

## Shropshire Group's Report for TR Action 317

Since our last report at the end of July, The Shropshire Group has again had a busy few weeks. August started with a Social Run to a Charity Hog Roast organised by Group members Helen & Martin Davies. Our route took us through several Shropshire villages to Montgomery, with a coffee stop at Kerry Vale Vineyard before arriving in Annscroft for the Hog Roast. We had a display of 18 TRs, and Martin's Bentley MK VI. Money was raised for the local playground association. The food and drink was excellent and a good time was had by all. Many thanks to Helen & Martin for organising the event.

The following weekend saw us attending the annual Attingham Park Classic Vehicle Rally. This is held at Attingham Park, a National Trust property, and raises funds for the Severn Valley Hospices. The event started at the Shrewsbury Hospice and an "official" route was followed to arrive at Attingham Park at midday. There was a vast number of classic cars to inspect as well as many stalls.

Our recent run to Boston Lodge Engineering Works (see TR Action 316) created a demand for a ride on the Ffestiniog Railway. Peter Napier arranged for us to drive to Blaenau Ffestiniog and to take the train to Porthmadog for lunch. 22 members took part. Our return from Porthmadog was in the First Class observation car. Despite the very wet weather, a great time was had by all. Thanks to Peter for organising this.

Several of the Group camped out at the Triumph Weekend. Pitching tents on Friday afternoon was a challenge! However, the weather improved for the rest of the weekend. Shropshire Group members assisted Leicester Group in running the very successful "Bring & Buy" stall. An enjoyable weekend. Many thanks to those who organised it.

Bob Eccles kindly joined us for our August Club Night at the Fox & Hounds, Shawbury, on 20<sup>th</sup> August. There was a good attendance and Bob's presence was appreciated particularly as we must be his furthest Group.

August Bank Holiday Monday is now synonymous with the Oulton Park Gold Cup and the TR Stand arranged by Bob Eccles and the Red Rose Group. 15 cars from the Shropshire Group met at Prees Heath and drove to Oulton Park to join approx. 50 TRs on display. Again it was a great day.

Peter Napier organised an Open Road Run for 30<sup>th</sup> August. We drove to Lyn Brenig by a rather circuitous route! Unfortunately, our e-mailed food order had not been passed on to the kitchen at The Llyn Brenig Visitor Centre. However, the staff there did an amazing job of producing 25 meals at the last minute. It was a fabulous run with fantastic scenery. Thanks again Peter.

As is now an annual event, we had a joint Shropshire & Stoke Groups stand at the Cholmondeley Castle Classic Car Show on 1<sup>st</sup> September. We won the prize for the best car club stand! The "magnificent" trophy is currently being held by Stoke – possibly in pride of place at their Club Nights!

We were invited to display cars at Hawkstone Hall Garden Party on 8<sup>th</sup> September. This is a fantastic Queen Anne country house which was used for many years a retreat and training college for priests. It has recently been extensively renovated and is now a first class hotel and wedding venue. 10 Shropshire Group cars took part. We set off from Newton-on-the Hill, after been plied with bacon butties by Roger & Angela Boxall, on a short run to Hawkstone Hall. Our route took us along a previously private drive through a grotto and under a rock arch to the Hall. The sun shone all day and it was a very elegant event. Thanks to Roger & Angela for the butties!

Even though we are now moving towards the end of the year, there are still many more events on the horizon. Please keep an eye on our website at:

[www.tr-register.co.uk/group/shroshire](http://www.tr-register.co.uk/group/shroshire)