



COTSWOLD VALE TR **NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2016**

As the show season dies down, there is getting less and less to report, so I hope this falls short of boring the pants off everyone, but November promises to be fairly active with the TRR AGM, NEC Classic Car show, and our own CVTR AGM to name but a few things...

Anyway, check out what has been happening this month.

September 30th Curry evening -Shunarga in Pershore.
No report submitted I'm afraid

October 1st Intergalactic Custom Shop Charity Day



Once again Wayne Allman held his workshop coffee morning in aid of Macmillan nurses, where he fired up his VW camper drag racer, Mental Breakdown. Andy and Jane went along, with a substantial contribution of Andy's famous rock cakes – which sold like hot cakes.....

Although the weather was pretty damp, I am led to believe over £1200 was raised for this worthy cause.

Wayne's workshop is at Admington, Shipston on Stour, and all the work he does is by hand and his own creation.

October 1/2nd Prescott American Classic car weekend.

Another nil return/report

October 9th Sunday lunch at The Broom Hall near Bidford.



Organised by Brian Wiggins at Broom Hall Inn near Bidford. A splendid turnout with 25 sitting down for lunch and 9 TR's in the car park. Most people went for the carvery, a few had a first course as well but the usual subjects had a dessert. Jane managed to get through a chocolate sundae, Andy the treacle sponge and custard and of course Sue the chocolate brownie.

Many thanks again to Brian for sorting it out especially as he is away from home during the week.



Gathering of the clans



Even more



Including Alf, back from his mammoth Italy trip



Intense discussions – your guess is as good as mine (ed guess, handbags?)



Jane's Sunday sundae

Andrew Racey

October 16th . Autumn Leaves Run

Sunday 16th October and it's The Autumn Leaves run, kindly arranged by Brian Wiggins. Well we woke up to heavy rain and at 9.00 am it was still raining, so the question was asked - are we still going? Looking out of the window across to The Bredon Hills with blue sky starting to appear, the decision made, get petrol in TR.

At 11.00am cars started to assemble at the top of Fish Hill. 7 TR's and Brian's BMW (not had time to sort out fault from last weekend's Sunday lunch when his TR 6 died on him a few hundred yards up the road).



First cars at Fish Hill



Brian arrives with the route information



Alan, Keith and John discussing the route

We had one no show but we set off at 11.30, some of the more hardy souls (some might say foolish!) took their hoods down before we headed towards Chipping Campden, then some really beautiful villages which I confess I had never heard of - Upper Brailes, Lower Brailes and Sutton-under-Brailes before heading towards Moreton in Marsh via Chipping Norton. However the rain started so Brian all snug in his BMW kindly stopped to let those that wanted to put their hoods back up. John and Yvonne and Cat were the brave ones and soldiered on in the wet. This part of The Cotswolds is truly splendid at any time of the year but with the leaves starting to turn it is truly spectacular.

From Morton we headed the short distance to Batsford Arboretum, very busy but those who wanted lunch were able to find a table, whilst others went round The Arboretum. A lovely way to finish off a busy year with the cars. All that's left to do now is to wash the TR and put some dust sheets over it.



..made it to Batsford



Many thanks to Brian Wiggins, who, in spite of working away five days a week, did a super job. Well done.

Andrew Racey

October 23rd - Restoration show at Stoneleigh



It was a pretty early start for Alf, picking me up at 815am, then onto Keith's and Andy Canning's to complete our uneventful trip up to Stoneleigh for the Restoration show.

We arrived five minutes before the doors were opened to the public, and encountered a strange phenomenon where those who had prepaid for tickets were queuing longer to get in than those buying tickets at the door. It didn't worry us too much as we were ready for a cuppa and breakfast bacon bap.

Our first port of call was the TR Register stand, tucked away in the non heated sheds at the far end of the event. The TR Register had three cars on the stand, Dave Newberry's TR7V8, Clive Nation's TR6, and Dave Gillespie's TR3A. Cat and Merv were manning the stand, along with the three car owners, and after a catch up spell with them, Andy Canning went on his search for Volvo Amazon stuff, whilst Keith Alf, and I meandered around the various traders and autojumblers looking for valuable spares we may sometime need, and anything else taking our fancy.

Keith had a list of stuff he was searching for, and ended up buying a huge set of spanners for his Fiesta amongst other things..... Alf managed to find some foam draught excluder strip for his garage doors, and of all things, I bought a scale model of a Stanley Steamer (don't ask!).

We met up later at the TR Register stand and Andy was in a slight state of shock, having found a proper (non Haynes) Volvo Amazon Workshop Manual, but the seller wanted £90. Anyway, he ended up buying two new sponges for Jane to wash his car with (and an original Volvo Amazon advertisement!)

The show this year was definitely a great deal quieter this year, with some traders packing away at 3.00pm. There seemed to be far fewer car clubs, and precious few demonstrations of restoration skills (apart from a Sunbeam Alpine having a radiator change behind Dave's 3A)

Around lunchtime, I went to give Merv/Cat a break on the stand, Cat disappeared quickly (checking the cricket scores!) and I had an overdue chat with Merv.

Other than the social aspect of the show, meeting and speaking with long standing friends, there was precious little to excite people at the show, and coming so close to the NEC, maybe everyone was saving themselves for that larger event.

However there were more cake, pie and sweet stands this year than previous years, so perhaps that says something?

Ian Brown

TECHNICAL SECTION



Andy Canning is making great progress with his Volvo Amazon and is shown here after honing his honing skills, following with cam followers, and lapping up the lapping work on his valves.

He has also had time to strip and rebuild the front suspension and subframe to as new condition:-



And whilst Andy has been following the Amazon fan club, forum and technical tips, Jane has also been pretty busy herself fending off a stalker:-



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

I thought your readers might like to see the new mug I bought Ian for his birthday:-



Sue Brown

COMPETITIONS SECTION

Latest update from Anthony Cotgrave:-

My last meeting of my Sixth Speed Hillclimb season with the TR.

Last Winters improvements regarding front disc brakes installed successfully helped at Ettore's then Pardon Hairpin at every Prescott meeting I entered this year.

Good timed practice runs on the Sunday morning where difficult to achieve because of the previous days heavy rain still keeping the track damp.

The afternoon Event went better and meant big screen-off and fly-screens on for a good end of season blast. The last run ended with a nice rear tail-slide at the exit of semi-circle. Never done that before and within 1.29 of my programme Handicap stated time. So considering the track conditions and temperature not a bad days Motorsport to end another season.

Thanks to all those CVTR members that dropped by to say hello in the Paddock and especially Dave Roberts for his skilful photo shots (below) of me exiting Ettore's on my last run, avoiding an oil patch from a previous competitor. Plans for the 2017 season are being looked at already with a Goodwood Sprint hopefully in early May.





Anthony Cotgrave (photo's Dave Roberts)

Richard Durrant has also been out and about, you can read about his exploits at Shelsley Walsh on the TR Register website:- <http://www.tr-register.co.uk/article/2016/09/0079/Shelsley-Walsh-TR-Register-Revington-TR-Hillclimb-and-Sprint-Championship>



Richard's fastest time put him with 1.5 seconds of the fastest TR8, and he now says he needs a more powerful engine!

Also, in TR Action 293, you will also be able to read about his earlier experiences at Curborough Sprint, when only at his second event he experienced his first racing accident (maybe he was making a bid for one of CVTR's prestigious trophies/awards this year). The result was a damaged headlamp, incurred by rolling into the back of Kev Bryant's 3A, whilst waiting on the start line.....

TR3A Over Rider 1 – 0 TR4A Headlamp

As if to make matters worse, the damage was published on page 60 of TR Action:-



Story and image courtesy of TR Action

(Ed Comment, Richard - top marks for having a go, and keep up the great work, and if you are not having a few accidents, you are not going fast enough, as was often said to me in my rallying days!)

CVTR MEETING 26th OCTOBER 2016

Apologies from Meg and Richard Durrant , Alf Widmer, Mike Hill , Phil and Sandy Blake.

We had 20 members at the meeting with. 1 car , well done Cat.

Gareth reviewed our activities as shown elsewhere in this report.

FUTURE EVENTS

Sunday 6th November. TRR AGM

NEW VENUE. .Ardencote, The Cumsey, Lye Green Road, Claverdon, Warwickshire .CV35 8LT.

By now you should have registered to attend. This is an extremely important meeting as a number of senior positions within the TRR are being voted on so it's an ideal opportunity to have your say on the future of OUR club.

November 11th /12th/13th Classic car show at The NEC.

The Register will have their usual stand there, along with a Yoof Group Stand, a Swallow Dorreti stand, and there will be an Italia stand, so go along and cadge a cup of coffee and catch up with your friends

November 13th Sunday lunch at The Thai Emerald in Evesham being organised by Tim Walker

A return to this annual venue for what has in the past been a superb buffet lunch. The restaurant has recently been subject to a major makeover/ refurbishment so it will be interesting to see what they have done. Tim Walker has kindly agreed to organise the lunch and has sent out a separate note to all members. Please confirm to him ASAP if you can make it. 01386 48910 or email. tl_walker@tesco.net

November 23rd CVTR meeting at The Fleece plus our AGM .

(NB last year our AGM was held in February out of respect for our previous Group Leader, Colin Boother, we have therefore decided to hold as in previous years in November). If you were in receipt of one of our awards last year could you please return it at this meeting.

Please try and attend to have your input into CVTR and what we do and how we are run. It's your group so have your say and input. We will also issue voting slips for some of our Trophies which are awarded at the annual dinner.

November 27th . Classic car show and auto jumble at Malvern show ground.

December 3rd An Audience with Stuart Turner - Prescott

The TRR along with Terry Smith are organising another event at Prescott. An audience with Stuart Turner ,ex Competition Manager at BMC and Ford. Details have been published in TR Action. £25 gets you a three course lunch and an entertaining day hosted by Wayne Scott. Contact the office at Didcot to book a place.

December 11th - Sunday Christmas lunch at The Fleece. Contact Keith Brown

Here is the Christmas menu for the meal at the Fleece on Sunday December 11th

Unlike the usual Sunday lunches we need to order and pay in advance for this one so I will be collecting orders and money.

Cheques payable to "TR Register (Cotswold Vale TR)" - (note slightly new account name)

There are some gluten free (GF) and vegetarian (V) options on this menu but last year they were able to offer some other options as well. Please contact me if you want something else.



the Fleece Inn
Bratton

Christmas Fayre

Available from 1st December until 3rd January

3 courses + tea/coffee & homemade mince pie £21.50

2 courses £17.50

Starters

Marinated olives £3.25 v GF

Creamy garlic mushrooms served on toasted sourdough v £5.95

Cream of parsnip soup v £5.95

Duck liver and whisky pate with house chutney £5.95

Tian of prawn and tomato with a bisque mayonnaise and local bread £5.95

Whole baked camembert with crudities and rustic breads £6.50 v

Main

Pan fried venison served with a rich port sauce and winter vegetables £12.95

Roasted crown of turkey with a chestnut seasoning and house cranberry sce. £12.95

Butternut squash, red pepper, and shallot pie accompanied with a thyme sauce. V £12.95

Smoked haddock and salmon rarebit atop a fennel risotto £12.95

Fleece Festive Pie on mashed potatoes and vegetables £12.95

Dessert

Vanilla and winter berry charlotte russe £5.95

Traditional christmas pudding with a brandy cream sauce £5.95

Plum and almond frangipane tart and crème anglaise £5.95

Sticky date slice with custard £5.95

January 28th. CVTR Annual awards dinner.

Bob Heppell was able to present the menu for the dinner (see below) . Our last dinner at Dumbleton was in the view of those that attended one of the best, if not the best , with very good food and service, so please come along and support the event and CVTR ., If you have any special diet requirements or have an issue with the menu then talk to Bob, he can be contacted on Robert.heppell@btinternet.com or phone 01386 860499

You can also book accommodation to stay overnight at a very reasonable rate, mention when booking that you are attending our dinner.

This is your yearly chance to put on your best Bib and Tucker and support CVTR ,s annual event. We will also be presenting awards for Car of the Year, Special awards x2 Sod's law trophy, The Tony Holland memorial cup for

engineering excellence , Carbon Foot print award , and of course Pratt of the Year - (be afraid , be very afraid - notes have been made and we have at least ? numbers eligible .There will also The Colin Boother Memorial plaque awarded by the Group Leader to a CVTR member who has shown Exceptional Pride and Passion in their car or club.

Cotswold Vale Annual Meal and
Presentation Dumbleton Hall Saturday January 28th 2017
meal served @ 6.30 for 7.00

Menu

starter

Cream of Butternut Squash Soup, Sage Beignets

Ham Hock & Guinea Fowl Terrine

Poached Pear, Blue Cheese & Parma Ham salad

Main

Roast Pave of Lamb, Flageolet Puree & Balsamic Glaze

Hake on bed of Warm Tomatoes with chorizo Crumb & Herb Oil

Pan Fried Chicken Supreme with Haggis Farce & whisky Cream

Mushroom Guinness & Root vegetable casserole with Creamed 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

Meal are £25.95. Rooms to be booked direct with Dumbleton Hall mention Cotswold
Vale when booking £87.00 a double (4 poster bed extra £20.00) Dumbleton hall
Telephone number and Email address are tel 01386 881240 Email dumbletonhall.co.uk

Please make cheques payable for meals to R Heppell

Bob Heppell Tel 01386 860499 Email robert.heppell@btinternet.com

AOB

Two items of AOB were addressed, firstly, if you enjoy reading the newsletter, please put pen to paper and write up any event or TR/classic car related function, show, repair, breakdown, etc etc that you have attended, please help everyone else with the submission of an article(s) for inclusion in the newsletter.

Secondly – the CVTR local Group page on the main TRR website would appear to be behind the times, Gareth with catch up with Tim Walker to work out a solution.

SUPPLEMENT

ASIAN MOTORCYCLING



On the phone, 5 up.....



7 Up (not a drink!)



Wood, piping, shovel and passenger



Rear View Mirror?



14 boxes, 3 up and no helmets



Safety belt on.....

Andrew Racey, Ian Brown and Richard Durrant