



# WESSEX NEWS

*Preserving the marque in Hampshire*

This month's

Highlights

## Classical Rambling

Who was it who first got serious about the work / life balance? Couldn't say with any certainty but can say I have failed! Sadly my work balance seems to be increasing along with my grey hair, and even worse dragging me northwards, so it was with considerable regret that I told Nigel I was going to have to give up this rather enjoyable editorship. I hope someone feels inclined to leap into the vacant seat – it really is a great insight on all the excellent things the club promotes and does.

Otherwise this edition is proof of the vibrant approach we have to TR's in Wessex – there really is a lot going on and some great opportunities to share and talk about the wonderful obsession we have involved in running these (mostly) magnificent machines.

**James**

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## Group Leader Chat

Welcome to the May edition of Wessex News. It's with regret that I start this month's GL piece with the news that after pulling our newsletter together for the past 12 months, our Editor James, has decided to stand down due to work commitments. James works away from the area and he's finding it more difficult juggling work commitments, commuting, and home life with working on the newsletter, and so he feels it's time to hand on the reins. James has done a sterling job over the past year and I'd like to express my sincere thanks to him for the work he's done, and I'm sure I speak for all Wessex members in thanking him and wishing him well in his future endeavours, especially with his TR's! I know James will keep in touch and I hope he'll be able to come and see us on a club night or club run very soon.

James will continue as Editor for the next 3 editions of Wessex News including this one, so his last will be July, which means we're looking for a new editor to take over before then. I don't need to tell you that the local group is run entirely by a team of volunteers on the social committee, who organise events and runs for the benefit of the local group members. This includes the Newsletter which is the glue that sticks us all together and keeps everyone informed of what's going on. So, we urgently need to replace our editor, and if you think you're the right person for the job please let me know. It's not a difficult role and you will be provided with full support whilst you get the hang of it, basic computer skills are needed including competent use of MS Word, and a knowledge of MS Publisher would be an advantage but not essential. Your Newsletter needs you! Please contact me if you're interested in discussing how you can help in more detail.

April Club Night was our "away match" to The Queens Head at Fishers Pond, Eastleigh, where a dozen or so of us had a super meal and good chat about our TR's, and the TRials and TRibulations they bring. We didn't entice any of our members in the East of the region to join us, the dull and drizzly evening no doubt the cause, but none the less, there were 6 TR's in the car



park including Mervyn Lister's TR5 which is becoming a regular at Wessex events and lovely to see.

April also saw the 25<sup>th</sup> annual running of the popular all Triumph New Forest Run superbly organised as ever by local groups of the TSSC and TR Drivers Club. Triumphs of all marques gathered at the lorry park in Ringwood and Wessex Group were well represented with several club cars taking part including yours truly in my TR4. It was a gloriously sunny day so tops were down and there were Triumphs as far as the eye could see, especially Stags who had their very own section of car park just for them. For this, the Silver Jubilee year, there were 200 cars taking part including around 80 Triumph Stags which must be virtually all of the roadworthy vehicles in the 3 counties! After a wonderfully organised run we finished at Damerham where the cars were parked in the field behind The Compasses pub where a cream tea was arranged, and to bring the day to a close there was an informal awards ceremony and I'm delighted to say that Wessex Group members scooped many awards. Congratulations to Tony Alderton for winning "Best TR4/5" with his superb TR250, congratulations also to Tom Watson for his TR6, and to Ian Evans who won the "spirit of the show" award for his daily driver of the past 20+ years, his well known and well used TR4A.

Coming up, our Club Night on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> is our visit to the Bournemouth Aviation museum at Hurn. We have a private guided tour so please make sure you're at the museum in good time for the tour to start at 7pm. There will be a small fee of £5 per head, and our Club Run on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June is a picturesque route to The Boot Inn pub at Houghton near Stockbridge.

See you at Club Night.

Month 2017	Event	Location / Details
<b>May 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Club visit	Hurn Aircraft Museum, time 7.00pm £5 per person
<b>June 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Club Run to The Boot	The Boot Public House
<b>June 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Pride of Ownership	The Sir Walter Tyrell, 7.30pm
<b>July 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Vectis Historic Vehicle Club Ltd Open Day	Details in January Wessex News <a href="mailto:vhvcltd@hotmail.com">vhvcltd@hotmail.com</a>
<b>July 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Club Run	tbc
<b>July 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Visiting Car Night	tbc
<b>August 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Club Run	tbc
<b>August 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	The Wessex BBQ	tbc
<b>September 10<sup>th</sup></b>	The Cream Tea Run	tbc
<b>September 11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup></b>	A Fantastic TRip to Brittany	See page 5
<b>September 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Roy's Quiz Night	The Sir Walter Tyrell, 7.30pm
<b>October 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Club Run	Bicester Sunday Scramble – depart Amesbury 0700 hours
<b>October 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Club night	tbc
<b>November 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Club night	tbc

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

## Silk Mill Run



Some 13 cars set off, in pleasant sunshine, from Ower on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May for a visit to the Silk Mill at Whitchurch, between Basingstoke and Andover. The route took us on predominately B and C roads via East Wellow, Kent's Oak, Mottisfont, and Houghton to Stockbridge, then on through Fullerton, Wherwell and Longparish, where we stopped at The Cricketers Inn for lunch. Then on to Whitchurch for our visit to the Silk Mill, where we had a conducted tour and a detailed explanation of the background and history of silk weaving, from its origins in China and of the mill itself. It is not known why the Whitchurch Mill was built, but it has been producing silk since 1817, when it was bought and converted by a silk weaver from Spitalfields, which at that time was the heart of the British silk industry. Over the years, the ownership has changed and its existence has at times been marginal, but it is now supported by an enthusiastic band of volunteers and operates as a charity, the Whitchurch Silk Mill Trust. More recently, the Mill has woven ribbons, serge, raincoat material and silk linings in 22 colours for Burberry and, during World War II, silk for insulating cables for aircraft and similar applications. Later, the Mill wove black ottoman and satin for lining legal gowns and even, it was said, cream silk for a scarf, tie and handkerchief for the Kray brothers.

It is beautifully situated on a small, man-made island surrounded by the river Test, in which the brown trout can be seen taking flies and the ducks enjoying the fast flowing water. Whilst we watched, to everyone's delight a convoy of nine tiny signets, accompanied by mum and dad, sailed majestically past. Although the looms are now driven electrically, there is a working water wheel with the old gearing for driving the shafts and belts. The equipment that used to be employed for spinning the silk and winding the bobbins can still be seen, laid out as it would have been when in use, together with examples of old looms. There are informative videos on silk weaving and examples of the various types of silk and work done in the past. Not least, there is a small café in the mill building and a comprehensive shop where one can buy souvenir silk items to weave, wear or as a memento.

Today, the Mill weaves customised textiles for interior design, historic projects and modern fashion houses and other uses. For those who could not make the run, the Mill makes a fascinating visit and should be on their to-do list.

**Geoff Glover**



## Events



Club Night on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> May is a visit to the Bournemouth Aircraft Museum, situated opposite Bournemouth Airport or the road between Hurn and West Parley. It is the same entrance as the children's play park. The Museum has a wide variety of whole aircraft, fuselages and aero engines to view, and some cockpits can be entered to get a feel for being a military pilot! We shall have a guide to explain to us the exhibits, and there will be time to explore them on your own after the tour. The exhibits cover mainly post war to 1990s military aircraft, but there are civil exhibits as well. There will be an entrance fee to pay. Please be there for a prompt start at 7.00 as there is quite a bit to cover before dark.

**Geoff Glover**



## Eagle Sprint, Goodwood

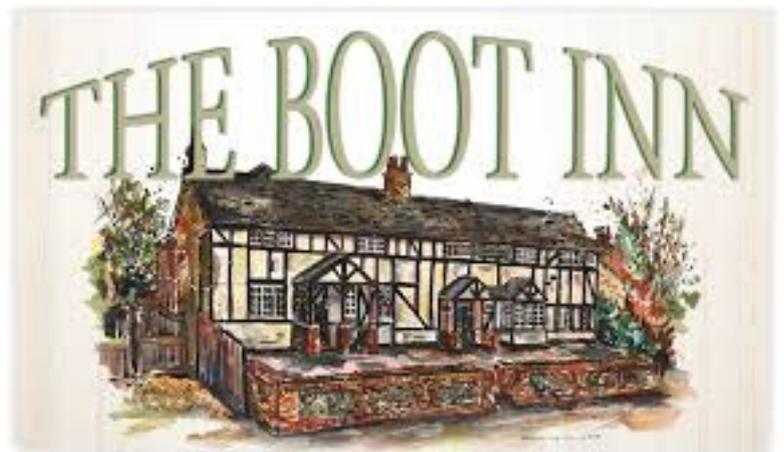
B&HMC are running the Eagle sprint at Goodwood on Saturday 5th August and the TR Register is an invited club and if TR entries are sufficient then they will run in a dedicated class. We already have a few TR entries and if anyone else wants to enter they can online at [brightonandhovemotorclub.co.uk](http://brightonandhovemotorclub.co.uk) Len Wooller [lencob427@live.co.uk](mailto:lencob427@live.co.uk) 01273558032

## April Club Night



Ian Evans with his “spirit of the show” award for his daily driver of the past 20+ years, his well known and well used TR4A.

## 11<sup>th</sup> June Run to The Boot



Overpage is the route sheet for the run on 11<sup>th</sup>. Please print this off, as hard copies will not be available on the day. The departure time from Ower will be 10.30am.

### Driving Directions from Ower Services to the Boot Inn Houghton SO20 6LH

Total distance	Approx. distance to	DIRECTIONS
0.0	In	From Ower Services @ <b>RAB</b> take <b>4<sup>th</sup> Exit A36</b> - <b>SP</b> Salisbury, Wellow, Plaitford & Landford
1.6	<b>1.6</b>	@ Wellow <b>TR</b> in to Whinwhisle Road/Tanners Lane - <b>SP</b> East Wellow & Awbridge
4.3	<b>2.7</b>	@ <b>+</b> straight over <b>A27</b> in to Danes Road - <b>SP</b> Awbridge & Kimbridge
5.6	<b>1.3</b>	@ staggered <b>+</b> (War Memorial opp) <b>TL</b> then immediately <b>TR</b> in to Saunders Lane - <b>SP</b> Lockerley
6.3	<b>0.6</b>	@ <b>TJ TL</b> on to <b>B3084</b> - <b>SP</b> Broughton, Mottisford & Dunbridge
7.1	<b>0.7</b>	@ Mill Arms <b>TL</b> in to Lockerley Road - <b>SP</b> Lockerley & East Tytherly
8.3	<b>1.2</b>	@ <b>TJ TR</b> - <b>SP</b> East Tytherly
8.8	<b>0.4</b>	After St. John's church on Right take next <b>Left</b> in to East Dean Road - <b>SP</b> East Dean, West Dean & Baptist Church
11.5	<b>2.7</b>	@ <b>TJ TR</b> over bridge - <b>SP</b> Tytherley & Winterslow
13.7	<b>2.1</b>	<b>Caution!</b> @ West Tytherley <b>TR</b> in to Church Lane - <b>SP</b> East Tytherley
15.1	<b>1.5</b>	<b>Caution!</b> @ East Tytherley <b>TL</b> - <b>SP</b> Broughton
17.1	<b>1.9</b>	@ <b>TJ TL</b> on to <b>B3084</b> - <b>SP</b> The Wallops & Broughton
18.0	<b>0.9</b>	@ Broughton <b>TR</b> (one way) in to Queenwood Road - <b>SP</b> Village Centre
18.2	<b>0.1</b>	@ sharp bend to Right (The Grey Hound on Right) <b>TL</b> - <b>SP</b> Middle Wallop & Stockbridge
19.5	<b>1.3</b>	@ <b>+</b> straight over <b>A30</b> (no SP)
20.9	<b>1.4</b>	<b>Caution!</b> Through village and immediately after passing bridge on left take next <b>Right</b> (no SP or road name)
22.9	<b>1.9</b>	@ <b>TJ TR</b> (no SP)
25.1	<b>2.1</b>	<b>Caution!</b> @ farm buildings on Right <b>TL</b> (no SP or road name)
25.9	<b>0.7</b>	@ <b>TJ TR</b> (no SP or road name)
26.8	<b>0.9</b>	@ staggered <b>+</b> cross <b>A30</b> - <b>SP</b> Houghton
27.4	<b>0.5</b>	Enter North Houghton
28.6	<b>1.2</b>	The <b>Boot Inn</b> is on Left, car park at rear
		<b>Boot Inn tel: 01794 388310</b>

**RAB** = Roundabout. **TL** = Turn Left. **TR** = Turn Right. **SP** = Sign Post. **TJ** = T Junction. **TL** = Traffic Lights. **+** Cross Roads.

**Caution!** = keep an eye on your mileage for reference.

# Ferndown



## Ferndown Classic Car Show

Dear *Mr Jordan*,

We are pleased that Ferndown is holding another Classic Car Show this summer as part of the Rotary Club of Ferndown's Fete on the Field 2017 fun day out and we hope that you would like to join us again.

There is going to be a full program of events throughout the day likely to include a variety of musical acts and dancing, a dog show, children's rides and magician, market and food and drink stalls and much more, all combining to give you, your family and friends a real fun day out. It also provides the start and finishing line for a 10k and a 5K run around rural Ferndown.

To add extra interest we are hoping to introduce a Custom Car section this year. If bringing a Custom Car please mark the booking form 'CUSTOM'.

**To show your car is free if you register in advance. An optional commemorative plaque will be available at £2 each. Or turn up on the day for £2 inc. plaque.**

Please eMail me for Club Stand information.

Booking forms available from

[www.ferndownfotf.org](http://www.ferndownfotf.org)

or

[carshow@ferndownfotf.org](mailto:carshow@ferndownfotf.org)

John Baxter 01202 897 884

### Come and join the fun!

*Best Wishes John*



**Ferndown Classic Car Show**  
**on the King George V Playing Fields**  
 Open to all Classic Cars, Motorbikes  
 and Light Commercials



We ask that all vehicles should be 20 years or more old, or be of special interest.

New this year is that it will be free to show your vehicle if you register in advance. If you wish to receive a special non-metallic commemorative plaque we ask a £2 donation. If you chose not to book in advance and to come on the day there will be a charge of £2 which would include a free commemorative plaque.

**To enter:**

Please read the conditions on the back of this notice then complete the form. Return it before 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017 to the address on the application form along with your payment.

Later applications may be accepted if space permits.

Please ask for availability of Club Stands.

Vehicles should arrive at the field via **Cherry Grove** [follow signs to the Ferndown Leisure Centre] between 9.45am and 10.15am [Gates close at 10.30am] and remain on the field until 5pm. For safety reasons there can be no vehicle movement at any other times.

We advise you keep a photocopy of the form for your information. Once we have received your form and optional payment we will send you a show pass in good time for the event.



Rotary Club of Ferndown, Ferndown Town Council and the King George V Fields Charity accept no responsibility for any personal injury or for any damage to, or loss of vehicles or personal effects incurred by exhibitors or their guests as a result of attendance at the show

## Ferndown Classic Car Show

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2017 - King George V Playing Fields**

### Conditions to be read before booking:

- For reasons of the safety of all field users all vehicles should arrive on the site before **10.30am** on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and remain on the field until **5pm**. There will be no cavalcade this year.
- Please arrive on the field via **Cherry Grove, Ferndown, BH22 9EZ** and check in before proceeding across the grass.
- All vehicles should be fully roadworthy, have a current MOT, be currently road licensed unless exempt, and be fully insured. Proof of these may be needed to be shown if requested.
- The driver must have a current full driver's licence valid in the UK.
- Please observe a **5 MPH** speed limit on the field.
- The organisers do not accept any liability for any loss or damage to any vehicle taking part in the show however caused.
- The Marshalls are there for your safety and that of other field users – please treat them with respect and follow their directions.
- The Marshalls and organisers reserve the right to order anyone to leave the field entirely if that person's behaviour is contrary to the spirit of the day.
- If for any reason the Car Show is cancelled, the organisers regret that a refund cannot be made for the plaque.
- For queries or club stand enquiries please either ring or e-Mail John Baxter at 01202 897884 or

**e-Mail:** [carshow@ferndownfotf.org](mailto:carshow@ferndownfotf.org) **website:** [www.ferndownfotf.org](http://www.ferndownfotf.org)

**Please complete the following application form fully and return to:**

**John Baxter, Greenacres, Angel Lane, Longham, Ferndown Dorset BH22 9DZ**

<b>Type of vehicle</b> Car/Light com/ Custom/ Agricultural/Motor cycle		Registration Number	
		Engine Size	
Make		Model	
Year of Manufacture		How long have you owned the vehicle?	
Points of interest e.g. 1 of only 10 on the road			
Name of Owner/Driver	Forename:	Surname:	
Address			
Telephone		On field mobile	
Email address			
Plaque required: <input type="checkbox"/>	If I have ticked to receive a plaque I enclose my payment of £2 in cash or by cheque made payable to 'Rotary Club of Ferndown.'		

**I am happy to abide by the booking conditions shown above.**

Signed: ..... Date .....

The Andover  
Rotary Clubs  
Family Festival  
Car & Bike show  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July  
2017

*Information on a new show created for the combined Rotary Clubs in Andover hoping for a presence from Wessex TR.*

**If you are interested in joining this event please let Nigel Jordan know soonest so a pitch for the club can be organised.**

### *General information*

The show will contain full entertainment for the whole family and we are expecting 3-5 thousand people to attend. As a part of the festival we are able to take a large number of cars ranging from vintage to modified cars plus other vehicles that will be entered into our competition.

There has been a lot interest to date, however the show is only 3 months away we have now passed the first stage of planning, and are putting entrants into places.

This is a great way to show off all of the beautiful vehicles belonging to your club members, together with your banners to advertise to our community.

There are 2 ways to book:

Firstly you can book as a club, indicating how many members would like to participate, e-mailing [richardvaughan1940@icloud.com](mailto:richardvaughan1940@icloud.com)

with details of vehicles to follow.

Secondly members can register individually by e-mailing the following information to [richardvaughan1940@icloud.com](mailto:richardvaughan1940@icloud.com)

Make  
Model  
Reg no  
Telephone and email contact.

We have 4 weeks to ensure we have all of the bookings ready to be mapped out for the day and to be able to send timings for all of the clubs to arrive. You appreciate this is a safety aspect, gets entrants to their correct display area, and reduces queuing.

**AN AUDIENCE  
WITH STUART  
TURNER**



**ON SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY 2017**  
**AT**  
**DOWN AMPNEY VILLAGE HALL**  
**DOWN AMPNEY, NEAR CIRENCESTER GL7 5QR**

Stuart is a very entertaining and amusing speaker with tales of his long and distinguished career in motorsport from the 1950s as a successful navigator in, amongst other things, TR2s and TR3s, through the 1960s as BMC Competition Manager at Abingdon and the 1970s as Director of Motorsport at Ford and much more besides. The author of twenty books, Stuart now spends time as an excellent after dinner speaker and is very active passionately promoting the Charity, the Motorsport Safety Fund. He's a great character and such good company.

**FORMAT FOR THE DAY**

Optional tour of the Wiltshire & Gloucestershire countryside  
Time and meeting point T.B.A. in the May edition of Glavon News – or contact Jeanna Ind.

- 1.00pm:** Picnic lunch at Down Ampney Village Hall
- 2.00pm:** An Audience with Stuart Turner (Part 1)
- 2.40pm:** Break for approximately 20 minutes
- 3.00pm:** An Audience with Stuart Turner (Part 2)
- 3.40pm:** Questions & Answers
- 4.00pm:** Refreshments (proceeds in aid of the TS2 Restoration Fund)

**TICKET PRICE: £6.00 (Payable in Advance)**  
**Please make cheques payable to Glavon TRs**

For more information or to purchase your ticket(s) please contact: -  
Jeanna Ind, Curtis Cottage, Pinkney, Malmesbury, Wiltshire, SN16 0NZ

Tel: 01666 840950 or 07887 853476  
or email: [jeanna.ind@btinternet.com](mailto:jeanna.ind@btinternet.com)

VINTAGE VEHICLE RALLY AND FAMILY FUN DAY 29<sup>TH</sup>

JULY 2017



In Memory of Barry Smith

**Organisers:**

Suzanne Smith and Tony Fowler

7 The Fieldings

East Stour

Nr Gillingham

Dorset

SP8 5LE

**Tel: 01747 838925**

**E-Mail: fowlerfunbox@btinternet.com**

Dear Exhibitor

Please fill out your details below and return to us at the above address by Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2017, we will confirm your entry, don't worry if you miss the deadline you can bring this form with you on the day. The show will again be held at The Udder Farm Shop, Manor Farm, East Stour, Nr Gillingham, Dorset, SP8 5LQ. Exhibits can arrive from 7.30am but please be set up by 9.30am, there is no entry fee for exhibits but a donation to our chosen charities would be most appreciated. The show will run from 10am – 4pm, there will be plenty of things to see and the shop & restaurant will be open as usual, we continue into late evening with live music, bar, hot food and drinks .

There is also a free camping field, if you wish to stay overnight please let us know.

We look forward to meeting you, if you have any queries please contact us on the above number.

Exhibit Details

Name:.....

Address:.....

.....

..... Postcode:.....

Telephone No:..... E-Mail address:.....

Type of Exhibit(s):.....

Make, Model & Year (if a vehicle):.....

I would like to stay overnight (please circle)      YES      NO

Our chosen charities this year are  
Salisbury Hospice Charity & Stars Appeal - Breast Cancer Unit Campaign

Lymington  
2017

*For the sea crossing via Red Funnel we have been able to negotiate a 15% reduction in fares for those visiting the show from the mainland over that weekend Fri to Mon or just for the day.*

*Enter the code VECTIS2017 (Upper Case) when using the RF website to book, in the promotional code/voucher box (ignore 2014 date).*



## Lymington Summer Spectacular Classic Car Show 2017

**Car Exhibitor Registration Form (pre 1987 cars only)**

**Venue Woodside Park, Ridgeway Lane, Lymington SO41 8AA  
Sunday 6th August 2017**

**Please arrive by 11.00am**

If you would like to participate in this show please return this application form duly completed a.s.a.p. Due to high levels of interest we need AS MUCH INFORMATION FROM YOU AS POSSIBLE, as cars that are not pre booked will not be admitted to the Show arena on the day. If your application is successful we will send you a windscreen pass, plaque terms & conditions, and directions to Woodside Park. Last day for Registration July 7th OR when all spaces of the 240 available have been allocated. Please see web site for up-to-date numbers remaining but book early.

Entrants Name (Mr, Mrs, Ms)	
Address	
Post code	
Telephone	
Email address	
Make of car & year of manufacture	
Type and Model	
Registration number	
Name of Club If participating at a Club Stand	
Method of Payment of £6.00 entry (Please tick chosen method)	Cheque payable to Rotary Club of Lymington <input type="checkbox"/>
Please enclose sae for postal applications.	BT Donate vis their web page <input type="checkbox"/> My Donate reference number _____

Please complete and return to: Maurice McNeill, 58 Haglane Copse, Lymington, Hampshire SO41 8DQ with your cheque for £6.00 together with a stamped addressed return envelope OR email to [carshow@lymingtonrotary.org.uk](mailto:carshow@lymingtonrotary.org.uk) with confirmation of payment via the Rotary Club of Lymington Trust Fund page on the BTmyDonate web site. Any queries please email Maurice McNeill [carshow@lymingtonrotary.org.uk](mailto:carshow@lymingtonrotary.org.uk) See separate sheet/web site for terms and conditions.

*Organised by the Rotary Club of Lymington—Charity No 1028522*

## TR Register Event List



### June

Sat 3rd- Sun 4th: Tatton Park Classic Car Show, Cheshire

Sun 18th: Standard Triumph Marque Day, Santa Pod, Northamptonshire

Fr 23 - Thu 29th: TR Tours Brittany Tour

Sat 24th - Sun 25th: Flywheel Festival, Bicester Heritage Centre

### July

Fri 7th - Sun 9th: TR International Weekend, 3 Counties Showground, Malvern

Fri 28th - Sun 30th: CarFest North, Bolesworth, Cheshire

Fri 28th - Sun 30th: Silverstone Classic, Northamptonshire

TBA: TR Register End to End Run

### August

Sat 5th - Sun 6th: Croft Nostalgia Weekend, Dalton on Tees, N. Yorkshire

Fri 25th - Sun 27th: CarFest South, Laverstoke Park Farm, Hampshire

### September

Sat 2nd - Sun 3rd: TR Register Scottish Weekend at Bo'Ness Hillclimb, Falkirk

Sat 2nd - Sun 3rd: TR Register Lakes Tour, Newby Bridge, Cumbria

Fri 8th - Sun 10th: Goodwood Revival, Chichester, West Sussex

Fri 8th - Sun 10th: TR Euromeet 2017, Dijon, France

Sat 16th - Sun 17th: Manchester Classic Car Show, Event City, Manchester

Fri 15th - Sun 17th: Spa 6 Hour, Spa Francorchamps, Belgium

Tue 26th - Sun 1st October: TR Tours Ireland Tour

### October

Sun 22nd: Stoneleigh Autumn Restoration Show, Stoneleigh, Warks

### November

Sat 4th: TR Register Annual General Meeting, Location TBA

Fri 10th - Sun 12th: NEC Classic Motorshow, Birmingham

[Click for the full 2017 calendar & information on those listed above](#)

## Bill Richardson Transport Museum



The transport museums in New Zealand are usually unexpectedly spectacular and often make the UK equivalents look quite pedestrian. Having competed in the Haka Classic Car Rally during November 2016 the route took us by many of these interesting and sometimes unique museums.

Many New Zealanders are keen car enthusiasts, the many race circuits are a testimony to this enthusiasm. When you consider there are only circa four million people scattered over an area the size of the UK, you would be forgiven for wondering 'how can this obsession with vehicles be commercially viable?' The answer is, viability is secondary, and few are trying to make a profit. On balance the wealthy owners operate the race circuits and museums as an extension of their hobbies. They then share their good fortune by allowing the public to either use the facilities or view the exhibits, all at reasonable cost. Compared with the UK the entry costs are modest.

The Bill Richardson Transport Museum is a unique example. The museum is based at Invercargill, South Island, New Zealand. It is a truck museum, but also exhibits some rare cars, motorcycles, petrol pumps, and transport memorabilia. This is undoubtedly the best truck museum in the Southern Hemisphere, and looked upon as the best in the world. The town of Invercargill is a small town by UK standards, only 50,300 (year 2015) people.

The collector Bill Richardson began to collect commercial vehicles in 1967. He unfortunately died in 2005, but was a highly successful haulage contractor. He began by collecting old trucks and refurbishing them. By the time of his death the collection had grown to 150 vehicles, which even included farm vehicles and petrol bowsers.

In 2015 Richardson's daughter Jocelyn and her husband Scott O'Donnell, who had expanded and improved the collection, decided to open up their magnificent exhibition to the public. To make more room a new extension was built onto their building. The museum opened recently in 2015 and occupies 160,000 square feet.

There is even a library with a focus on transport manuals, and an events conference centre, and refurbishment area.

The commercial vehicle exhibits since Bill's death have steadily expanded. There are now in excess of 250 vehicles, many in magnificent condition. The exhibits are all in full working order. There is probably an example of nearly every known commercial vehicle - too many for me to list here, many from the USA and Europe. Hopefully the attached photographs will give a reader an idea of the quality and variety of the exhibits. Normally the public expect to see cars, but this commercial vehicle collection is truly magnificent.

**Michael Eatough**  
**May 2017**



## Wessex Committee contact numbers



Group Leader and Chairperson	Nigel Jordan
Treasurer	Roy Clough
Vice Group Leader	To be filled
Regalia Manager	Tony Alderton
Secretary	Geoff Glover
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# Wessex Group Regalia

Tony Alderton is our regalia manager and he has put together a 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



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



The Club Mug



Sweatshirt Classic 80/20

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

# TR Register Wessex Group Clothing Order Form

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Name:	Contact number:	E-mail Address:
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Qty	Item	Size	Colour	Code	£

Please make cheques payable to: **TR Register Wessex Group** **Total**

Send to: Tony Alderton, 9 Coppice Close, St. Ives, Ringwood, BH24 2LB

E-mail: [tonycd.alderton@gmail.com](mailto:tonycd.alderton@gmail.com)

Item	Code	Colours / size	Price £
Low profile heavy cotton drill cap	BC05 8	Black, Bottle Green, Bright Royal Blue, Classic Red, French Navy, Light Grey, Natural, White.	8.50
The favourite T shirt <b>(female)</b>	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 <b>(male)</b>	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
The Club Mug			10.00