



COTSWOLD VALE TR **OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER**

The evenings are starting to draw in, the events calendar is thinning out, and the Christmas decorations and cards have started to appear in the shops.....where has 2019 gone???

Only one more monthly meeting scheduled for this year in November, and we have our annual awards dinner to look forward to in early December. So.....if you have any amusing stories about CVTR members including mishaps by accident or otherwise, please let Dave Roberts know and ensure the “Dip Stick” and “Sods Law” trophies are suitably earned by worthy recipients.

The November meeting is also our annual CVTR AGM, and as usual we need willing volunteers to keep the CVTR wheels turning, and I would add my personal thanks to Dave Roberts and Keith Brown for their sterling efforts in 2019, particularly as their tasks were not made any easier by the lack of a Group Leader.

You might also get your thinking caps on about what you might like to do/experience in 2020, bearing in mind that if you propose an event, you will be expected to organise and run it.

Finally, it's the 50th anniversary of the TR Register in 2020, watch out for celebratory details in TR Action.

Anyway, back to business, check out what we have been doing last month, and the future events section if you wish to participate....

27th September, Curry Night at The Shunarga

Held as usual at the Shunarga Indian restaurant in Pershore, our fifth annual Curry Evening was attended by eighteen curry connoisseurs.

Slightly down on the numbers, but most of the usual suspects were there and we had a guest couple from outside the Group. An unreasonable comment suggested that I dragged them in from outside while they were contemplating the takeaway menu.....!!

Not many Candid Camera shots or actionable comments this year, so make up your own.....



The manager, Aibad, took it on himself to take the orders.....

.....so Meg rapidly downed her first glass of red and Lorna Newbery seems to be indicating that “David will have one of those!”....



....and Jayne Smith is warning Nick not to spoil his (so far!) successful diet.....



...So David put in a protest, and Nick said to Dave Lees – “This is how my life is directed...”, and Jen dropped her handbag – again!



This is looking like a Dave Lees photo shoot so far, but it makes a change from concentrating on the other end of the table.

And now to our guests, Chris Roberts and Jules, who were invited by me – NOT dragged in from the street!



Chris drives a very presentable TR7 V8 convertible which is often featured in my reports. He competes in the Revington TR/TR Register Sprint and Hill Climb Championship, (I'm going to put forward a suggestion at this year's drivers award meeting that this mouthful is reduced to a sensible acronym – suggestions to me on the back of a £20 note please). We will be at the Prescott Autumn Classic 5th and 6th October with Dave Roberts (no relationship admitted to!) and Donington with Tim Walker on Monday 7th October. Watch this space!

Linda Gillespie sent me this picture – I'm not sure what to make of David's expression. No doubt he will make a statement at some point!



Several people commented that the food was the best yet, so we will try to have the same chef next year. Meg and I didn't have to do the washing up this year, but Aibad remembered that I owed him for a takeaway.....

Thanks everybody!

Richard Durrant

12th September - Clay Pigeon Shoot, Edge Hill Shooting Grounds



arriving for coffee

The day started with some of us meeting at the Warwick Services on the M40 and then making our way to the shooting ground and the rest of the guys going straight there. After assembling in the car park we made our way to the clubhouse where there was time for a coffee/tea and a chat.

We had been given a special rate of £17 by the shooting ground for 25 clays and cartridges, so after everybody had paid, we made our way down to the practice stands for a short briefing. We made up two groups from the thirteen shooters, one of six and one of seven. The first being instructed by Terry (my brother) and the second by myself (Phil Blake).

The plan was to let everybody have time to practice with the 25 shots in the morning and then after a lunch break to have another 25 shots at some harder targets in the afternoon.



safety briefing from our experts Phil and Terry

SMOKIN' BARRELS



Phil Barnett



Dave Lees



I wonder how he managed to hit that one



Phil & Clive Barnett

The morning went very well with everybody breaking a good percentage of the clays on the first two stands. This year we had quite a lot of people with their own guns and the standard of shooting had moved along from the previous two years. The next three stands were a little more testing with crossing clays and ones that moved away from you in a straight line at a greater speed. Again everybody did extremely well and lots were broken before they got too far. Lunch was now taken. We must have eaten a lot of bacon and sausage rolls, as they ran out of supplies towards the end of our break.



Ever wondered how a shotgun works?

Facilities





Various launch sites simulating different flights

Nine from the original thirteen, again split into two groups, decided to take on some of the clays which were launched from the traps you see in the photos above. Most of the traps are mounted on old 4x4's which had failed their MOT's a long time ago.

These birds were way more testing than those of the morning but a lot more entertaining. It was great shooting by everybody with lots of pigeons not making it back to their nests.

Thanks to everybody that came along, especially Dave Lees who bought seven from his air rifle club.

Also, great photos from Ian Brown and Dave Newbury.

Phil Blake

13th CVTR Sunday Lunch The Fish and Anchor, Offenham,



Sunday lunch at The Fish and Anchor at Offenham, organised by Brian Wiggins. No TR,s in the car park, heavy rain so no surprise there then. However 21 members sat down for an excellent lunch. Staff looked after us very well and the food came out quickly. Desserts ordered on the day and the chocolate brownie went down very well (according to she who must be obeyed) and the Eaton Mess wasn't half bad either. Many thanks Brian.



Andrew Racey

20th October - Autumn Leaves Run, Brian Wiggins

Sunday 20th October saw 7 TR's gather in Ombersley for the 4th Annual Autumn Leaves Run. In nigh on perfect conditions for the time of year, we headed westbound towards Tenbury Wells, crossing the River Severn at Holt Fleet. The rolling hills of west Worcestershire opened up in front of us which presented a beautiful vista of spectacular colours as the landscape was transforming itself from one season to the next..

Only overtaken once by the obligatory impatient 'Chelsea Tractor' we turned east just before Tenbury and headed towards Bewdley where we crossed the Severn again before turning north towards Bodenham Arboretum.

Due to a couple of missed turns we arrived at our destination in two groups within 10 minutes of one another which wasn't too bad after 30 or so miles and around 75 minutes on country roads!



We were then able to enjoy the facilities at the Arboretum which although had become overcast was just about ok for many of us to sit outside to enjoy our refreshments and snacks!



Those who chose to partake in a hot meal and those of a chilly disposition decamped to the wooden outbuilding soon to be joined by the rest of us!



Brian and Gill make their way to the warmth indoors

Some members took a stroll around the Arboretum to enjoy the colours whilst the rest made their own way home at their leisure.



Many thanks to all those who supported the Run and special credit to John & Yvonne who travelled 52 mile from their home in Oxfordshire to the start point!

Brian Wiggins

CVTR meeting at The Fleece.

Well the weather was pretty inclement, but it didn't stop 19 hardly souls turning out on a filthy night for the monthly meeting.

Apologies were received from Mick Parry, Keith Brown, Richard and Meg Durrant

Unfortunately the late withdrawal of our treasurer put paid to any hopes on entertainment that is customarily provided by the raffle, so the meeting was a little shorter than usual!

Dave ran through the stuff we had been doing in October, and flagged up a number of events that were coming up before the end of the year. Importantly, there are two AGMs slated for November, and you can check them both out in the future events section later in this newsletter.

Regarding the upcoming Awards dinner in December, Bob was able to confirm that he had 29 people registered to attend, and more would be welcomed. The cost for the dinner is £27.50 per head, and Bob was able to negotiate an advantageous room rate of £80 for those wishing to stay over.

Andy Canning has agreed to provide the background music during the dinner, and a selection of TR friendly dance tunes for the light footed members of the group.

A menu and more details are published at the end of this newsletter.

There followed a discussion about the TR Register AGM and the lack of information, communication and detail of the event available to TR Register members. It was pointed out that the only way anyone could check out the content of the

meeting was to click onto the proxy voting section listed on the TR Register website (I have included a link in the future events section of the newsletter). Feedback was provided to Paul Tunnadine that not all members had computers, and those that did have them didn't check/search regularly for the information that the club was obliged to supply to all members, in good time before the meeting.

It was also pointed out that TR Action was again overdue, and that it was the only communication all members were assured of receiving. Another suggestion was made that an "e newsletter" be distributed from the office with all the AGM information included.

Phil Blake suggested that Paul Tunnadine have a slot at each meeting to update members of club affairs, and this was unanimously supported.

Paul Tunnadine did report that the Stratford IWE did return a profit, and that he had indeed been at the Racecourse this week to discuss potential arrangements for holding the event there again in 2020.

That concluded the reporting section of the meeting, and without a raffle, the meeting concluded.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ed

Most of our members will remember Rob King who sadly passed away earlier this year after losing his battle with Motor Neurone Disease.



You may therefore be interested in a fund raising campaign into research against this horrible condition.

I was aware that Rob and I frequented the same Barber Shop in Headless Cross and the proprietor, Martin, was also a 'petrol head'. Martin was aware of our association with TR's and we often chatted about old motors and Rob's interest in Triumphs, MG and Fords.. It was clear to me that Martin was deeply affected by Rob's diagnosis and prognosis when it was confirmed as MND. Much of my time 'in the chair' from then on was spent discussing Rob failing health and the concerns Martin had as all of us did about his condition. Martin went to the trouble of cutting Rob's hair at his home when his mobility became restricted. I could tell how upset Martin was when news came through that sadly Rob had passed away. Apparently another customer of his knew someone else who'd also contracted MND and he was determined to raise money in the fight against this ghastly disease. Martin immediately volunteered to assist and but only after committing himself did he find out that it what it was going to be. Sponsored walk? Bucket Collection? No! The plan was to put together a male version of 'Calendar Girls' featuring local businessmen photographed at their place of work! Despite Martin's considerable reluctance he agreed and the finished article is due to be published very shortly. It's very much a 'Redditch' publication but I know that the many anyone that knew Rob will want to support the very worthy cause. I am awaiting details of cost and availability but if anybody wishes to place an advanced order with me now you are very welcome to do so via bcwiggins@hotmail.co.uk

Brian Wiggins

COMPETITIONS

PRESCOTT AUTUMN CLASSIC 5-6 OCTOBER 2019

The last meeting of the season at Prescott hosted as usual our American visitors who brought an impressive selection of cars and motorbikes, a number of which attacked the hill alongside regular competitors.

There was music for everyone's taste all weekend, provided that you like rock'n'roll, the stilt walkers changed outfits several times and the showgirls were reduced to only four long legs between them!

Unfortunately no Wall of Death this year, but there was a children's play area with blow up slide and

roundabouts which didn't seem to attract much custom.

Alongside all of this there was a full programme of competition on the hill, which is the principal content of this report.

Hopefully, before I complete the report some photos of the rest of the weekend will arrive!



Cotswold Vale TR Group fielded three competitors----

David Roberts (TR4A V8) in the BOC Members Sports Car Handicap Class



David about to leave the line.....and rounding Pardon hairpin...



Beating his handicap time by 0.52 seconds, David came seventh in this Class of 33 entries.

Tony Cotgrave (TR2) in the BOC Newbarn 'B' license Championship



Rounding Ettore's bend



Tony is currently coming to grips with a new 4.1 rear axle, which means that he is having to make more gear changes and so was outside his handicap.

David Newbery (2500cc Focus ST) was also entered in the BOC Newbarn 'B' license championship



About to exit Ettores.... Beating his handicap time by 0.96 seconds, Dave came fifth in this class of 37 entries.

And your reporter Richard Durrant (TR4A) was entered in the Revington TR/TR Register Sprint and Hill Climb Championship (TRR)



Off the line.....in to Ettores bend...



.....and exiting Ettores before heading for Pardon hairpin...

All action picture credits to David Roberts – I claim more coverage as I am writing the report!!
The Revington TR/TR Register Championship (Class TRR) fielded one of the largest entries (17) of the season – (that's numeric – I wouldn't like to comment on the overall weight of the drivers!)



Roger McEwen contemplating the years that have passed since he first entered hill climbing here at Prescott 20 years ago...
Nostalgia personified....!



TRR competitors lined up in the paddock....





Chris Smith and Julian Webb's TR3A



Tom Purves' beautifully presented TR3A. Good to see it back in competition after the total burn out last season – it's a bit quicker, too...!!



.....and here it is with a surprise visitor, Cotswold Vale Group member Dave McHattie, who noticed the car in a CVTR newsletter report.

Dave restored the car as an American import and it eventually found it's way to Tom. The initial correspondence between Dave and Tom can be found in the CVTR September newsletter.

Kevin Bryant appropriately attired for his drive to Prescott with the top off his TR3A



More of Kev later.....!!

Then scrutineering got under way – something to do with Weber jet chamber lids not being wired down – for the third time of asking!! Actually, Terry is always very friendly and helpful but hadn't got any locking wire with him!



Nick Smith's TR6. Fourth in class and Dale Strachan's TR6



Dale Huxford's MkIV Spitfire. Third in class and Andrew Bradnum's potent Mk3 GT6



Rob Welch's 2.5Pi and Roger McEwen's TR6 Pi – known as "The Witch"



Martin Paine setting up his TR6 for the exit from Ettore's bend.



Martin is already winner of the TRR Championship with one event left to go at Castle Combe! Congratulations Martin!!

Adrian Pearson's TR7 and Stuart Alloway's TR7



Larry Jeram-Croft's 3960cc TR7 V8. Second in Class, and Rod Warner's 3500cc TR7 V8. First in Class



Chris Roberts' TR7V8.....



.....on his way to losing a slight argument with the Armco on the uphill stretch before Pardon hairpin!

Key Bryant put on an understeering demonstration for our entertainment on the exit from Ettores bend....





Quote by David Roberts – who took all the previous action shots –
 “Well held Sir!!”

RESULTS

Class TRR Revington TR Register

Record: Hugh Maund 1978 Triumph TR6 V8 48.89 secs. (2001)

No.	Name	Car	c.c.	Year	Run 1	Run 2	Award
145	Rod Warner	Triumph TR7 V8	3500	1980	54.92	54.28	1st
144	Larry Jeram Croft	Triumph TR7 V8	3960	1980	54.87	55.82	2nd
137	Dale Hudford	Triumph MkIV Spitfire	1500	1971	55.48	55.74	3rd
135	Nick Smith	Triumph TR6	2598	1970	56.10	55.66	4th
931	Chris Smith	Triumph TR3A	2188	1959	57.26	57.43	
138	Andrew Bradnum	Triumph GT6 Mk3	1998	1971	57.88	57.96	
141	Martin Paine	Triumph TR6	2500	1976	58.12	58.70	
136	Dale Strachan	Triumph TR6	2498	1971	60.56	58.52	
132	Tom Purves	Triumph TR3A	2180	1958	59.29	58.89	
140	Roger Moewen	Triumph TR6 Pi	2598	1973	59.66	59.14	
131	Julian Webb	Triumph TR3A	2188	1958	62.64	61.01	
134	Richard Durrant	Triumph TR4A	2238	1966	61.58	63.34	
133	Kevin Bryant	Triumph TR3A	2138	1960	65.94	61.81	
143	Stuart Allaway	Triumph TR7	1998	1981	64.58	62.51	
146	Chris Roberts	Triumph TR V8	3500	1980	65.41	62.75	
139	Rob Welch	Triumph 2.5 Pi	2500	1972	65.38	65.93	
142	Adrian Pierson	Triumph TR7	1998	1976	65.86	65.87	
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Well done everybody, but please note that above times will be calculated by the TRR Championship algorithm against class bogey times.

So, recalling that the commentator at Shelsley a couple of weeks back thought that I was suffering from slight clutch slip on up changes – he was right! The slip got progressively worse through two practice and two timed runs until any application of torque resulted in no drive! Managed to get home at less than 2000 rpm, but no chance of taking part in my allocated class the next day (Sunday).....

.....or the Donington track day on Monday.....!!

Watch this space!!

Postscript:

No Paddock pictures this time – but here are a couple of Simon Andrews of Worcester Classics and Bernard Kevill’s OMS 28TKD



Bernie’s attention to detail polishing resulted in his achieving best time of day at 40.74 seconds.

Richard Durrant

7 OCTOBER 2019 DONINGTON PARK TRACK DAY

.....was wet in parts!

Although my car was now clutchless after Prescott on Saturday, we had already arranged to stay at Castle Donington Manor on Sunday night with the Roberts’. Unfortunately the hotel couldn’t produce a chef (although Meg had confirmed with the hotel in advance that we would be able to eat there!), so we transferred to the Holiday Inn at Nottingham Airport (now recommended as it is closer to the circuit, and does food!)

It was wet and there had been a big motorcycle event over the weekend so the rubber laid down didn’t match the car racing lines, leading to a few surprised offs!

However, our “group”, invited to their track day by MGs on Track, consisted of MGoT regular Tim Walker with his MX5, Martin Paine (first time at Donington) left his TRR Championship winning TR6 at home and brought his MGF, Chris Roberts with his TR7 V8, and David Roberts’ TR4A V8.

As I was without my car, Meg offered me her Golf.....pity it wasn’t dry....! However, as I just happened to have my helmet with me, I had passenger rides with Tim and David which was quite sufficient!!

Tim Walker showing us the way round....



Martin Paine



Chris Roberts



...with felt tip paint refreshing job on front bumper scar from Armco at Prescott. I understand that Chris carries a selection of felt tips for this purpose....

Sally Roberts hoping that she can get out of the car quickly before David sets off on his next run with her on board.....so I joined him instead!!



David on the straight about to eat another MG...!



I asked Tom Boyd of TR Enterprises if Meg or I could take his 4.0 litre V8 supercharged XKR100 on track, but he suddenly realised that he had to be back at work.....!



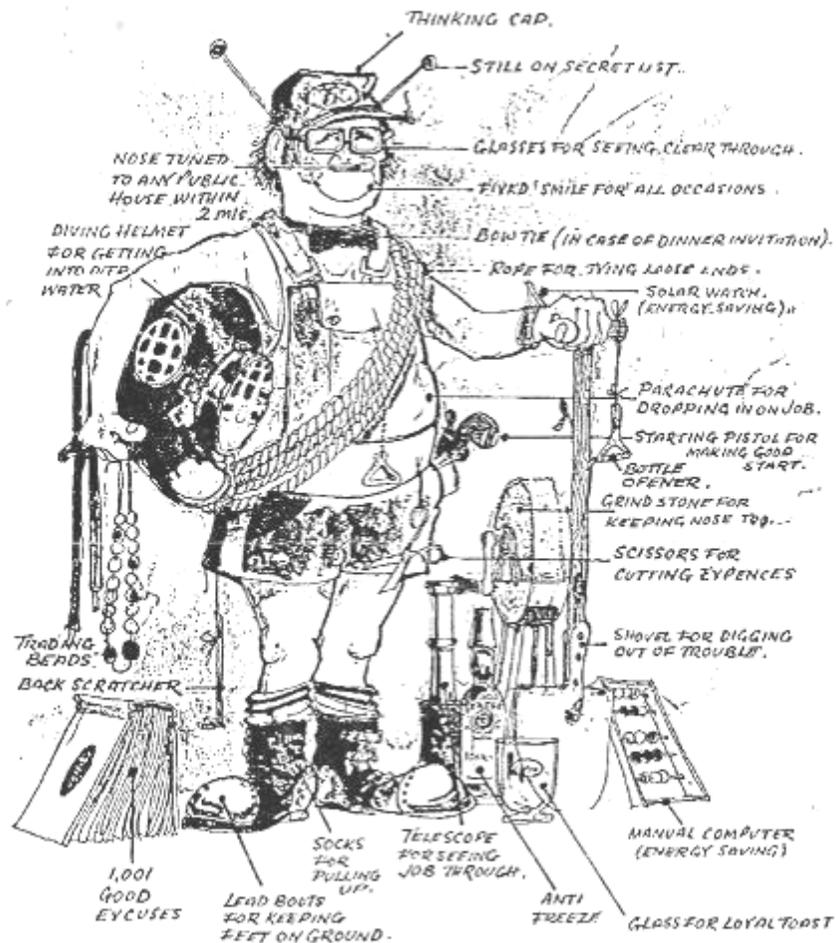
The weather didn't look like improving after lunch, so Meg and I headed off into the traffic, while the others managed to get another couple of sessions in.

So, that's it for me this season. Looking forward to bedding in a new clutch in 2020!

Richard Durrant

TECHNICAL SECTION

BE PREPARED



Taken from TR Register forum posting on "TOURING REQUISITES"

FUTURE EVENTS

TR Register AGM

Sywell Aerodrome Venue: The Aviator Hotel, 1 Wellingborough Rd, Northampton NN6 0BT

Sunday 17th November 2019; 10.30am registration for 11.00am start.

Information has not been made available to all TRR members yet, but if you wish to check out any details about proposals, and candidates for posts you currently need to check out the information as if you were registering a proxy vote -

<https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/EfGek0P6dq>

CVTR AGM

27th November 2019, The Fleece, Bretforton.

As usual, there will be a number of posts to be voted on, including the election of officers and a couple of members' car awards. So if you fancy standing for any of the posts included in running the group, please make yourselves known. I have no idea if the current incumbents are intending to continue in their current positions.....



SUMMARY

September	October
	27 th Restoration Show Stoneleigh 29 th TR Track Day Goodwood
November	December
8 th /10 th NEC Classic Car Show 3rd CVTR Sunday Lunch (Tim Walker) Thai Emerald, Evesham 17 th TR Register AGM (pre registration reqd.) SEE ABOVE NOTES 27th CVTR Monthly Meeting and AGM	2 nd TR track Day Brands Hatch 8th (Sunday) CVTR Presentation Dinner (Bob Heppell - bobhpl3@gmail.com) 10 th Birmingham Group Christmas Quiz

2020 Events to date:-

1st January – New Years Day meeting Andoversford

3rd/4th January – Exeter Trial

12th January - CVTR Sunday Lunch

General info – Kineton evening Classic Car and Bike meet, first Thursday each month, held at Kineton Sports and Social Club, CV35 0AF, 6pm start.

Birmingham Group Monthly Meetings – 2nd Sunday each month at the Somers Club, B62 0JH

CVTR AWARDS DINNER 8th DECEMBER 2019.

COTSWOLD VALE DINNER AND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MEAL

and award Presentation

Dumbleton Hall Sunday December the 8th 2019

Meal served 6.30 for 7pm

Menu

STARTER

Roasted Tomato Soup Basil oil and Croutons-----

Chicken Liver Parfait toasted Brioche served Cumberland sauce-----

Fantail of Melon Prosecco Sabayon and Cirus Confit-----

Blue Cheese and Walnut Cheesecake on Poached Pear Salad-----

MAIN MEAL

Turkey Chestnut Bonbon Chipolato in Bacon with Pan Gravy-----

- Seared Salmon Creamed Spinach and Shellfish Sauce-----

- Ravioli of wild mushrooms under Garlic And Chive Cream-----

Roated rump of Beef, Red wine jus and Yorkshire Pudding-----

DESSERT

Christmas Pudding with Holly leaf Garnish Brandy Anglaise-----

Vanilla Panna Cotta ,Caramelised Banana-----

Profiteroles in Chocolate Sauce, Vanilla Ice Cream-----

Selection of Cheeses with Biscuits, grapes and Celery-----

Followed by

Tea & Coffee with Dinner Mints

Meals are £27.50 pp, rooms are £ 80.00 please book rooms direct with
Dumbleton Hall Mention Cotswold vale when booking there number is 01386
881240 or email dumbletonhall.co.uk

For meals please make cheques payable to R Heppell tel 01386 860499 Email
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Ian Brown, Dave Roberts and Richard Durrant