



COTSWOLD VALE TR **NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2018**

How fast has 2018 flown past, it hardly seems but a few days since we were basking in the sunshine of what has been one of the best summers for many years. There have been classic car shows and events aplenty, and many have made these hallowed pages, but the coming of autumn has seen a slowing down of external shows as the weather and planning has made more indoor shows come to the forefront.

November is also the month of our CVTR AGM, which is covered in a separate document, and this is followed closely with the TR Register AGM at Sywell Aerodrome, Northampton on the 25th Novemeber (full details and proxy voting forms in the latest edition of TR Action. This is your club, and this is your opportunity to vote for your preferred candidates for positions on the TR Register board, and you are encouraged to use your vote.

Enough of the formal stuff, check out what we have been doing this month by reading the verbiage below, or jump down to the future events page where you will find – not much, other than the details for CVTR Awards Dinner in December, and a flyer for next year’s IWE which will be held on our patch at Stratford Upon Avon.

The stuff for 2019 is generated from a meeting to be held in January where anyone with any suggestions is welcome to contribute; always bearing in mind they will be responsible for organising such activity.

Here you go.....

National Restoration Show, Stoneleigh Park, 28th October



In previous years this has proved to be a very popular show, with many clubs attending and many projects and demonstrations to entertain the visitors. The autojumble had always been very popular with plenty of bargains to be had from a huge variety of traders.....so I was looking forward to a great day out.

What actually transpired was a show that was a shadow of its former self, only one real car club with a restoration theme (Dolomite Club), and a dearth of traders, what the h*ll happened to the show I knew so well, I have no idea!

The lack of clubs and stands didn’t detract from meeting a catching up with some CVTR members and other TRR members and officers.

It wasn’t actually the sole highlight of the show, but I really enjoyed having a cuppa with fellow CVTR members Keith Brown and Laurence McCarthy. I spent some time talking to Conrad Hunt, a stall holder specialising in TR parts, and Conrad introduced me to Graham Andrews, the Italia Registrar and currently in the process of restoring the unique and almost mythical Conrero.



(Standard-Triumph commissioned a four car team for the 1961 24 Hours of Le Mans. Unfortunately, only one car was produced and that single unit was not finished until 1962. With a tubular spaceframe and aerodynamic bodywork, the Triumph Conrero took full advantage of the tuned Sabrina engine – that made a reported 165bhp with a surfeit of torque – to reach almost 150 mph on the M1 motorway in England.)

After spending quality time with Graham, and catching up with progress on the Conrero restoration, I went on a tour of the few autojumblers that were there, primarily looking for the correct key to fit a spare TR6 boot lock I had found, minus key. After speaking to a key and lock specialist, I was advised to drill out several rivets and dismantle the lock assembly to access the barrel, other than that, a session of pot luck trying whatever key I could find at the show.....

Fortunately, at the other end of the row of traders was Dave Gleed, and after catching up with him, I spotted his key rack and asked if I could systematically try his keys in the hope that one would fit. Just at that moment, a former colleague of Dave's arrived on the stand, and after a few moments discussing my lock, Dave picked it up, selected a key from the display and BINGO, it fitted perfectly first time. Clearly I thought some trade secrets were involved here, and I marvelled at their wisdom, Dave then pointed out that the lock number was stamped in the assembly as part of a series of other numbers. Mystery solved, and I left much wiser and with a fully functioning TR6 boot lock assembly, thank you Dave!

After meeting up with Keith later, he mentioned that he was looking for some rhd sealed beam units as his TR4A was fitted with lhd items and yet passed the MOT without issue..... Anyway, I had a couple of spare pairs that I had no use for at home, and Keith gratefully collected them the following day.

After several tours of the stands, and with lunchtime looming, I decided that there was no point hanging about any longer, so I left for home.

As I said above, this was a great show in its former guise, it's a shame there was relatively little on offer for the paying visitors this year.

Ian Brown

NEC Classic Car Show, 9-11th November.



Seven Thirty, Saturday the 10th, Keith and Gareth pulled up outside my front door, and pretty soon we were en route to Alf's for our pilgrimage to the show at the NEC. Tickets don't seem to get any cheaper, and when we turned up to discover it was an extra £16 to park, that feeling was reinforced. Fortunately Alf had preordered the tickets using an early on line booking facility, and with four people in the car, the parking costs were spread out.

The traffic was pretty light and we arrived a quarter of an hour ahead of the show opening time, so what else to do other than have a coffee. Gareth kindly treated us to the caffeine intake and the show opened, queue dispersed and we were soon navigating our way through the hundreds of stands and stalls to Hall 4 and the TR Register stand.

The first TR stand we came to was the Youth Group, proudly displaying the award won by Kat Forey for best Contribution by a youngster:-



(if you look carefully you can make out the reflection of our GL in the dish!)

Well Done Kat and the Youth Group!

The Youth stand was also graced by a couple of notable luminaries trying their hand at the TR7 themed game –



Anthony Hamilton giving it a go, along with Harris Mann (pics from TR Youth FB page)

It transpired Anthony Hamilton is a keen Triumph enthusiast and had just added a Dorretti to his fleet of 9 other TRs!

The stand even featured free snacks, all of which followed the stand theme, wedge shaped, and you can even witness Allan Westbury sampling them in the background of the Anthony Hamilton picture above!



View of Youth Group stand, and Alf discussing the show with Gareth (stand picture from TRR fb page)

The Main TR Register stand had a couple of themes, one of which was paying homage to the Le Mans Peerless race car:-



Stand picture from TRR fb page

Naturally we enjoyed the usual hospitality of the club and after coffee and biscuits, we set off to view the rest of the show. It wasn't too long before Keith spotted an item he fancied:-



Do you think he bought it??????????????????



Lamborghini or Porsche anyone?



Gareth inspects the tube plate on the steam traction engine and wonders if it would fit in the garage..

We came across the Duckhams Stand and Keith took the opportunity to deliver the sales invoice for the CVTR trailer to the new owners, to be used for their exhibition equipment once they have a car with a tow bar!



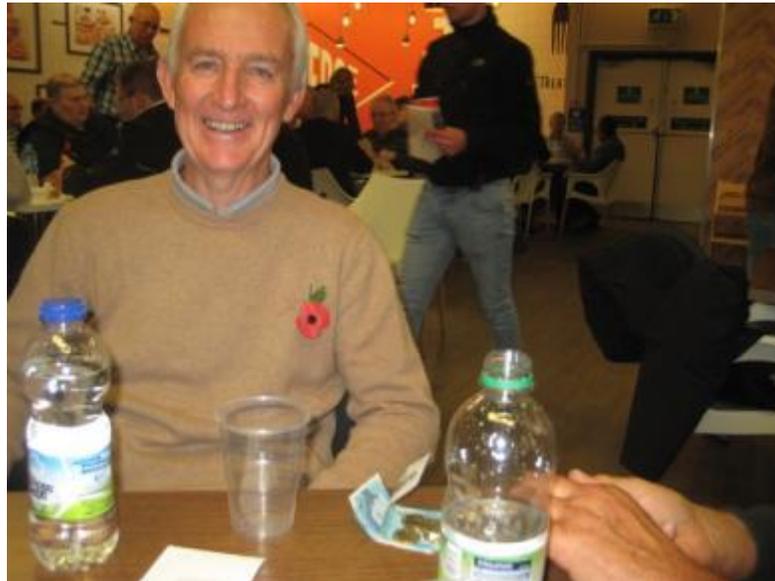
TRGB had this TR6 for sale for £27K, and a TR5 for almost £70K



And I loved this "Thunderbird 2", based on a Toyota Previa



Alf and Gareth discuss another £27K TR6 (and the fastest Keith moved for some time)



We managed to get a seat in one of the restaurants so we could eat lunch sat down, Gareth and Alf ordered the food and Keith and I guarded the vacant seats at our table. Gareth looks happy as the financial arrangements were squared up.



One end of the scale to the other, beautiful Rolls Royce and immaculate Morgan

Onto the Maguires Concours stand to check out a lovely TR5 owned by Harry, Daphne and Simon Eaton



However, I believe the overall show winner was this immaculate Chevrolet Impala





Gareth makes a close inspection of this aero engine special....

And is this fully electric MGB a vision of the future???????????



I hope not!

After six or seven hours taking as much of the show in as we could, we decided that our final destination would be the Standard Triumph heritage display, including early and late variants of the sports and competition cars of the relevant era, and we found the display in Hall 5. Unfortunately whilst the cars were there, little effort had been made to display them in any sort of story order and maybe lost some of its impact potential, but by then we were pretty worn out and ready for home.

Try as we might, there were lots of stands and displays worthy of more time and investigation, and some incredible cars on display, matched by the excellent efforts made by many clubs and traders, so much so that there was far too much to do in a single day.

Was it expensive, £25 to get in, and £16 to park the car? BUT – where else can you get such enjoyment for more than a full day entertainment for such a price, it still represents great value when you compare it to a football match, concert, or many other days out. It was excellent value for money, bring on 2019!!!!

Ian Brown

November 18th and Sunday lunch - The Thai Emerald, Evesham

kindly organised by Tim Walker. 14 CVTR members in attendance in a very busy restaurant. Usual buffet which was replenished on a regular basis. Nice relaxed lunch with everyone staying on for a chat when we had finished. The MG owners club were also there in force.

Thanks again Tim, same time, same place in 2019 then?



Some starters



and even more



Tuck in – ah Sue has, closely followed by Mick!

Andrew Racey

TRR AGM, Aviator Hotel, Sywell Aerodrome, 25th November



image from TRR website

CVTR were well represented at the annual club General Meeting and Awards ceremony, the full reports can be read on the club website by clicking on this link –

<https://www.tr-register.co.uk/article/2018/11/0168/The-Annual-General-Meeting-for-the-TR-Register-Results>

Also notable was that Gareth Davies contributions to CVTR were mentioned in despatches, but real formal recognition, for 22 years as CVTR treasurer was given to Keith Brown. Keith was announced as a Gold Award winner for his efforts, and the award was accepted on his behalf by Paul Tunnadine.

Other award winners that most CVTR members would know were Nigel Cluley (a regular at our meetings) and his partner at shows and exhibitions, Richard Flynn. Both were recognised for the work they put in behind the scenes in putting on the TRR displays at major shows.

Ian Brown

CVTR meeting at The Fleece. 28th Nov.

Apologies from Gareth Davies, Mike Hill, Dave McCattie, Alan Wilding, Nick and Jayne Smith, Meg Durrant. There were 25 members at the meeting

Before the meeting started Cat presented Keith with a Gold Award from The Register. Huge congratulations from everyone at CVTR on a well deserved award.



Andrew chaired the meeting. He reviewed the previous 4 weeks of activity as reported elsewhere in this newsletter.

Future events.

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

Bob Heppel has sent out details for this years menu and costs . Please try and free your diary to attend this great evening and awards night.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.

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

We have been successful in selling the trailer, still working on the gazebo. The register do not require it but a number of GL's in other groups have been contacted to see if they are interested. There will also be an advert in the next TR Action.

A big thank you as well to The Fleece for providing us with a buffet for our meeting and the AGM.

Andrew Racey - Events and Social Secretary

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ed

I think this picture must have predated the MOT?



Reg Plait

TECHNICAL SECTION

TOOL EXPECTATIONS



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COMPETITIONS SECTION



Richard Durrant stars on the front page of Club Triumph's magazine!
(image from Club Triumph magazine)

FUTURE EVENTS

	December
	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

GDPR notification

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