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(We do provide chip butties) ☺

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Reg's 1971 TR 6 recent restoration

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Chris Bailey - TR4 REBUILD

FEATURE

Car as Bought July 2015

I bought my 1962 TR4 from TR Bitz in July 2015; the car had been restored by them in 1999/2000 and already had good bodywork. The gearbox would need some work, as it was a bit noisy, but everything worked okay. I ran it as it was for the remainder of 2015 and 2016.



By late 2016 the gearbox was seriously in need of work and following a trip to the Lake District, engine oil consumption was also an issue, and the overdrive had stopped working. So I was looking at gearbox, overdrive, and engine rebuild. The original dynamo and wide belt also needed to go! The car leaned a bit to one side at the back; maybe a leaf had cracked in a spring.

*Having run a TR6 previously, the performance of my car was also a bit disappointing. I considered what I was going to do and read Roger Williams book *How to Improve Triumph TR2-4A*. I wanted something with fast road performance, and the name Racetorations kept being mentioned in Williams' book as one of a few sources of uprated parts. I had visited their*

workshop earlier in the year when they had an open day as part of the first IWE at Lincoln Showground.

Being able to go to one firm and have them do everything has good and bad points, being let loose in a sweet shop and all that. The nature of the rebuild changed to include further work and improved specifications.

One nasty surprise was that the lean to the rear of the car was the result of the chassis being twisted at the front; the near side suspension turret was one inch lower than the other.

I recently got to drive the car, and once a few issues are sorted it should be back in my garage waiting for the spring ☺

Rebuild specifications include:

*Overdrive rebuild with 28% increase
Stag internals for gearbox
4.1 Diff with LSD
Engine management system with
Jenvey throttle bodies
Steel crankshaft
Uprated brakes and suspension
New Smiths gauges*



AUGUST

August the group attended the spectacular Oulton Park Gold Cup weekend. The event had an excellent array of historic racing and rallying vehicles, on track there was a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Chevron B6/B8, Historic British Touring Cars, Formula Ford 2000, Formula 3, and even Formula 1. There was also a huge turnout of classic car clubs, displays, trade stands, live music and much more. The club was joined by the Shropshire and Red Rose clubs and in all, over the weekend some 70 TR's joined in the fun.

Oulton Park Gold Cup



SEPTEMBER

September the group attended, the elegant surroundings of the romantic gothic Cholmondeley Castle and gardens hosted by Classic Shows - Festival of 1000 classic vehicles.



Cholmondeley Castle

Late September the group met up for a leisurely drive around the glorious Peak district taking in some of the fantastic scenery. The group met at the Leek Hollybush Inn, Denford, some 14 vehicles attended including a TR7. Chris gave excellent historic advice, on the various stops along the way. The weather held off and although a little cold at the start the day it stayed dry and gave us all the best views and epic drives through the Staffordshire and Cheshire countryside. The end of the day saw us attend the infamous Knight's Table travellers rest near Buxton, for a very well deserved Sunday roast and hearty dessert.



Oulton Park Gold Cup (Formula 1)

Another glorious summer day, with 20 plus TR's attending. The show attracted a variety of marks from the early 30's right up to the late 90's and had an excellent showing of vintage / classic and modern motorbikes, as well as a good array of Trade, autojumble and retail stands .

SEPTEMBER



Manifold Run

OCTOBER

After abstaining from the Alderford Lake meet because of the rain a small group of decided to meet up a week later when it was dry & sunny. After the usual hearty breakfast at the Midway Truck stop it turned out the group had three cars from Stoke, two from Shropshire & 1 from Redrose who had driven over from Altrincham. The group then set off on a B-road meander to the British Ironworks near Oswestry. After a couple of hours enjoying the arts & crafts they have there & a mighty fine coffee & carrot cake, the group set off home at a rather more brisk pace on the A-roads via Whittington & Ellesmere. ✉ Mark Stubbs



Shropshire Autumn drive

DECEMBER



Christmas meal at the Wharf

TR Stoke Club Christmas meal, held at the Wharf Shropshire. Festive recap on the year gone by, plenty of fun, excellent food and quality banter.

An excellently organised afternoon and an enjoyable sit down meal. Over 30 in attendance, with a selection of festive meals to choose from, pudding and a small amount of alcohol consumed ☺ .

The afternoon had a topically quiz to work your way through, whilst snapping open a festive cracker

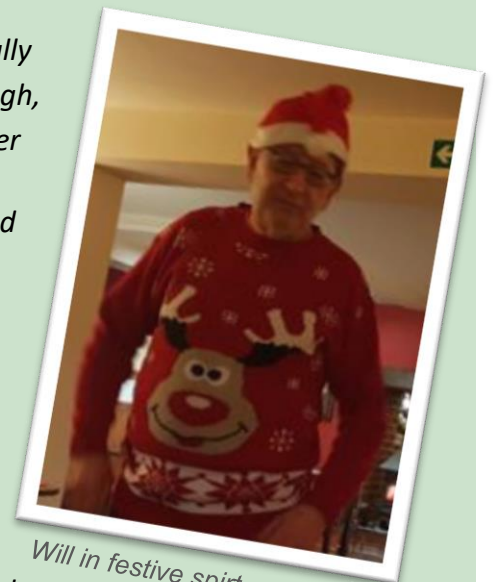
and discussing the motoring expeditions attended throughout the year.

Chris and Will had also put together a 'thoughtful' raffle which contained some very interesting prizes. These included several yellow dusters, hand cream and the raffles tickets themselves.

Huge thanks to all club members who made the year full of classic motoring, plenty of fantastic memories with a range of activities and events attended. We wish you all a very merry New year and hopefully plenty of similar activities for 2019.



Chris in festive spirt



Will in festive spirt

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2019 TO ALL IN THE TR STOKE CLUB



Back in June 2018, 4 intrepid Whitchurch Wonderers Ray, Anne, Grafton and Steve set out from Shropshire in their TR's for France staying the first night in Portsmouth with their first menu adventure being Wetherspoons – bring on France! Gladly many better dining experiences followed with a morning ritual of coffee croissants, and panna chocolate, followed by butties for lunch with dinner being much more luxurious with a beer or two!



Lost in France

We did our best to stay off the main roads and the routes with Ray and Anne planning our course which took us through some wonderful unspoiled countryside and villages during our trip – like stepping back 40 years. We took the Normandie Express from Portsmouth to Cherbourg and travelled down to the Golfe Hotel in Vannes – we were only slightly lost finding the hotel.

We spent 3 nights in Vannes a wonderful pretty coastal town with stepped in history. We also made a couple of excursions from here to the standing stones at Carnac followed by ice cream on the harbour at La Trinite-sur-Mer. The following day we visited the medieval walled town of Guerande which was lovely with some nice shops. The journey



3 nights in Vannes

there was interesting, stopping for our usual morning coffee and to buy some fruit Steve managed to leave his bag containing his passport behind which meant a back track of about 20 miles back and forth through some road works where the guys began to think that we were road works spotters. The same evening we dined away from the hotel and Grafton managed to lose his hotel room key at the restaurant which we had to walk back for.

The following day 15th we set out for the long drive to Angouleme which saw our only rain of the trip – we

Green Machine in France

soldiered on for quite a while but finally put our hoods up and it stopped quickly afterwards. We had a nice evening meal at the Le Feu de Bois restaurant next to the hotel but managed to underpay the bill by 20 euros somehow! The following day Ray and Anne hit Angouleme town and Grafton and Steve visited the very moving ghost town of Oradour-sur-Glane where 642 men, women and children were massacred by German Waffen SS on 10th June 1944. We too later looked around Angouleme including the battlements where they run classic car events – they looked very rough so we didn't try it out with the TR's! This time at



Battlements at Angouleme

the evening meal Anne managed to lose her French phrase book so we were now completely lost!!

The following day the 17th we set out for Bergerac again by the pretty routes and occasionally lost, Steve had a retail disaster at the Leclerc Supermarket checked but survived for another day, Grafton managed to pack in another McDonalds and we also had an excellent evening meal at the Kyriad hotel. The next day we headed to the hills stopping for the usual coffee in the very old village of Issigeac. We then continued for more coffee in Limeuil on the



Another Corn field

confluence of the Dordogne and Vézère rivers. We then got lost yet again and headed back to Bergerac.

The 19th saw us drive a very long hot day via a very circuitous route through some stunning country side to the Best Western Hotel Poitiers. We stopped in a shady field for lunch and made up for that by having an excellent meal later at the hotel. I managed to leave a pair of jeans in the wardrobe when we left the following day for a head down get it done drive to Caen via the toll roads. Grafton managed to lose his toll ticket and we were stuck at the barrier with no apparent means of getting assistance. I was just considering getting out the spanners to remove his windscreen so he could go under the barrier when a motor cyclist spotted a ticket on the ground. We're not sure if it was the lost ticket but it worked! The Caen hotel was basic but fine with a good restaurant within a short walk.

Our last day 21st saw us make a leisurely drive back to catch the ferry at Cherbourg taking in some of the Normandy beaches and looking around the second world war gun emplacements. We again managed to get lost finding the ferry terminal due to the many road closures but got there in the end although the fuel station outside the terminal was out of order. Leaving the ferry in Portsmouth Grafton legged it home to Whitchurch whilst Ray, Anne and Steve stopped over in Andover to break the journey and ready to collect an Ebay purchase for Steve the next day.



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Sep 1-2	TR Register Scottish Weekend Bo'Ness
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Sep 2	Cholmondeley Classic , Stoke & Shropshire Club Stand
Sep 3	Club night at Longton Rugby Club
Sept 7-9	Goodwood Revival
Sep 12-16	TR Euromet Papenburg Germany
Sep 14-17	Spa 6 Hrs Belgium
Sep 15-16	Etruria Ind. Museum in Steam Classic Cars on Sunday (entry form at www.etruriamuseum.org.uk)
Sep 15-16	Manchester Classic Car Show, Event City
Sep 15-16	Kop Hill Climb, Princes Risborough, Bucks. TR Chilton Group Stand
Sep 18-23	TR Italia Meeting, Lake Garda, Italy
Sep 26-Oct 1	TR Tours Ireland Tour
Sep/Oct	Manifold Run Date
Oct 1	Club night at Longton Rugby Club
Dec 9	Stoke Group Christmas Lunch Wharf Tavern, Goldstone
Jan 7	Club night at Longton Rugby Club
Jan 10 –13	Autosport International at NEC (www.autosportinternational.com)
Jan 27	Malvern Drive-In Classic Car & Bike autojumble
Feb 4	AGM and Club night at Longton Rugby Club
Feb 10	MG and Triumph Spares Day Stoneleigh Park, TR Register Stand
Feb 14- 17	London Classic Car Show EXCEL London www.thelondonclassiccarshow.co.uk
Feb 22-24	Race Retro Stoneleigh Park
Feb 24	Morris Minor Show, Manchester
Mar 3	Malvern Drive-In Classic Car & Bike autojumble
Mar 4	Club night at Longton Rugby Club
Mar 22-24	Practical Classics Classic Car and Restoration Show, NEC. www.necrestorationshow.com
Apr 1	Club night at Longton Rugby Club
Apr 21	Easter Sunday Motorfest, Chetwynd Deer Park- Stoke & Shropshire Club Stand
Apr 21-22	Easter Motor Show, Weston Park
Apr 28	Drive It Day

Red = club stands or organized

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