

## Shropshire Group's Report for TR Action 318

Two Shropshire Group members, Steve Packard and Grafton Beddoes, went to France for the Angouleme Circuit des Ramparts event in September, crossing from Portsmouth to Le Havre. They stopped off in Alencon & Poitiers. Stupidly, they decided to walk the 8 kilometres to Poitiers in blazing sunshine. Fortunately, a young French lady took pity on the two old men, led them to a bus stop and made sure that they got on the right bus. Three days were spent in Angouleme. In temperatures of over 30 degrees, Edwardian Cars, valuable Bugattis, F1 cars and muscle cars were raced around the town.

From Angouleme they travelled to Bordeaux, Bayeux and Caen; visiting Arromanches and the Canadian Museum at Juno Beach. Grafton reminisced by a tank which he had been photographed by in 1978!

The Group was invited to Combermere Abbey on 22<sup>nd</sup> of September to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the purchase of the estate by Sir Kenneth Crossley (of Crossley Cars). Several members attended and joined owners of other classic cars for a most enjoyable day.

Unfortunately, Shropshire suffered atrocious weather in early October and the Classic Car Breakfast Meeting at Alderford Lake, scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> October, had to be cancelled. This was a disappointment because it is regularly attended by over 200 classic cars.

Club night on 15<sup>th</sup> October was particularly well supported with around 50 people taking part. Our change of venue, earlier this year, to The Fox & Hounds in Shawbury has certainly proved popular. And the food is good!

Our Autumn Run will take place on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November and will be followed by a late lunch at The Crown in Wentnor.

The Haughton Hall Hotel in Shifnal will be the venue for our Christmas Lunch on 1<sup>st</sup> December. This will be preceded by a Festive Run, with our cars suitably decorated.

The next Club Night is scheduled for Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November. There will no Club Night in December.

This edition of TR Action will be published in early December so may we take the opportunity of wishing everyone a good Christmas and all the best for the New Year.