



COTSWOLD VALE TR **NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2018**

It's amazing how quickly the summer months have flown past, and we are now entering the early stages of autumn. Fortunately we have been blessed with another month of lovely weather, other than a few blowy days as I write this newsletter.

Interesting times within the TR Register as we run up to the annual AGM, and we are nearing our own AGM, on behalf of Andrew, I would remind last year's award winners that we will need the trophies back as soon as possible such that they can be engraved with the new 2018 winners of our prestigious awards. In particular, the "dipstick" and "sod's law" trophies are keenly contested, and speaking for myself, I look forward to hearing just a few of the bloopers and mishaps befalling our membership over the last twelve months.....

Anyway, enough rubbish from me, either read on for a bit of light hearted entertainment, or jump to the future events section (no one will know.....!!!!!!!)

August. 27th Pershore Plum Festival



Andrew Racey arrived early (as usual!) with the Coleman shelter neatly packed in his TR7, quickly erected, CVTR pitch marked out, MX5 and Jaguar clubs requested to remain in their own area.....then everybody disappeared....



Mick Parry went for a rest..... but didn't seem too pleased with the article in his Classic magazine..



As the morning progressed our pitch filled up, and under Andrew's direction, most of the (55) cars registered were neatly put in place...





Alfred Widmer did his best to rearrange one of the the parking signs....



Refurbishment of Andy Canning's Amazon is progressing well...



Having been located in their correct area, the MX5 group tried for a bit of free advertising via Eric Winters well presented TR4A...



There were visitors from Coventry Group...& Staffs and Warwicks...



Our friends from the TRDC



I can't remember where this TR6 came from, but a problem was fixed to the owners' relief....I think ...!!?



One of the many other Triumphs on display was this lovely Triumph 2000 Roadster...



...parked next to...guess what...(you knew it had to be featured eventually!!)



And there's more....a gorgeous rare Austin Swallow... A lovely looking car from all angles...



William Lyons of the Swallow Sidecar company re-bodied an Austin Seven in 1929 and eventually produced the cars under the SS brand (which was discontinued due to unfortunate implications of the name after the SS Jaguar was produced), and laid the foundations for the existing Jaguar Company.

And finally, here is another nicely rounded rear end.....!!



I HAVE FULL RESOLUTION INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS OF MOST OF THE CARS ON OUR PITCH, SO PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE ONE.

Richard Durrant

Well the weather held out over the bank holiday weekend for another excellent Pershore Plum Festival, and forty five TR's of various models and from many midlands local groups gathered together in the grounds of the Abbey. To say space was limited to arrange the cars was an understatement – it was packed out:-



As Richard mentioned above, the blue rope came in very handy with a double herringbone configuration all carefully choreographed by Andrew, I say carefully as he made another bid for the Sods Law trophy when someone put his car in reverse instead of forward – and ran over both of Andrew's feet!



This chap appeared from the classic car section with his personal transport system well suited to getting around the show, and the town:-



The usual security arrangements were in place this year, with our machine gunner paying particular attention to Nick Smith's TR7 and Alf's TR250



Although Richard Durrant made a brave attempt to neutralise any threat:-



(ed comment, I think his aim might be a tad low.....)

Anyway, I had the chance to check out Pete Priestley's very nice Porsche 944 cabriolet, and found his great taste in music (you can actually hear the music inside his car, unlike a TR!)



Pete told me later that the cd was not an original Animals version, but did feature Eric Burdon doing covers of his own songs.....!!!!

Anyway, in between listening to the cricket scores, Paul Tunnadine was preparing for his other hobby of cider making, or distilling to a Birmingham version of Calvados.....



(I didn't dare ask about his plums.....!)

Ready for a break from walking round the classic cars, Andrew and I walked over to the church hall for a cup of tea and some cake. It was pretty busy, but after getting the drinks and cake together we found a table where we sat down to rest our feet (see above for Andrew's predicament). It was just then that a lady driving a mobility scooter made an entrance – once again someone selected the wrong gear and instead of reversing back, she accelerated forward and demolished the table on which the cups and cakes were displayed. Not content with the mayhem she created, instead of slowly reversing out of the disaster zone, she once again accelerated forward and had another go at the cups and cakes!

It was all pretty entertaining, but when she made it obvious she wanted to sit at the same table as Andrew and I, fearing a repeat performance of Andrew's feet being squashed, we beat a hasty retreat!

Alf and John Walker were discussing Richards under bonnet arrangements



And later Alf compared notes with Bill Skermer



Yvonne avoided most of the windy conditions



It was good to see the Cluley family cars (almost) together.....



And you don't see two TRs together with TR registration numbers together very often....



There were hundreds of other classics on display, and here are two that should please Richard Durrant and Andy Canning:-



And it wasn't just cars on display, this chap suited and booted in Star Wars themed clothes must have won the prize for the most eccentric outfit.....



There were American cars, muscle cars, race cars, lorries, vans, and military vehicles. I liked this WW2 military Jeep, seen at many local shows, Naughty Butt.....



And I thought I would close this report with a couple of images of this lovely D type Jaguar



A huge thank you to Andrew Racey for ably organising and managing the ticketing for the show, arranging various collections and distributions to other groups etc, and I would suggest everyone book early for 2019!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Ian Brown

September 8th – Clay Pigeon Shooting

After last year's stormy conditions, we were a lot luckier this year with dry and warm weather during the day. The arrangements were to meet at either the Warwick services on the M40 or to go straight to the shooting ground at Edge Hill. This worked out well, as we all arrived at the venue by 11.00am ready for a cuppa before we got started. There were 20 of us in total with 15 taking part in the clay pigeon shooting, 3 spectators and myself and my brother (Terry) helping with the instruction and pushing the buttons to release the clay targets to the shout of pull.

After making our way to the practice stands, we split into 2 groups with each group using the three stands to get familiar with holding, loading and shooting a 12 bore shotgun (if they had not done so before) or getting straight into action for those who came last year. It was great to see the two ladies, Rosemary and Geraldine, take part and show the boys how it should be done.



After a lunch break in the club house, those who wanted a bit more action took part in a 25 bird sporting shoot, which consisted of shooting five clays on each of five different stands. These were a lot more difficult than the morning targets, giving everybody a testing time. Some of the pigeons flew away but quite a lot didn't.



Phil Blake

September 9th Sunday lunch.

Kindly organised by Gareth in between his holidays. New venue and very good it was to. 14 sat down for an excellent lunch in a private area with a square table. Nothing to much trouble for staff. Never seen such big Yorkshire puds (not even in Yorkshire - editor!), we must return at some future date. Big car park, friendly efficient staff, reasonable price and it goes with saying (but I will), excellent company.



Andrew Racey

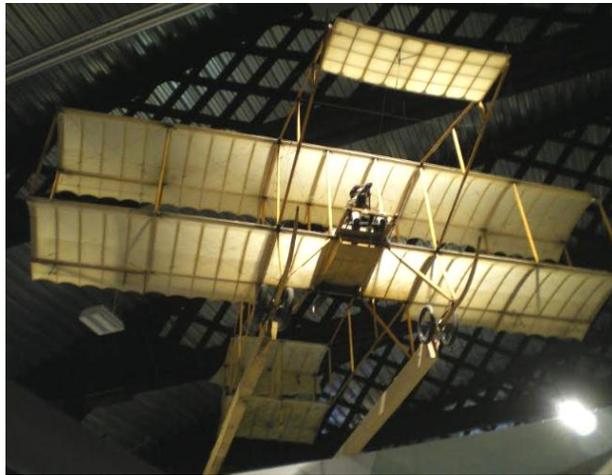
September 19th Visit to Aerospace Bristol.

Last Wednesday saw a team of intrepid potential 'birdmen' (and one 'birdwoman'!) set off down the M5 to Aerospace Bristol - Gareth, Ian, Tim, Richard and Meg, and myself. You can't really go anywhere without lunch, so first stop was 'The Anchor' at Oldbury on Severn, where we fortified ourselves for the afternoon.

Bristol's aviation history really starts with Sir George White's 'Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company'.



It was not long after that Sir George's interest in aviation was sparked and he, together with his brother, founded the British and Colonial Aeroplane Company. Following a first failed attempt, they were soon in the air with the Boxtite (model shown).



The company rapidly expanded throughout the first world war with production of aircraft and engines. The history of the company and its products is too great to detail here, but, suffice it to say that latterly, commercial vehicles, cars, helicopters, missiles, satellites, even a sailing dinghy, were all added to the mix - you name it, they did it.



Richard didn't approve of the Bristol 403 - "it's just a BMW" - but then, sadly, BMW own the Triumph name!

Eventually all this became Rolls Royce for engines, and British Aerospace for everything else. The crowning glory at the museum is the superbly displayed Concorde.



So it's goodbye from us...



....but not before coffee!



Mike Hill (& Thanks to Gareth for some of the photos)

July CVTR meeting at The Fleece.

Apologies from Colin Gibson, Phil and Sandy Blake , Cat , and Meg . Warm welcome to Jurgen a visitor from Sweden who is a work colleague of Martin Pemberton We had 23 members in attendance. We now have 152 members on the CVTR email listings for the newsletter

Gareth briefly reviewed the previous four weeks activities as covered elsewhere in this newsletter. Andrew then reviewed the diary until the end of the year.

AOB

1. We held a brief discussion about selling our events trailer which we no longer use AND our big (very heavy) gazebo which has not been used since The Plum Fest in 2017. We now have The Coleman Shelter which fits into the boot of a TR. It was agreed we should progress with disposal of both. Approval was given at the meeting to try and sell both. Andrew Racey will action.
2. After discussing the opportunity to do something to support Rob King, the meeting decided to make a donation to the MND charity. How much and when requiring further discussion
3. The 2019 IWE (August 24/25) will be held at Stratford Racecourse, and given the anticipated changes at TRR board level, the meeting agreed to support the event by offering their voluntary services.
4. Gareth Davies and Andrew Racey both gave notice that they will be standing down at the next AGM. Andrew stated his last duties will be in assisting Bob at the CVTR awards dinner in December.
5. Reminder to all the awards winners from last year to return the trophies at the next meeting please.

Andrew Racey

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ed

I was on holiday tracing the Artic Convoy routes in September and visited Murmansk and Arkangel in Russia. Rather than spies and submarines I stumbled on a classic car in the city streets and which turned out to be a 1935 Adler Trumpf Junior car driven by an enthusiast called Serge who happened to speak excellent English – we Brits are so lucky! Spot my wife, Rosemarie, lurking behind the car.



He explained that that it was a small family car built by the Frankfurt based Adler Motor company in the 1930's. There was already an Adler Trumpf car available but the junior was introduced to gain market share – smaller and cheaper. It boasted a 4 stroke 995cc engine, front wheel drive with a top speed of 56mph (25hp). It was nice to see that classic cars are also popular in Russia as well.



Gareth Davies

FUTURE EVENTS

Friday 28th September



Please note the Shunarga is now named the “na” (anon)

I have booked 30 covers for 7pm Friday 28 September at the Shunarga Indian Restaurant in Pershore.

It will help the kitchen if you can place your food and drink orders before we sit down for poppadoms. The restaurant is open well before 6pm, and Meg and me will be there early.

For those of you who haven't been before, the restaurant is on Pershore High Street opposite the entrance to the main car park, and parking is free from 6pm.

Please indicate below if you intend to join us, or email/phone me so I can confirm numbers in plenty of time:

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October 14th. Sunday lunch

hosted by Brian Wiggins at The Gardeners Arms at Alderton. If you are uncertain as to where it is. You need the A46 towards Cheltenham from Evesham. When you get to the cross roads just before The Beckford Inn turn left onto the B4077. A separate note with menu has been sent out on this but if you have still to book contact Brian on 07736 293535 or bcwiggins@hotmail.co.uk.

October 21st Autumn leaves run,

kindly hosted again by Brian Wiggins. Further details will be sent out but this year we are driving to Bodenham Gardens near Kidderminster.

October 24th CVTR meeting at The Fleece. Please return any awards you may have received at last years annual dinner.

October 28th . Stoneleigh restoration show.

November 11th Classic car show at the NEC.

November 18th Sunday lunch at The Thai Emerald in Evesham

organised by Tim Walker. Details will be sent out nearer the time.

November 25th. TR Register AGM at The Aviator Hotel , 1 Wellingborough Road. Northampton NN6 0BN.

PLEASE NOTE you need to pre register if you wish to attend and require lunch. It is expected that this meeting will see a number of new Directors appointed to board and various resolutions to hopefully ensure a more " open " club to members .

November 28th.CVTR meeting at The Fleece AND our AGM.

Please ensure you have returned any awards you may have received at last years annual dinner . Also please think about standing for one of our vacancies for officer of CVTR .PLEASE NOTE - Gareth and Andrew are standing down from their positions in CVTR. Gareth as GL and Andrew as Events and Social Secretary. Please see below for menu....

December 9th . Annual dinner and awards night at Dumbleton Hall.

Bob Heppel will be sending out details of our annual dinner. Please try and free your diary to attend this great evening and awards night. Menu details attached .

December 11th Birmingham Group Quiz

FUTURE EVENTS 2018

September	October
26 th CVTR meeting at The Fleece 28 th Curry evening. Pershore, see Richard Durrant	6/7 th Prescott American w/e 14 th Sunday lunch TBA Brain Wiggins 21 st Autumn leaves run - Bodenham (near Kidderminster) Brian Wiggins . 24 th CVTR meeting The Fleece. 28th Stoneleigh restoration show
November	December
11 th Classic car show NEC (NB Sunday lunch moved to avoid) 18 th Sunday lunch. Thai Emerald Tim Walker 25 th TRR AGM – Aviator Hotel, (see above) 28 th CVTR meeting and AGM - The Fleece	9th Annual CVTR dinner and awards night Dumbleton Hall 11 th – Birmingham Group Quiz

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

CLASSIFIEDS

CVTR TRAILER FOR SALE.

PRICE - £250.00 (sensible offers invited)

Following agreement from a membership meeting we have decided to sell our trailer. Here are a few photographs showing the work carried out on it since we brought it.

Canvas sides replaced with wood along with a tilting roof cover in protected aluminium alloy



Side opening



Opened and shows the steel rear (two) leg supports and a jockey wheel



View inside - we think it will carry around 6cwt - Two quick release rear panels giving flat access to floor. NB lights mounted separately

Hi all.

I sold a red TR7 DHC to Steve and Lynette a few years ago and they now wish to sell it. If you know anyone interested it's mot'd for another 8 months, 74000 miles, X Reg, £3000.

Please let me know and I'll pass the info on.

Thanks

Pete Priestley - pete.priestley@gmail.com

Item for sale.

Unwanted, unused Voltage stabiliser (controls voltage to fuel and temp gauges) for **Positive** earth TR4. Moss part number 131-556 (now listed as part number 128484). Current list price £13.30 inc VAT.

My price £10.

Contact Keith Brown - keithbrown1948@hotmail.com

(N.B. is unsuitable for negative earth cars)

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

COTSWOLD VALE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MEAL
@
DUMBLETON HALL SUNDAY DECEMBER THE 9TH 2018
MEAL SERVED 6.30 FOR 7.00

Menu

Starter

Chicken and Chorizo Roulade, Savoury relish.....

Fantail of Sweet Galia Melon, Fruits and Sorbet.....

Cream of Leek and Potato Soup, Cheddar Scone.....

Goats Cheese, Tomato and black Olive Panna cotta, sesame tuille.....

Main

Traditional Turkey, Sausage Meat & Chestnut stuffing,
Chipolata wrapped in Streaky Bacon topped by Pan Gravy.....

Roast Rump of Beef, Red Wine Jus & Yorkshire Pudding.....

Herb Crusted Salmon fillet with Rosti Potato & Prawn Sauce.....

Guinness root Vegetable & Portobello Mushroom Hot Pot.....

Dessert

Christmas pudding with Holly Leaf Garnish, Brandy Anglaise.....

Tarte an Citron, Berry Compote & Chantilly Cream.....

Chocolate Profiterole Slice, Vanilla Ice Cream.....

Selection of Cheeses with Biscuits, Grapes & Celery.....

Followed by

Tea & Coffee with Dinner mints

Meals are £26.50 Rooms are £90 Book rooms direct with Dumbleton Hall Please
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Please make cheques for meals payable to R Heppell tel 01386 860499

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