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***STOKE TR Register for all TR enthusiasts
past, present & future***



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Meet every first Monday of the month at Longton Rugby Ground, Sir Stanley Matthews Way, Trentham Lakes, Stoke-on-Trent **ST4 8WG**.
(We do provide chip butties) ☺

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Picture... driving on your favourite road, top down the sun's shining & not a cloud in the sky.

Better still, there is no traffic at all to spoil your enjoyment. Someone has removed all the hedges so you can enjoy the spectacular scenery & smoothed over the potholes with perfect tarmac. Welcome to Northern Spain....

More or less every year for the past 20 odd years I've ridden to Spain on my Motorbike, this year Gail & I decided to take the TR. The drive down to Portsmouth is the

worst part of the trip but we tough it out knowing what we have to look forward to. We set sail with Brittany Ferries, it's a 24 hour crossing but it's overnight so while we sleep we're getting closer to Santander. As we disembark we notice groups of Astons, TVR's, Jaguars & the like all fired up with anticipation that they're going to be able to really enjoy driving their cars for a change. Within 20 miles from the Port we remember why we came & the empty mountain roads open out before us. Set the Satnav to avoid major roads & another 150 miles later we're in Leon. We fill up ready for the next leg; fuel is about the same price as at home. I treat the TR to some super unleaded, it prefers that & is returning 28 mpg so happy days. We've pre-booked our hotels for two nights in each of our stops. As long as it looks nice, is close to the centre with secure parking that pretty much ticks all the boxes. Two nights means a full day once you're there to relax & get to know the place. Maybe visit a Cathedral, Castle, Museum or whatever else the place has to offer. Eating out alfresco is the norm & inexpensive Tapas bars serve up breakfast much nicer than the hotels. Leaving Leon & sticking to the sweeping A-roads we set off for Burgos & our next stop. 160 miles later & we arrive at our Hotel, a very nice establishment with an underground car park & a short walk to the many bars & restaurants. Burgos is a beautiful City, one day really isn't enough & we plan to come back on a future road trip. In Spain there aren't really many classic cars & very few convertibles, the only other classics we spot are Brits doing the same as us. That just adds to the charm as everywhere you go there are thumbs up & admiring glances. I take every opportunity to hit the loud pedal so the locals can enjoy the TR's 6 cylinders. "It might not be big or clever, but it's wickedly good fun."

We meet a MGB on a world tour, the car is stickered up with all the countries they've visited. For the final two nights we head for Laredo on the Northern coast for a bit of a lazy time on the beach. Burgos to Laredo is another 140 miles & that leaves us about 50 miles to get back to Santander at the end of our six nights tour. 500+ miles in Spain with about 450 in the UK & it's not far off 1000 miles. I took the usual spares but they stayed in the boot, the TR dripped a bit of oil but didn't drink any and the drive a day / relax a day format worked perfectly for us & the car.

Would we go again? ... You bet!

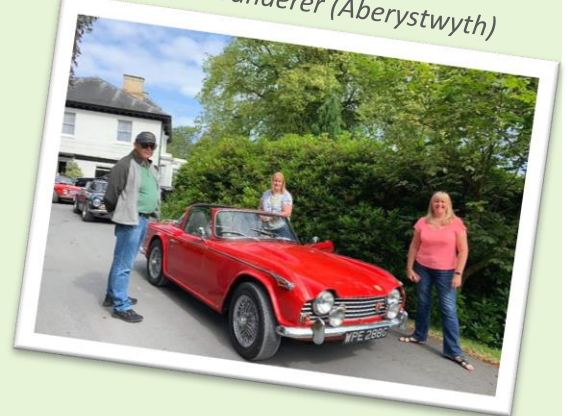
Would I recommend it? absolutely!



JULY

July saw a handfull of club members take a weekend visit to mid Wales. The Saturday route took the cars through strunning mountain scenery along wonderful twisting B roads onto a overnight stop at a glorious hotel overlooking the seaside resort of Aberystwyth. The Sunday offered much better weather conditions and took the cars through the fantastic Elan Valley, down and around 3 dams and reservoirs that provide water to Birmingham. A weekend of Wandereing Welsh Wonder in great company.

Welsh Wanderer (Aberystwyth)



AUGUST

Inter Club Weekend (Stratford)



The Inter-club Triumph weekend saw the joining of the Sports Six Club and the TR register to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the TR6 and the 60th anniversary of the Herald. The event held in Stratford-Upon-Avon's racecourse saw record attendances, with over 200 TR6 and over 2000 Triumphs in total, including a handful from Stoke. The event focal point was an arenas hosted by Wayne Scott and Graham Robson detailing the history of the models as well as an air display from the Battle of Britain featuring a Spitfire.



AUGUST

August bank holiday weekend saw over 50 TRs attend the Oulton Park Gold cup. The event had Historic formula juniors, historic formula ford, super touring cars, Historic roads sports, XL Aurora trophy, off track entertainment with historic rallying and plenty of classic car displays. A fun event with loads to do and see, great access to the paddocks to soak up the sounds, smells and noise of a real race track in action.

Oulton Park (Cheshire)



SEPTEMBER



Best Club Display

September saw the Group attend the Cholmondeley Festival of 1000 Classics at the wonderful Cholmondeley Castle. Although the weather was damp the day was well attended by the group. We also were joined by the Shropshire group and in all some 25 cars attended. The day saw the Club stand get best display and the group received a rather nice glass plaque.

Festival of 1000 cars (Cholmondeley)



SEPTEMBER

TR – Bitz wonderful site



The Group also met up with the Red Rose group in September to drive up to TR-Bitz at Appleton in Cheshire to attend their open day. The open day, put on by Craig, John and their team along with lots of help from their families and friends, was a real success with a big turnout. Some fabulous food was enjoyed particularly the jam and cream scones! Chris even won a prize in the Red Rose raffle. We all had a very interesting look around the workshops with some cars being worked on at varying stages of completion. Looks like this may be one to re-book into the 2020 agenda.

OCTOBER

The Group ventured out for a rather wet, damp and murky run through the delightful Peak district. Meeting up at the Holly Bush at Leek, the group of 7 cars embraced the weather conditions and embarked on the 'Manifold run'. The drive took the cars in and around the twisting valleys driving up to the heights of 1514 feet to the highest village in England and down the manifold valley, through the Swainsley tunnel, (formally a light railway tunnel) although murky, glimpses of the wonderful and spectacular Peaks could be viewed. A great all-round drive.

Manifold Run



NOVEMBER

November club night had a great turn out of 15 members, even though it was moved from our usual first Monday of the month to the second Monday of the month. The group caught up on the previous month's outings had a couple of drinks and a large plate of chips we made plans for future 2020 events, and also had our monthly club raffle which supports the clubs ongoing commitments.

Club Nights
(Longton Rugby Ground)



DECEMBER

Club Christmas Meal was another great afternoon out, held at the Wharf Shropshire. The group recapped on the year's events with excellent festive food, quality banter and great fun. An excellently organised afternoon with over 30 attending, enjoying some festive fun which included a comprehensive topical quiz, with an outstanding trophy (an old TR6 piston mounted on a cheese board) won by the only member not to own a TR (so no names mentioned ☺). Chris and Will put together a collective raffle of interesting prizes, these included knitted dolls, wire brushes, DVDs, and many more oddities. A huge thanks to all club members who have made the year full of classic motoring memories, we wish you all a very merry New Year and hopefully plenty of similar events and activities for 2020. ***** *HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020 TO ALL IN THE TR STOKE CLUB *****





Dave's TR Story!

✉ Dave Lewis

FEATURE

My TR story starts summer 1968 waiting for the bus to go to work, I was 16 at the time when a sport cars passes by and all I can remember is it had a front and rear screen, was Red in colour and had 4A on the back panel. Some months later reading my car magazine, it has an article entitled - Servicing Triumphs - opened it up and there it was - Triumph TR4A - I was smitten.

My TR6 (needing some work)



Fast forward 25 - 30 years, I

join the TR Register and go to my first Stoke

Group meeting 1992/3 looking at other members cars, get advise

on what to look for and start to trawl the Ads. CARDINAL RULE

No.1 don't buy the first car you see and take someone with you. I

broke both and went to Norfolk and bought a TR4A for

restoration, the guy delivered it and must have been laughing all

the way home to the bank. Had a really good look at it the

following day and realised the obvious - yes I'd bought a NAIL -

well done the brides going berserk and I 'm on the ceiling. Start

saving again and go and see a TR6 in Stafford some 3 years later

this time with another Stoke member and its in Stafford, no hood

just the frame but had an hard top, the paints flat and faded, no

carpet but its taxed and MOT' ed for 3 month's - I can drive it. Take it

for renewal and it fails miserably on usual suspects - brakes,

suspension, lights and Chassis and enlist the help of Stuart Collier

who proceeds to weld it to death while I source parts for

replacement. 2 months later she passes and I'm over the moon.

Decide over the next 12 month's I 'll either love it or loath it - I fall in

love. Spend the next years driving all over the UK and all the time

buying body panels for the rebuild she obviously will need, having a

great time until 1999 when she fails her MOT on a rotten Chassis. Manage to source a good secondhand USA one from another TR member, enlist the help of Chris Mountford and Ant Pattison to paint and rebuild it while I resource replacement suspension, braking and fuel pipes, replenish copious amounts of coffee and take pictures. Had the shell rebuilt 2 years later by Quinton Cowley of Coventry (worse shell he'd ever worked on - rotten as a pear). Made a really good job of the bodywork but not so with the paint but got a guy from Nantwich to flat and re-paint and started the rebuild with Ian Crosby. Replaced all interior, new dash, MX5 seats re-covered in full leather, mohair hood and cover, bumpers re-chromed car back on the road and looking the dogs. Its been a long and expensive route but worth it, she's now been joined by a TR5 - rebuilt in 2007 to a very high standard. I may be stupid but not suicidal after my initial experience.

Moral of the story - ALWAYS view loads of cars, take an experienced member with you and buy the best car you can afford otherwise it really will kill your Bank balance and the Bride has a field day with your ears.

*Happy TR'ing
Smiling Dave Lewis.*



My TR6 (Celebrating 50 years!!)

PITS - POTS & PEAKS 2020



Summer Weekend Event 6th – 7th JUNE 2020*

Celebrate the historic industrial heritage of the Staffordshire potteries, take in the natural beauty of the Peak district, and enjoy this urban classic rally. For more details contact Will Loomes 01782 642684







2019 25th JUNE 2020

LONGTON CLASSIC

CHARITY CAR SHOW



All welcome, either with or without your classic car. The show will be whoever turns up on the night, anything that can be described as a classic will be welcome, good, bad, old, new(ish), or just plain ugly.

25th JUNE 2020 *

£2.00 per person at entrance (Including Classics)
Profits go to Macmillan Hospice / The Donna Louise Hospice.
Longton Rugby Club, Easter Rise, Sir Stanley Matthews Way,
Trentham Lakes, Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 8WG

* DATES TO BE CONFIRMED

CLUB SHOP



Polo Shirt
£15.00



Gilets
£20.00



Fleece
£25.00



Design will show our new club logo (shown above) embroidered.

Caps now available at £15.00
Contact Will Loomes for orders.



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FEB 3	CLUB NIGHT and AGM AT LONGTON RUGBY CLUB
FEB 16	Shropshire group's Snowdrop Run.
FEB 8	Derbyshire Dales Post Christmas Bash,
FEB 9	MG & Triumph Spares Day at Stoneleigh Park. www.mgandtriumphsparesday.co.uk
FEB 21-23	Race Retro at Stoneleigh Park. www.raceretro.com
MAR 2	CLUB NIGHT AT LONGTON RUGBY CLUB
MAR 7	Knutsford MC Tour of Cheshire
MAR 8	TR Register Group Leaders' Meeting British Motor Heritage Museum, Gaydon
MAR 15	Shropshire Group March Hare Run
MAR 27-29	Practical Classics Restoration Show at the NEC, Birmingham.
APR 5	Malvern Festival of Transport
APR 6	CLUB NIGHT AT LONGTON RUGBY CLUB
APR TBC	Foxfield Railway Classic Car Rally
APR 12	Easter Sunday Motor Show Weston Park Joint Shropshire & Stoke groups
APR 18-19	Sandbach Festival of Transport
APR 19	MOTORFEST, CHETWYND DEER PARK
APR 26	DRIVE IT DAY Oil Can Cafe Holmfirth
APR 26	Alderford Lake breakfast meeting
APR 26	National Memorial Arboretum Drive it Day Staffs
MAY 1-3	Donington Historic
MAY 3	Catton Hall Classic Car & Transport Show
MAY 4	CLUB NIGHT AT LONGTON RUGBY CLUB
MAY 4	Gawsworth Classic
MAY 7-10	T.S.S.C. Triumph Weekend Isle of Wight
MAY 8-10	Llandudno Transport Festival
MAY 10-14	Shropshire group's tour of the peak district
MAY 16-17	Marches Festival of Transport, Ludlow
MAY 16	Norton green auto extravaganza club stand
MAY 17	Festival of 1000 classics at Cholmondeley castle - Shropshire & Stoke Groups
MAY 17	Standard Triumph Picnic, Walton Hall Hotel, Warwick, CV35 9HG
MAY 16-17	Spring Autojumble, Beaulieu
MAY 23	Weaver Wander Nantwich
MAY 23-25	Smallwood Vintage Rally & Family Show
MAY 24-25	Cheshire Classic Car and M/cycle Show Capesthorpe
MAY 25	Rolleston Transport Festival Group Run
MAY 30	VSCC Oulton Park
JUNE 1	CLUB NIGHT AT LONGTON RUGBY CLUB
JUNE 6-7	Stoke TR Pits,Pots,Peak weekend (Tbc)

Red = club stands or organized

Don't forget the website on the TR Register site and Facebook [TR.Register.Stoke.Group](https://www.facebook.com/TR.Register.Stoke.Group)

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