



COTSWOLD VALE TR NEWSLETTER MARCH 2017

Possibly the quietest month of the year, and 2017 is no exception, very little by the way of shows or local events, and not too much happening with member's cars from the deafening silence out there. Unfortunately there were no letters to the editor this month either.....but what we do have are a couple of reports from the March Sunday lunch, and a few more dates for the diary in the "future events" section.

Sunday Lunch March 12th Kings Court Hotel

March 12th and our first Sunday lunch of the year at The Kings Court Hotel near Alcester organised by yours truly. 28 members sat down to an excellent lunch in a private room. About 8 TRs in the car park, some of us chickened out as the forecast was rain. But being typical English weather, it didn't !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



No prizes for guessing whose dessert this was !



Gathering of the clans



Great to see Lesley join us and with her TR6
(ed comment – Gareth still looks jet lagged!)



Keith in deep conversation with Mike and Antony
(ed comment, Mick and Joan Parry had only just returned from a three month cruise!)



Empty seat means our official photographer is on the prowl.
(ed comment, see two images up from this, who is in action behind Phil Blake?)



Alan Wilding receives his belated award from Gareth, (held over from January)

Andrew Racey

THE KINGS COURT HOTEL



Another splendid lunch organised by Andrew Racey.

Twenty-eight CVTR members arrived in only six TRs and a Bentley, together with an assortment of anonymous (I like that word, so it will appear again later!) Euroboxes, even though the sun was shining and an ideal day for getting the TRs out!!



The bar was attended, and the company assembled in the dining room.....



A quick shuffle round with the Candid Camera failed to produce any suitably embarrassing moments, but some people were happy to have their photo taken....



...and some weren't....



Nick: "Have you seen the trick where you give the tablecloth a good yank and it comes away leaving all the stuff on the table behind....?!?"



Alcohol consumption was recorded....



....Two Guinness, two lagers, four soft drinks and one unidentified clear liquid...!!

Alfred has either got indigestion or found something amusing...



.....and Val is pointing out that Gareth will certainly have indigestion if he tries to get all of the bread roll in at once.....



Having dispatched the bread roll, Group Leader then stood up to make a couple of announcements, firstly to present an award which the recipient was unable to receive at the Annual Dinner....to **Alan Wilding**, who researched and prepared the route for last year's Colin Boother Memorial Run jointly with **Phil Blake**. It may be that the presenting of this award to Alan was delayed until we could be absolutely sure that everyone had managed to find their way back....!!



Secondly to inform the diners that an anonymous benefactor was **going to pay for everyone's meal out of his own pocket....!!!**

(I trust that this had no bearing on the immediate rush to the bar!)

I believe that this extremely generous gesture was by way of celebrating his imminent entry to the eighth decade, so we all wish him a belated Happy Birthday of 17th March.

Back to the Candid Camera.

Andrew wasn't sitting down when I took the table photos, so here he is....



I then noticed him fiddling about with his calculator, and took this shot....!!



So, having enjoyed a very pleasant free lunch experience, we all went home.

I know that the Bentley is an automatic Gareth, but that doesn't apply to the steering....!!



Thanks for organising yet another splendid Cotswold Vale Sunday Lunch Andrew – we are all looking forward to 2027.....!!!

Richard Durrant

Group Leaders Meeting March 5th 2017

Attended by Gareth Davies and Tim Walker(CVTR web editor)

A large percentage of group leaders and web editors descended on Castle Donnington race track for the annual Group leaders meeting starting at 11 am and finishing around 4pm. There was a full agenda plus a statement by the TR Register Chairman, Paul Hogan prior to the meeting starting which was designed to clarify/dispel a number of rumours that were circulating the forum and between some unnamed members.

I should also mention that we all had the opportunity at lunch time to visit the museum at Donnington which is made up of 2 parts.

1. The largest collection of F1 cars anywhere in the world with over 130 cars spanning the history of F1 with cars driven by Fangio, Moss, Stewart, Mansell, Prost, Senna, Hamilton and many more – a must see for F1 fans
2. A large military collection of memorabilia in what is known as the Wheatcroft collection celebrating Donnington role in WW2 featuring tanks , large armoured personal carriers (including German examples), rare motorcycles. There will be more in the newsletter for those interested

Main Meeting notes

1. Chairman's statement
 - a. There had been rumours that the Register may get into Manufacture and supply of spare parts. The Chairman clearly stated that there is no plan or intention in getting involved in doing this.
 - b. TR Gold initiative – The Chairman stated that there was nothing to discuss as the board had not received a formal proposal on the subject and that it was due to be received and discussed on March 26th. This was not a satisfactory answer for several members present as there were already rumours on the subject. The Chairman would not be drawn on the subject stating that until the 26th March meeting took place, the board did not have a position on the matter.
 - c. Appointment of Allen Westbury as Vice Chairman – The Chairman stated that this was his appointment as he had every confidence in Allen and wanted someone in place immediately following Roger Hogarth resignation. No further details were offered or sought
2. GL Meeting – Only major items are noted – (if you have any question contact Gareth Davies via e mail.)
 - a. Board Structure – The main update was the fact that some of the 4 area directors were seeking to appoint more area co-ordinators. As far as CVTR were concerned, there would be no changes, Paul Tunnadine (Cat) would continue to act as our Area Co-ordinator while he was West Area Director
 - b. IWE 2019 – the 2018 will be held at Lincoln on 30th June- 1st July using the same format as previous years. For IWE after 2018, The Board will be seeking ideas from members as you what type of annual event, e.g. smaller regional events or combined with other organisations, all ideas will be considered.
 - c. Euro Meet – Mick Forey announced that the 2020 Euro Meet will be held in the UK in the Coventry /Warwick area and that local groups will be asked to help with ideas car tours for overseas visitors when the time comes.
 - d. TS2 – Mick Forey also presented the need to carry out some major refurbishment of TS2 to keep it “in good condition, safe and usable for members”. It has been estimated by Phil Tucker that £30K is required and the Board were requesting the membership to consider raising more funds to complete the work. Discussions resulted in the following ideas
 - i. The Register and the Trustees need to reach a mutual agreement on who decides what work need to be work as the Register have to pay for it. Discussions are currently underway
 - ii. GL's were asked to ask their group members if they prepared to try and raise money for TS2(a target of £460 was suggested as there are 54 groups). The meeting supported this idea. Paul Furry suggested a competition will be organised to see who and how the money is raised.
 - iii. The Board could approach the Lottery fund, suppliers and the general membership via TR Action. All these would be considered by the board and a programme will be published.
 - e. Register Insurance – Derek Hurford

- i. In order to be covered by the Register Insurance the office needs to know about the event. GL's to supply the office with those
 - ii. Members with Register insurance should have received a letter with the latest group reference numbers to quote when communicating. No one had received these letters and DH would look into why
 - iii. Some members were still having trouble with breakdown cover when they had multiple cars on the same. DH thought this was resolved and would look into it.
 - iv. Exemption certificate – when applying do not specify a fixed route, suggest a “recommended route”, do not specify mileage, prizes or times, do not use the word “rally”- use “non – competitive social event”
- f. Membership – Alan Westbury
- i. Alan covered some facts about membership which was covered and reported previously
 - ii. At the next AGM, an additional type of family membership will be proposed which allows full voting rights to each family member. This will be £68 but only one magazine will be sent.
- g. Website
- i. Wayne Scott covered several aspects of the website and web editors engaged in discussions about some of the mechanics of the site
 - ii. Wayne encouraged everyone to populate the site with all the events and news and using all the facilities. Some groups were using the site extensively and some were not.
 - iii. The opinion from the floor that it was up to the local groups what they wanted and how much to use the site. Everyone felt the site was good and needs to be dynamic enough to attract new members.

Gareth Davies

HISTORIC COMPETITIONS NEWS

Castle Donnington Racing Museum

At the recent GL meeting in March there was the opportunity to experience the Racing Museum which has two main sections, one on F1 racing and the second on WW2 memorabilia. The museum is definitely worth a visit if you are passing but it does focus on F1 rather than any other form of racing so bear that in mind. However, it is still very interesting

1. F1 Section

It features the largest collection of F1 cars anywhere in the world with over 130 cars spanning the history of F1 with cars driven by Fangio, Moss, Stewart, Mansell, Prost, Senna, Hamilton and many more – a must see for F1 fans. Each car has an information board which describes what the car was, who drove it and what races it featured in so get a lot of history. I hate to think what the inventory value is on these cars.



Tim Walker – Having enjoyed his buffet lunch, our website Editor starts out in front of an early BRM before continuing on a whistlestop tour. The museum starts in the 1930's and carries on through the decades right up until modern day cars.



A 1935 Austin 7 Twin Cam which won many races from 1937 to 1939



A 1945 ERA which promised much but failed to win any major titles



The 1958 Vanwall "Tear Drop" cars which Sterling Moss drove in the Monaco Grand prix where he missed winning the Championship by one point (Mike Hawthorn won)



The museum continues to feature many F1 cars from the early days right up until 2011 McLaren in which Hamilton won the Brazilian Grand Prix



Hamilton's 2011 McLaren

2. The Museum also features a large military collection of memorabilia in what is known as the Wheatcroft collection celebrating Donnington's role in WW2 as a storage depot and featuring tanks, large armoured personal carriers (including German examples-), rare motorcycles.



German APC with tracks capable of 5mpg on a good day but does not get stuck in the mud!



Just a small section of the motorcycles that included British, American and German motor cycles including tracked vehicles. These were both restored and original as discovered in the battlefield including some which were found with their riders still on the bike where they fell – a very moving story.

Gareth Davies

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Good afternoon

I am looking for the following volunteers for the Malvern International Event 7-9 July 2017.

Technical Seminars / Non Technical Seminars (Freesian Pavillion) - Saturday / Sunday

To set up for the seminars and keep to timings.

Saturday 9.30am - 4pm (seminar and timetable will be provided)

Sunday 10.30am - 2pm (seminar and timetable will be provided)

Friday (anytime) to set up

Autosolo - Kevin Bryant Saturday

Require half a dozen people between the hours of 10 and 1 but you are not required to do the full 3 hours if you do not want to. If you would like to volunteer for just an hour of your time for example, that would also be appreciated

Bring & Buy Saturday/Sunday

The hard and good work has been done in the past by Cotswold Vale Group and Leicestershire Group who took this on last year. This will entail setting up the stand on Friday, managing the bookings, and whoever would like to head this up, manage the volunteers. A float is provided. We are looking for at least 16 people for the weekend. Once I have the names, a rota will be provided.

Arena - Wayne Scott Saturday/Sunday

We are looking for at least 12 to cover the arena over the weekend (1 to lead and 6 for each day for example), headed by Wayne. We are also looking for volunteers to do the announcements over the weekend. I have a volunteer who is happy to do one of the two days, so if you can give a few hours or the whole day, that would be appreciated. Wayne has put a notice in TR Action (Issue 296) with more detail than given here.

If you could kindly discuss with your members and come back to me by Friday 31st March 2017, I will be grateful.

Thank you for your time.

Jo Whitty (office@tr-register.co.uk)

FROM THE ARCHIVES

I hope you can read this..... the origins of the CVTR logo.....TR Action 106, May 1993.

COTSWOLD VALE

John Gibbons



I thought it was about time the Group had its own personal logo on the reports. We have used it in the past, but never resurrected it for years, so I hope you all approve. Gary Hunter is sorting out a woven badge in this design for applying to any pullover, sweatshirt or top that you may have lying around. This solves the problem of buying the garment with the design already woven in or on it. A cheaper more flexible approach in these cost conscious times.

We have been to the Royal Oak, Gretton for our lunchtime drink in February. Nice to see a healthy turn-out, including Brooke-

Fowler in his Bentley and Doreen in her Grinnal TR7 conversion. March saw our meeting at the The Apple Tree, Woodman-cote, near Cheltenham. Mike Hill turned out in his 1967 Ford Mustang Coupe, just to prove he has one as well as his lovely TR7 FHC. Mike Hazlewood attended our February monthly meeting and announced he is now the Midland Group Co-ordinator for his sins. Nice to see you Mike. I hope you enjoy your new post.

The diaries are all distributed. Thanks Keith for your time and trouble on this one there should be no excuses for not knowing the venue and dates of our "doings." I've even got spare copies, should you lose them.

I was sorry to hear Andy Peterson had stood down from Birmingham Group however, I do understand his reasons. A Group can only be active if the members give their enthusiastic support, and help the Group Leader not criticise him. Enough said here. I think.

Our main event this year will be the Group Car Display and Buffet in the landscaped gardens to the rear of my flat in Greenhill Gardens, Evesham on 29th July at 7.30 p.m. Following on last year's great success, I felt this venue would be more appealing as it has a large area to display the cars. We should be able to accommodate some thirty five plus cars in a scenic setting well off the road.

I have been very fortunate to obtain permission of the ground landlord and Chairman of the Residents Association, with who's co-operation this event could not be staged. Their only concern has been not to damage the kept lawn when driven around, so please no wheelies or undue noise, as the residents may be very upset. I have given my word that things will be kept under tight control, and any damage to the turf will be repaired by the Group. The rare likelihood of this happening. Please don't let me down, thank you. Should it be very wet and underfoot we can deny. I'm hoping for the excellent support of Glavon and Birmingham Groups. Bc Owen from Coventry Group has already shown interest, and hopes to send twelve cars. We are hoping to lay on some sandwiches and light refreshments. Prizes for Best TR and Best C.V.T.R. TR is planned. The use of the Gardener's toilet the White House courtyard has also been granted. The entrance will be sign-posted with white TR direction arrows to avoid confusion. All cars should be on display by 8 p.m.

Forthcoming Events

9th May - Sunday lunchtime, Blue Boar, Binton, Nr. Bidford.

13th June - Sunday lunchtime and Club car display at The Sandy's Arms, Wickhamford, just off A44 Broadway/Evesham Road. The place where Terry and Fran live!

9th/11th July - Fleece Bretforton, Beer Festival Weekend.

11th July - Sunday lunchtime Bakers Arms, Broad Campden, nr. Chipping

Campden.

24th/25th July - International Weekend, Shepton Mallet. Convoy run from Trumpet Merstow Green 9.30 a.m. prompt on Saturday morning.

29th July - Garden Party/Car display in Greenhill Gardens, Evesham, John's back garden, by kind permission of the Residents Assoc. A must for all our C.V.T.R. members. Glavon, Birmingham and Coventry Groups will be displaying some of their best cars.

8th August - Sunday lunchtime, The Plough at Ford.

12th September - Sunday lunchtime Organ Grinder, Stonehall Common, near Pilton, Worcester and convoy run to Malvern in afternoon.

10th October - Sunday lunchtime, Mount Stanton.

14th November - Sunday lunchtime, Snowhill Arms, Snowhill.

17th December - Christmas Dinner and Disco. £15.50 per head approx. at Strollers Restaurant, Waterside, Evesham. Happy summer motoring.

Brooke-Fowler in his Bentley, Doreen in her Grinnal, and Mike Hill in a '67 Ford Mustang.....!

CVTR Monthly Meeting March 2017

Gareth chaired the meeting with 22 members in attendance.

Apologies from Richard and Meg, Phil and Be, Brian Wiggins, Paul Hogan and Alan Wilding.

Report on activity during the month reported above

Gareth reported on some of the outcome from The Group Leaders meeting – please see above report.

FUTURE EVENTS CALENDAR 2017

Dates now confirmed for the Coventry Motor Museum and LMA Cosford (see below)

April 23rd. National drive it day. A run through The Cotswolds, starting at the top of Fish Hill -- plan to meet at 10.45 to depart at 11.00am and drive to Burford Garden Centre for lunch. This is being organised by Andrew Racey. We then plan to leave around 2.00/2.15 to drive to John and Yvonne Walkers who have kindly invited us for afternoon tea. They will want a rough idea of how many will be going. Please contact Andrew Racey if you intend to go, irrespective of weather you intend to meet up for at Fish Hill or Burford Garden Centre, then contact. andrewracey1947@gmail.com or phone 01386 765523. At the time of writing we have 21 people signed up.

May 14th Sunday lunch . TBA LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER PLEASE.

(We MAY try and organise a Chocolate treasure hunt followed by afternoon tea at Three Ways Hotel at Mickleton if we don't get any volunteers for organising the lunch.)

May 16th. Our trip to Coventry Motor Museum has been confirmed . We are allowed to park in front of the museum. A convoy will be organised for those who wish to join it, or meet up enroute . Exact details will be available at the April meeting .

Advance notice -- Mike Hill has confirmed that Stafford Barn Railway is booked for June 10th. Further details will be issued at April/ May meeting.

Also Phil Blake is hoping to organise the Clay shoot around September for those who have expressed an interest.

March

31/1/2nd, April-- Practical classics restoration show - NEC.
£16 entry price

April

2nd Bromyard Speed Festival
9th Malvern Festival of Transport
9th, Sunday lunch at The Green Dragon. Linda and David Gillespie. (see email from Gareth Davies)
17th, Coleford Festival of Transport.
23rd, National Drive it Day. Ending up at John and Yvonne Walkers for afternoon tea
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)

May

13th/14th Bidford Classic Cars
14th, Sunday lunch TBA
**16th COVENTRY MOTOR MUSEUM TRIP
CONFIRMED DATE**
(contact Andrew Racey, andrewracey1947@gmail.com)
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.
Northampton
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"
15th LMA Cosford Air Show
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 Booter 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.
2nd 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
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

October

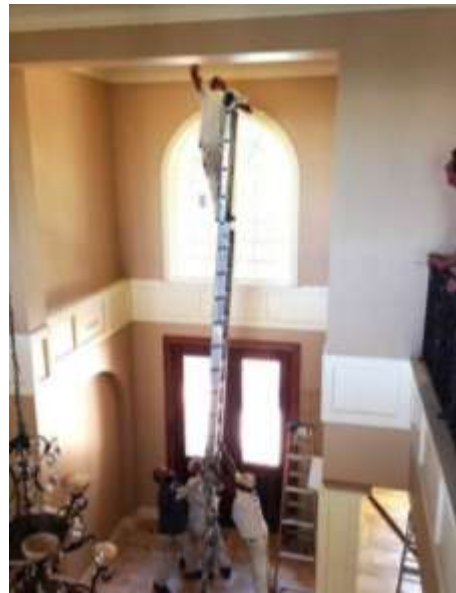
8th, Sunday lunch – Brian Wiggins
8th Malvern Classic Cars
18th Autumn Leaves Run – Brian Wiggins
22nd, Stoneleigh Autumn show.
25th, CVTR meeting at The Fleece.

December

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

SUPPLEMENT LADDERS!





(Ed chosen image - tip for Andy Canning and Keith Brown, hedge trimming for tall hedges.....)

Andrew Racey, Ian Brown and Richard Durrant