



## COTSWOLD VALE TR NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2018

Well it's a sincere Happy New Year from the editorial team to all CVTR members and friends, we hope you have steered well clear of all the ailments circulating during January!

Starting off as we mean to go on is the usual mantra, but not for Andrew Racey or Alan Wilding who have already submitted strong cases for consideration of the "Sod's Law" trophy for 2018, and I won't cause any embarrassment as I will leave it up those individuals to enlighten other members through the newsletter if they wish (but rest assured it will come out at the appropriate time if not from their own words.....)

January was conspicuous for the absence of events in the CVTR diary for our cars, that is not to say members were not out and about, indeed I believe Dave Roberts was spanning on the Classic Rallye Monte-Carlo, let's hope he had the opportunity to pen a few words for the next newsletter?:-



(Great to see an image of a TR2 used as the advertisement for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this event)

And if you want to see some of the competitors yourselves, you can see them in Banbury on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February in Bridge Street and Market place. You can exhibit your car from 10.00am – see contact details below

*Free event • Banbury market • Classic car display • Street food*

**EXHIBIT YOUR CAR**

If you would like to exhibit a classic, vintage or modern vehicle during the event then please contact [tom.duckham@cherwellandsouthnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:tom.duckham@cherwellandsouthnorthants.gov.uk) or call 01295 221704

It looks like a different and interesting opportunity, and you can support Dave Roberts, and his brother driving a Fiat 124.

We may not have had the cars out, but nine members managed to turn out on a horrible evening in an attempt to put some structure into what is happening in and around our area during the year, and as usual, put forward some different ideas for members' enjoyment should they so wish. At the end of this newsletter is the first draft of a calendar, inevitably more events will be added as the year progresses, and some may be removed.....

Please also take time out to check the list of potential events, not necessarily car related, and if you wish to register your interest in any of them, the process to do so is contained at the end of the list.

Anyway, staying on a retro theme, as per the Monte above, I thought members may be interested to check out the use of TR Enterprises' image for the upcoming Race Retro at Stoneleigh, more TR publicity.....!!!!!!!



Not to mention a long tradition of using TRs in advertising As in the cover of Practical Motorist magazine from January 1959:-



Lovely TR3 (although it says TR2!) and an appropriate name for the editor!

Fingers crossed, we may have something to report in next month's newsletter.....

## CVTR Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> January

We had apologies from Alan Wilding, Robert Moore and Ian Benfield, and there were 28 members in attendance. Gareth opened the meeting and was able to present Nigel Smith landlord of The Fleece with The Friends of Cotswold Vale Award.



(apologies, but looks better in b&w than the pink hue from the heaters!)

We then spent some time reviewing the draft Events calendar for 2018 before going onto discuss the first few weeks of the new year. But we do need feedback from members on the events they would be interested in attending, see page 2 of Ian's note on diary.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Some of you may be aware that Dave Mchattie has been suffering kidney failure, and has been on dialysis for some time now. At the end of December 2017 he underwent a live donor transplant, and Andrew Racey arranged for a get well card to be signed by as many CVTR members as possible at the annual awards dinner. Andrew posted the card and Dave responded:-

**Dear Ed**

Wishing you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

I came home from hospital on Thursday (4<sup>th</sup> Jan) as they were very pleased with the progress that they let me out early, normally for a kidney transplant you are hospitalised for 8 to 14 days dependent on progress, so I'm really chuffed to get home. The medication regime is quite arduous with initially quite a lot of side effects, but these will in time gradually reduce. I also have to attend the hospital 4 days per week for blood tests and see the doc', but this also will gradually reduce over the next 3 months.

My son Simon, (kidney donor) is home and doing well, he won't be allowed to drive for 6 weeks, but most of his work he can do from home.

Thank you and all the CVTR team for the lovely card you all sent, it made me feel quite emotional as it's lovely to hear that friends are thinking of you, so a great thank you for that. I will certainly come to a monthly meeting once I'm mobile again. You can't image what it feels like to be free from dialysis!

Kind regards

*Dave McHattie*

**Dear Ed**



I wonder if any other CVTR members had this T shirt for Christmas? I thought it was just me.....



Regards  
*Ian Brown*

### TECHNICAL SECTION

JOHN WALKER IS PROGRESSING WITH HIS TR6:-

‘club member John Walker discovers alternative use for his two-cow roasting spit’



images and words from Jim Symons – he may be joining us this year as Jim completes his TR3

And a call for help from Colin Gibson:-

"Would there be anyone in the group, who has the tools to change the camshaft bearings in a 4 cylinder engine and be prepared to lend them out?

Best regards

Colin Gibson" (colin@inverterdrive.com)

## COMPETITIONS SECTION

Here is the latest update from Anthony Cotgrave:-

Hi Ian,

Thought you might like to see my restored Microplas Hardtop mentioned late last year, 64 years old.....

Thanks go to Honeybourne Mouldings, Bidford on Avon for all "The compromised " rear screen until we find any further photos ,etc.



Happy New Year.

Cheers

*Tony.*

## FUTURE EVENTS

**At a glance, coming shortly:-**

**February 1<sup>st</sup> – see Classic Monte passage control details for Banbury**

**February 11th. International MG and Triumph Spares day at Stoneleigh.**

**February 18th. Sunday lunch at The Kings Court Hotel at Alcester.** Names to Andrew Racey  
[andrewracey1947@gmail.com](mailto:andrewracey1947@gmail.com) or phone 01386765523. We will order from the Sunday lunch menu on the day . Meet 12.00 for sit down at 12.30.

**February 15/18th. London Classic car show.**

**February 23/25th. Race Retro at Stoneleigh**

**February 28th. CVTR meeting at The Fleece.**

**March 4th. Malvern auto jumble.**

**March 11th. Sunday lunch.** New venue at Ombersley just off the A449 . The Crown and Sandys -- big car park and hopefully our own room . We will have to pre order lunch - details will be sent nearer the time. Andrew Racey organising

AOB. Lesley Boother has said she would like to host a Fish and Chip supper during the summer. Date to be agreed

| January   | February  |
|---|---|
|   | See above<br>28th. CVTR meeting The Fleece  |
| March   | April   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Malvern auto jumble.<br>11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday lunch The Crown and Sandys at Omberley - Andrew Racey<br>23/25 <sup>th</sup> Practical Classics Restoration and Classic car show NEC.<br>28 <sup>th</sup> CVTR meeting The Fleece   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Motor Fest Weston Park.<br>6/8 <sup>th</sup> TRR Spring Ball - Chesterfield.<br>8 <sup>th</sup> Malvern Festival of Transport.<br>14 <sup>th</sup> MG Triumph open day - David Manners.<br>15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday lunch . The Green Dragon at Sambourne<br>22 <sup>nd</sup> National Drive it day . Details announced near the time.<br>25th CVTR meeting at The Fleece..  |
| May   | June  |
| 4/5/6 <sup>th</sup> Donnington Historic Festival<br>5-7 <sup>th</sup> Welsh Weekend<br>7 <sup>th</sup> ( Bank Holiday) Gaydon TRR - Annual steam fair and regional get together, (see below).<br>13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday lunch TBA<br>25 <sup>th</sup> CVTR meeting The Fleece<br>26/27 <sup>th</sup> La Vie En Bleu et Rose. Prescott<br>27/28 <sup>th</sup> Ragley Hall classic car event G Davies will organise if enough interest   | 10 <sup>th</sup> Churchill classic car show and Sunday lunch?<br>10 <sup>th</sup> TRR and JDC E Type joint register track day . Prescott<br>?? Maybe a Saturday . Mid summer Cannonball Run<br>23/24 <sup>th</sup> Bicester Flywheel classic car show - G Davies will organ if enough interest<br>23 <sup>rd</sup> – Feckenham Wake car show (TRDC)<br><br>23 <sup>rd</sup> – Hampton Ferry (Evesham) car show<br>27 <sup>th</sup> CVTR meeting The Fleece<br>30/1 <sup>st</sup> IWE and Standard Triumph Marque Day. Lincoln show ground |
| July  | August  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday lunch and CVTR Car show event at The Fleece.<br>6/9 <sup>th</sup> Le Mans Classic<br>7/8 <sup>th</sup> RAF Cosford Museum LMA model air display<br>12/15 <sup>th</sup> Goodwood Festival of Speed.<br>15 <sup>th</sup> Classic car motor show - Shipton Oliffe Sports Ground<br>20 <sup>th</sup> Classic car show , by invitation only . See Andrew Racey<br>25 <sup>th</sup> CVTR Meeting The Fleece.<br>28/29 <sup>th</sup> Shelsley classic Nostalgia | 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday lunch The Coal House at Apperley. Andrew Racey<br>12 <sup>th</sup> Cotswold festival of motoring - Bourton on the Water<br>19th. Tewkesbury classic car show<br>16 <sup>th</sup> or 23 <sup>rd</sup> . Date to be finalised. Colin Boothe memorial run<br>22 <sup>nd</sup> CVTR meeting The Fleece.<br>27th. Plum Festival Pershore. Andrew Racey will get tickets  |
| September   | October   |
| 1/2 <sup>nd</sup> LMA Much Marcle<br>9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday lunch TBA<br>?? - Peopleton show<br>7/9 <sup>th</sup> Goodwood revival<br>26 <sup>th</sup> CVTR meeting at The Fleece<br>28 <sup>th</sup> Curry evening. Pershore.  | 6/7 <sup>th</sup> Prescott American w/e<br>14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday lunch TBA Brain Wiggins<br>?? Autumn leaves run - Bodenham ( near Kidderminster )<br>Brian Wiggins .<br>24 <sup>th</sup> CVTR meeting The Fleece.<br>28th Stoneleigh restoration show  |
| November  | December  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Classic car show NEC ( NB Sunday lunch moved to avoid )<br>18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday lunch. Thai Emerald Tim Walker<br>28 <sup>th</sup> CVTR meeting and AGM - The Fleece  | 9th Annual CVTR dinner and awards night Dumbleton Hall  |

NB - note, due to the annual awards in December, we are planning to hold a Sunday Lunch on January 13<sup>th</sup> 2019

## POSSIBLE EVENTS

Members Name.....

Please tick/indicate those events in you would wish to participate (subject to dates!), and return your preferences to [ianbrown11252@googlemail.com](mailto:ianbrown11252@googlemail.com). Or hand a completed form to Gareth Davies at the January club meeting at the Fleece.

These events will be organised subject to the levels of interest registered.

Critch tramway museum near Matlock - Peak District tour <https://www.tramway.co.uk/>

Clay pigeon shooting -- popular in 2017 Phil Blake will organise.

Donnington collection <https://www.donington-collections.co.uk/>

Fleet air arm museum <http://www.fleetairarm.com/>

Hayes motor museum <http://www.haynesmotormuseum.com/>

Shuttleworth air and transport museum <http://www.shuttleworth.org/>

Imperial war museum Duxford <http://www.iwm.org.uk/visits/iwm-duxford>

Iron Bridge museum <https://www.ironbridge.org.uk/>

Black Country museum <http://www.bclm.co.uk/>

Inter group karting event

Didcot railway museum <http://www.didcotrailwaycentre.org.uk/>

Aerospace Bristol. <http://aerospacebristol.org/>

Bovington tank museum <http://www.tankmuseum.org/home>

Gloucester docks river trip

Cotswold distillery Shipston on Stour <https://www.cotswoldsdistillery.com/>

Drakelow tunnels near Kidderminster <http://drakelow-tunnels.co.uk/>

Wythall transport museum <http://www.wythall.org.uk/>

Midlands Air Museum <http://www.midlandairmuseum.co.uk/>

Cold War Jets day at Bruntingthorpe <http://www.bruntingthorpeaviation.com/>

### ALSO FOR CONSIDERATION

March 18<sup>th</sup> TRR seminar on rebuild of TR4a engines . Talk to Terry Smith.

June ? Defford charity air day. Subject to CAA approval

Autumn -- possible TRR Champagne trip to France - see Terry Smith

September 15/16<sup>th</sup> Kop Hill climb

### SPECIAL MENTION

The event scheduled for the 7<sup>th</sup> May (see calendar above) is designed to represent the regional presence of the TR Register, managed and organised by the respective Area Director, (Paul Tunnadine represents CVTR) This event is in the Coventry Group area and it expected they will take the lead.

## CLASSIFIEDS

The first request of 2018 is from **Anthony Bond**:-

**Hi Cotswold Vale TR members,**

The Scuttle vent lid on my TR4 has badly become corroded & I am seeking to replace the item in the very near future & prior to departing on a long trip. Although both Moss & Rimmer include the vent lid in their catalogues, **part no.**

**705242**, both companies are out of stock & further stock is not expected from the Far East until February & then without delivery dates.

If anyone finds that they have a surplus one which I could buy from them in the meantime please let me know.

Regards

**Anthony Bond - Tel :- 01789 509069**

And a repeat of the generous offer from Colin Gibson, who has now catalogued the SU carb parts he is offering FOC to CVTR members



**TR2:- Carburettor – AUC721 H4**

Weak Needle: CR  
Standard Needle: FV  
Rich Needle: GER  
Damper Cap: AUC8103  
Jet: AUC8182  
Needle and Seat kit: VZX1101

**TR3 to 1958:- Carburettor – AUC786 H6**

Weak Needle: SL  
Standard Needle: SM  
Rich Needle: RH  
Damper Cap: AUC8102  
Jet: AUC8183  
Gasket Pack: AUE956  
Needle and Seat kit: VZX1101

**TR3A from 1959, TR3B and TR4 to CT21470:-**

**Carburettor – AUC878 H6**

Weak Needle: SL  
Standard Needle: SM  
Rich Needle: RH  
Damper Cap: AUC8102  
Jet: AUC8183  
Gasket Pack: AUE956  
Needle and Seat kit: VZX1101

**TR4A:-**

**Carburettor – AUD209 HS6**

Weak Needle: CIW  
Standard Needle: TW  
Rich Needle: SW  
Damper Cap: AUC8114  
Jet: AUD9148/AUD9149 (yellow sleeve)  
Needle and Seat kit: VZX1303

**TR7 from 1974 to 1976:-**

**Carburettor – AUD634 HS6**

Standard Needle: BDM  
Needle and Seat kit: VZX1101 or WZX1100  
Jet: AUD9106/AUD9105  
Damper Cap: AUC8103  
Gasket Pack: AUE812

**TR7 from 1976:-**

**Carburettor – FZX1242 HS6**

Standard Needle: BDM NZX8012  
Needle and Seat: WZX1100 or VZX1100  
Jet: LZX1120/LZX1121  
Gasket Pack: AUE812  
Damper Cap: AUC8103

**TR7 from 1976:-**

**Carburettor – FZX1257 HS6**

Standard Needle: BDQ or NZX8015  
Needle and Seat: WZX1100 or VZX1100  
Jet: LZX1120/LZX1121  
Gasket Pack: AUE812  
Damper Cap: CUD4108

Colin can be contacted directly via his email - [colin@inverterdrive.com](mailto:colin@inverterdrive.com)

Well that's all for this month's edition folks, but – you will have had the proposed events lists a number of times by now, and some people have been on the ball with their replies..... However there are a large number of people who have yet to reply, and that isn't a problem if you are not interested in joining in with any of these extra-curricular activities, we just don't want members coming up later in the year registering interest in things that may have already been shelved through lack of support. Please make your wishes known before the February meeting by emailing [ianbrown11252@googlemail.co](mailto:ianbrown11252@googlemail.co) with your preferences.

There is one other hugely important issue facing us, and that is the upcoming changes to the data protection act, which is aimed at stopping a great deal of unsolicited emails and communications, which most of us would agree is no bad thing! There are, however, implications for our group that means we will have to gain acceptance from everyone in order to continue to receive the newsletter. Rather than asking for everyone to consent positively, I would ask that anyone who wishes to be removed from the circulation list simply needs to make their view known to our GL, Gareth Davies, who will update the editorial team as required. Thank you for your understanding, and keep on Trucking!

*Andrew Racey, Ian Brown and Richard Durrant*



**Mind How You Go In The Snow!**



**SUPPLEMENT**

Revenge Parking – looks like they deserved it!





**THE END**