



COTSWOLD VALE TR SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

Things are really slowing down now the summer season is over, so if anyone has anything to contribute to the future newsletters, please submit anything you have.

And it seems like you can't even give things away in from the classifieds section last month, so they are back in the boxes stashed in the garage, until I have a mad session of throwing things out.....

8th September CVTR Sunday Lunch @ The Vernon



kindly arranged by Gareth with Dave Roberts looking after us on the day. 15 sat down for lunch with 7 TR,s in the car park getting admiring glances from other patrons. It was a lovely sunny day, so most of the tops were down.....



Super lunch with very attentive staff, nothing to much trouble. Very reasonable prices as well. We all said we would be happy to return.

Andrew Racey

7th/8th September - Lakes Weekend

Janet & I were the only CVTR takers for the Register Lakes Tour. We towed the TR4A on our trailer behind our Auto Trail motor home and stayed at the CC&C site at Staverley.

We both enjoyed it as we fitted it in with a week in the Lake District. (Frankly, it was not as well organised as our Colin Boother Run. But don't mention that.)

"The Lakes Tour is a 2 day event which starts at 10am on each day at Lakeside, the southern end of Lake Windermere.



The Saturday convoy run was via Torver and Eskdale Green to the Bridge Inn, Santon Bridge. We lost the convoy south of Coniston and us four stragglers decided to go direct to the pub by sat-nav. The resulting route was stunning. The only downside was that the leader in his Jaguar XE punctured one of the cars rubber bands in a pot hole; 30 aspect ratio no less, what a surprise!

The Sunday convoy run used the great road from Skelwith Bridge to Grasmere via High Close. Then, on to Keswick via Thirlmere and turning south back to the Kirkstone Pass Inn.

An enjoyable weekend."

The last photo is of Rosie our spaniel, suitably restrained, waiting for some action.



CVTR meeting at The Fleece.

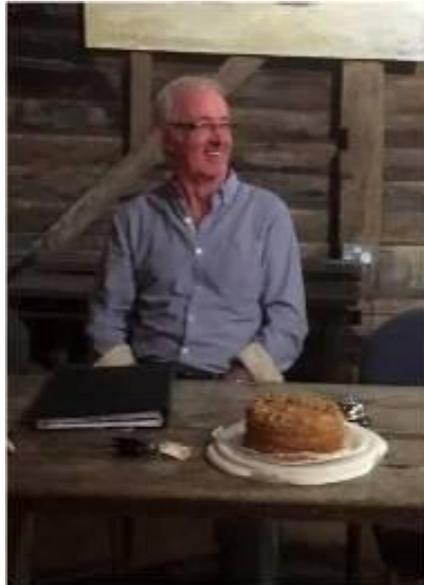
It was dark, a portent that the long summer days were over, but there were 21 CVTR members present for the September monthly meeting.

As usual, Dave opened the meeting and this time he was able to announce that after a delay of more than 18 months, the log jam created by the TR Register GDPR policy had been removed, primarily by Keith Brown, and that up to date member details for the group have now been received.

New member details were compared with the CVTR newsletter listing and almost 50 new names were added, and Dave himself dropped emails and contacted all the “unknown” names on the new updated lists.

Result - Dave welcomed new member Richard Vining to his first meeting.

At this point Dave Gillespie stood up and announced that it was Dave Roberts birthday, and a short while later, Meg Durrant produced a birthday cake.....



A chorus of Happy Birthday struck up, and the cake gratefully shared around (and very nice it was too!)
Thank you Meg!

The events of the previous month were reviewed, and future events were covered. Phil Blake gave an update on the clay pigeon shoot, and if anyone wants to try their hand, there are still a few places available.

Details of the Autumn Leaves run are elsewhere in this newsletter (see future events), and if you fancy joining the group for Sunday Lunch at the Fish and Anchor, Offenham, check out the details below.

Raffle – Unusually it appears to have garnered a competitive edge with Keith and Bob both vying for the most controversial/naff/useless prizes, and this month a manual appeared amongst the prizes – a workshop manual for women! One lucky member, who shall remain unnamed for obvious reasons, claimed that he knew the exact person he would give the manual to, and fortunately my winning number was drawn, and I was able to donate the book to a ver worthy cause. He can probably take visitors when he is well enough.....

Paul Tunnadine made a contribution, unfortunately it was to announce that the TR7 registrar, Jim Pickard, sadly passed away last week. The post of registrar is temporarily assigned to Phil Horsley. Jim lived in Warwick and was actively involved with all things TR7, including providing a link into the TRDC where there are other like minded members aligned to preserving the knowledge of the model and ensuring a healthy supply of parts to keep the cars on the road.

Bob Heppell circulated a list for those wishing to attend the CVTR end of year awards dinner, if you are interested, contact Bob directly.

For all of the “new members” receiving this newsletter for the first time, please check out the GDPR statement at the end of this newsletter, and if you wish to be removed from the circulation list, please let the editorial team know and it will happen.

Finally – please would all last year’s CVTR award winners return the trophies at the next meeting - October

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ed

I spotted CVTR member Phil Collins moonlighting in the TRDC drivers club magazine, September 2019 issue, although I doubt he was aware he was being featured.....



Anon

COMPETITIONS

SHELSLEY WALSH AUTUMN SPEED FINALE 21-22 SEPTEMBER 2019

This is the last meeting of the season at Shelsley Walsh, hosting eleven championships. I am not registered for any of these, so I entered the pre-1975 Classic Sports Car class for my last attempt this year to beat my previous best time here.....42.05 seconds!!

It was a beautiful morning when we arrived at 07:30 am to find my allocated paddock garage occupied by this Porsche 924...



The owner – who actually had his own allocated garage anyway, was nowhere to be found – so I had to unload the car before the scrutineers arrived...



Meg looking for Porsche owner....!

The other entrants in the class were...
Jerry Smithson's 1558cc Lotus Elan



Bill Drysdale's 2341cc Porsche 904 FF Special.

Bill designed and built this car himself over a long period, including acquiring the correct flat six engine and transaxle.





Motoring journalist and author Simon Taylor's 5700cc HWM, AKA "The Stovebolt Special"



Simon is back on the scene after an illness related layoff, so it was disappointing when a small engine fire curtailed his runs after putting up the best time in practice and crossing the line at nearly 100mph!

Alan Foster's 3946cc Morgan Plus Eight (definitely not a TR engine!!)



...and James Thacker's rapid 1330cc MK1 Austin Healy Sprite



A wander round the paddock with the camera found...

Steve Small's exceedingly quick 4600cc TR7 V8 (Steve opened our conversation by asking where was the cake that Meg usually brings for TR drivers.....!)



Nigel Elliot's 4600 twin turbo TR7 V8...



Believe it or not, this is a space frame 1380cc Fiat 500...



...piloted by the invisible man.....or a visitor from outer space?

Another space frame car masquerading as a Ford Anglia....



Lightweight carbon fibre, aluminium, fibreglass and magnesium feature in the build, and the paddock pundits reckon that it turns out unmentionable bhp from 2200cc Turbo! I didn't dare ask! Owner Steve Barnard (no relation to our own "Hooligan" Bob Barnard!) also runs/ran an equally lunatic spaceframe Audi TT!!

Peter Hubbard's 3600cc Maximus GT...



Looks reasonably conventional externally, until.....



.....and then engine cover came off....



It was always surrounded by a crowd, so I didn't like to show my ignorance by asking!

Suggestions to me on a £20 note please....

Attempts to start were accompanied by a loud report and a cloud of smoke, so I moved on. Then I had to manoeuvre round it in the start line queue when it wouldn't start. Don't know if it made the hill.....

My next, and last hill climb event this year is at the Prescott American Weekend on 5-6 October when I am running in the RevingtonTR/TR Register Championship on Saturday and the American Invitation Class on Sunday.....

Owner/Driver Jim Henshaw thinks that I could be in the same Class as him in his 5000cc Cobra engine Ford Hot Rod....!!!!



There will be fantastic entertainment and competition all weekend at Prescott - you should go and experience it!!
And then it's Donington on Monday 7th October before putting the car away until next season.

By the way, I beat my previous best time here of 42.05 seconds by two hundredths of a second at 42.03 seconds, but it won't count as it was on my second practice run. I missed a gear on my first timed run and the commentator observed that my clutch was slipping on my second timed run of 43.08...!!!

However, the official results have now been published and I see that my handicap was set at 36.50 seconds! I assumed that handicaps were set at your previous best time! Must have a word with the handicapper.....

Richard Durrant

TECHNICAL SECTION



I'm open for visiting during normal hours in ward 7 at the hospital.....

Anon

Dave McHattie is making steady progress with his Hurricane, and is not busy resolving a few issues with his new hood frame and the alignment of the windows and screen (typical Triumph TR problems!)

"I found that the hood retainer clips I have appear not to be the correct thread size, so aided by blocks of wood I managed to set up and fit the hood frame to check how these clips line up and they seem to be ok position wise (see pic.) There's a Spitfire wizard Dave, who has Triumph Spares, at a small set up near Spetchley Worcs and I went over to check if these clips were correct as he has just about every conceivable spare possible and it looks like the ones I have are correct, so I'll double check on Sunday at the Pershore Plum show."



It also transpires that the car the Tom Purves is competing with in the TR Register Sprint and Hillclimb series is the very car that Dave restored from an American import. Dave and Tom are now in dialogue filling in details of the cars history and the work Dave did in the restoration process. Dave spotted the coincidence in the excellent report in last month's newsletter from Shelsley Walsh by Richard Durrant.

Here is what Tom replied to Dave since they made contact:-

Dear Dave

I bought the car through TRGB in Spring 2012 and did some events like the MSA Classic. I have done about 5000 miles a year since. In the early period I did a number of competitive rallies. We fitted bits and pieces appropriate to competition and after my navigator passed away I concentrated on sprints and hillclimbs competing in the TR Register Sprint and Hillclimb Championship winning my class in 2015.6 and 7. I also won best presented car on Hughes Rally in Kent, the Britannia Cup in Surrey and the Boness Hillclimb in Scotland all in 2015. It was displayed at the Concours of Elegance at Windsor Castle in 2012 and Holyrood Palace in 2015. In 2018 it was a member of the winning team on the Manx Classic and just last weekend in Boness it won 2nd prize in the TR Register Scottish weekend.

*I had gear selection problems just after I bought the car. In 2013 the engine threw a rod en route for Goodwood and we had to fit a new engine as the destruction was awful. In 2016 the gearbox was rebuilt after a period jumping out of gear. TR Enterprises and Racetorations have done some work but most has been done by Glen Hewett at Protek who rebuilt the Jabbeke car. I had a big fire last June on the way back from Shelsley Walsh resulting in a huge rebuild trim and paint. The car now is 60 kilos lighter runs on uprated suspension negative camber etc and has a 150 bhp engine running on Webbers. It is fun to drive and I do use it. This year I will do about 15 competitive events. I will be at Prescott on Oct 5 and Castle Combe on the 19th. Do give me a call if you fancy a chat. My mobile is*****. Some images are attached*

Best Regards

Tom



(Tom is on the MSA board and is Chairman of the Scottish Motor Sports)

FUTURE EVENTS

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING DAY SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2019

A third CVTR clay pigeon shooting day is going ahead and will be on Saturday 12th October.

It will be on a similar format to last year. A half day event starting at 11.00am, consisting of a 25 bird practice shoot using 3 traps which will give different types of birds to shoot. A further 25 bird sporting shoot will be available to those who would like a bit more fun.

Tuition for anybody who has not shot before is included.

The cost for the 25 bird practice will be £17 which includes your cartridges and clay targets and the same again if you want to take part in the sporting shoot.

There is a club house at the shooting ground so tea's, coffee's and breakfast rolls are available for those who want refreshments.

The Address is -: Nadbury House, Edgehill Shooting Ground, Camp Lane, Warmington, Warwickshire OX17 1DH

Please contact **Phil Blake** if you would like to come along 07771 771663 or philb4x4@gmail.com

Sunday Lunch - October 13th

Please note that the next CVTR Sunday Lunch will be held at the Fish & Anchor in Offenham, nr Evesham (WR11 8QT) on the 13th October.

It will be necessary to pre-order the starters (where required) and main courses in advance but the desserts can be ordered on the day.

Menus are attached but please note the dessert menu (only) is liable to change so this is just a sample version.

Can I please ask you to contact Brian Wiggins on bcwiggins@hotmail.co.uk to confirm your attendance together with your menu choices for just the starters and mains.

Brian Wiggins

Autumn Leaves Run - Sunday October 20th

The feedback from last year was positive enough to warrant another visit to the Arboretum at Bodenham nr Kidderminster. It was felt that being quieter overall than Westonbirt in 2017 made it more enjoyable and easier to use the catering and other facilities. You are welcome to look at their website to find out more if you not been before.

The plan is to meet from 1030 (to depart at 1100) in the slip road (A4133) of the turning into Ombersley village off the A449 as before. We will then take a rural route cross country to Bodenham. The plan is go a little further into west Worcestershire in order to add a bit more distance to the run compared to last year.

Once there you will be at your leisure and can choose to walk around the estate at your own pace with the option to use the café for snacks or a full Sunday lunch. Local hostelries are reasonably close by for the real ale lovers in the group. The Severn Valley Railway is not far away at Arley should the steam enthusiasts amongst us which to extend their visit later in the afternoon. Parking is available in the village of Upper Arley but please bear in mind the station is a 10 minute walk up the hill from the car park!

A minimum number is not critical to the run going ahead but I would be grateful if you could confirm your attendance so I make sure that we don't leave the start location without you! Please feel free to contact me on the email address above.

Brian Wiggins - bcwiggins@hotmail.co.uk

SUMMARY

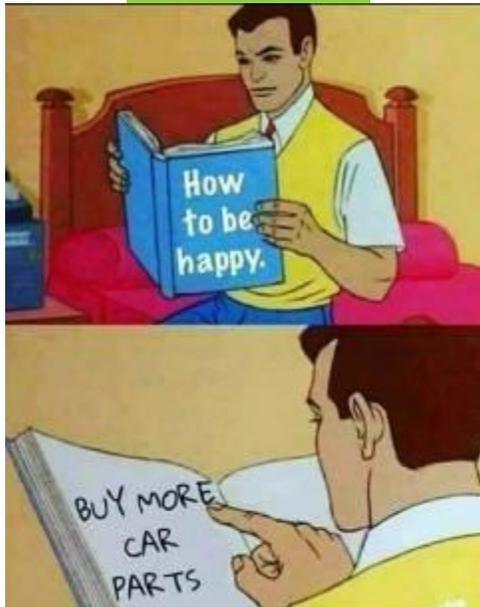
September	October
27 th Curry Night – contact Richard Durrant	3 rd Kineton Meeting 5 th /6 th Prescott Autumn Classic 7 th TR Track Day Donnington 12 th Clay Pigeon Shoot, Phil Blake, see above 13 th CVTR Sunday Lunch (Brian Wiggins) The Fish and Anchor, Offenham, Evesham WR11 8QT 19 th Lombard Rally http://lombardrallybath.co.uk/ 20th Autumn Leaves Run, Brian Wiggins, see above 23rd CVTR Monthly Meeting 29 th TR Track Day Goodwood
November	December
8 th /10 th NEC Classic Car Show 3rd CVTR Sunday Lunch (Tim Walker) 17 th TR Register AGM (pre registration reqd.) 27th CVTR Monthly Meeting	2 nd TR track Day Brands Hatch 8th (Sunday) CVTR Presentation Dinner (Bob Heppell - bobhpl3@gmail.com)

For those classic rally fans in our membership, the Lombard event on the 19th October features the ex Tony Pond TR7V8 OOM714R, and a host of other historic Triumph rally cars. Willy Cave will be navigating a TR4 with Peter Barker, two Lancia Stratos, works ex winning RS1800's, Audi Quattros,



Tony Pond and Roger Clark on the Lombard Rally
Watch live at Cirencester Park

CLASSIFIEDS



GDPR, we on the CVTR editorial team only have your email details and no other personal information. As you receive this newsletter, you have already asked and consented to be on the circulation list for this newsletter. 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 be will updated as required. Thank you for your understanding, and keep on TRucking!

Ian Brown, Dave Roberts and Richard Durrant