

RED ROSE RAMBLINGS JAN 2017



Apologies for not producing a December newsletter as your editor has gone through a bit of rough period recently. Hope not having a letter didn't spoil your Christmas. Now that Christmas and the New Year is over and done with minds turn to spring and the summer (mine does anyway).

Next up is the **AGM** 8th January followed by **The Events Meeting** on 12th February.

Let me return to the end of last year with my thoughts on the end of 2016. I think that you will all agree that it was a splendid year for being out and about. Number one event for

me has to be the Anniversary day held at the Antrobus Village Hall on a glorious day in August. A very, very close second was the Coast to Coast.

AVRO HERITAGE MUSEUM

The Group's latest visit was to the Avro Heritage Museum at the Woodford Aerodrome. Eight TRs lined up under the wings of Vulcan XM603, a truly memorable experience and photo opportunity. In the museum a mock up of the cockpit has been built. Those of us who chose to spend an extra £1.00 were treated to a sit in the pilot's seat and a commentary by one of the

volunteers. The crew flew in very cramped conditions. How the pilots manage to see out those very small windows I really don't know. On the lower level Bob sat behind me in the navigator's seat. Apparently both the pilots and navigators seats have ejector seats. Fortunately for Bob I couldn't locate the appropriate switch.



The museum has a photographic history of the planes, their designers, and pilots. I found this particularly interesting as we pass another 11th Nov. Most of the crews that were lost were shot down by the German anti-aircraft guns; in fact, the planes were found to be very reliable and few were lost due to mechanical failure.

Those who missed the trip, there is plenty of information on the web site. avroheritagemuseum.co.uk.

NEC CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Next trip, the Classic Car Show at the NEC. A three-day extravaganza of end-to-end classic cars, tools, and accessories. Every conceivable polish, cream, and cleaning product that you will ever need to keep your classic shiny.

I made the obligatory visit to the TR Reg Stand for a cup of coffee, and a chat with Bob. My goodness, he devotes some hours on our behalf. By about 12 o'clock your roving reporter could rove no longer and I retired to the comfort of Virgin train. I must say by this time the Halls were very busy and it was a relief to escape.

DAVID'S DREADED QUIZ

On Sunday 11th November was the annual quiz. For those of you who missed it, your loss. Around thirty members having fed and watered sat

eagerly with pen and paper in hand. Then came the bombshell, two of the sections had been sub contracted to two of the ladies, Carole and Caroline. I'm sorry but my knowledge of sewing stitches is zero. You will all be happy to hear that I don't intend to publish any articles from Womens Own and there will be no "dropped stitch award" unless I have to report something different, surely an item for the Events meeting.

CHRISTMAS DINNER.



Martin demonstrates how he can read the menu at arms length.

The event took place again at the Bridge Hotel Prestbury. A disappointing turn out of just fourteen people. A number of theories have been offered for the low attendance which we need to discuss at our Events meeting.

Having said that the fourteen of us stalwarts managed an excellent night. The food was second to none, the ambience superb and the company most charming. Thanks to all for making my wife so welcome, all I would say is, ladies hope you have not made a mental note of the dress, handbag and shoes as they will be needed for this coming December.

THE NAKED TRUTH

Who saw this front page spread in the December 2016/January 2017 TRIUMPH WORLD magazine.

Roger Hinds TR2.

A nicely written article on the history from buying the car from TR Trader in 2008 and refurbishment to what you see now. Written with a little humour and with some tongue in cheek from Roger.



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