



COTSWOLD VALE TR NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2017

December 8th. Mervyn Parkes Funeral

What a difference a year makes! Almost twelve months ago, to the day (10th December), Merv was down in St Ives celebrating Martin Pemberton's birthday.....



Picture from Birmingham Group Fb page

Despite the inclement weather, well over 100 people from all over the country attended Stourbridge crematorium to say their farewells to Merv. The service was delivered by a humanist pastor, but predominantly featured eulogies from two of his closest friends, Paul Tunnadine (Cat), and Andy Preston (also known in TR circles as the author of the Miss Peabody stories)

Although Merv was an only child, his very close relatives and wide TR family were regaled with a few humorous stories and tales from his other hobbies of real ale (CAMRA member), England cricket, Tour De France (he described as chess on wheels), and steam trains, particularly the Severn Valley Railway.

It would be fitting here to quote one of Merv's favourite, oft repeated, sayings, "We are not here for a good time", and for once he was right.....

Ian Brown

December 10th CVTR Awards Dinner, Dumbleton Hall

Postponed due to inclement weather conditions – rearranged to the 17th December (well done Bob and Andrew!)

A really good turnout this year with 39 members and partners enjoying a great night once again organised by Bob Heppel.



Our sincere thanks, once again, to him and the staff of Dumbleton Hall for giving us a super night. Given that the evening was reorganised within 24 hours of the previous event being cancelled due to the snow we did well with the numbers. 5 regulars couldn't come due to prior commitments.

So onto the awards before a more general report of the evening.....

Dip stick award - to our esteem group leader, **Gareth Davies**, who decided to leave the radiator cap off his TR on a trip to the aircraft museum and wondered why he boiled over thus spraying rusty coloured water all over his engine.



Carbon foot print award - to **Ian Benfield** who drove from John o' Groats to Lands End in his TR5 in aid of St Richards hospice.

TR3 models, awarded to those members who have gone that extra mile to support CVTR during the year.

John and Yvonne Walker who organised a superb cream tea in the summer on National Drive it day, also to **Brian Wiggins** who in spite of working away from home in the week organised a Sunday lunch and the Autumn Leaves Run.



Sod's Law Trophy- awarded to **Ian Benfield** who having covered a couple of thousand miles on his epic trip from Scotland to Cornwall broke down on his presentation run into the IWE at Malvern.

Friends of Cotswold Vale- awarded to **Nigel Smith** at The Fleece in recognition of his support to CVTR over many years.

Tony Holland memorial trophy- awarded to **Nick Smith** for the rebuild of a TR3 which had lots of admiring comments at this year's Plum Festival.



Car of the Year award - (nominated by CVTR members). This trophy is awarded to either the best car or to someone who uses his car a lot to attend many events throughout the year . This year we are delighted to hand it to **John Walker**.



Colin Boothe Memorial Plaque- this award is within the remit of the Group Leader only, and is awarded to a CVTR member who has shown exceptional pride and passion in their car or club. This year Gareth awarded the plaque to **Andrew Racey**.



Footnote from author. To say I was surprised to receive the above award would be an understatement. Nevertheless I am extremely honoured to be the second person to have his name put on this prestigious plaque. It will be shown with immense pride in my sitting room beside my reading lamp. Thank you also to the number of members who came up to me during the evening to congratulate me on receiving it. I am most grateful.

Andrew Racey



& - My apologies to everyone for the "fuzziness " of the photographs. Clearly an iPad isn't anywhere near as good as Richard's or Ian's cameras. But at least we do have some record of our annual get together. As well as a big thank you Bob for organising a great evening we should also thank Meg for her contribution of knitted Santa stockings - with a chocolate included. It must have taken hours.....

December 12th Birmingham Group Quiz, Somers Club

Postponed due to inclement weather conditions, please keep an eye open for the rearranged date, either in an email or subsequent newsletter.....

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Well we now know someone else who reads the newsletter.....

Dear Ed

I was looking for the date of the next meeting in the November newsletter just now and came across this:- "CVTR accept any responsibilities or liabilities resulting from any publication of requests in this document". What sort of responsibility were you thinking of accepting?

Colin Gibson

Ed comment – please see Classifieds section for an update, and thank you for bringing it to my attentions (and thanks for the generous offer in your ad)!

TECHNICAL SECTION



LAW OF MECHANICAL REPAIR

After your hands become coated with grease
your nose will begin to itch,
and you'll have to pee

I can relate to that!

COMPETITIONS SECTION

As you would expect, information is a little thin on the ground this month.....

FUTURE EVENTS

The next Sunday lunch will be in 2018 - in all probability starting in February ,but watch this space for details.

January 17th 2018 :- Planning Meeting

A message from Gareth - We are holding our 2018 planning meeting at the Fleece Inn in the dugout bar at 7pm on January 17th. Please come along and contribute your ideas and of course your help where necessary on getting them organised. We always need fresh ideas and helpers.

If you cannot make it you can also send me any ideas you may have to me via e mail but please remember it may not happen if we do not have the lead organiser

In the meantime, whatever you are doing,I hope you have a good Christmas and New year

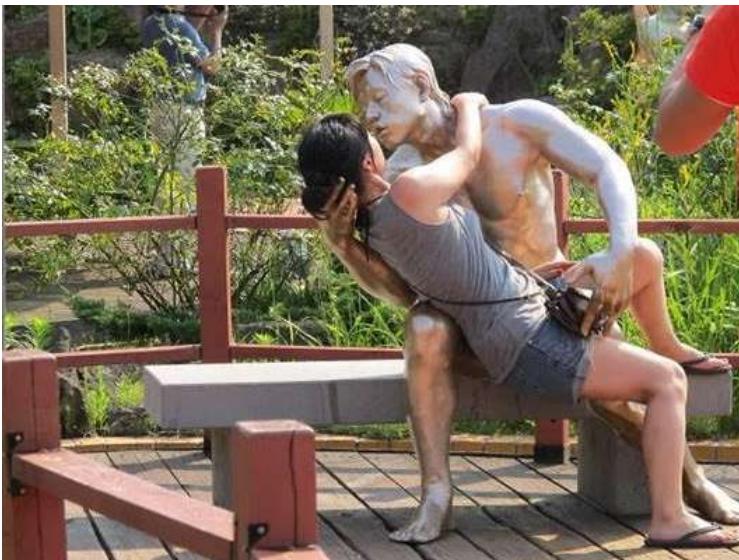
Gareth, Keith, Andrew ,Ian and Richard

Gareth -

January 24th . CVTR meeting at The Fleece where we will discuss draft programme of events and activities for 2018.

SUPPLEMENT

STATUES



CLASSIFIEDS

Please send in your requests for parts or items for sale, TR related only please. **CVTR does not accept any responsibilities or liabilities resulting from any publication of requests in this document.** The newsletter aims to introduce sellers and buyers respectively and it down to the individual's responsibility to satisfy themselves of the integrity of parts or services.

THE FIRST REQUEST WAS FROM ANTHONY COTGRAVE who wanted a CWP for his 3A and a rear screen for his new hardtop. I am not aware of any success with a cwp, but members were very helpful regarding the rear screen. Nigel Cluley was able to provide contact details for moulded acrylate screens, and Tony bought a spare screen from Will and Ruby Clapton.

This new section also prompted input from another CVTR member, Colin Gibson:-

"I have a number of S.U. carburettor parts that might help someone. They are new in S.U. or Butec packaging and only jets and odds and ends for all sorts of old cars. There may only be the odd part to fit a TR and it may help one of the members, or just promote some useful discussion.

There are only a few odd parts that would fit a TR. If there are any, they would be free to a good home (in our group, CVTR). It would be best to ask if anyone is rebuilding their carburettors then see if parts they need are here."

Colin can be contacted by email, - colin@inverterdrive.com

Well, that's it for 2017 folks, make the most of any nice weather and get the TR out for a run..... and wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mind How You Go - Ho Ho Ho!!!



Andrew Racey, Ian Brown and Richard Durrant