRaction #289...*

## Group Leader's Report 2nd March 2016

Keen historians of TRaction may remember the caution I received in #272 a couple of years ago that as a new TRR member attending two consecutive meetings, I could soon find myself on the group's committee. Clearly, I did not heed the warning and now report that I have been elected as GL, after a 'breaking in' period as the group's Treasurer. The LVG has been very well served by my predecessor Julian Hensman, who has done an excellent job in revitalising the group and widening not only the scope of activities but also increasing the group's active membership. A difficult act to follow but I'll have a go.

The LVG started off the year with our now-traditional post-Christmas Kick Off Lunch at The Crown at Shillington, clearly enjoyed by the 33 diners as many of us were still at the pub hours after the meal had officially finished! As has been said many times before, we are a sociable bunch of people and can always be relied upon to put right the world's wrongs.

The Cock at Broom is our normal meeting place and was again the venue for our AGM in February, when not only did we manage to put the world straight (again), but more importantly welcomed two new committee members, Chris Glasbey as the new Deputy GL, and Phil Sanford. These two enthusiastic and very active members add to what was already a strong team so we can all look forward to a fantastic 2016.

Every year at the AGM, the LVG awards two prizes. The first of these is awarded to the group member who has contributed most to the group throughout the year and after much deliberation by the committee, was awarded to Julian, our outgoing GL, in recognition of the effort he has put into moving the group forward. Incidentally, it was only at the AGM that Julian knew he was getting it as the committee meeting at which the decision was made was to my recollection, the only one he had missed since I joined a couple of years ago. The trophy is called The Bent Con Rod and is exactly that, a bent con rod mounted on wood and very nicely chromed and the least said about its origin, the better! The second trophy is the Concours Cup presented to the owner of a car new to the group and which is considered to be a fine example of the model. This year, it went to Phil Sanford for his beautiful TR4A.

One related snippet of news: pleased to note that Phil's car now has 4 wheels firmly fixed on the car, following lengthy repairs after a brief and exciting 'excursion' into the countryside. In fact, the confidence level is high enough to be planning a trip to the Le Mans Classic this year, along with fellow members John Andrews and Nick Theze. Stand by for a report later in the year.

Our BIG-4 events for 2016 are still to be finalised. In fact, we have so many ideas that we could be looking at the FANTASTIC-5 or SUPER-6. Some of the events currently in the running are:

the Second Annual 'Cars On Ramps' at Robsport (where we have the chance to get up close and personal to our cars' undersides), the Luton Festival of Transport, the Tibbles Tour, a social event when we can again set the world right, the Bicester Flywheel Festival, Triumph Car Day at the Ace

Café, Shelsley Walsh and of course, the IWE at Lincoln. All will be made clear after the March committee meeting and you can all find out the details by looking at our website

(<http://www.groups.tr-register.co.uk/lea-valley/newsletter.html>) and reading the

TRunnion newsletter. An alternative is to check out our Facebook page, but the best way is to come along to one of our meetings at The Cock in Broom at lunchtime on the third Sunday of every month. If none of those do it for you, simply give me a call at 01438 880460. We have members from Herts, Beds, Bucks and Cambridgeshire so if you're in our area come along and we'll be pleased to see you – nowhere is too far in a TR!



*Pierre Miles*

## **Cars on Ramps & Ladies Who Lunch - Saturday 30th April**

Many of us went to a Cars on Ramps event at AV Classics with North London Group a few years ago and it proved illuminating, scary and entertaining. As a result, last year we organised our own event at Robsport and it proved so popular that Julian has persuaded them to let us back for another go.

This is an ideal opportunity to have a good look underneath your car with expert assessment but without the fear of an impending MOT failure at the end!

Rest assured, no-one will criticise your car - every one will have some fault or other, none more so than mine (as I discovered last year).

Console your self or celebrate by joining us in The Green Man at Shepreth afterwards. And not to be left out, Pat Glasbey has organised something for the ladies, best described in her own words:

### **LADIES WHO LUNCH ..... Saturday 30 April**

While the men are looking at their bottoms at "Robsport" ...who would like to join me for the above ?

**09.15** drop-off at Trumpington Road Park & Ride (don't forget your bus passes ?!)  
....10 mins+ down the A10 from "Robsport"

**09.45** Coffee & the best Chelsea Buns ever at "Fitzbillies" (historic coffee/tea shop)

**10.30** Guided walk (by me round the Backs & some of Cambridge) .....or do your own thing.

**12.00** Lunch

**14.00** be collected from Trumpington Road P&R

*The following restaurants are in interesting places/buildings but happy to go elsewhere if anybody has a favourite :-*

*Jamies Italian - Italian ! ....in the old Cambridge library.*

*Loch Fyne - Fish (does meat also) in an ancient pub*

*Browns - British ....in what was the old VD clinic !*

*Marco Pierre White Steakhouse - British ...overlooks the river.*

**By 17 APRIL ....I need Numbers and Choices** ...so that I can book the most popular choice.

Thank you,

**Pat.**

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***Numbers for Cars on Ramps will be limited and demand high, so to make sure you get a place, please complete and return the entry/indemnity form as soon as possible. The form will be distributed with TRunnion and also available as a download from our website Future Events page.***

## **BIG-4 Event: Luton Festival of Transport - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

The first of our BIG-4 events will be one that has proven popular with the group for many years. This is the 25th year of the festival, organised by Mike Timlett and Marian Reilly of the Chiltern Vehicle Preservation Group (<http://www.cvpg.net>) and occasional members of LVG. This show has grown steadily over the years and now regularly attracts almost 1500 vehicles, the largest show of its type in the area with a wide range of vehicles, including public transport, military, motorcycles and American, as well as a good selection of autojumble and trade stands.

Last year we combined with TSSC who allowed us to share their area. I also mentioned on the TR Forum that LVG was attending the event and we had a number of other TR owners join us on the day. There were further TRs and other Triumphs scattered around the show in their year and class categories and several owners said they would have liked to be parked together with us. So, this year we are planning to co-operate again with TSSC and also to extend an invitation to other Standard and Triumph clubs to join us in an even larger Standard-Triumph area. The object of BIG-4 events is to get as many of our group to attend as possible, so please contact Paul Richardson as soon as possible to ensure you get a ticket as demand will be high.

## **LVG Visits the Pepper Foundation - Pierre Miles**

Cast your mind back to 17 January – yes, I know it was a long time ago but it will all come back to you when I mention the Kick-Off Lunch. You may well remember that the price for that event included a donation of £5 per person to a charity which at that time, had not been identified. During the committee meeting in February, we had chat about this and after a little bit of research carried out by Pat Dawson, settled on the Pepper Foundation as being a really worthy recipient.

The Pepper Foundation is based in Tring and works in conjunction with the Rennie Grove Hospice Care to provide care and support to families of critically or terminally-ill children. The Foundation raises money and gives it to Rennie Grove to fund provision of care and support in the child's home, not in a hospice. The Foundation has 3 members of staff (one full-time and two part-time) and together with 7 Pepper nurses provide support to the families 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, totally free of charge to the families.

To provide this level of support costs around £400,000 every year. While state funding provides 20% of this, the rest has to come from their own efforts to obtain donations from the public. This is clearly a huge task for such a small organisation, so they were very pleased to receive the contribution from our small band of LVG'ers. We met first with the Foundation's admin and support manager, Donna Hughes before interrupting the Pepper nurses' weekly get-together for a group photoshoot in front of the cars.

Fortunately, the rain stayed away, despite some very dark skies.



Everything we heard about the Foundation's work convinced me that we made a really good decision in choosing them to receive the contributions that we all made back in January. Thank you to all. Being the LVG, it was essential that we finished off the event by going for a lunch at a nearby pub, The Red Lion at Marsworth. Good pub food in an 18th century building of interest and winner of awards from CAMRA – we liked it. All we had to do then was go home – in the rain of course.



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*Just as TRunnion was going to press, Pierre emailed me a copy of this very nice 'thank you' letter from the Foundation. It's good to know our small donation and visit were appreciated. Pierre also has a number of leaflets from the Foundation to hand out at the monthly meeting so that members can learn a little more about the work they do.*



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9 March 2016

Dear Pierre

It was lovely to meet you all today. On behalf of everyone here at Pepper, I would like to thank you, Pat and your fellow enthusiasts from the Lea Valley Group for your kind donation of £165.00, and for braving the weather in your wonderful Triumph cars in order to meet the nursing team. We are very grateful that the Club chose Pepper to receive a donation, your support means a great deal to us.

Pepper nurses are currently caring for over 50 children with a life-limiting illness in the local community. As the nursing service is provided at no cost to the patient or their families, Pepper aims to raise £400,000 each year to ensure the nurses are able to reach all the children that need their care. This would not be possible without the help of organizations such as your own. Your kind donation will help us to continue funding this vital service.

Thank you once again for your support, we truly appreciate it.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna Hughes".

**DONNA HUGHES**  
Administration & Support Manager  
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## LVG Regalia

Towards the end of last year, the committee decided to reintroduce a few items of LVG regalia in order to promote the group. This works well in many other local groups and the recent encouraging growth in membership of LVG and healthy state of group finances encouraged us to tempt members with polo shirts, sweat shirts and windscreen stickers.

Chris Glasbey and Pierre Miles have put in a lot of effort to make these available at subsidised prices. Windscreen stickers are already in stock so you can buy them at group meetings, but we need to meet our supplier's minimum order quantity for the shirts so we need your orders in advance. Please see details below.



### Windscreen Stickers

**£1 each, £1.50 for two, £2 for three.**

I suspect the number of LVG members with more than 3 TRs is not high, but we would like to encourage use of the windscreen stickers in family cars as well, so the price is negotiable for those with a fleet of cars.

## NEW for 2016 ..... The Shirts !



*Last call at this low cost ?*

This is a rare opportunity for you to order the "NEW EDITION" **embroidered TR Register LEA VALLEY GROUP ... POLO shirts + SWEATshirts ...**

These shirts are both available in Bottle **GREEN** (nearest to British Racing Green) or **RED**.

Laurel will be embroidered in the light Green and the name band in light Blue (as per reels below). The TR Register text will be in White. Cloth as below is bottle green but difficult to show exactly in photo.



**POLO**  
(100% cotton)  
Two self-colour button placket.  
Taped neck.  
Reinforced shoulder seams.  
Cuffed sleeves.  
Twin needle hem  
Side vents



**SWEAT** shirt .....  
Heavy duty with collar (near to a rugby shirt but not as expensive)  
80% cotton  
20% poly



### **Time to get shirty !**

**A band of LVG members have placed Orders and paid for their Shirts in December and now they want to wear them ...BUT ...we need YOU to decide you want a shirt (s) and place your order BEFORE 31st MARCH !**

**WAGS also ...will Pat be the only Lady wearing a shirt ?**

**LAST CALL to order at these low prices ! Any future small order may cost you up to £10 more. JOIN THE BAND, ... shirts will be ordered 1st April !**

Note : **Shirts should be collected at club meetings**

*...LVG have subsidised cost of shirts based on collection ...*



Please use the order form which is downloadable from our website Newsletter page:

<http://www.groups.tr-register.co.uk/lea-valley/newsletter.html>

Prices are:

**Polo shirt**

**£15**

**Sweatshirt**

**£25**



## **Scuttlebutt**

In my first edition of TRunnion (January 2011) I included a column under the heading 'News, Rumours & Gossip' inviting members to let everyone know what they have been up to or are planning to do with (or without!) their TRs. This eventually morphed into "Scuttlebutt"†:

### **†Scuttlebutt - definition from Wikipedia:**

Scuttlebutt in slang usage means rumour or gossip, deriving from the nautical term for the cask used to serve water (or, later, a water fountain).

The term corresponds to the colloquial concept of a water cooler in an office setting, which at times becomes the focus of congregation and casual discussion. Water for immediate consumption on a sailing ship was conventionally stored in a scuttled butt: a butt (cask) which had been scuttled by making a hole in it so the water could be withdrawn. Since sailors exchanged gossip when they gathered at the scuttlebutt for a drink of water, scuttlebutt became Navy slang for gossip or rumours.

[N.B. Not to be confused with "scuttle-shake" which will be familiar to drivers of chassis-based TRs, especially sidescreens!]

### **From Graham Shipman**

*Dear Brian & Lynda,*

*Thanks for keeping me informed of what you all get up to these days - much appreciated. A bit of shock to see my ugly mug in one of the photos! Last week I was going through photo albums from my Lea Valley days in the 70s & 80s and thought of you when I came*

*across the attached photo of you & your 3A. It was taken at the 1984 Knebworth Classic Car Show. As you perhaps remember I have many photos of the Lea Valley members & cars from those days, so if you ever need any let me know and I will scan some. Better still if you fancy a run to Norfolk you can see what I have and do some reminiscing (I'll get Ian to come along too - he lives just up the road from me). It will be nice to see you both.*



*I'm pleased to say that my 4A will be back on the road this year after a 26 year 'rest'! Attached are a couple of photos - I have the interior to fit after checking the O/D is working and then it is finished.*



*I have been side tracked from finishing the 4A recently with my latest project - the restoration of a totally rust free 2000 Mk1 - I will have this finished this year too. I have the engine & gearbox to fit and then it is almost done - photos of this attached as well. This project came about when I had an attack of nostalgia (I am prone to this and I understand*

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that it is untreatable!) and decided that it would be a great idea to re-create the 2000 my Dad had in the 1960s.

Happy New Year, Graham Shipman



Nice to hear from you Graham - I often wonder how my spam emails are received by the few ex-LVG members that I include on my distribution list.

Many thanks for the photos - even the embarrassing Knebworth one. The bonnet display was to promote the Teddy Bears Picnic which Lynda was organising for the TR Register IWE that year. Any other photos from that era would be gratefully received as the few I have are low-quality old scans from prints.

It's good to know that your old TR4A is being resurrected - it's been off the road even longer than my TR3A was. Conifer has always been my favourite Triumph colour and I have tried several times to find out what happened to my old TR4A after Churchfields bought it. I assume you still have the pre-1940 Triumphs, so you must be building quite a collection now. I guess storage space is less of a problem in Norfolk.

We like the idea of visiting you and it would be great to see Ian again so we will get in touch when the weather improves to arrange a TRip up there. It always amazes me when I walk past Ian's old house in Stotfold that we lived so close for a while but never actually met up here.

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### From Phil Titchner

[As we hadn't seen or hear anything of Phil and Miriam for some time, I emailed them to check all was well and received the following.]

*Hi Brian,*

*Thanks for the email, we are both fine and I hope that you and Lynda are also.*

*I had not responded to the email about the AGM as I was not sure if I could make it. I had minor surgery on my eye lids this week and although the patches are off it will take a while to heal up, hence my uncertainty. Miriam would also like us to play in a bridge tournament this Sunday at Bedford, which of course clashes with the AGM. We have not decided yet what we will do but if I feel up to it I will probably go to the tournament with her as she has spent time ferrying me back and forth to hospital it seems fair.*

*It is tedious how often things do seem to clash but we have to keep busy and travel as much as we can, while the going is good.*

*Events this year have sadly been affected by the Hunter crash. I see that Sywell Airshow has been cancelled and I have just learned that the Tiger Moth Rally at Woburn (which I have been to the last couple of years) has also been cancelled. Little Gransden Airshow will take place this year, with higher ticket costs to the public to offset the extra insurance and higher CAA costs, but its future is very uncertain.*

*We hope to get to some events this year but we will be away for a lot of the summer (about 7 weeks in total but not all in one trip) and we are committed to steward at some of the Duxford Airshows. Hopefully this will still leave time to participate in Lea Valley events. If I am not at the AGM please offer my apologies and give my regards to the guys and commiserations to whoever is elected as the new Group Leader (only joking, it's a great job). All the best, Phil*

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#### **From John Andrews**

*Dear Brian, I think I said already how much we enjoyed your "kick-off event" last Sunday and as a result of the meeting, I made contact David Dawson for help with our TR. Gosh that was one of the most useful days I have had for a long time. To cut a long story short, and really to help me remember all the tips and ideas that David provided, I wrote a little note of our meeting. As I wrote this I wondered if it might be of any value in your TRunnion Newsletter. I have been involved with Newsletters in the past and know how difficult it can be to get interesting articles. Kind regards, John*

Many thanks for that John. I'm glad David managed to help you - as he has many other new members. It looks as though you have a few jobs to keep you busy during the next few weeks, but at least they are straightforward and inexpensive.

I wish my TR was still as clean as yours but it's had a hard life in its 8 years back on the road and it pretty much in the same state now as it would have been as a daily driver back in the 60s. Your article is included in Members' Stories and will perhaps encourage others to provide the odd contribution - you are so right about the difficulty of getting articles!

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#### **From Jon Marshall - VED Exemption**

*The Government has ruled out reinstating the original 25-year road tax exemption for classic cars – despite more than 18,000 of you calling for it in an online petition.*

*The Treasury says it recognises that classics are an important part of the UK's heritage, but feels the current 40-year rule is sufficient, allowing 10,000 vehicles to become exempt every year. It also recognises the importance of the historic vehicle movement, and reckons by its own data it supports the livelihood of 28,000 people across the country.*

*'The Government is working to deliver a long-term economic plan to repair the public finances and will continue to take the difficult decisions to achieve this goal. Therefore, the Government currently has no plans to re-introduce a rolling 25-year exemption for this category of vehicle,' a Treasury spokesman says.*

*He adds that in recognition of the contribution made in the 2014 Budget the Government announced a rolling 40-year Vehicle Excise Duty (VED) exemption for classic vehicles.*

*The online petition calling for a return to tax-free status at 25 years runs until 24 July, and had attracted 18,063 signatures as this issue of CCW went to press. Creator Logan Walker – who owns a Jaguar XJ-S and Mercedes-Benz SL R107 – says he'll continue promoting the petition, but adds there's a long way to go to reach the 100,000 signatures needed to prompt a Commons debate on it.*

*'I was flabbergasted to see it even reach 15,000 signatures but it needs more than me pushing the debate to get any change,' says Logan.*

*'It needs to be a bandwagon that gets more mainstream support – imagine if someone like Chris Evans lent his support to it.*

*'It's not helping rich people who buy classics as investments. It's about supporting ordinary working people who love bread and butter cars, for whom paying road tax every year might be the difference between them choosing to preserve an old car or not.'*

## **Members' Stories**

*This feature is intended to encourage members to introduce themselves by way of TRunnion, so to set an example, I began by including the story of my current TR3A (long since, thankfully finished).*

*I know many others have stories to tell, not only of rebuilds or major projects, but how they became ensnared by this strange TR-addiction and how they use their cars – touring, competing, concours, etc. It would also be really interesting to hear from newer (and, maybe, even younger) members and some of those who do not, or cannot, regularly attend local meetings.*

*Views of wives, girlfriends and partners would be especially welcome.*

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*In case you missed my appeal in previous issues of TRunnion to encourage more of you to contribute, I will be pleased to hear from rebuilders, racers, rallyists, tourists, concours specialists and especially partners and new or even prospective TR owners.*

## **Tale of a TR - John Andrews**

(Some scribblings from a new owner and a meeting with David Dawson on 20 Jan 2016)

I have just spent one of the best days of my “hobby” motoring life with David Dawson, the TR Technical Guru in the TR Lea Valley Group. At almost 3 score years and 10 I have loved tinkering with old cars for as long as I can remember. My old 1934 Three Wheeler Morgan comes high on the list. It is a great machine for high days, Sundays, short journeys and “sunshine”. Lacking in practicality, we looked for something with doors, a roof, luggage space and capable of managing the legal speed limit! I was fortunate to find a very nice 1968 Triumph TR5, one to go places in relative comfort. It looked great and we fell in love with it immediately. It certainly needed fettling to get it to our liking; having a very lumpy tick over. Our local Garage looked at it and assessed it as needing a full engine rebuild!!! – Do I really look that innocent? Embarrassed by our lack of knowledge, the TR Register Lea Valley Group came to our rescue and we were directed to David who would “sort us out” and that he did. At short notice he asked us to bring our pride and joy to his nice warm garage and we spent the day going over the fuel injection system, ignition timing, checking compressions and included a wide range of tips and suggestions for improvement. David removed injectors and showed me how they worked advising a bit of TLC to make removal easy. He pointed out a simple injector test to check petrol pulsing through the delivery lines. Vacuum pipes were tested revealing perished pipes, loose connections which without doubt contributed to the rough running. I was so busy scribbling tips and listing new suppliers that I felt I needed to record all the suggestions as a 'to do' list. To summarise:

### **Parts & Suppliers**

- 1) Clip for accelerator cable – source Moss.
- 2) Get a Moss catalogue.
- 3) Replace rotor arm – ours OK but old type prone to failure – Supplier Distributor Doctor <http://www.distributordocor.com/>
- 4) Spare ignition igniter – Aldon: [www.aldonauto.co.uk](http://www.aldonauto.co.uk) or Distributor Doctor
- 5) Spare set of ignition plug lead and coil leads.
- 6) Obtain spare coil
- 7) Replace the 35 Amp alternator – for a 50/70 Amp version
- 8) Make cowl to fit the radiator. Channel cooling air effectively – possibly use TR6 baffling
- 9) Engine oil – recommend Millers Classic 20-50 Semi synthetic - eBay
- 10) Petrol additive / octane booster / Ethanol combatant Millers VSP e power plus – eBay
- 11) Robsport near Royston: good for spare parts and advice – speak to Simon or Ben
- 12) TR5 British Leyland Repair Operations Manual – Robsport
- 13) Injectors can pick up grit - Spares for long journeys – Prestige Injectors: [www.prestigeinjection.net](http://www.prestigeinjection.net)
- 14) Vacuum / pressure testing kit – MITYVAC – see eBay

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15) Rubber hose 5/16 – vacuum hose – Bennet or Car Builder Solutions:

[www.carbuildersolutions.com](http://www.carbuildersolutions.com)

16) Fuel metering unit diaphragm – Moss

17) Air filter – check current – recommend reusable K & N e9108? – Rimmer?

18) Door mirrors – Tex M68890 and M68891

19) Rimmer catalogue useful to describe parts

### Jobs to do

1) Check air filter – is it a K & N?

2) Fabricate radiator ducting

3) Balance the intake manifolds – remove manifold (Log) - auditory check

4) Free up injector adapters and lubricate

5) Change alternator

6) Replace metering unit vacuum tubing

7) Fettle “choke” cable

8) Realign bonnet – skewwhiff!

9) Fettle Boot panels to allow more space

10) Talk to Robsport about underside, transmission, prop-shaft and drive shafts.

This was a great day which was informative, enjoyable and included lunch. The TR runs better already and I am in David's debt and all this shows the immense value of belonging to a great club; the TR Register, Lea Valley Group. The next stage is to take a good look underside and assess the running gear (and ask the other half for funds. After all, I did promise this was the perfect car which would not need a penny spending on it! Famous last words!)

Many thanks, John & Christine



It's always good to get an unsolicited article, especially when it is from a new member. We are fortunate to have David's expertise and willingness to offer advice and assistance and I know he has helped many since joining the committee as our Technical expert.

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