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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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Gorgeous TR6

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It all started with wanting a TR6 and visiting TRGB to vie a couple of cars. Parked in the corner was an unfinished Wedgewood Blue TR4a, the body was just placed on the rolling chassis, engine bored but still in bits, no interior or hood but an immaculate body and new chassis.

TR4a Back on the road



The car had been purchased by TRGB from the estate of T.D. Fitchett, it was Tony's car and had been worked on over the years using genuine Standpart components. Originally imported from California in 1989 by Tony this "live axle" car had not been on the road since.

The car was purchased along with a rebuilt overdrive gearbox and delivered to our home in 2015 for a four year rebuild and completed in 2019 starting with fixing body to chassis, fitting TR6 hood and screen frame, wiring, dashboard etc. and finally being delivered to Aldridge Trimming for new hood, hood cover, tonneau cover, carpets and full interior.

After an MOT and registration number the car was finally ready and then Covid hit. First proper run out was for Drive it Day 2021 an 80 mile scenic drive around Derbyshire and she ran like a dream according to Pauline.





MARCH

Toying around... Kevin & Chris happy dealing with a bite size TR4 restoration project. We would love to hear your stories, no matter how strange they may be. The Club would like to document the activities its does, to capture its history in preserving future members enthusiasum towards the TR mark and the TR Stoke club. please submit your articles, reports, letters and any other content to myself at tonyralph2003@yahoo.co.uk.

TR (Mini)



APRIL



Zoom Meeting

Club Zoom meetings have continued monthly over the COVID period although the meetings are not the same as meeting face to face, and we don't get to see each other cars, meetings have given club members time to talk about each other cars, and in some ways may be more than we had in the past. Meetings have been light hearted and often involved the consumption some sort of alcohol.

Congleton New Bypass opens, with a charity event organised by the Bear Town Road Cruise. The event raised over £1800 for Christie NHS Trust, seeing a range of classic cars and commercial vehicles ride the tarmac before it had been officially opened to the public. A couple of TR member got there TR's out to join in the glorious spring day's event.

Bear Town Cruise



MAY

TR Stoke-on-Trent Web site



Our TR Stoke page has had a little facelift, with some photos being added and a couple of new 'tabs' added at the top of the site (Newsletters from Stoke Group & Members TR within Stoke Group). I have added these Newsletters to the site, and member's activity, so you can go and read through them at anytime you want to, and to preserve the history of the Group activities. Its quite amazing reading through the Newsletters, as to what the group has achieved and also the amount of vehicles the group has managed to preserve and get back onto the road. To get to the site search google for TR Stoke-on-Trent or use this Url link: <https://www.tr-register.co.uk/group/stoke-on-trent>

JUNE

As we edge out of the pandemic and we hopefully return to a new normal, here is a reminder of the un-normal TR Stoke meetings over the last 15 months.



Karen's TR4



JULY

Karen Kelly new TR4. Karen came along with the group on the 'Run to the Sea' event, this was its first real test, and the 1962 car had no problems over the 200 plus miles through the challenging weather and road conditions. It looks and sounds wonderful and by all accounts Karen is thoroughly enjoying her new purchase.

JULY

Gaydon 50th Anniversary event, saw a few members venture the drive down to the Gaydon Motor museum to witness a 50th celebration of the TR register. The event saw over 150 TRs which included TS2 and TR2 'Jabbeke' (A resident at the museum) among a vast array of BMC vehicles, the day had great weather and offer 'Free' access to the wonderful museum. (I highly recommend any petrol head to visit the museum.)



Gaydon 50th TR Register

JULY

Weston Park hosted by Shropshire TR Register, which saw over 500 vintage, classic and modern cars and motorbikes with a special theme of classic commercial van HGVs, and buses. A glorious day seeing over 25 TRs attend, 5 of whom were from the TR Stoke group, with sadly one not making it due to an electric ignition issue on route. The Club also received the award for best Club Stand, (see picture). In all a wonderful well organised event in beautiful surroundings, with like minded TR buddies enjoying at last a 'real' event, adhering to COVID guidance.



RUN to the Sea



It happened...an actual real event after what seems like years, or very nearly TR Stoke joined in the official inter group event to celebrate 50 years of the TR Register.

The event saw groups from across the North West region including North Wales, Red Rose, Cumbria, Stoke and a group from Devon who were doing a 'Tour of Wales', mainly due to the fact that they couldn't go to France for there planned 'Le Mans tour' (a very nice bunch, and very welcome to see 😊)

The event complied with the current COVID guidance, meeting only in outdoor spaces. It saw the groups coming together at the foot of Caernarfon Castle, having mastered the variety of routes through the spectacular the Walsh Mountains.

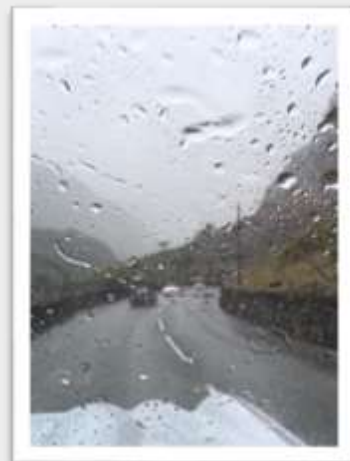
The Stoke group met up at 8am at Newcastle and took the A539 to Llangollen joining the A5 to Corwen, stopping of at the Rhug Estate Farm and 'Bison Grill' for a comfort break, where we also met up with the Red Rose Group, then it was back on the A5 to Betws-y-Coed, then running up the mountains via Capel Curig onto the LLanberis pass and down into Caernarfon.

Sadly the weather was NOT the best, with most of the day seeing torrential down pour's of rain, making the Llanberis pass even more challenging with poor visibility and highlighting the dramatic landscape with moody greys and dull light, it most definitely testing the cars to the full, having wipers and lights on, and that constant rag to hand to demist the windscreen.

In all near 30 TRs ventured the journey and although most were damp, the groups were enthusiastic the have the meet up. We all mingled and chatted and after an hour or so we saw the groups make there own ways back home.

The Stoke group left Caernarfon around 6pm, deciding to take the faster A55 route to Chester and onto the A51 to Nantwich to Stoke for the home run. Although the A51 was overcome in many places with rain water and navigating the floods made the whole journey home even more of a challenge.

In all a fantastic day out, and great to be out using the cars and seeing like minded people, it would be great to do this again in sunnier and dryer weather.



CLUB NEWS

TS2 is still coming

As mentioned in the last Issue of TR Stoke. TR Register had 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, but sadly due to COVID the planned Relay Run has been delayed for another year.

If the plans go ahead it looks like TS2 will be coming to TR Stoke for the Sunday 19th & Monday 20th June 2022, taking it off the Shropshire group and then handing it over to the North Wales group.

We hope to make this a memorable occasion and will plan events around the arrival of TS2, any member who wish to contribute in way of supporting the logistics of being custodian, social media and handover person during the 2 days the club will have TS2 then please contact Chris Mountford.



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



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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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