



COTSWOLD VALE TR **APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER**

If ever there was an example of multiple events spreading out members attendances, we don't have to look any further than the first weekend in April (and the show season hasn't even started yet), with CVTR members attending a variety of events held concurrently over the 6th and 7th, from David Ferry's open day and Bromyard Speed Festival, to Goodwood Members Club Racing..... There was a time when organised classic car events were relatively few and far between and we had no problem focussing our members on these relatively small number of shows and activities, ensuring a fair complement of members flying the flag. However the wave of popularity for classic events, mostly commercial/charity, linked to raising monies, continues to gather momentum. Whilst this is great for member's choice, our resources are being increasingly thinly spread across those larger numbers of opportunities.

We are fortunate that Dave Roberts (ably assisted by Sally – behind every good man and all that.....) has picked up the social secretary role, however it is crucial that we all keep Dave informed as to events that may be happening/planned such that the information can be shared with all members. Just as importantly, if you like reading these newsletters, we need more contributions, great or small, from a significantly greater number of members, so please don't be shy!

Anyway, this is what I know about for April 2019:-

6th/7th April - Open Day at David Ferry workshop

I set off to collect a part from David at his "workshop open day" and just as I was approaching Southam, my mobile rang and it was Laurence McCarthy checking on the correct address, so it was no surprise to meet him and his son there! Pulling up outside the workshop I spotted a fellow forum contributor, "chilliman", who had claimed several treasures from David's parts stash, and he was hotfooting it back home to get on with work on his TR.

Meanwhile Laurence had accumulated a couple of wire wheel adapters that he had been searching for over a considerable amount of time, apparently his son uncovered them when rooting through many boxes of parts, he certainly knew what he was looking for, so maybe we have another younger TR convert waiting in the wings. A number of other items took his eye, with potential parts for a disc brake conversion featuring in the future.

David had kindly put aside the part I had enquired about, and after collecting it and paying him (bargain price), he was busy with other TRR members making enquiries about specific parts.

After the weekend, I emailed David to see how things had gone, and seems like his open weekend was a success, although he still has a significant number of parts to move on, and he would welcome selling them if anyone is interested! His contact details are in previous newsletters.

Ian Brown

7th April - Bromyard Speed Festival

Hi Ian,

DR reminded me, as I was entered yesterday, if I took any photos for the Group.

I personally did not. So much to visit and looked. Massive crowd and well supported with car entry, etc.

The only other TR was a dark blue TR5 sporting a blue duck hood. Did not get to locate/chat to,,,,, Ring any bells with you?

Everybody I spoke to was very local ? CVTR Group members ?

Prescott next Saturday 27th April

Cheers

Tony Cotgrave

14th April - Sunday Lunch – Green Dragon, Sambourne, Dave Gillespie

10 TR's in the car park for our yearly return trip to The Green Dragon. 24 guests sat down for an excellent meal as usual.

Nothing to much trouble for our Landlady host and her staff. Excellent choice and all presented on hot plates with

vegetables served in separate dishes. Organised by Linda (ok and David) Gillespie who ensured that we all had a reminder

of what we ordered a few weeks ago. Good to see so many friends at lunch.
A huge thank you to Linda (OK and David) for organising the day.



Some of the TR's lined up - but David's TR was on its own on the right of the main group.



Pat checks the racing results on her phone, while our hosts wait patiently



Joan in deep conversation with Sue - What happened was!!

Andrew Racey

23rd April - St George's Day request for TRs at the Fleece

After a lovely Easter weekend weather, the sun kept it's hat on for the annual Asparagus festival at the Fleece, that also coincided with St Georges Day.

Andrew Racey and I turned up at the Fleece early to park up in the orchard, and immediately behind us was Dave and Sally Roberts:-



And it wasn't very long before other CVTR members came along to support our host Nigel



Dave Gillespie picks a timeless setting under the trees, whilst Terry Smith was under the bonnet of his TR (edited out)

Although TR's outnumbered Morgans, it was Morgans that took front of stage for festivities



However the real show stealers were this immaculate trio of Trojan 200 micro cars



Festivities got underway at 11.00 am, with the event being opened by one of the radio actors from the Archers, more than ably assisted by this other famous trio



Asparagus featured strongly as you would expect,



But



Asparagus Gin?



Pedal powered Milk Shake machine?

& maybe not so unexpected



Henry Sandon enjoyed the action



And there was even something for Richard Durrant



Eccentric, quintessentially English, bonkers in parts, but hugely enjoyable!

Ian Brown

CVTR meeting at The Fleece.



Dave and Tim at the recent GL meeting
Waiting for report from Dave Roberts.....see May's newsletter!

SHELSLEY WALSH PRESENTATION

Max Hunt



What a great talk we had on the origins and history of Shelsley Walsh, so huge thanks go to Max Hunt for delivering an entertaining history of the oldest motor sport venue in the world, and to Bob Heppel for organising it!



Max preparing his projection equipment ready for his talk!

Amazingly Max started way back in history with the development of the church at Shelsley, Whitley Court, through the “Gunpowder Plot” to the demise of Whitley Court leading to the selling off of the farms comprising the Whitley Estate, and the enthusiastic motor sport support of the farm holder.....

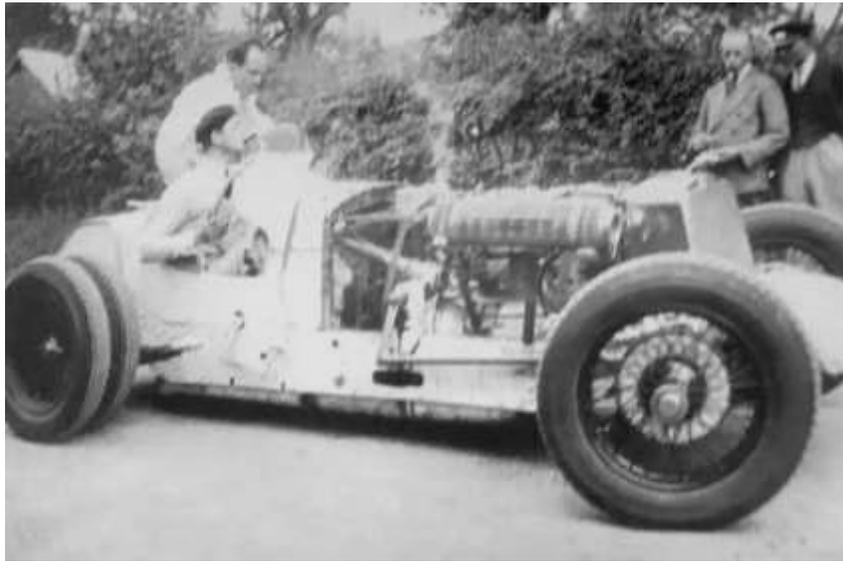
What was surprising that before moving to Shelsley Walsh, the MAC held their second meeting at Middle Hill in Broadway:-



But after being charged £25 for damaging the farmers track, an alternative venue was sought!

The winner of the first event at Shelsley Walsh, held on Saturday 12 August 1905, was Ernest Instone (35 hp [Daimler](#)), who established the hill record by recording a time of 77.6 seconds for an average speed of 26.15 mph. However, at that time hillclimbs were not strictly *speed* events at all, performances being rated in terms of a formula based on power and cars of 20 hp or more being required to be four-seaters and to carry passengers. There was also the question of whether a particular car would make it up the hill at all, including a compulsory stop and restart. In fact, in these early years, drivers' actual times were not even announced to spectators.

Shelsley subsequently saw some very famous names for the world of motor sport:-



Raymond Mays



Miss May Cunliffe 1927 Bentley



Austin 7 (included for Richard Durrant)



Count Zborowski - Aston Martin



C. A. Bird - Sunbeam 1920



I cant recall who this was!



Stirling Moss & Alec Issigonis

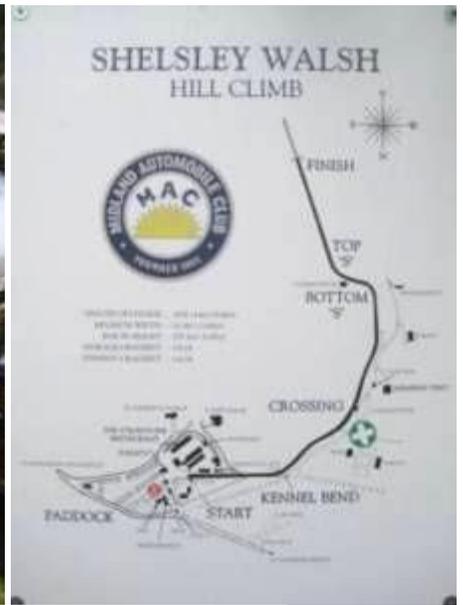


Basil Davenport driving "Spider", but many years apart.....wearing the same brown "cow coat"



Herbert Austin

And right up to date, you can still watch these cars tackling the hill at several events



Napier-Bentley of Chris Williams, 24-litre engine - taken from a Supermarine Seaplane!

The talk was in support of the watermill at Shelsey Walsh, which has been carefully restored to working order, complete with a remote water powered machine shop which drives farm equipment, eg root chopper for animal feed etc...



And on the wall of the mill, you can witness the evidence of the first outside motorsport broadcast from the BBC, with the installation of this telecommunications "lead sheathed" wiring, linking the various broadcast points on the course



CVTR last visited the restored Watermill in May 2014, and we were royally entertained by the enthusiastic volunteers responsible for restoring and running the mill.



and a couple of images from the May 2104 newsletter on our visit

Many thanks to Bob Heppel for organising this presentation, and to Max for making it hugely entertaining.

Ian Brown

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ed

Your readers might be interested in the story of this Michelotti design that saved BMW.

<https://www.goodwood.com/grrc/race/historic/2017/10/This-700-is-the-little-St-Marys-racer-that-saved-BMW/>

Also there is one for sale under lot 29 here...

https://www.brightwells.com/classic-motoring/bicester-classic-vintage/bicester-classic-vintage-10th-april-2019/bicester-catalogue-10th-april/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=sharpspring&sslid=MzM2sDA2MzWxNDM2AwA&sseid=MzQzMjaxMARiAA&jobid=e34481cd-ebd1-48a7-ba2d-851f9e110856



View online: <https://www.brightwells.com/lot/100011106>

Colin Gibson

And this submission concernin g the Ultra Low Emissions Zone recently introduced in parts of London:-

Dear Ed

Updated ULEZ article for newsletter

April 8th 2019 central London becomes an ultra low emission zone

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-47815117>

There is an online checker for your vehicle <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/check-your-vehicle-35896>

"This checker only checks the emissions status of the vehicle - it does not take into account any exemption or discount that may apply "

You then need to read the exemptions clause for historic vehicles from the link below.

<https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/ultra-low-emission-zone/discounts-and-exemptions>

Keith Brown

TECHNICAL SECTION

Seems like no one is spanning their cars this month, or they are not admitting it! Brian Wiggins is in the middle of a brake system overhaul, maybe we will have a contribution next month.....

COMPETITIONS SECTION

6th/7th April - Goodwood Members Meeting

I have no idea if any CVTR members attended, but apparently Paul Hogan had his TR3s evocation entered, driven by Chris Ryan, and having qualified 9th fastest, finished 6th overall, despite the bonnet lifting off at speed well into the race.



A second TR2 was entered by local enthusiasts Guy Broad and Neil Fender



After an unlucky spin, Guy brought the car home intact and in 15th place.

This is what Paul Hogan had to say:-

“David Coulthard was only 3 mph faster in his Merc 300 SL so the old TR did rather well I think. Hopefully, this performance by Guy and Chris will open the door for other TR's to race there”

Information from TRR forum, and pictures courtesy of Don Hiscock (St Louis, Missouri, USA)

For YouTube fans, you can watch the action https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=2&v=kpnT6PyoNA4

CURBOROUGH SPRINT 14 April 2019

Hosted by the MAC at Curborough Sprint Course just north of Lichfield, this was the first event of 2019 for the Revington TR/TR Register Sprint and Hill Climb Championship – and the first time out this year for me.



On my first visit to Curborough a couple of years ago I made fastest time of the day by accidentally omitting the figure of eight part of the course – I now use the satnav, but am much slower! Today my best time was four seconds slower than my last visit to Curborough in August last year, which can't all be down to the cold track, especially as all four of my times were within one second, and most other competitors managed to improve in the afternoon. Perhaps the right ankle needs to be a bit more flexible.....

Off with the hair shirt and on with the woolly undies – it was really cold, and the day got colder!!

Tom Boyd of TR Enterprises delivered the car for me so in compensation I allowed him to take a few action pictures with my camera – I now intend to sell the camera to him for a good price in return for the TR Enterprises publicity!

I really must get a trailer....



Race support team.....!!

Tom had to leave (in sympathy...?!!) after my first practice, and Meg had to stay to drive the support vehicle home at the end of the day. At least she had a warm car to sit in.....

There were ten entries in our class:



...I was first out and set a very slow pace....!!



Chris Roberts TR8 & Hamish Roscoe TR3A

I was 0.25 seconds faster than Hamish here at Curborough last August; Today Hamish was 0.4 seconds faster than then, and I was over four seconds slower. Suggestions on a £20 note please!!



Dale Strachan TR6 & Robert MacGregor Dolomite Sprint



Derek Pywell Spitfire 1500 & Nick Smith TR6

It really was cold!



John Weedon TR4 & Last year's Champion Martin Paine, but no picture of his TR6....

With his back to us talking to Chris Roberts from Tewkesbury, Martin was last arrival having driven up from Lower Slaughter, so I failed to get a picture of his car on my first paddock stroll!



Steve Small - Slightly modified TR7 V8.....!!

Steve was determined to cross the line at over 100mph. Always entertaining, he made 103mph and disappeared at the finish in a cloud of rubber smoke with two wheels on the grass!!

And now a few action shots taken by Tom Boyd with my camera (which I am now going to sell to him!). But I don't think that TR Enterprises should set up a motor sport photography service.....!!



Philip Stader. Very quick Alfa Berlina 1750. But then Philip is very quick whatever he drives....!!

Off the Line:



Chris Roberts & Hamish Roscoe



Richard Durrant

And a few more of me at assorted places on the course. Work it out for yourself – there is a map at the beginning of this report!!



And then we all went home to get warm!

Richard Durrant

FUTURE EVENTS

MAY SUNDAY LUNCH

SUNDAY LUNCH 12TH MAY 2019 12noon for 12:30
 AT THE ADMIRAL RODNEY
 BERROW GREEN
 MARTLEY
 WORCESTER
 WR6 6PL

numbers needed, and choice of menu by 30th April 2019 please, contact Mick Parry for full details
mandjparry@gmail.com

Sally Roberts is organising a trip to Beckford Silk, <https://beckfordsilk.co.uk/>



The date for the trip is the 20th June, please let Sally know as soon as possible to ensure you book your place on this visit by emailing to watersreach@talktalk.net

One other item of note, the Fish and Chip trip organised by Bob Heppel on the 10th August is now FULLY BOOKED

March	April
	27 th /28 th Prescott 28 th Drive It Day
May	June
2 nd Kineton Social Club evening meeting 4 th /5 th Shelsley Walsh 5 th /6 th Stratford Motoring Festival 4 th /6 th Donnington Classic 4 th /6 th CVTR Wales Trip 12 th CVTR Sunday Lunch – The Admiral Rodney organizer is Mick Parry mandjparry@gmail.com details distributed in the April update 12 th Classics @ Prescott 17 th /19 th Spa Classic 19 th Wroxall Abbey Standard Triumph Picnic & NATIONAL TR6 DAY 20 th TR Track Day Snetterton 22 nd CVTR Monthly Meeting 25 th /26 th Prescott La Vie En Bleu	1 st Birmingham Group Concours TBC 1 st /2 nd Shelsley Walsh 3 rd TR Track Day, Blyton Park 6 th Kineton Social Club evening event 9 th CVTR Sunday Lunch (Kings Court, Andrew Racey) 9 th Prescott Invitation Day with E Type Register 9 th GWR Classic Car day - Toddington 15 th /16 th Shelsley Walsh 16 th Prescott Bike Festival 20 th Beckford Silk Trip – Sally Roberts is organizing this trip 22 nd Hampton Ferry Car Show 23 rd TR Mega Breakfast Haynes Museum 23 rd Summer Solstice Run 24 th TR Track Day Castle Combe 26 th CVTR monthly meeting

26 th Ragley Hall with TRDC 27 th Bidford Wings and Wheels	
July	August
4 th Kineton Social Club 5 th TR Track Day North Weald 4 th /7 th Goodwood Festival of Speed 6 th /7 th Shelsley Walsh 6 th Prescott Members Meeting 8 th TRDC visit to Morgan Cars 13 th /14 th – Broadway Ferrari weekend 14 th CVTR SHOW – The Fleece 21 st Alcester Motor Show 21 st Cotswold Classic CC, Andoversford 24 th CVTR Monthly Meeting 26 th /28 th Silverstone Classic 27 th Shelsley Walsh Test Day	1 st Kineton Social Club 3 rd /4 th Prescott VSCC 8 th Colin Boother Memorial Run 10 th /11 th Shelsley Walsh 10 th CVTR Fish and Chip supper on the GWR Steam Railway (NOW FULLY BOOKED) 12 th TR Track Day Anglesey 16th/18th TRR IWE Stratford 26 th Pershore Plum Festival 28 th CVTR Monthly Meeting 31 st Peopleton Show
September	October
1 st Boness Revival Hillclimb 5 th Kineton Social Club 7 th /8 th Prescott 7 th /8 th Lakes Weekend 8 th CVTR Sunday Lunch (Gareth Davies) 9 th TR track Day Castle Combe 13 th /15 th Goodwood Revival 21 st /22 nd Shelsley Walsh 21 st /22 nd Sywell Pistons and Props 21 st /22 nd Kop Hill 25 th CVTR Monthly Meeting 27 th Curry Night TBA Clay Pigeon Shoot	5 th /6 th Prescott Autumn Classic 7 th TR Track Day Donnington 13 th CVTR Sunday Lunch (Brian Wiggins) 23 rd CVTR Monthly Meeting 29 th TR Track Day Goodwood
November	December
8 th /10 th NEC Classic Car Show 17 th CVTR Sunday Lunch (Tim Walker) 27 th CVTR Monthly Meeting	2 nd TR track Day Brands Hatch 8 th (Sunday) CVTR Presentation Dinner (Bob Heppel)





INTER-CLUB

TRIUMPH WEEKEND

STRATFORD - UPON - AVON
RACECOURSE

16 - 18TH AUGUST 2019

www.triumphweekend.com

TR REGISTER & PRE-1940 TRIUMPH CLUB PRESENT

NATIONAL TR6 DAY

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

AT THE TRIUMPH PICNIC & HOG ROAST
WROXHALL ABBEY HOTEL & ESTATE
WARWICKSHIRE. CV35 7NB

SUNDAY
19TH
MAY

Informal format. Turn up in your Triumph with a picnic and marvel at the range of Standard and Triumph cars assembled on the lawns of this historic venue.

Rally plaques from www.tr-registershop.co.uk

FREE ENTRY **GATES 10AM**

STANDARD TRIUMPH

PICNIC & HOG ROAST 2019

Sun 19th May - **Wroxall Abbey, Warwick.**
Hosted by the **Pre-1940 Triumph Motor Club**

FREE ENTRY - ALL Triumphs & Clubs Welcome

The format is simple - turn up in your Triumph (10am to 4pm) with a picnic and marvel at the range of Standard and Triumph cars assembled on the lawns of this historic venue. Dating back to the 12th Century and once the country seat of Sir Christopher Wren, Wroxall Abbey is not only a beautiful country house hotel in Warwickshire, but one of the most historic. For those without a picnic there will be food available, including a hog roast.

Wroxall Abbey Hotel & Estate
Birmingham Road, Wroxall, Warwickshire. CV35 7NB

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 and the list will be updated as required. Thank you for your understanding, and keep on TRucking!

Ian Brown, Dave Roberts and Richard Durrant