



COTSWOLD VALE TR **NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2017**

What better place to start this month's newsletter with a report on the CVTR annual awards dinner, capably organised yet again by Bob Heppell, at Dumbleton Hall.

Bob Heppell once again did us proud with 28 attending our annual dinner. Unfortunately 8 members and their partners were either on holiday or had other commitments otherwise I am sure we would have been up to our usual numbers nearer 50. This nevertheless did not stop those attending have a great night with a very good meal and service.

Andrew Racey



CVTR members turned up in their finery, well some did.....



Richard marshalled as many people as he could muster for a photo-shoot on the staircase





Having got the embarrassing bit over – for me anyway! – we settled down for an excellent meal...



....interrupted by our ever security conscious Treasurer....



Selling tickets for the incredibly stunning desirable range of Raffle prizes...



The formal bit then took place, presented by Andrew in the absence of our globetrotting Group Leader....

"Will you lot please be quiet!!"



"Hear, Hear"



"You aren't supposed to eat these..!"

The Annual Awards were then presented by Andrew and Ian...

Carbon Footprint Award

Dave Lees

following his epic drive to Benidorm raising money for St Richards Hospice



Contribution to CVTR Awards

Alan Wilding and Phil Blake

organising the The Colin Boother Memorial Run.

Friends of Cotswold Vale **Pete Priestley and the TR Drivers Club**

Fostering close ties between clubs
(Presented on the 9th February)





Tony Holland Memorial Cup

Dave McHattie

for his work on his Vincent Hurricane.

Sods Law Trophy

Phil Collins

Filling his TR2 with diesel



(apologies for image quality!)



Car of the Year Award

(as voted by CVTR members)

Dave Gillespie

for his TR3a

Dipstick Award

Richard Durrant

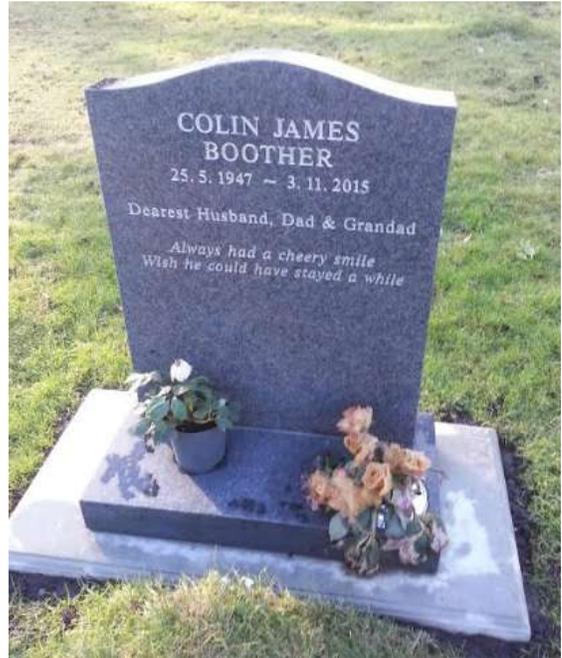
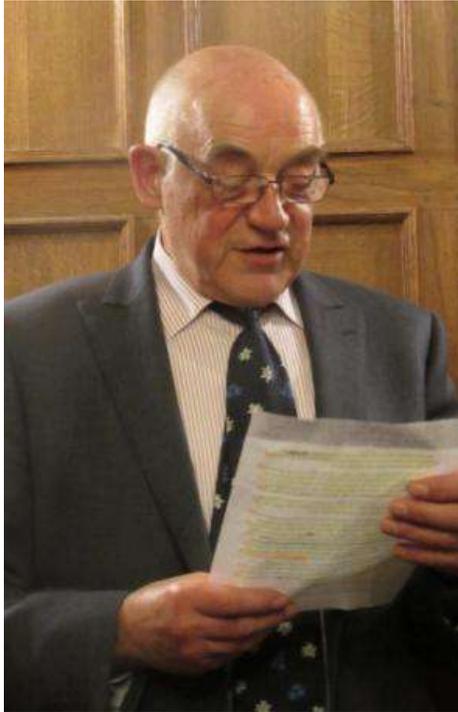
A racing accident before the race began
(failing to cope with the temporary shift in the earth's rotation
while waiting at the start of the Curborough Sprint, causing
his car to come into contact with the car in front....)



Alfred presented the background to the Colin Boother Trophy....

“Gareth asked me if I would like to present this new award in his absence, I feel honoured to be able to do this. He also gave me his notes to read to you.

First I will introduce the new award to you, Thank You Andrew”



*“Always had a cheery smile
Wish he could have stayed a while”*

The Colin Boother Memorial Award is a new award starting in 2016.

We were all shocked and saddened when Colin passed away in 2015, he was a dear friend to many and a great servant to Cotswold Vale TR.

*I think it is a fitting tribute to Colin’s memory and his impact on all of us, and that so many people felt very strongly that his friendship and contribution to Cotswold Vale TR should be recognised by creating a new annual award in the club. This will be called “The Colin Boother Memorial Award”, and will be presented to **“a member who shows exceptional pride in their car or club”**.*

It was decided that only the Group Leader should have the honour of choosing the recipient, and of course, this would be a difficult decision to make given the efforts many people put into their cars and the club.

In making my choice this year, I thought about all the times I spoke with Colin about the club, the cars, what makes it special, and all the help and advice he gave me when I first joined in 2005.

*I remember him taking me out in both his TR4A and his TR6 when I was looking for a car and trying to decide which one to choose. He would always offer me the use of his pit or tools. Over a pint, he would often extol the virtues of the club and its members who actually became great friends. He would often say – **“it’s just as much about the people as it is the cars”***

To This end, I think it is appropriate to lean towards thinking about the individual rather than the car. With this in mind, in my first ten years in the club I can honestly say that there are a number of contenders for the award, who all demonstrate their passion and pride, and contribute to the club in the way Colin would have admired.

It is not easy to make a choice, but there can be only one recipient, and on this occasion that person is somebody who has been at the centre of the club for many years, certainly more than I can remember.

*That person is **Andy Canning**, congratulations to you, please come up and accept your award.*



The Raffle then took place, with a lot of potential winners for some reason pretending that they had lost their tickets, and, formal business concluded, the evening progressed to shuffling round the dance floor to Chris' music, or retiring to the bar before heading home.



Many thanks to Bob Heppell for organising yet another splendid Annual Dinner!

There is a change of date for the next one, which has been booked for Sunday 10th December at Dumbleton Hall, which will be decorated ready for Christmas, so get it in your diary before your pre Christmas social commitments start to build up.

Richard Durrant

9th February, TRDC get together

Andrew Racey, Richard Durrant and Ian Brown met up with Pete Priestley and Henry Brown from the TRDC. Andrew presented Pete with the "Friends of Cotswold Vale Award" (see above) before we got down to the business of sharing event information. As you would expect, there was a large amount of duplication/overlap, and the TRDC local area covers far more ground than we do at CVTR meaning some events were well within other TR Register group territories. However we were successful in merging calendars, and the results are included below. Naturally there are some clashes of dates and events, however more choice is always welcomed. We look forward to sharing even more activities in 2017.

19th February – Triumph and MG Spares Day – Stoneleigh



I have to thank Alf for sorting out the tickets and transport to Stoneleigh once again. After being picked up at 8.30am Alf drove round to collect Keith for the trip up to the showground. Although it was busy, and parking was a bit of a lottery, we were there early enough for the TRaditional refreshments:-



Suitably replete, our first port of call was the TR Register stand featuring Dave Burgess' TR5, Wayne Scott's Grinnall, and our very own David Gillespie's now famous TR3A (see letters section of this newsletter):-



(image from Wayne Scott – before the show opened)



As usual, we were there for some considerable time catching up with many CVTR members and other TR Register members whom we see at such events.

I also detoured via the TRDC stand to meet up with Richard and Meg who had their (ie Meg's) TR7 sprint on the stand



Richard had entrusted the show preparation of his car to Peter Priestley (see elsewhere in the awards section of this newsletter), and hardly recognised his car when it was returned to him! Meg had baked a delicious coffee and walnut cake and I am grateful that a slice was reserved for my consumption (it was beautiful!)

Keith had a shopping list consisting of silicon tubing, syringes and other laboratory paraphernalia (what sort of show did he think this was?), whilst Alf and I are content to see what bargains were available – whether we needed more “stuff” or not!

Before looking around, even more TR Register members appeared on the stand, so Alf and Keith headed off whilst I was catching up with other people on various projects.

“Business” over, I set off in search of Alf and Keith, and almost immediately met up with Phil Barnet, and we were soon joined by Richard Flynn. Never have I met two such “connected” people, it took us half an hour to get away from Howard Prior on his stand, and eventually items were transacted between all parties – and everyone was happy!

By this time it was approaching lunch, so I rang Alf to find where he and Keith were at, just 50 yards away as it happened!

So we were soon off to the catering department for some light sustenance and back to checking out the traders and their wares. On the way to the TR Register stand, Keith had spotted some “must have” wing mirrors for his TR, they were actually Harley Davidson motor bike mirrors with “live to ride” embellishments on the rear. After a short spate of haggling and fearing they may never be available ever again, Keith was soon the new proud owner - watch out for them on a TR near you shortly!

I really enjoyed the show, more for the social side of meeting up with lots of TR buddies and colleagues as much as any parts. CVTR were well represented, I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did.



(another Wayne Scott pre show image – vote for Dave, see below!)

Ian Brown

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ed, and Hello all,

on the 28th of January we had our Annual Dinner at Dumbleton Hall and Jane and myself once more joined many loyal souls that make up the family of Cotswold Vale TR's.

It was a very special evening for many of which you will read more in the pages of this latest Newsletter and included the company of Lesley who joined us for the first time since Colin's untimely passing and who to me was exceptionally brave.

I listened to the stories which culminated in that "special award" that led to the obligatory and customary Durrant photo all of which passed by with the usual banter.

But then came the announcement of a new award, "The Colin Boother Memorial Plaque" awarded to a CVTR member who has shown exceptional pride and passion in their car or club.

Alfred was given the task by Gareth our Group Leader (who was somewhere in the southern hemisphere) to read out an introduction to this award followed by the name of the first recipient.

The decision is apparently the GL's and no conferring takes place.....so.....when Alfred read out my name I was both stuck for words and very touched.

My name is the first on a total of 15 shields that will be presented every year at the Dinner, so can I say a very big thank you to Alfred for his truly loyal introduction of the award and Gareth who made the initial choice of my name on the plaque.

I am aware that over the last 36 years I have spent many hours making CVTR a priority and hoping that I have made a difference to many people's lives, some of that time has been spent as GL and some has been spent working alongside Colin and then again some has been spent working with many loyal members who have become my special friends and who also have made Cotswold Vale what it is today.

TR's have been my life since the Summer of 1976 and since 1980 my goal has always been to create a family within a local group that not only shares the interest in the car but also spans a much wider social structure.

I think that applies stronger than ever today and I hope CVTR continues to grow and flourish for as long as TR's are able to use our roads and our doors and homes stay open for a coffee and a piece of cake.....and should that be with custard?

The Award stands above the fireplace in the lounge and is a reminder to me of Colins pride in his cars, passion for his club and his smile.

So until the next deserved recipient steps forward of which I am all too aware there are many thank you for all your past support and friendship and I look forward to many more years of motoring with you whether it be in a TR ora Volvo!!

Andy Canning

Dear Ed

I thought I might see it again.....but maybe not in the TRDC magazine, edition 209. I sold 257KDH to John Mercer on the Isle of Man. Ostensibly it was for his daughter who lives in England, but seems as though he keeps it at his home on the Isle of Man. This is one of the cars I would have liked to have kept if space and money was no object!



(image and text from TRDC magazine)

Ian Brown

Dear Ed

I must be on a roll, this is an extract from the 2017 MG & Triumph Spares Day catalogue

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THE TR REGISTER

Founded in 1975, The TR Register is one of the most successful one make car clubs in the world and prides itself on being a club run by the members for the members. The TR Register exists to benefit enthusiasts of the entire range of Triumph TR sports cars from TR2 to TR8 and their associated derivatives. The 'not for profit' organisation is run from a small office in Didcot, Oxfordshire where two full time members of staff cater for the needs of the worldwide Triumph family. An army of volunteers not only manage the 54 local groups across the UK but also form a helpful network of specialist experts, registrars and other

officers. Any surplus from club activities is re-invested into members benefits and schemes to preserve the marque TR.

This year the TR Register has a number of special displays and celebrations planned to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the TR3A and the 50th anniversary of the TR5. Furthermore, with the recent completion of the restoration of the Jabbeke land speed record breaking Triumph TR2 we hope to bring the full story of this car to the fore and assist it's maker in getting the car seen by the public.



Another of my former cars TR7, OPE777W, (and formerly owned by CVTR members Alf Widmer and Gary Hunter) with me at the wheel, and if you look closely enough you might recognise the late Colin Boother and Andrew Racey in Colin's TR4A, SVN97D. Yet another car I regret selling, but it is still in the club with Rob King as its latest custodian.

Ian Brown

Dear Ed

You might be interested to read that Dave Gillespie has been nominated in the Practical Classics Restorer of the Year awards for 2016.

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Triumph TR3A

David Gillespie

Subtle upgrades have brought this baby triumph storming into the 21st century without losing its classic feel.

There are a large number of entrants, "just to be on the list means they are the cream of the crop" - but the feature article, penned by Nigel Clarke, is a credit to all concerned, and is worthy of our support. Voting is via the Practical Classics facebook page, and the winner will be on the PC stand at the NEC Practical Classics Restoration Show at the end of March.

Ian Brown

COMPETITIONS NEWS

Nothing much to report this month other than Richard Durrant is hoping to stop smoking by having his TR4A engine internals inspected at TR Enterprises (hope for the best but expect the worst), and his TR7 has been polished to perfection (not by Richard I may add) ready for display on the TRDC stand at Stoneleigh (see report)

TECHNICAL SECTION

Am I the only one spannering at the moment? I bought and fitted some Minilite copy alloy wheels for my car from an internet auction site, and swapped the new low profile tyres they came with to some new 185/65/15 Goodyears more suitable for a TR6. Easy swap thought I, and it was, until I contemplated the relatively short length of stud thread engaged with the new wheel nuts caused by the extra depth of the materials in the centre of the wheel. It started to concern me that reducing the thread engagement area was not a good idea, so I purchased new wheel studs with an additional ½” length from Cambridge Motorsport and fitted those. It just shows that one easy cosmetic job can lead to other more time consuming things.....



Ian Brown

CVTR Monthly Meeting February 2017

In Gareth's absence Andrew chaired the meeting with the help of Ian Brown and Keith Brown.

We had 26 members with apologies from Gareth Davies, Mike Parry, Phil Barnet, Alf Widmer and Brian Wiggins. We also welcomed the TR Registers Chairman, Paul Hogan.

Report on activity during the month.

Annual dinner and awards night at Dumbleton Hall was organised by Bob Heppel. This event is reported elsewhere in this newsletter but a formal huge thank you to Bob for a super night.

Stoneleigh-- MG and Triumph Spares day. Richard and Megs TR7 Sprint was on the TRDC club stand looking highly polished. Lots of CVTR members around for the day.

Ian, Andrew and Richard met with a couple of guys from the TRDC to discuss our diaries of events. We also presented Pete Priestley with his Friends of Cotswold Vale Award. There are a few areas of mutual interest throughout the year.

Andrew and Ian also visited the registers office to view some of the board minutes over the past 12 months. Very informative it was to. Having looked at 12 months worth of minutes it's interesting to note that no mention is made of what the groups are doing, or best practice around the regions.

At the meeting on 21st January. Paul Hogan also asked that the Board consider calling itself a committee, but following a discussion no decision was made. The IWE in 2108 will be held in Lincoln. The minutes confirmed that the services of the moderators are no longer required- no reasons given or recorded in the board minutes.

Any member that wishes to read the board minutes is entitled to do so under our Articles of Association; you just have to give Jo 7 days notice.

Paul Hogan provided an insight into board activities and club affairs and reaffirmed his intentions to return the focus of the club on the members and local groups.

FUTURE EVENTS



The results of the extra-curricular activity nominations were reviewed as follows

- Clay Pigeon Shooting** – Phil Blake -11
- Coventry Motor Museum** – Andrew Racey – 16
- Quad Biking** – Bob Heppell – 6
- LMA Flying** – Ian Brown -6
- Statfold Barn Railway** – Mike Hill – 15 (please note the date is fixed for the 10th June)
- Inter Group Karting** – Richard Durrant -9
- Crich Tram Museum** – Keith Brown/Richard Durrant – 10
- Needle Museum** – Keith Brown – 4
- Jet Museum, Staverton** – Ian Brown - 10
- Shuttleworth Collection** – Ian Brown/Richard Durrant – 11
- MIRA** – Andrew Racey – 17

Results have been fed back to the nominees, further details will be announced as arrangements are made, however the MIRA visit will not take place this year due to a change in their visitor policy, however a joint visit with TRDC members has been discussed as one of the TRDC members is a manager at MIRA.....Richard Durrant is coordinating information with them.

DRIVE IT DAY – APRIL 23rd

A run through The Cotswolds is being organised by Andrew Racey ,starting off at Fish Hill before stopping en route for lunch at Burford and then continue later to John and Yvonne Walkers for afternoon tea. They will want a rough idea of how many will be going. Therefore irrespective of whether you wish to join us at Fish Hill, or Burford, please let Andrew know if you are intending to have tea at John and Yvonne's. andrewracey1947@gmail.com.

STATFOLD BARN RAILWAY

Mike Hill is well on the case, tickets are £10 each, please make sure you put the date on the calendar

OUTLINE CALENDAR 2017

February

24/25/26th, Race retro - Stoneleigh

April

2nd Bromyard Speed Festival

9th Malvern Festival of Transport

9th, Sunday lunch at The Green Dragon. Linda and David Gillespie - contact davidandlindag@yahoo.com

17th, Coleford Festival of Transport.

23rd, National Drive it Day. Ending up at John and Yvonne Walkers for afternoon tea (see separate note)

26th, CVTR meeting at The Fleece.

28/29th, Donnington Historic Festival.

28/29th, Welsh weekend

30/1st, Stratford motoring festival.

St Richards Hospice Festival (details requested)

March

5th, TR Group leaders meeting

12th, Sunday lunch. Kings Court Hotel –Alcester,
contact andrewracey1947@gmail.com or phone

01386765523for details

22nd, CVTR meeting at The Fleece.

31/1/2nd, April- Practical classics restoration show - NEC.

May

13th/14th Bidford Classic Cars

14th, Sunday lunch TBA

24th, CVTR meeting at The Fleece.

27th, La Vie En Bleu -Prescott.

27/28th, Ragley Hall transport show.

June

3rd Birmingham Group Concours

3rd/4th Coventry Motorfest

10th, Statfold Barn Railway Visit, see above.

11th, Sunday lunch. Carpenters Arms, Fulbrook, John and Yvonne Walker organising.

11th Toddington Classic Cars

18th, Standard Triumph Marque day .Santa Pod

24th Feckenham Show

25th Hampton Ferry Car Show

24/25th, Flywheel Festival - Bicester Heritage Centre.

28th, CVTR meeting at The Fleece.

? Asparafest

July

7/9th, IWE Malvern.

15/16th, Shelsey " Classic Nostalgia"

16th, Sunday lunch (NB week later than normal because of IWE) Possible event at The Fleece, to be discussed at

CVTR meeting.

16th TRDC Burford House Invitation

26th, CVTR meeting at The Fleece.

28/30th, Silverstone Classic.

August

13th, Sunday lunch at The Coal House , Apperley - Andrew Racey.

17th, Colin Boothe Memorial run. Phil Blake/ Alan Wilding

19th/20th Tewkesbury Classic Car Show

23rd, CVTR meeting at The Fleece.

28th, Plum Festival- Pershore

September

2/3rd,Lakes tour.

9th? Peopleton show.

8/9/10th,Goodwood Revival

10th,Sunday lunch. Chequers at Crowle , Gareth Davies

10th Toddington Classic Cars

27th, CVTR meeting at The Fleece.

29th, Curry night - Pershore - Richard Durrant

October

8th, Sunday lunch – Brian Wiggins

8th Malvern Classic Cars

18th Autumn Leaves Run – Brian Wiggins

22nd, Stoneleigh Autumn show.

25th, CVTR meeting at The Fleece.

30/1st,October. American w/e Prescott

November

4th, TR Register AGM Location TBA.
10/12th, NEC classic car show.
12th, Sunday lunch Thia Emerald Evesham Tim Walker
22nd, CVTR meeting and AGM. at The Fleece

December

December 10th CVTR Annual dinner and awards night at
Dumbleton Hall - Bob Heppel.
December 12th Birmingham Groups annual Quiz night.

SUPPLEMENT 2016 PARKING AWARDS



Andrew Racey, Ian Brown and Richard Durrant