

Shropshire Group's Report for TR Action 316

Mid-June saw 8 Shropshire Group members touring Scotland in their TRs: organised by Alan Edwards. They set off from Whitchurch and had a glorious run up to Moffat. Their tour took in Stirling, Ballaculish, the Kyle of Lochalsh, the Isle of Skye, Oban and Castle Douglas before ending in the Lake District.

Their sojourn was, unfortunately, not without mishap! David's TR2 lost the use of its starter motor in Oban and had to be push started for the rest of the trip. Martin's TR6 stopped with a blown fuse and Peter's TR6 ground to a halt with a broken oil pump rotor and spindle! However all cars got home safely except Peter's which returned on the back of a "very nice man's" lorry!

Several Shropshire Group members joined Stoke Group on the stand at the annual classic car event at Trentham Gardens on 16th June.

The Shropshire Group was 25 years old in June. To celebrate our anniversary, we had a Round Shropshire Run on 22nd June and circumnavigated the County. The route of 145 miles was designed to enable members to join and leave as convenient to them. 18 cars took part and we finished with food at The Wild Pig in Shrewsbury.

On our Spring Tour we forged good links with the Northumbria Group who were most helpful. To return the favour, we joined them on their stay in North Wales and had a joint run, on 3rd July, to the Boston Lodge Engineering Works where they build and repair stem engines and rolling stock for the Ffestiniog and Welsh Highland Railways: a great scenic run with an excellent lunch at the Lakeside Café in Tanygrisiau. The only casualty of the day was Stefan's TR7 which suffered a puncture in Blaenau Ffestiniog. Many thanks to Peter Napier for organising the visit and the route.

Dire weather caused the postponement of our Clwydog, Trawsfynydd & Bala Open Road Run from 7th June. It was rescheduled to 12 July and 13 cars took part in the 130-mile run. The scenery was stunning, as is usual for this part of Wales. The misty conditions gave a haunted and atmospheric feel to the superb B4391 between Ffestiniog and Bala. Lunch was taken at Plas-y-Dre in Bala. We can't recommend this restaurant too highly. Their roast Welsh Lamb is unbelievably good! Many thanks to Greg Washington for organising this run.

The Shrewsbury Classic Car Festival is a recent annual event which is held in the village of Longden near Shrewsbury. It is becoming very popular and even though we had marked out our stand the night before we arrived to find it occupied by historic military vehicles. That turned out to be fortuitous because they became covered in sticky stuff from the trees! 12 cars took part in a short run over the Long Mynd and the Stiperstones Hills to show. There we joined 6 other members'

TRs along with Greg's Citroen DS Safari and his elegant Riley 12/4. And we pleased to meet Keith and Jean from the London Group.

Sadly, we say goodbye to Martyn Poyner after a long battle with cancer. Martyn was a long-standing TR Register member and remained extremely positive throughout his illness. He was driving his TR6 until only a few days before his passing. He will be missed.