



WESSEX NEWS

Preserving the marque in Hampshire

Classical Rambling

Sunshine yellow for this month's edition – more in hope than anticipation....

We are a week earlier than usual to fit in with club events so there will be a longer gap to August's newsletter, which means more time for you to write up your classic car travels. We are off to France, Holland and Belgium in the SL during August so I hope to have something positive to say about that in due course.

In amongst some rather serious stuff on the referendum result, there have been references to classic cars. The generally accepted view is that, *'Your investments in classic cars can continue to be safe, secure and are set to rise steadily as the UK economy settles into the new phase of Government.'*, which is reassuring on one front. Importing from Europe will in all likelihood be more expensive but further afield we might see growth, so as with all things Brexit, the great unknown. Hopefully we own TR's principally for the fun factor and that should be a safe haven from whatever gets thrown at us!

James

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A word from our leader



Hi everybody,

Well it is that time again for group leader chat. Yippee! Only three weeks from the last one and you are going to have to wait all of five weeks for the next one. Phew.

Hopefully the weather will improve as we get further into the Summer. You will see a brief report on the Pride of Ownership evening last month later in this newsletter and the non-event it turned out to be. Rumours that everyone who turned up that evening won a trophy is totally untrue but many thanks to those that bothered to turn up on the evening and saved it from being a total disaster darling - particularly Aidan who I know travelled from afar with a dodgy charging system. I hope he got back safely. I would like to emphasise that the Pride of Ownership has now moved to next month's meeting at The Sir Walter Tyrell. So fingers crossed the weather is kinder to us.

Yesterday we had an excellent run organised by John Davies to Highclere Castle (Downton Abbey). It was grey and damp when we left Ower but I was determined not to put the hood up. A good interesting run through some lovely countryside and small villages led through the Test Valley up to the Hampshire/Berkshire border. The important thing was to avoid Andover and the A34! Blue skies and nice fluffy clouds greeted us on arrival. See the article and pictures later in the newsletter.

Talking of pictures as we were, we have not seen many TR type piccies of cars and people enjoying themselves that can be included in the calendar. Can you send them as soon as you can. Also we still have a few spaces available at the Concorde Classic car event on September 11th at a pre Brexit price of zero euros. If interested please let me know as soon as you can.

I hope to see you at the invited car night on the 19th July. As in previous years the invites have gone out but there have been no responses! Hopefully with fine weather and a well stocked BBQ it should be a good night.

Finally, if anyone is interested in a 1964 TR4 that needs a good home there should be a local car from Romsey (and no it is not my 4A) at the invited car night. I know the owner and it is a genuine car.

Ttfn

Stuart



IVOR BLEANEY CLASSIC CAR DAY

By popular demand and the huge success last year of our Classic Car Day, where as over 130 Classic Cars turned up, with everything from a Rolls-Royce to a Mini, we have decided to hold this event again, on **Saturday 17th September** in the heart of the New Forest at The Sir Walter Tyrell Pub (Rufus Stone), from 12 noon onwards, which is now under great new management.

There will be a *free drink & BBQ* to all enthusiasts who bring a Classic Car, Classic motorbike or a Classic scooter and produce their voucher.

Plenty of parking space, large play area, live music, entertainment in the evening and a wonderful collection of traditional beers and wines. All cars must be at least 25 years old.

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Diary of Events 2016

Month 2016	Event	Location / Details
July 15 th – 17 th	TR Register International Weekend	Lincolnshire Show Ground Lincoln LN2 2NA http://www.tr-register.co.uk/event/2016/07/0001/TR-Register-International-Weekend-2016
16 th	The Fordingbridge Summer Festival – see previous newsletter for details.	
19 th	Invited car night and BBQ, IBM Hursley @ Hursley Park, Winchester SO21 from 7.00pm	
August 23 rd	Club Night	Pride of Ownership – TAKE 2! The Sir Walter Tyrell 8.00pm
September 4 th	Cream Tea Run	Details to follow
11 th	Club Run	Concorde Classic at the Concorde club in Eastleigh We have 7 places and need 5 volunteers to attend this event please.
17 th – 18 th	International Classic Car show - Isle of Wight - Newport Quay and Ryde Esplande	
20 th	Club Night	The BBQ – The Nondescripts Club, Lyndhurst 8.00pm
25 th	Jaguar Car Club event – details to follow	
October 9 th	Club Run	Details to follow
25 th	Club Night	details to follow
November 22 nd	Club Night	DVD night at The Nondescripts Club 8.00pm

All events are covered in full on the Wessex TR Register Facebook page and any late updates or cancellations will be published there.



Our run to Mottisfont Abbey had originally been planned for 12th June, but they decided they had so many coach loads that day that they could not accommodate us, so we postponed our visit by a week, and were instructed to be there by twelve for group entry. As it turned out this was fortuitous as on the 12th it rained!

As it was, we had moderately good weather for the run there, although the rain did finally arrive late afternoon. Eight cars left Ower just after 10.45 and set off by a circuitous route for Mottisfont, going via Awbridge, Kents Oak, East and West Tytherley, then east to Horsebridge and south to Mottisfont. The latter part of the route was on single-track roads, which, surprisingly, had much better pothole free surfaces than the more major roads. Equally surprisingly, we met not a single vehicle going the opposite way.

When we arrived at Mottisfont well before twelve, it was clear that it was very busy, as we were directed to the overflow car park, where we all parked together. Traffic had been light for the last portion of our journey and we had been able to travel in convoy, which meant we could all park together. There we were joined, almost as soon as we had arrived, by Roy and Jeanette Clough, who brought our number up to the required 15 for reduced price entry.

The Abbey is situated in extensive grounds, so in addition to the house and the walled garden, famous for its roses, there were attractive walks through parkland and alongside the Abbey Stream, fed from the river Test and which had been specially constructed for the monks. The grounds were very busy, with many people taking picnics and children playing – rolling down grassy banks appeared to be a very popular pastime. Some of the group headed immediately for the walled garden whilst other chose to seek an early lunch before the restaurants became too crowded.

Jane and I came in the latter group. We had lunch in the old kitchen of the house, just one of the three eating places, and then took a tour of the house itself, which is furnished as when the last occupants left, complete with a few children's toys. On the top floor, there was an art exhibition, part of a major private collection on loan from Southampton City Art Gallery.

Next, we went to the walled garden to admire the roses and other plants. I don't know the size of the garden, but it is the largest walled garden I have ever seen. Every wall had climbing roses upon it and, inside the walls, there were more roses of every imaginable variety, together with many other specimen plants and shrubs. It was a truly splendid sight, in spite of some blooms being damaged by the previous week's rain. Although the weather when we went round was not entirely conducive to the scent of roses hanging in the air, the scents of the individual roses were quite delightful.

But by the time we had had our fill of this remarkable garden, the clouds had gathered and spots of rains were falling, so after a quick cup of coffee we made our way home with the hood up, the last but one TR to leave the Mottisfont car park.

Geoff Glover



Highclere Castle Run



Like extras to a famous period drama there was no stopping the show as ten cars with 17 occupants joined us on a damp Sunday morning at Ower for our trip to Highclere Castle better known by some as Downton Abbey.

New faces too, but old habits as I just can't remember names, however From the ones I can remember: Me(John) & Liz, let's start with the easy ones first Stuart, Sheridan in his newly acquired TR6 and his wife Caroline (i think) Hilary and Hillary, Geoff and Jane, Peter in his red TR4, Brian and his lovely lady, Peter in the white TR4 also brought a lovely lady along and I apologise for not asking your names, Phil, Val and Gordon. On that note I think we need to bring back the meet member page back into the newsletter!

As we started our meandering drive through the picturesque countryside and villages of Hampshire following the route of the river Test taking in the sights of Shootash, Awbridge, Hurstbourne, Stockbridge, Whiteway and finally Highclere the sun came out setting the scene for our own period drama, treating the public to a rolling history of the Triumph TR range. This time I did remember to bring some route guides along - not that the pack needed them as we kept the pace nice and steady, which everyone enjoyed and managed to keep the convoy all the way from Ower mostly intact only losing one briefly for a comfort stop.

Highclere had very kindly set out an excellent parking area to display our cars so that we could take pictures with the castle in the background, which I thought was a nice touch. Numbers of other visitors are kept down - this was a run I had originally planned to do in 2013 but they couldn't fit groups in at that time - and it was only a bit of good fortune that had found us a spot this time. This strategy is good to see as you don't find yourself queuing, which adds to the relaxed atmosphere of your visit.

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Highclere is certainly not the cheapest house to visit but one that from any angle is easy on the eye as the architecture inside and out is stunning. The grounds stretch almost to the horizon in each direction and on a summer's day it's a very nice place to relax, have a picnic and just watch the day go by. The house itself is dotted with production images of the Downton Abbey drama which is particularly interesting if you are a follower of the series. You could indulge in Highclere Champagne @£35 or a cream tea @£25 which had more in keeping with today's other great occasion Wimbledon.

As you leave Highclere you are treated to a tour of the grounds passing follies and countless sheep. An accident on the A34, which closed the road, meant that our trip back was just as picturesque, as my sat nav took me down a single track road I wished I could have included in the run; it was like the yellow brick road - not another car for the whole ten mile detour with swaying grass on either side (must have been the Highclere coffee) and a gated village! Honest. Perhaps I can incorporate that route in another run. So, a Brit won Wimbledon and the Sun shone on the day we went to Downton. Thank you to everyone who came with me today and for the gracious comments received, and from that we gauge that even though this was a slightly longer run than normal, the feedback was very positive.

John Davies.



Clean Car Night Or Pride of Ownership



Well I suppose it was going to happen at sometime but for the first time in most of our memories, the June Clubnight at IBM Hursley was not warm and sunny but grey, cold and very wet. It rained heavily up to 7pm when the evening was due to start, stopped as forecast and then brightened up but the damage had already been done. Most sensible people had decided pride of ownership did not extend to turning out on such a night.

However nine TRs did turn up which included six 4as, two 2s and a solitary 6. We probably could have judged and presented the 4A cup but that would have been all. It has been decided that we would hold Pride of Ownership over until next month and turn the planned natter and noggin evening at The Sir Walter Tyrell into the annual event. Many thanks for all of those who turned out including Ian Evans who did a good trade (at least I think he did) in selling off some bargain TR parts.

Stuart Thompson



Tours, rallies and events



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The Departure Lounge - Classic Car Sundays

The Departure Lounge Cafe Basingstoke Road Alton Hampshire GU34 4BH

Our Vehicle Rallies held in the heart of Hampshire, just off the A339, The Departure Lounge Café is the ideal location for vehicle rallies. We offer ample parking and a large space to exhibit your vehicles; there are also refreshment and toilet facilities available. Our Classic Car Sundays, every first Sunday in the month: **May to September, cars arrive from 2.00pm**. This event may be extended to October, weather permitting.

Contact Simon Farley at simon@thedepartureloungecafe.co.uk or call 01420 80111.

A request for The International Weekend

My name is Katrina Forey, for those who don't know me - I'm in the TR Youth Group, I'm the daughter of the Leicestershire Group Leader Mick Forey, and I'm also a Professional Photographer!

I'm writing to you all in the hope that you will encourage your groups to join in with a little event of mine;

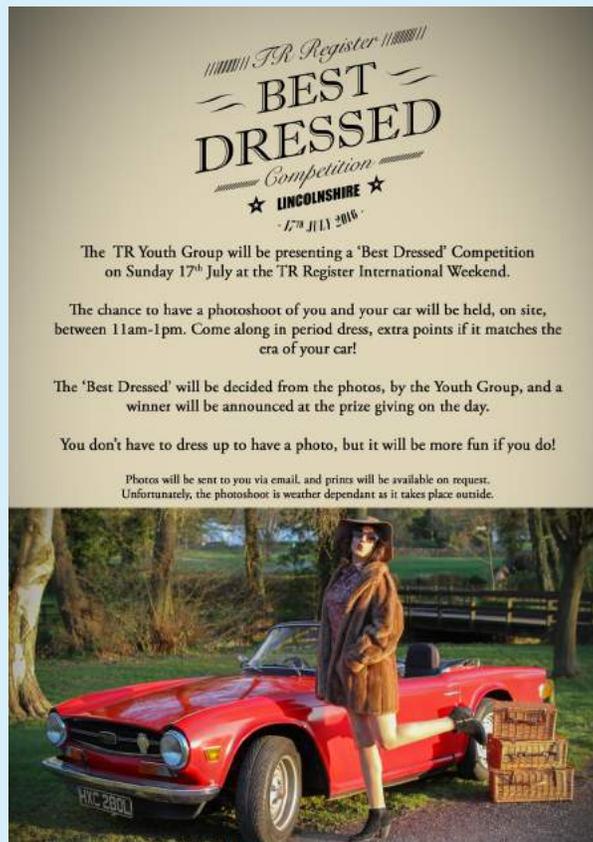
This year, at the TR Register International Weekend, I shall be creating a space for everyone to bring their car to be photographed.

There is also a competition for the Best Dressed, judged from the photographs, and with prizes! I would like to seriously encourage people to have a little fun and dress up as the era of your car! 50's rock dresses, 80's suits and classic shirts, or maybe a sharp hat and a pipe will do? The photoshoot will be happening on the Sunday between 11am-1pm, please come along! And please dress up for the day - it would be great if we all joined in!

Please can you spread the word to your groups! Looking forward to seeing you all!

Kind Regards,

Katrina.



The International Weekend



DISPLAY OF TRs

LINCOLN CITY CENTRE

Saturday, 16th July 12.00 – 2.00pm

SE Region are organising an informal display of TRs over the lunchtime period in St. Mark's Square, Lincoln City Centre.

The purpose of the event is to present a range of TRs to the public and to enable them to meet and talk with TR enthusiasts about our cars and our hobby.

The event is free to enter, you can arrive and leave whenever you prefer between 12.00 and 2.00pm. St Mark's is a pedestrian area in the heart of the shopping district, adjacent to Debenhams and Starbucks. During the display TRR Marshalls will be in control of the area.

We look forward to welcoming you on the day. Due to space limitations please aim to arrive early to avoid disappointment.

For further details please contact Jeff Roberts, SE Regional Coordinator on 07582 303213.

If you are interested in joining this event please email wessexgroupleader@gmail.com for a location map.

From
Michael
Eatough's photo
album



Michael Eatough has kindly sent a collection of photos from his recent Parris Vienna Rally and a selection are printed below, and more will be including in future editions, as time and space allow!



**Wessex
Committee
contact
numbers**



Group Leader and Chairperson	Stuart Thompson
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	Neil Winscom
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Wessex Group Regalia

Tony Alderton has recently become our regalia manager and he has put together a new selection of items that can be purchased to promote your membership of the Wessex group. New members may wish to purchase an item or two and those of you that already have some, may need a replacement's. Shown below is the current range of items available bearing the Wessex group logo.



Low profile heavy cotton drill cap front and rear view



The favourite T shirt
(female)



Jersey crew neck T shirt *(male)*



Short sleeve polo shirt



Full zip fleece

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



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The favourite T shirt (female)	BE07 6	Mid Grey, Berry (Raspberry), Black, Chocolate, Coral, Dark Grey, Maroon, Navy, Light Orange, Red, Light Blue, Purple, Royal Blue, White, Light Yellow. Size: S=8, M=10/12, L=14, XL=16	8.50
Jersey crew neck T shirt (male)	CV00 1	Aqua, Mid Grey, Light Grey, Black, Red, Deep Teal, Olive, Evergreen, Maroon, Navy, Purple, Light Teal, White, Orange. Size: XS=35", S=37", M=39", L=42", XL=44", 2XL=46".	9.00
Short sleeve polo shirt	BA30 6	Anthracite, Black, Light Blue, Bottle Green, Light Grey, Navy, Purple, Orange, Red, Royal Blue, Sand, White, Light Green, Brown, Yellow. Size: XS=34/36", S=36/38", M=38/40", L=41/42", XL=43/44", 2XL=45/47", 3XL=47/49", 4XL=49/51".	12.50
Sweatshirt Classic 80/20	SS20 0	Black, Bottle Green, Burgundy, Deep Navy, Light Grey, Navy, Red, Royal Blue, Sky Blue, Yellow, White. Size: S=36/37", M=38/40", L=41/43", XL=44/46", 2XL=47/49".	18.00
Full zip fleece	SS52 8	Black, Bottle Green, Deep Navy, Red, Royal Blue, Smoke. Size: S=35/37", M=38/40", L=41/43", XL=44/46", 2XL=47/49".	29.00