



COTSWOLD VALE TR **OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER**

What a summer we have had! But all good things come to an end, so before the autumn weather really takes a hold, our CVTR members have been out and about making the most of their opportunities. Thanks to those who have submitted photographs and reports from these activities and events, we hope you enjoy reading about them. If you want to find out what is planned for the rest of the year, jump forward to the future events section and if you fancy joining in, please feel free.

Friday 28th September, Curry night at the *n***a**

Manager Aibad anxiously awaiting seventeen CVTR curry fanciers



We eat there on most Friday evenings, and continually tell Aibad what good curries we get at the Rajpoot in St Ives. He even loaded his family into the car and drove there and back in a day to check. I think that he has applied for planning permission to open another restaurant locally called the "RAGUSH"..... intending to save money on signage.....!!

Drinks sorted and orders placed.....



Picture credit David Gillespie with Meg getting all sappy...David suggested angelic. 24 hours at Durrant Towers would soon change his mind.....!!

The Cotswold Vale diners on Candid Camera....



Sorry Keith, but here we go....Yes, I will make sure that you are in the picture

.....and I realise that you can see me too...



David relating one of his dodgy pre-dinner jokes.....which embarrassed Deb..



...so she told Meg, and Tim explained the obscure punch line, and Keith got all grumpy 'cos he didn't get the joke.



Cat had heard it before, so he checked the cricket scores on his phone.

Anyway, I think that the evening went reasonably well with no major complaints, and I haven't heard of any admissions to A&E with stomach problems.

Sorry again for focussing on you Keith, but these are all the pictures I have, and I know that you like it really!!

I'm sure that David won't mind if I point out that the thinning on the scalp isn't hair loss but actually a thumb print...**

....And I realise that I am going to get my come-uppance....

Richard Durrant

***In order to maintain a reasonable relationship with Keith and David I forwarded the original of this report to them seeking their approval to publish in the CVTR newsletter.*

David agreed, subject to the scalp bit being air brushed which I have done, therefore obliterating Linda's thumb print. Keith agreed, subject to me being prepared for the inevitable retribution.

Macmillan Cancer Charity day at Wayne's near Mickleton/Ilmington

It was a Saturday morning and I was standing in my garden looking at my Conifer hedge surrounding the garden with my hedge trimmer in hand contemplating the annual haircut required for leylandi trees. Suddenly it the phone rang and it was Andy Canning who asked what I was up to. I told him about the hedge and he said "you don't want to that – you want to come with me to Waynes and see some real drag racing and American Muscle cars at Wayne's". Of course I threw the hedge trimmer back in the shed and off I went to Andy's where the Volvo Amazon (plus Keith Brown) was revved up ready to go.

Once a year, Wayne hosts a Macmillan Cancer Charity fundraising day at his premises near Mickleton. I will not bore you with too many words about it but here are a few pictures.



This is Wayne's dragster which is capable of reaching almost 200mph at Santa Pod. It has a bespoke everything and completely manufactured by Wayne himself at the premises. Parts are sourced from all over the world to get that extra bit of grunt out. You can see Keith checking out the tread on the slicks which were a mile wide. The engine was fired up and deafened most of us



This is Oklahoma Willy which is a road legal car and has two engines – 2 litre air cooled VW engine plus a fully functioning Rolls Royce Viper aero engine. It is absolutely mad but beautiful. I repeat – it is road legal (not allowed to use the aero engine and never been stopped by the police!!) Some smart Alec asked where the shopping goes when he goes to Tesco's – it wasn't me!



This one is for those of you on Prozac and hear is a nice paint job. Both are well known cars in their field.



All sorts of muscle cars were scattered all over the place



For the purists there was an original 1930's Bugatti scattered amongst the classic muscels (not Andy and Keith!). Then we all motored over to a new "auto themed café called The Caffeine Machine" which opens soon near Eckington. Of course Andy and Keith met some biker boys from near where they live. It was was a nice venue and lots of space to park cars. Check it out! So it is thanks to Andy and Keith for a pleasant day out on a sunny day. It was great being out in the TR with the lid down and sun shining. Of course a lot of money was raised for a good charity

Gareth Davies

Prescott American Weekend 2018 6/7 October

October is the time of year for the American themed weekend alongside the normal championship hill climb event where Richard Durrant, Dave Roberts and others compete in. There was a selection of entertainment including a Rock and Roll Band, a swing band, the Las Vegas showgirls were dancing and there was swing dancing demonstrations including free lessons. This was alongside an original wooden, shaky "Wall of Death" with classic Indian Scout (1920's) Motorcycles racing around it with the riders doing acrobatics. This was combined with the Indian Scout Club with several bikes from the 20's. Of course there was also the cars as well so it definitely worth the £15 entrance fee.

Unfortunately my camera battery went flat but here are just a few pictures of what was there. Fortunately, like a couple of other CVTR members, I picked the Sunday when the sun was shining and it was a pleasant way to spend the day.



A selection of Willy's jeeps to see



Dodge Charger with HEM 6.3 litre reputedly faster than a Bugatti Chiran went up the Hill



Buick sponsored March Group C Le Mans car, held lap record in 1985 Daytona 24 hour and competed in IMSA USA champs for several years. For Sale if you fancy it



A collection of restored 1940,50's American saloons. One guy was saving up for a bonnet



Competitors --There was a variety of cars including Ford's, Lotus', Cooper JAP, Aston Martin in the background, Mini, Austin Healy, MG's ,Morgans etc etc. They are all waiting to take their turn up the hill against the clock



This is the Penske PC22 chassis which placed in the Indianapolis 500 in 1993, driven competitively by Emerson Fittipaldi in the Penske golden era in the 1990 and possibly by Ayrton Senna. It runs on methanol with its original Ilmor 265C engine delivering 790HP at 14,000rpm. It also went up the hill to please the spectators



This guy had been waiting a long time to go up the hill



Heavily modified Hillman Imp competing



This is not a race or a helping help up the hill but down it. Unfortunately this very nice Morgan came off the road and ended up twisted so had be carried off

1915 Lennox Speedster built in Massachussets and imported to UK in 1998

To conclude, definitely plenty to see and do that I have no pictures of so put next years dates in your diary in case you are at a loose end in October 2019

Gareth Davies

This was the last weekend of the Prescott season, and as usual was the American Classic, hosting all things American including the Muscle Cars, Flatheads, Chopper and Indian motorcycle displays, entertainment including the Wall of Death, live bands and singers, showgirl dancers and hot dogs!!

.....And two days competitive Hill Climb racing....!!

The weather forecast issued daily for the previous two weeks was for rain all day Saturday and sunshine all day Sunday....correct, except that it poured most of Saturday morning, but eased off to occasional drizzle and damp air after lunch. This meant that practice times in the morning were very slow. If you could avoid the leaves, conkers and acorns through the Esses, and bear in mind that the previous meetings' rubber was now combined with a surface that hadn't dried out and was like ice in places, you may be able to get to the top without visiting the scenery. Unfortunately several people were too enthusiastic and did just that, which meant delays while the track was cleared.

In common with most drivers I couldn't find any grip at the start and was at the first bend before I could take third....and so on, so I was well outside my handicap time along with everyone else. Disappointing, as this was my last meeting of 2018. With this in mind, I was entered for two championships: the RevingtonTR/TR Register Hill Climb and Sprint Championship, and the BOC 'New Barn' National "B" License Championship, hoping that eight runs up the hill would give me the opportunity to improve my best time of the year – no chance!

This meant that I had to change race numbers and paddock slots for every run – no time to dry out or relax!

Cotswold Vale TR put up three entrants:



Tony Cotgrave's TR2 in BOC New Barn Handicap, David Roberts' TR4A V8 in BOC Members Sports Car Handicap, Richard Durrant's TR4A in BOC New Barn Handicap...
(And the Revington TR/TR Register Championship)

Saturday 6 October - Revington TR/TR Register paddock



Alan Yeo being sensible...



Hot shoe Steve Small (white 4.6l TR7 V8 Rover) managed to get the car sideways at Orchard corner, but fortunately kept it on the tarmac.

It was wet....



Where did that come from....? Belongs on the other side of the roadway in the.....

BOC New Barn "B" Licence paddock



Tony Cotgrave's TR2 on pole



Richard Durrant's TR4A at the other end of the thirty-six entries.

A few pictures from the rest of the paddock at lunchtime...



Bernie Kevill and local TR specialist Simon Andrews' 2600cc OMS 28 TKD out at last in the BOC Members Racing Car handicap.

Setting off from home in the dark and rain at 07:00am, the (faulty – again!) alternator couldn't cope with headlights and one wiper, so I tucked in behind the first car I came across and turned off the headlights to use his, thinking I would be able to pick up another car when he turned off – HE WENT ALL THE WAY TO PRESCOTT.....!! It wasn't until I went for a chat at lunch time that Bernie pointed out that he was the leading light

...I hadn't realised it was him! Thanks Bernie!



Triumph TR7 4.6l Rover



& 1961 1380cc Frogeye Sprite,

next to 1970 4750cc Jaguar E-Type...





Rare 1969 Morgan Standard 1267cc

On display and lunchtime demonstration runs...



1992 Penske PC22 790hp at 14,000 rpm...! & Dodge Challenger: Supercharged 6.2l V8. World's fastest quarter mile and 0-60 production car – even faster than a Bugatti Chiron....!

American Muscle-





Cadillac de Ville



The Chopper Club of Great Britain



“Attitude Adjustment Racing”

This fully disabled access and driveable drag racing car, was designed and built by 18-year old Rogan McGilp whose brother is disabled. When he was 16, Rogan won the 2016 National Young Engineer of the Year with his own design and built hot rod. What a fantastic achievement!!



Sunday was sunny as forecast, so the American Weekend wasn't a total washout, thank goodness. I stayed at home to dry myself and the car out – and to fix the alternator!

So, that's it for this season – I wonder what 2019 will bring...?!!

Richard Durrant

Sunday 14th October and lunch at The Gardeners Arms at Alderton

- organised by Brian Wiggins. He unfortunately was detained on business in Cape Town - there are worst places I guess to have to stay over a weekend. So Gareth stepped in to the breach and hosted the lunch. We had 30 sitting down for the meal including a party of 6 from VOWH with Derek Johnson and family. Pouring with rain so no TRs in the car park!!!!!!!!!!

First time I have been here and I have to say we were looked after extremely well. Having pre- ordered food came out without a hitch. Lots of vegetables accompanied the main courses. Nothing was to much trouble for the staff who made sure our glasses were full and that we had everything we wanted. Must return . Well done all.





Andrew Racey - Events and Social Secretary

It was very good, echo Andrew's comments. Only thing to consider was whether 30 was to many for the space as initially we were cramped and it got very noisy(of course that was everyone talking) We sorted it out quickly, and the staff were excellent at accommodating us.

Definitely would go back

Gareth Davies

October 21st Autumn leaves run,

Sunday 21st October and it's the Autumn Leaves run, kindly organised by Brian Wiggins . Well it was called Autumn but given 20' plus and a clear blue sky it actually felt like summer. Eight cars assembled on the slip road to Ombersley- however I gather it should have been nine as Alan Wilding did turn up at the Arboretum. A beautiful run through the countryside before arriving at our destination at Bodenham Farm and Arboretum.

For those who have never been there it's a well worth it visit. The walks vary from half a mile to two miles through some lovely wooded areas and around a total of 11 lakes . It's a working farm so sheep ,ducks , cows ,chickens and even donkeys are available to see. The restaurant is excellent, a Sunday roast or baguettes are available. It does get busy but we found a table and sampled the Sunday lunch.

So below a few photographs of the trees (apologies to the more professional photographers among you) and assembled cars.

Thanks again Brian. Super day.



This is a sample of what we were to look forward to.



What do you call a gathering of TR enthusiastic car drivers - answers to Andrew Racey



Arrival and so the convoy starts to assemble, and we didn't lose anyone.



Yep all present



Colours were splendid



Not sure about this specimen found amongst the trees, and more colours.....



This is Eve 'Lucy and Lizzy . They regularly breed and do are often looking for suitable homes -- Rose any chance ?

Andrew Racey

On a sunny autumn morning eight Cotswold Vale TRs gathered at Ombersley for the Autumn Leaves Run. The route had been planned and checked by Brian and Gill Wiggins who led the TRs, convoy fashion to Bodenham Arboretum. We set off westwards to cross the Severn then turned north on lovely quiet country roads to Bewdley. Here the route went through the old town's centre crossing the Severn and passing under the Severn Valley Railway. The last part of the route took us a further five miles to Bodenham, just north of Kidderminster. This last section climbed and descended some really steep climbs with views both of the distant hills and of the nearer woods which were showing fine autumn colours. The Arboretum, while open to the public year round, is privately owned and at this peak "Autumn Colours" time was not overrun. The paths through the arboretum include a two and a half mile perimeter walk as well as much shorter routes through well maintained woods, past two lakes and several ponds as well as open farming land. As expected, the tree colours were spectacular.

Most sampled a coffee sitting by the lake, though a carvery lunch was also available.

As time wore on and some members wandered off through the Arboretum a ninth TR arrived, having navigated from Tanworth in Arden by a rather indirect and varied route.

Gareth had earlier predicted a 30 degree centigrade day which some thought rather ambitious. However the air was clear, the sun shone and it reached 15 degrees in both the morning and the afternoon, so perhaps he was right after all.

Our thanks to Brian and Gill for another fine Autumn Leaves Run.

Phil and Bea Collins



Following a lovely sunny drive we arrived and ready for the walk around The Arboretum on a sunny Sunday Morning



Sitting having cake and coffee and enjoying the view



Guess which one is the ass?

CVTR meeting at The Fleece.

October 24th CVTR meeting at The Fleece. We had 27 members at the meeting

Apologies from Richard and Meg, Mick Parry, Nigel Cluley, Dave and Sally Roberts

Gareth reviewed the previous 4 weeks of activity as reported elsewhere in this newsletter. He also reported that he had been sent from the office an updated list of names of CVTR members and details of how to handle GPDR .

Andy Canning reported that he along with Keith and Gareth he visited Phil McGovern --Caffeine and the Machine venue , which is officially opening on Saturday with big muscle cars and motor bikes, and any classic cars. It's off the Banbury Road/ Ettington roundabout . Well worth a visit.

AOB . As this was the last meeting that Gareth was able to chair as GL before he stands down at next months AGM meeting the assembled members offered their thanks for the splendid job he has carried out as GL on behalf of CVTR and wished him continued good health and enjoyable holidays.

Future Events, see below –

Andrew Racey, Events and Social Secretary

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ed

I spotted this lovely Triumph Roadster parked at the top of Abbey Road late September.....



And whilst on holiday, spent a few hours at the Motor Museum in Malta,



pretty impressive car on approaching the museum, but as might be expected, it was a replica with a Hillman Hunter engine!
But the entrance itself featured a large image of a TR, with the real thing on display....



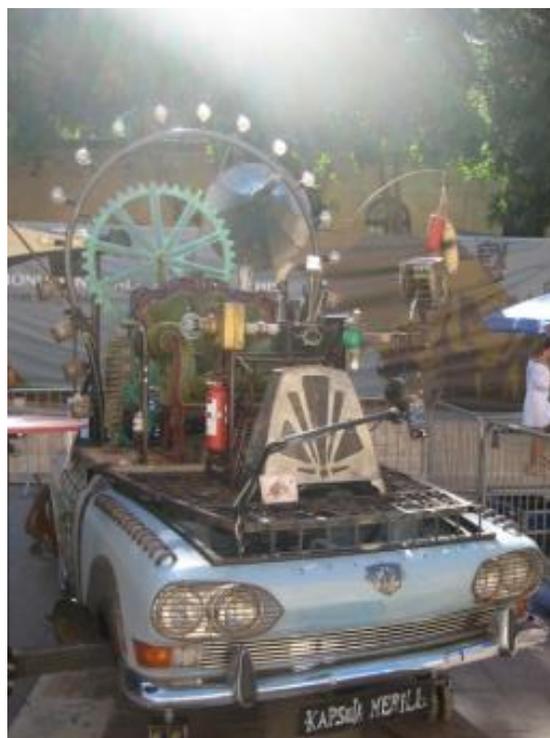
And just in case Richard and Meg fancy a visit, they even have a tasty Austin7.....



There were also a healthy number of classics still in daily use on Malta, including this nice Rover 100



I'm not sure that nice could be ascribed to this highly modified Triumph forming part of the "Notte Bianca" celebrations



Ian Brown

Dear Ed - Supplement to Mike Hill's visit report last month:-

Following on from the flying model of the Bristol Boxkite two significant WWI aircraft replicas are on display....

The Bristol F.2B Fighter



And the Bristol Scout...



.....which I think has similarities to the Sopwith Camel....

We found the forward fuselage of the actual Bristol Britannia that took us and a party of friends to Estartit in Spain in the early sixties. The pilot came on as we approached to tell us not to be concerned at the noise and vibration as we were landing, he would have to put the engines into reverse thrust and maximum braking as the runway wasn't long enough...!!

Had a good look round the cabin, but all the evidence seemed to have been mopped up and cleared away...! Presumably the rear fuselage and wings couldn't be repaired.....Anyway, here is our carefully loaded luggage..



Moving on we found the AirBus simulator...



....Strange – I remember powering my model aircraft in the fifties with Jet-Ex engines...may still have one somewhere!!

Mike mentioned the sailing dinghy..



.....called “Polly Esther” (Bristol were experimenting with plastics at the time, you see!)
However, the name on the rear is “UpHill”.....I wonder if this was applied to recognise our visit....!!

And now more of the motoring section...NO, not an Austin Seven,





.....What do you think...?!

And finally, the star exhibit....



....which I have used as Mike included one with me trying to represent a classical nose....if you look carefully you will see that I haven't got my finger inside yet!!

Richard Durrant

TECHNICAL SECTION

Seems some people may need this chart:-

OFFICIAL CONVERSION CHART	
HOW TO INTERPRET	
* ANTIQUE CAR ADS *	
IF IT SAYS:	IT REALLY MEANS:
Rare model.....	Nobody liked them when new either
Older restoration.....	Can't tell it's been restored
Needs engine work.....	It's been frozen for 30 years
Uses no oil.....	Just throws it out
No rust.....	Body and fenders missing
Rough.....	It's too bad to lie about
One owner.....	Never been able to sell
No time to complete.....	Can't find parts anywhere
Needs interior.....	Seats are gone
Rebuilt engine.....	Has new spark plugs
May run.....	But it never has
Low mileage.....	Third time around
Many new parts.....	Keeps breaking down
29 coats hand-rubbed paint....	Needed that much to cover rust
Clean.....	It sat out in the rain yesterday
Best offer.....	About what I expect to get
Always driven slowly.....	Won't go any faster
Prize winner.....	Hard luck trophy 3 times in a row
Stored 25 years.....	Under a tree
Real show stopper.....	Orange with purple fenders
Easy restoration.....	Parts will come off in your hand
Ready to show.....	Just washed it
Top good.....	Only leaks when it rains
Good investment.....	Can't depreciate any more

COMPETITIONS SECTION

DONINGTON PARK CIRCUIT TRACK DAY 1 OCTOBER 2018



Three Cotswold Vale members joined over seventy MG owners for a fantastic day on track at Donington Park GP circuit.... The Melbourne loop wasn't used, being replaced by a chicane half way down the straight, and speeds in excess of 100mph were achieved before braking for Redgate....

Twenty-five cars were run at a time on the two mile circuit in twenty minute sessions giving everyone at least two hours on track.

Overtaking on the left was allowed on the straights (?!), providing the car in front acknowledged that you were approaching, so there were lots of opportunities to demonstrate how it should be done.....including the reverse situation – being overtaken by an MG.....!!

We were all in the same group, and Tim, who is a very experienced track day driver, would have been able to get past David and myself if we hadn't made sure that there was a complete circuit between us....Also we worked out that going out last in our group gave us more opportunities to overtake the slower cars in front.....!!



Tim Walker putting his race wheels/tyres on his slightly (?) modified MG ZR
(He has nearly finished his TR6, and the TR7 V8 is sitting in the garage, so maybe we could have a three TR outing one day.....!)



David Roberts' Triumph TR4A V8



Richard Durrant's TR4A

Here's another picture of Tim about to tighten up the leaking oil filter which was on the last thread and about to drop off...Also, he wanted to demonstrate his pink jack, now resprayed blue....!!



Following action shots credited to Sally of the Roberts' Photographic Studio...



David on the Wheatcroft straight...



and me. Note the packed grandstand.....!!



Tim, at the front of the queue overtaking an MGB. He had already taken the very quick MGA, which I spent several laps following but couldn't quite get past. Note the MG XPower SV behind the MGA – might have been an SVR!he had no difficulty with David and myself, but I'm not sure if he eventually overtook Tim.





David overtaking an MGF...



....and me overtaking another MG...!!
(ed comment, neat editing on circuit sign!)

A fantastic day. Thanks to MGs on Track for letting us come to play. Tim is of course a regular!
Can't wait to go again....!!

Richard Durrant

FUTURE EVENTS

October 28th . Stoneleigh restoration show.

November 11th Classic car show at the NEC.

Phil Blake's TR5 will be in hall 1 on the CSMA stand, pop across and see him.

November 18th Sunday lunch at The Thai Emerald in Evesham

Please see previous note from Gareth Davies, and repeated below.

Buffet Lunch

SUNDAY ONLY

Served from 12 noon - 2.30pm

"Eat as much as you like"

Experience an exquisite variety of
Authentic Thai Cuisine

Relax in our exotic surroundings and
enjoy as much as you wish to eat
from our huge selection of
Starters, Main Courses and Desserts

Only
£14.95 per person

Children under 12
£7.50 per child

The November Sunday lunch will be held on the 18th slightly later than normal so as not to conflict with the NEC Classic Car show.

Venue is the Thai Emerald, Evesham for their Sunday Buffet. Time 12.00 for 12.15pm. See attached file for details
Directions can be found [HERE](#)

The restaurant requires final numbers by 12th November so please let me know before then if you would like to come along (timtrinda@gmail.com)

Tim Walker

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

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 year's 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.

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

Annual dinner and awards night at Dumbleton Hall. Bob Heppel has sent out details for this years menu and costs .Can you please let him know your requirements and have a cheque ready at next meeting if you have yet to pay and order. Please try and free your diary to attend this great evening and awards night. Menu details attached .Contact Bob at.

bobhpl3@gmail.com

December 11th Birmingham Group Quiz

It would be great if we can get a couple of teams to represent CVTR at this popular event which we have won in the past. Let Dave Gillespie know if you can make it.

We now know that the next IWE will be at Stratford Race Course August 16/17/18th 2019.

	October
	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, Northampton 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

STILL 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
Contact Andrew Racey if interested.

GDPR

CVTR only have the contact details supplied from the office and no other personal information, this is your name, address, email address, and telephone number.

As you have received 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