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Uniting TR enthusiasts past, present & future.*





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Any TR related article will be considered for the newsletter.

If you have a project, restoration, or an adventure that our fellow patrons may wish to read, then send the details to the above mail address.

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TR Stoke Register:

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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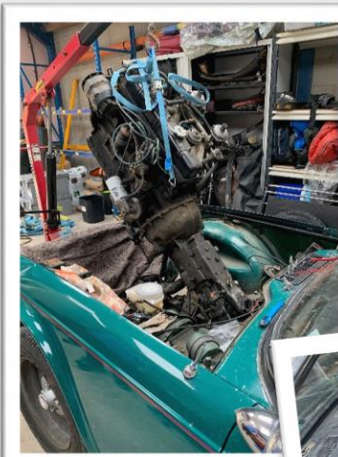
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Steve Thomas reports on his rebuild. The Story so far, TR6 imported from USA in May.



Well, the ground up, nut & bolt rebuild has started in earnest. The bodyshell was blasted back in July then sent to RSC Bodycentre, Market Drayton for a small amount of welding, Mainly at the

TR6 as imported



rear of the battery position which had a couple of minor rot holes.

The drilling for conversion to RHD and blocking old holes for LHD was also completed, using a very useful template from Chris Mountford. (Thanks Chris!)

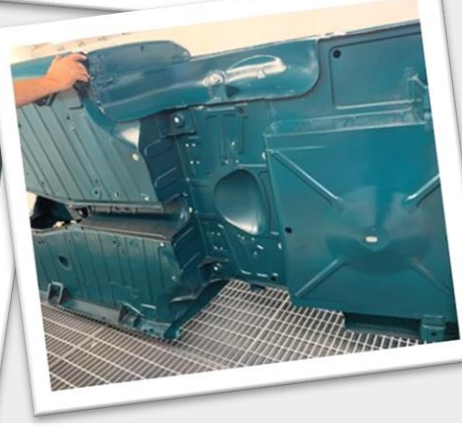
The chassis was totally stripped, then blasted, zinc coated and finally powder coated at AutoBodyCraft in Wrenbury, Luckily, my chassis was still outside on the yard when they had a major fire! Phew! The chassis had stood the test of time, not one area of rust...anywhere!

This is probably due to the fact the car appeared to have had a few long term oil leaks (surprise surprise!) so the underside from the engine backwards was nicely coated for what looked like 40 years!

The old girl had stood up well, no doubt due to previous life in Californian deserts.

So, all now back in my workshop and recently started to bolt on all new and powder coated shiny bits!

Target date to go for a drive is March 31st....let's see, it's a tough target, onwards and upwards.



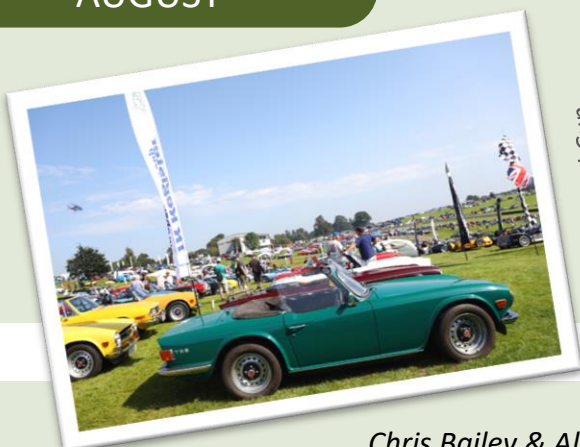
AUGUST

TR Stoke newsletter redesign, hope you like it 😊. Brings the design in line with TR Action, sporting a fresh look as we take the Club forward. For contribution to the newsletter, don't be shy we would love to hear your stories, please submit your articles, reports, letters and any other content to myself at tonyralph2003@yahoo.co.uk.

New Design



AUGUST



Oulton Gold Cup

A few have ventured out to the Oulton Park Gold Cup Event, meeting up with other clubs (Red Rose / North Wales Shropshire & Stoke groups. Albeit a restricted format due to COVID. Luckily the weather was good for the bank holiday meeting. **OultonPark**

SEPTEMBER

Chris Bailey & Alan Fox met some familiar faces (behind masks) from Red Rose at the inaugural Bear Town Road Cruise. The event to raise funds for the Macclesfield Christie Cancer Care Centre started from Congleton, then to Tatton Park and finally onto Gawsworth Hall via Grin Low (Buxton) for an extended run for those that wanted to. A great day out in the sun!



Bear Town Cruise

OCTOBER



Triumph repairs



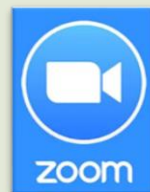
October was a month of fixing, repairing and upgrading. Many of the cars stuck in our garages have not been forgotten and most have been given plenty of care and attention. I have added new front top ball joints to my TR 250, the rubbers had perished after 30 years sitting in its barn, so a worthy job done. I also sport a 'GB' badge on the rear boot (just a stick on). Will Loomes has fitted a new water pump to his TR6, having a broken stud, to also repair. Chris Mountford had been restoring not just one, but two TR's working hard on his TR3 & TR4. Steve Thomas (as featured) has been extremely busy pulling his TR6 apart. If you have been working on your car, then let us know, and we can add it to the Newsletter.

NOVEMBER



Zoom Meeting

Club first virtual meeting, Yes!! we did it, we used "Zoom" to have a virtual meeting. Zoom is not a fast moving motor, it is an app based software platform that lets the group meet all together via your Smartphones or electronic devise that has a camera built in'. There were the normal 'mute' issues and some drop out connection issues, but in all we managed to pull it off.



DECEMBER

This years Christmas bash was held on the 13th December. It would have been at the Wharf but due to the pandemic the traditional lunch meeting was transferred to a Zoom meeting, and was held at 2:30 pm. All who attended, joined in the festive fun, having some interesting jolly Christmas clothing (particularly liked Karen's Christmas pudding glasses).

The afternoon was greeted with Chris Mountford giving an interesting spin on the history of

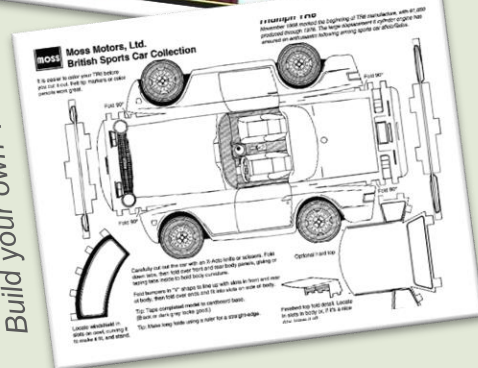
Christmas carols, we had also been given a 30 question quiz (kindly put together by Chris Bailey). And I think at least 4 of us, had also pre built there own TR6's from the template Will Loomes had sent around. (I found it a little tricky, but so far I have had no rust issues from the cardboard I have used). In all a fab afternoon albeit a different one from Christmas lunches of the past.



Xmas Meeting



Build your own TR6



JANUARY

Stoke Groups' AGM would of normally taking place on the 1st February 2021, but due to the pandemic the club have decided to postpone until such time as we can do it in person, this will probably be in June or July depending on the lockdown situation. Our Group officers are all okay to stay in post until we can hold a normal AGM.

We all wish you all a Happy New Year, and lets hope its going to be a better year than 2020.

AGM



BILL McDONALD

*It is with sad news that club member **Bill McDonald** passed away in late November.*

Bill had been receiving dialysis for some time and recently contracted Pneumonia and ultimately COVID.

Bill had only been a member of our Stoke Group for a short while but actively joined in the runs and shows in his white Vitesse and regularly attended Club nights. Bill pictured left with Chris at Oulton Park a couple of years ago.

Our deepest sympathy from all within the TR Stoke group, and may you Rest in Peace.



The TR Register has announced that TS2 (773 EWO), the Club's promotional vehicle and the first right-hand drive production TR2 built, will undertake a Round Britain Relay Run aiming to visit every one of the 53 local Groups of the TR Register Car Club. This is an extension of the original regional tour proposed for 2020 to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the TR Register, which was sadly cancelled due to the global pandemic. We are happy to announce that TS2 will be coming to our club for 2 days on the 16 & 17th June 2021. If you want the opportunity to drive this unique and historic vehicle than contact Chris to get involved. We hope to show off the car as a 'Special guest' at our Longton Classic Car Event. You can follow the TS2's progress around the locations at www.tr-register.co.uk/tr2

TS2 in coming to us



COVID Rally plaques



2020 was the 50th anniversary of the TR Register Car Club. The largest Triumph club in the world for enthusiasts of Triumphs TR sportcars, but as we are aware the year didn't turn out how we expected and plans / events had to be put on hold due the global pandemic which arrived, COVID-19 spread around the world and the Register wanted to do something to help. So the TR Register car club members came together to raise money with their rally plates, to help our hero's in the NHS.

The Rally plates

'Triumph over COVID-19' raised **£6,230**.

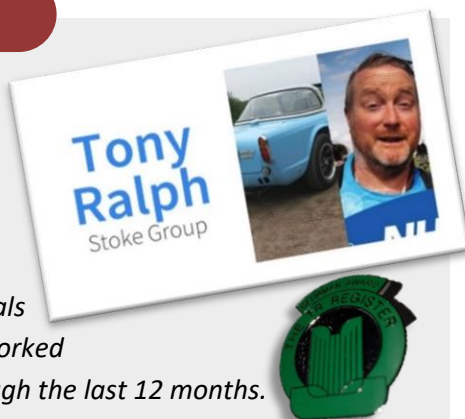
Thanks to everyone who bought a rally plate and

Thanks to the NHS and all key workers for the outstanding work they do.

CLUB NEWS

TR Register AGM Awards

Tony Ralph was awarded 'The Clubman Award'. Club awards are presented each year to those individuals who have volunteered or worked on a specific initiative through the last 12 months.



Wayne Scott presented this years AGM via a video link, and for him, the first time sitting down. Scott awarded the virtual awards and was happy to report the following.

"Now the Stoke crew tell us that this guy keeps them all informed and entertained with his pure dedication to produce some superb local newsletters, which he has edited for three years, the newsletters, something that members now really look forward to receiving has really helped to bring the members together as they now are more aware of each other's activities. He does every aspect of the newsletter including persuading members to write articles, which is no easy task, he is a Serial Triumph owners having his TR 250 for many years. He always attends club nights and he regularly brings his two young children who are always eager to help out with events and they're well known to the group members, all in all a great family says the local group and collectively they're very deserving of a Clubman Award. Our first winner then from the Stoke group..... It's Tony Ralph.

Tony is extremely pleased to be accept the award, and appreciates all the work the club does to keep the Triumph TR mark going, he says

"Thank you so much, this was a real surprise, myself and family love a good pin badge ☺"

CLUB SHOP



Polo Shirt
£15.00



Gilets
£25.00



Fleece
£25.00



Design will show the TR Stoke club logo (shown above) embroidered.

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



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ALL EVENTS CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19

At the current time, the TR Register is strongly advising our organisers for local groups to continue to cancel all social activities and refrain from road runs or any other meets in groups, until further notice.

*Please see the Register's latest update on the web site at:
[Coronavirus: Latest Club Guidance & Events News \(tr-register.co.uk\)](https://tr-register.co.uk)*

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