



**COTSWOLD VALE TR**  
**NEWSLETTER COMPETITIONS SUPPLEMENT JUNE 2018**

**COMPETITIONS SECTION**

**CURBOROUGH**

**May 19/20 2018**

**The Midlands Automobile Club organised a weekend at Curborough Sprint Course using the figure of eight track configuration.**



(For the cynics amongst readers, I think that it is worth mentioning that, even without satnav, I didn't lose my way at any point!)

The weather gods treated us to glorious sunshine on both days, which was delightful, except when you were encased in double layer fireproof overalls....!!!

**Saturday:** Was an open pit lane test day, when several competitors were able to experience the course for the first time, including Clive Letherby's very fast 4.0 ltr TR6.....



.....and Jim Giddings' 4.6 l TR7 V8!



My car now has a new high torque starter motor installed, and there is no immediately apparent damage to the flywheel ring gear following the problem on the Isle of Man. However, when getting ready for a fifth test run – nothing!! Starter motor ok on direct connection to battery, all ignition side working ok, so suspect solenoid.....the ignition supply lead to the solenoid – which can't be seen – had become detached. Only been on there since 1966.....!! Managed to reconnect it blind – difficult even with my small prehensile fingers – and all ok again! Does this make me a candidate for the Sod's Law award – again?!

**Sunday:** Early start for the Revington TR/TR Register round of the Sprint and Hill Climb Championship.



Of the 60 entries in the 12 Classes supported, Our Class was by far the largest, with 14 cars, two which were dual drives....

Each driver had two practice runs in the morning and two timed runs in the afternoon.

Early morning sky promising the heat to come as the day progressed...



The V8s....



Clive Letherby's 4.0 ltr V8 TR6....with unusual aerodynamic roof panel and rear down force braking assistance.....



Our entries....



Derek Pywell's Spitfire. He brought the gazebo too....!



Alan Yeo's Vitesse



Shaun Roche's Dolomite Sprint



Samantha and Tony Browne's jointly driven TR4 – with Sam trying to visualise the course as neither of them had been to Curborough before...!!

.....and Tony inspecting the engine...



...".I wonder what this is supposed to do...?"



Robert McGregor's Dolomite Sprint.

I've used this picture, as the off side was wiped out in a previous incident and is now multi-coloured!



Kev Bryant and Ian Prout's dual driven TR3A.

Can't think how Kev managed to get himself into that position as I was taking the photo....

The overdrive wasn't working, so Ian ventured underneath to check.....and emerged with a headache...!





Hamish Roscoe's TR3A



Meg guarding my TR4A.....

....and showing interest in "Hooligan" Bob Barnard's plan for his approach to the course....



.....or has the sandwich caught her attention....?!





Bob Barnard's TR4....



Martin Paine's TR6

Fortunately Martin had a full tank and carries spare fuel, so I was able to get home...



Chris Roberts' TR8....with the hat he nicked from a scarecrow in the background.



Clive Letherby's 4.0 ltr TR6

With Clive showing his appreciation of the snapper.....and at full chat on the straight...



Jim Giddings' 4.6 ltr TR7 V8.....

... under heavy braking for the second approach to the "Mole Hill"....



Clive came second in our class and Jim came third.....

.....but Steve Small's 4.6 ltr TR7 V8 came first...!!



Thanks to Dave Roberts for the above and following action photos...



Derek Pywell



Alan Yeo getting set up for the corner



Shaun Roche



Sam Browne



Robert McGregor



Hamish Roscoe



Richard Durrant



“Hooligan” Bob Barnard locking up the inside front



Martin Paine using the kerbs



Chris Roberts coming in on a nice line



Clive Letherby approaching....  
.....and exiting on three wheels...



Jim Giddings coming in late, but so what with all that rubber on the track!

And here is another of Class winner Steve Small...



So, V8 grunt overcomes all opposition...

- 1<sup>st</sup> Steve Small
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Clive Letherby
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Jim Giddings
- Congratulations

A few more pictures through the lens of David Roberts...



Jason Andrews' 4.7 ltr Mustang





Tim Sage and Will Pearce's Mallock U2 MK 4, with a third of the Mustang's capacity!



Les Proctor won his class in this beautiful AH Sebring Sprite



Best time of the day went to Mark Schaske in his OMS 2000M, but the most spectacular drive was Steve Barnard's awesome and incredibly quick spaceframe Audi TT (No relation to our "Hooligan" Bob, but similar driving style!!)

**Thanks Midland Automobile Club and our Revington TR/TR Register competitors for an excellent weekend.**  
*Richard Durrant and Dave Roberts*

# SHELSLEY WALSH

## “MIDSUMMER MADNESS” JUNE 2018



The second year of this now annual meeting hosted around 140 cars competing in 18 classes, including.....

### Some of the drivers competing this weekend . . .

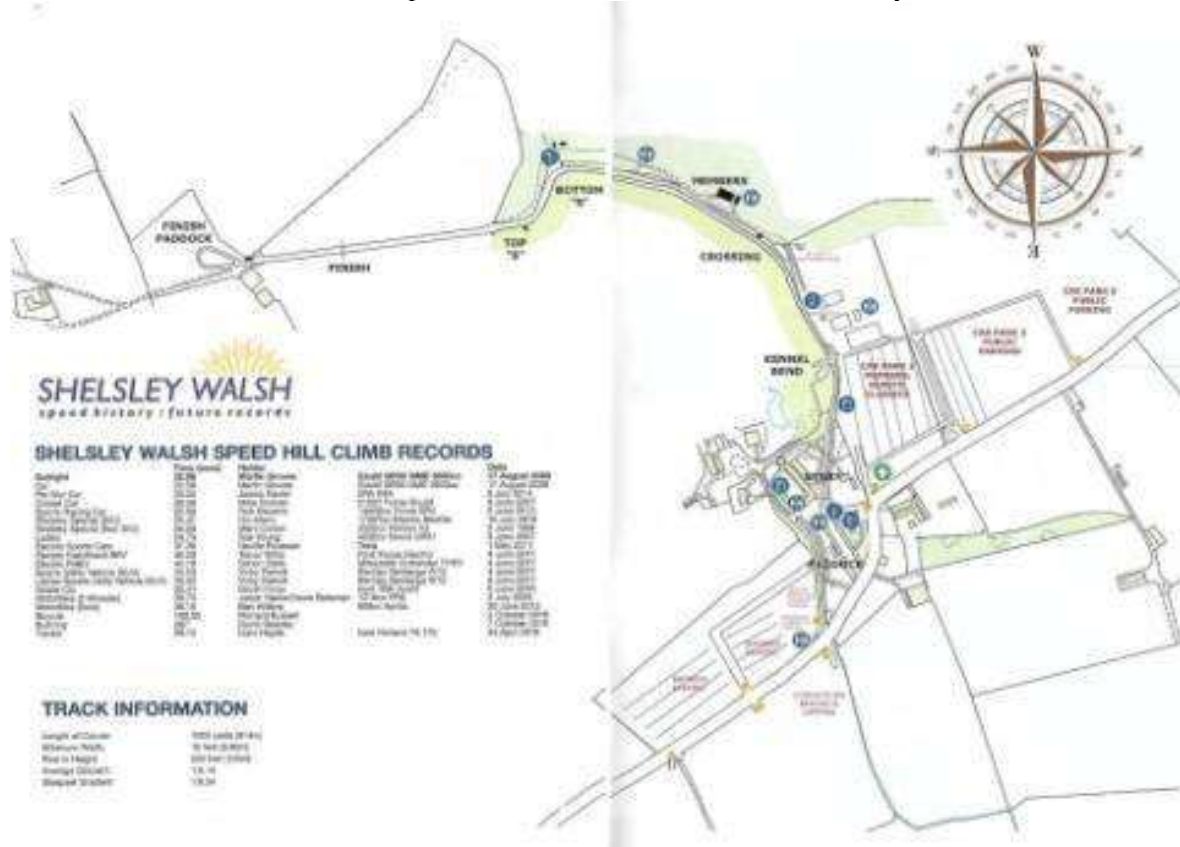


Our Revington TR/TR Register Championship Class had the largest entry of the meeting.....

## CLASS RTR: REVINGTON TR/TR REGISTER SPRINT AND HILL CLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP

Comp No	Champ	Driver Name/Hometown	Car	CC	Times
129		John Weedon (Stanwick)	Triumph TR4	2290	.....
130		Torn Purves (Oxford)	Triumph TR3A	2180	.....
131		Richard Durrant (Pershore)	Triumph TR4A	2238	.....
832		Samantha Browne (Farnham)	Triumph Dolomite Sprint	1998	.....
132		Tony Browne (Farnham)	Triumph Dolomite Sprint	1998	.....
133		Alan Yeo (Upton-upon-Severn)	Triumph Vitesse	1998	.....
134		Andrew Bradnum (Harlow)	Triumph GT6 Mk. III	1998	.....
135		Stuart Allaway (Harlow)	Triumph TR7	1998	.....
136		Dale Strachan (Salisbury)	Triumph TR6	2498	.....
137		Nick Smith (Salisbury)	Triumph TR6	2600	.....
138		Martin Paine (Lower Slaughter)	Triumph TR6	2500	.....
139		Chris Roberts (Tewkesbury)	Triumph TR 8	3500	.....
140		Steve Small (Bristol)	Triumph TR7 V8	4800	.....

.....and after two practice and two timed runs on this 1000 yard hill....



.....times were recorded between approximately 35 and 45 seconds, with the majority being around 40 – 43 seconds. (You should be able to find the final results in the Competition section of the next TR Action.)

The day started at around 7:00 am with slight rain, but this had cleared up well before the first practice runs after scrutineering, meaning that most competitors were careful on their first run in the shaded section between Bottom 'S' and Top 'S'. Afterwards, the track was fine, there were no major incidents and everyone tried for their best time. In fact, the day progressed so well that a number of us had a fifth run which was unfortunately not officially timed, so my best time of the day won't feature in the results.....!!!

Our cars were allocated the original "garages" in the paddock, which are a bit of a squeeze....



Looks like Tony and Sam Browne had to use the Dolly's passenger door, and Alan Yeo kept his Vitesse's bonnet up to discourage sneaky snappers from taking photos of his engine.....



The TR's in number order....



John Weedon's TR4 and Tom Purves' beautifully prepared TR3A (The bonnet gaps are fine – I temporarily lowered it to take the photo!)

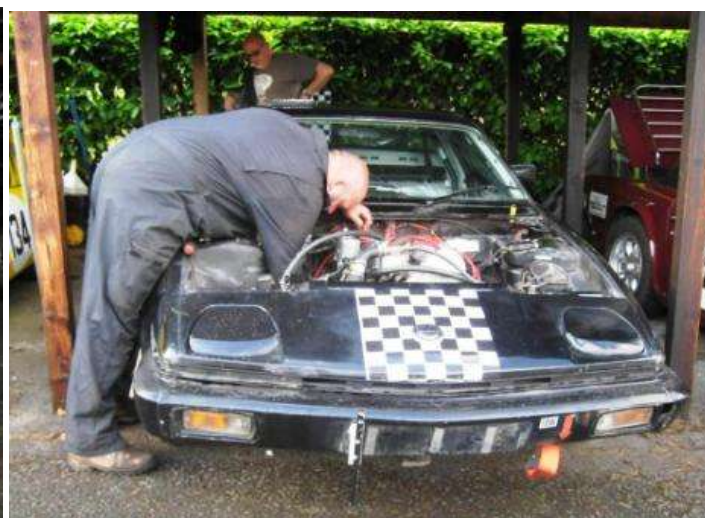


Richard Durrant's TR4A



The Boyde's Dolomite Sprint

**CAR 133 – Alan Yeo's Vitesse** was last to arrive and the bonnet was raised every time I got near with the camera so you will have to look further for a picture .....



Andrew Bradnum's TR GT6 and Stuart Allaway's TR7 in typical pose. Usually there were several bodies around the car, but unfortunately he was unable to post any reasonable times.



Dale Strachan's TR6 and Hot Shoe Nick Smith's TR6 - All Nick's times were under 40 seconds



Martin Paine's TR6 and Chris Roberts' TR8



Even hotter footwear Steve Small's TR7 V8 posting the best time in our class of 34.67 seconds over the line at 95 mph!

Another picture posed next to a lovely Aston Martin which has one third of the capacity of Steve's TR7.....and which wasn't quite as fast!



You know what happens when a bonnet goes up after a run....



The Dolly's brakes were sticking on....



So there were lots of suggestions and hands on help (mainly Alan Yeo) and the problem, although not completely solved was sorted sufficiently for Tony and Sam to continue with timed runs. Tony managed times just over 40 seconds at over 70 mph over the line, so there is hope for the future...!!

Sam denied all responsibility...



...then went on to complete a couple of runs



It would have been interesting to see this tackle the hill...



Not an Austin Seven in sight, but here's a picture from the last meeting at Shelsley....!!



Another excellent meeting put on by the Midland Automobile Club, enjoyed by all us TR pedallers....Thank you!  
*Richard Durrant*



# FUTURE EVENTS

Please see above and below.....

## **More Advanced Notice**

### **October 21st - Autumn Leaves Run.** Brian Wiggins

This date can be confirmed and the destination is still Bodenham Arboretum nr Kidderminster. There will be a meeting point (most likely Fish Hill) and a scenic route to avoid main towns. There will be an option for afternoon teas at Arley on the SVR which is nearby.

### **July 21<sup>st</sup> Wythall Transport Museum visit**



One of the largest active selections of busses, electric vehicles, fire engines in the country, there is even a scale miniature railway running on the day:- <http://www.wythall.org.uk/>

This tour is being organised by Ian Brown, please put the date in your diary, more details nearer the date, but please register your interest with Ian by email, [ianbrown11252@googlemail.com](mailto:ianbrown11252@googlemail.com) there is no numbers limit. There is a cafe on site for drinks and snacks.

### **July 21<sup>st</sup> Defford Air Day**

Those of you who have joined us in previous years will remember that, in addition to a huge field packed with classic cars, full size aircraft put on flying displays throughout the day.

However, this year the air displays will be presented by members of the Large Model Aircraft Association, and I defy anyone to detect the difference from full size when they are airborne!! And there will be a number of full size aircraft there on static display.

Entrance is totally free, and charitable donations are in aid of the County Air Ambulance and the Mission Aviation Fellowship which provides air support for remote countries in need, so please give generously.

Please let me know in plenty of time if you intend to be there and can arrive fairly early so I can once again organise a pitch exclusive to our marque.

**Richard Durrant**

## **Defford Charity Air Day**



In aid of the charity:

**Mission Aviation Fellowship**  
(Serving in many needy countries)

**11.00 till 18.00, Saturday 21st July 2018**

The Croft Farm, Defford, WR8 9BN

**On the A4104 west of Defford**

Displays by the Large Model Aircraft Club

Variety of interesting Aircraft.

Range of Classic and Vintage cars. Defford Airfield Heritage Group.

Sixties exhibits. Come and go when you like, or bring a picnic.

Farm Shop stall. Some refreshments available.

**FREE PARKING - FREE ENTRY**

***We rely on your generous donations***

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## **July 22<sup>nd</sup> Alcester Motor Show**

In order to enter you need to book in advance by emailing your application to the address below this advert, along with your Name, Address, Post Code, Contact Number, Email, Vehicle Type, Registration, Year of Registration, and Car Club (if any)



Please email: [chairman@alcesterchamber.co.uk](mailto:chairman@alcesterchamber.co.uk)  
or post to : Alcester Motor Show, 37 high St, Alcester B49 5AE

## **July 30<sup>th</sup> Didcot Steam Railway visit**

Please contact Mike Hill if you wish to join in - [mahill@btinternet.com](mailto:mahill@btinternet.com)

## **Thursday August 16<sup>th</sup> 2018 – Colin Booter Memorial Run**

Following the enjoyable success and camaraderie of the first two Colin Booter Runs, the third on Thursday August 16th will be no exception, in fact a fresh route of mostly white and B roads with pretty villages, historic market towns and extensive and spectacular views. The start (9.00 to 9.15am to leave at 10.00am) will be at The Malvern Hills Hotel, Wynds Point, Jubilee Drive Little Malvern WR 13 6DW; on the A449 Malvern /Ledbury Road. (please check out their web) . The route along the west side of the Malverns, views across Herefordshire towards Brecon Beacons, through the Suckley Hills, the Shelsley Hills (passing the famous Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb). Continuing towards the Clee Hills ( more spectacular views ) returning to a renowned country pub, gardens, conservatory, on the edge of Malvern for lunch, where the front car parking area will be reserved for us to line up. The run will take 2 hours and cover about 65 miles. Not to be missed, please join us. If considering an overnight on 15th the Hotel is exceptional.

Please contact Phil Blake if you would like to take part and if you would like lunch at the finish point.

[pb4x4@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:pb4x4@tiscali.co.uk) - 07771 771663 – 01926 484272

Thanks

*Phil Blake and Alan Wilding*

<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>
	30/1 <sup>st</sup> IWE and Standard Triumph Marque Day. Lincoln show ground
<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday lunch and CVTR Car show event at The Fleece. 6/9 <sup>th</sup> Le Mans Classic 7/8 <sup>th</sup> RAF Cosford Museum LMA model air display 12/15 <sup>th</sup> Goodwood Festival of Speed. 15 <sup>th</sup> Classic car motor show - Shipton Oliffe Sports Ground 21 <sup>st</sup> Wythall Transport Museum visit, see above for details 21 <sup>st</sup> Defford Air Day, see Richard Durrant 22 <sup>nd</sup> Alcester Motor Show, see above for details 25 <sup>th</sup> CVTR Meeting The Fleece. 28/29 <sup>th</sup> Shelsley classic Nostalgia 28 <sup>th</sup> Birmingham Group Concours 30 <sup>th</sup> Didcot Steam Railway Visit – Mike Hill	12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday lunch The Coal House at Apperley. Andrew Racey 12 <sup>th</sup> Cotswold festival of motoring - Bourton on the Water 19 <sup>th</sup> . Tewkesbury classic car show 16 <sup>th</sup> Colin Boothe memorial run 22 <sup>nd</sup> CVTR meeting The Fleece. 27 <sup>th</sup> . Plum Festival Pershore. Andrew Racey will get tickets
<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>
1/2 <sup>nd</sup> LMA Much Marcle 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday lunch TBA ?? - Peopleton show 7/9 <sup>th</sup> Goodwood revival 26 <sup>th</sup> CVTR meeting at The Fleece 28 <sup>th</sup> Curry evening. Pershore.	6/7 <sup>th</sup> Prescott American w/e 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday lunch TBA Brain Wiggins 21 <sup>st</sup> Autumn leaves run - Bodenham ( near Kidderminster ) Brian Wiggins . 24 <sup>th</sup> CVTR meeting The Fleece. 28 <sup>th</sup> Stoneleigh restoration show
<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> Classic car show NEC ( NB Sunday lunch moved to avoid ) 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday lunch. Thai Emerald Tim Walker 28 <sup>th</sup> CVTR meeting and AGM - The Fleece	9 <sup>th</sup> 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

## **CLASSIFIEDS**

I have been contacted by Pete Priestley, and asked to circulate the cars for sale below, both due to family bereavements of MG club members:-

1980 V Reg MGB Roadster – Brown, 55000 miles, new MOT, last owner 37 years. Engine and interior need a good clean (possibly new carpets) but bodywork is very good - £6000 ono

1976 Midget, 1500 cc, Colour unknown, Rubber Bumper, reported good condition £3500 ono.

Contact Pete Priestley if interested in either car - [pete.priestley@gmail.com](mailto:pete.priestley@gmail.com)

GDPR, we at CVTR only have your contact details from the office and no other personal information. As you receive this newsletter, you have already asked and consented to be on the circulation list for CVTR affairs. As usual, 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***

# SUPPLEMENT

Great Office signs



## BULLETIN

**This JOB is a test.  
It is only a test.  
Had it been a actual job,  
You would have received  
Bonuses, Raises and  
Promotions.**

### Are you lonely ???

Don't like working on your own ?  
Hate making decisions ?

### Then call a MEETING !!

You can ....  
SEE people  
DRAW flowcharts  
FEEL important  
FORM subcommittees  
IMPRESS your colleagues  
MAKE meaningless recommendations  
ALL on COMPANY TIME !!!!



### MEETINGS .....

THE PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVE TO WORK.

## DOING A GOOD JOB HERE

*Is Like Wetting Your Pants  
In A Dark Suit*

### YOU GET A WARM FEELING BUT NO ONE ELSE NOTICES

**ATTITUDES  
ADJUSTED**

# WHILE YOU WAIT

## REMEMBER

The TOES You Step On  
Today May Be Attached  
To The ASS You Will  
Have To Kiss Tomorrow