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## HAPPY CHRISTMAS 2023





## Preface



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- \* Restoration projects.
- \* Technical do you have a particular experience?
- \* Runs out with your cars either individually or in

a group.

\* Future events

\* Anything that Members may feel would be of interest to the Group beyond TRs.—ie anything!

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## Season's Greetings and here is looking forward to more TR-ing in 2024



# WHAT'S ON up until March 2024



DECEMBER 2023	
9/12	<b>Shropshire Group's Turkey Trot. Festive visit to Attingham Park followed by a Christmas meal at The Horseshoes Inn, Dorrington</b>
9/12	Tr Register TR7/TR8 used and NOS parts sale - TR Register HQ, Didcot, Oxfordshire to 10/12. For full details see TR Register website
19/12	<b><u>NO CLUB NIGHT</u></b>
JANUARY 2024	
1/1	Cheshire Cat Pubs' Car Club Meet - Cholmondeley Arms, Cholmondeley, Malps
11/1	Autosport International, NEC, Birmingham to 14/1
16/1	<b>Club Night - The Fox &amp; Hounds, Wytheford Road, Shawbury, SY4 4JG</b>
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23/2	Race Retro, Stoneleigh Park Warwickshire to 25/2
25/2	<b>Shropshire Group's Snowdrop Run. Details TBC</b>
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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING FUTURE EVENTS

TBA = To Be Arranged

TBC = To Be Confirmed

TR Register events in red

**TR Shropshire Group events in bold red**

If you wish to have a meal at The Fox & Hounds on Club Nights, you must pre-book your table online at:

[Book a table at The Fox and Hounds, Wytheford Road, Shrewsbury \(resos.com\)](https://www.resos.com/)

Or by 'phoning 01939 250600. Please state that you are a member of the TR Shropshire Group

The dates for the TR Register AGM and the Group Leaders' Meeting have yet to be confirmed.

**Shropshire Group's Spring Tour of the North York Moors - 2<sup>nd</sup> June to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

TR Register's Inter-Club International Weekend - Three Counties Showground, Malvern. 28<sup>th</sup> June to 30<sup>th</sup> June. See: [Inter-club International weekend invites all British marque clubs \(tr-register.co.uk\)](https://www.tr-register.co.uk/)

# 2024 Calendar of Events



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APRIL	
16/4	<b>Club Night - The Fox &amp; Hounds, Wytheford Road, Shawbury, SY4 4JG</b>
21/4	<b>FBHVC Drive -it -Day. Shropshire Group Run - TBC. Order rally plaques from <a href="http://www.driveitday.co.uk">www.driveitday.co.uk</a></b>
TBA	Spring Motorfest, Chetwynd Deer Park, Newport, Shropshire.
MAY	
4/5	Donington Historic Festival, Castle Donington, Derbyshire. To 5/5
6/5	Llandudno Transport Festival
7/5	TR Tours - Dutch Bulbfields & Texal. To 13/5. See TR Register website
10/5	Ludlow Spring Festival to 12/5
21/5	<b>Club Night - The Fox &amp; Hounds, Wytheford Road, Shawbury, SY4 4JG</b>
TBA	<b>Shropshire Group's May Run</b>
JUNE	
1/6	Classics at the College, Ellesmere College
2/6	<b>Shropshire Group's Spring Tour, North York Moors - until 6/6</b>
12/6	<b>Shropshire Group Run and visit to Aldenham Park</b>
15/6	Le Mans to 16/6
18/6	<b>Club Night - The Fox &amp; Hounds, Wytheford Road, Shawbury, SY4 4JG</b>
23/6	Standard Triumph Picnic - Walton Hall Hotel & Spa, Walton, Wellesbourne, Warwickshire, CV35 9HG. See TR Register website



<u>28/6</u>	TR Register's Inter-Club International Weekend - Three Counties Showground, Malvern. To 30/6. See: <a href="http://tr-register.co.uk">Inter-club International weekend invites all British marque clubs (tr-register.co.uk)</a>
<b>JULY</b>	
14/7	<b>Shrewsbury Classic Car Festival, Longden, Shrewsbury - Club run and stand Details TBA</b>
11/7	Goodwood Festival of Speed to 14/7
14/7	Weston Park Classic Car Show & Autojumble, Weston Park, Shifnal, Shropshire
16/7	<b>Club Night - The Fox &amp; Hounds, Wytheford Road, Shawbury, SY4 4JG</b>
20/7	<b>Classic Nostalgia, Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb, Worcester - to 21/7. Possible Group run on 21/7. Details TBA</b>
21/7	Wem Vehicles of Interest Show, Wem.
26/7	Oulton Park Gold Cup - to 28/7
<b>AUGUST</b>	
17/8	Minsterley Show, Lea Cross, Shrewsbury
20/8	<b>Club Night - The Fox &amp; Hounds, Wytheford Road, Shawbury, SY4 4JG</b>
23/8	<b>Silverstone Festival (formerly Silverstone Classic Weekend), Silverstone - to 25/8.</b>
23/8	Carfest, Basingstoke. To 25/8. See TR Register website
25/8	Shrewsbury Steam Rally, Onslow Park, Shrewsbury
TBA	<b>RAF Shawbury's Families Day - Shropshire Group Display</b>
TBA	<b>Shropshire Group Run</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
1/9	Malvern Classic Car Show & Autojumble, Three Counties Showground, Malvern
6/9	TR Register European Meeting - Switzerland. To 13/9. See TR Register website
6/9	Goodwood Revival to 8/9
8/9	Standard Triumph Gathering - Great British Car Journey, Ambergate, Derbyshire. See TR Register website
13/9	Circuit des Ramparts. Angouleme
17/9	<b>Club Night - The Fox &amp; Hounds, Wytheford Road, Shawbury, SY4 4JG</b>
20/9	Isle-of-Man Festival of Motoring. To 22/9
TBA	Classic & Retro, Trentham Gardens, Stoke-on-Trent
TBA	Classic & Retro, Himley Hall, Dudley
TBA	<b>Shropshire Group Run</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
15/10	<b>Club Night - The Fox &amp; Hounds, Wytheford Road, Shawbury, SY4 4JG</b>
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<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
9/11	Classic Motor Show, NEC, Birmingham - to 11/11. See TR Action 346 page 41 for TR Register members' discount code. TR Register Strand.
19/11	<b>Club Night - The Fox &amp; Hounds, Wytheford Road, Shawbury, SY4 4JG</b>
TBA	<b>Shropshire Group's Autumn Run</b>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
8/12	<b>The Turkey Trot (actual date TBC)</b>
17/12	<b>No Club Night</b>

All events are subject to confirmation and updates will be incorporated into "What's On" which will be published at the start of each month.

# Roger's Ramblings



Well, that's another year almost over and what a year it's been. We have achieved:

- 11 Monthly Meetings
- 12 Group Runs
- 2 Key Shows
- Spring Tour
- RAF Shawbury
- TR@70



North Shropshire is an area of the County of which I know little, so I was grateful to Helen B for arranging a North Shropshire Run. And as for the little train ...

As usual, we rounded off the year with The Turkey Trot. Attingham Park certainly pulled out all the stops for Christmas. The decorations in the house were fantastic. The hard work that the NT had put in extended to the rustic seasonal tableaux in the grounds.

We received a very warm welcome at The Horseshoes Inn in Dorrington for our Christmas meal. The food was excellent. Thank you for your generous donations. We raised £585 for Cancer Research and Prostate Cancer UK.



In addition, many of you have arranged your own runs and attended smaller shows. I have certainly enjoyed this year and I hope that you have too.

Highlights have included Peter receiving a "gong" from Tom Purves, the TR Register Honorary President.



The Spring Tour of Dumfries and Galloway is one that will always be remembered for its location, the hotel, the friendly camaraderie, the countryside



and, of course, the potholes!



It was good to return to the "old" TR International format for TR@70. The 2024 event will see us return to Malvern and I hope that you will find it easier to join us there.

Many thanks to everybody who organised a run and to Peter, Greg, Gordon, Malcolm and Roger for their organisational help.

Finally, thanks to you for being so supportive. It is you who make the club.

All the best for Christmas and the New Year.

Roger



The Black Rock sands are amazing and the ability to drive to the sea unbelievable. Thank you, Greg for organising this run.





# Solo Run to Spa

June 2023 — Anthony 'Grafton' Beddoes



One Tuesday morning early in June wondering what to do, I thought about the Summer Classic coming up at Francorchamps, Spa. After consulting the boss (she had the bags packed before I got the laptop out) I booked my accommodation and Eurotunnel ticket.



The next day I decided that going solo in the TR was a little adventurous so it was left in the garage thus it was the BMW that I took down to Folkestone and the Eurotunnel. However, in my rush to get away I had booked my ticket for the wrong day, I was a day too early. Fair play to the voice at the other end of the intercom she booked me onto a later train that day, at no extra cost. So after a couple of hours delay I found myself just outside Dunkirk at my hotel for the night.



After a good nights' sleep I took off for Spa via a WW2 V2 Bunker site located at Watten, France. If you are into this sort of history it is worth a visit.

The bunker is enormous and was built to assemble, fuel and launch V2 rockets. Following repeated heavy bombing by Allied forces during Operation Crossbow, the Germans were unable to complete the construction works and the complex never entered service.

It was captured by the Allies in September 1944, partially demolished on the orders of Winston Churchill to prevent its reuse as a military base, and then abandoned. After this stop I continued on to my next hotel in Francorchamps which was situated only a few minutes' walk from the circuit.



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Friday was a practice and qualifying day so I ventured off to Bastogne to visit the Bastogne War Museum - a very interesting place. This is where the US 101st Airborne Division held out against the Germans at the Battle of the Bulge. After this visit



I decide on a more scenic route back and what an amazing route that was. I must admit I did stop over at the track for a quick look.

Saturday and Sunday were spent at the track where there was free entry all weekend. What a wonderful place this was. The weekend comprised of great racing with access to all areas including the pits. I got to chat with local fellow TR Register members, some of who were competing. Walking around the paddock I saw many famous faces including Colin Turkington (BTCC Driver) who I was able to chat with. I couldn't have put him off as he won his race!



Monday saw me packing up and heading to Calais for an overnight stay before catching the train home the next morning. On my drive up I took the opportunity to call in at the De

Havilland Museum before finally arriving home.....was I missed, not sure as I was asked when my next adventure would be!







# Black Rock Sands 29th June 2023



Thanks once again to Greg Washington for organising another trip to Black Rock Sands and for the second year running the weather was glorious for this run out and picnic on the beach. For some the temptation to strip off was too much to resist!

As a bonus, Greg organised high resolution photos of everyone's cars one of which was Greg's shown here.





# Shrewsbury Classic Car Festival

9th July 2023—Peter Napier



This year's festival was dedicated to the late Duncan Page with whom I shared my lock up Unit where I keep and maintain my cars. Duncan was a lovely person. He worked all his life in the motor trade including running his own body shop Bellbrook in Shrewsbury.

Latterly, Duncan ran a repair shop and body shop on the Malehurst Industrial Estate, Minsterley, which is where I met him when he worked on my TR4.

Having worked all his life in the motor trade Duncan took up a position working as a teacher at a young person's special school where he taught all things motor trade.

Duncan was perfectly suited to this as he was extremely knowledgeable and very patient and he loved this role. Unfortunately Duncan was diagnosed with oesophagus cancer



Duncan Page

will shortly be available to work on most cars at our Unit but especially Mercs including old ones!

So, to the Festival which continues to grow every year and this year was no exception. Over 350 cars of interest were on display not least of which were a bunch of TRs from our Group and one or two from other groups which we corralled into our section as they entered the show ground.

It was great to see so many Triumphs both with the TR Register and other groups such as the Knighton Car Club.

Next year's show should be as good if not better!



and whilst he underwent radical surgery to remove the cancer unfortunately it spread to his lungs and he succumbed to it earlier this year.

His cheerful persona and his Saturday morning donuts are very greatly missed. We are now down to two. Myself and Julian who is one of the very best Mercedes technicians anywhere in the country and he







# Woodseaves Garden Centre Run

27th July 2023—Peter Napier

Grateful thanks go to Helen Beresford and Ann Hazeldine for organising what turned out to be a great day all round. Cars descended upon the car park at the Two Henry's Pub at Battlefield in Shrewsbury from where we drove the short distances to Moreton Corbet Castle where we had a short stop for a look around the castle, church and the ruins of what was once one of England's finest Elizabethan houses.



Unfortunately for us that house is no longer thanks to Oliver Cromwell and the 17th century Civil War. The house and castle held out for the King and when taken the house and castle were slighted.



Following on from Moreton Corbet the group had a meandering run through the North Shropshire countryside through villages and along narrow country lanes eventually arriving at the Woodseaves Garden Centre and Miniature Railway.

The railway and nursery are owned and run by Jean & Bill Hayward. Jean looks after the nursery side and the Railway is Bill's creation. He has two Engines an 0-4-0 Diesel Sydney & an 0-4-0 Steam Called Jean .





# Westwood House Garden Run

8th August 2023—Peter Napier



The weather was kind to those who took part in this event. The recent rainy weather held off fortunately and there was a good turnout for the visit to this private house and garden followed by a carvery meal at the Punch Bowl.

Thanks go to Alan and Nic Edwards for arranging with the owners to open up their garden for a private visit. And it was well worth it.

The meal afterwards at The Punch Bowl was excellent.





# RAF Shawbury Families Day

10th August 2023—Peter Napier

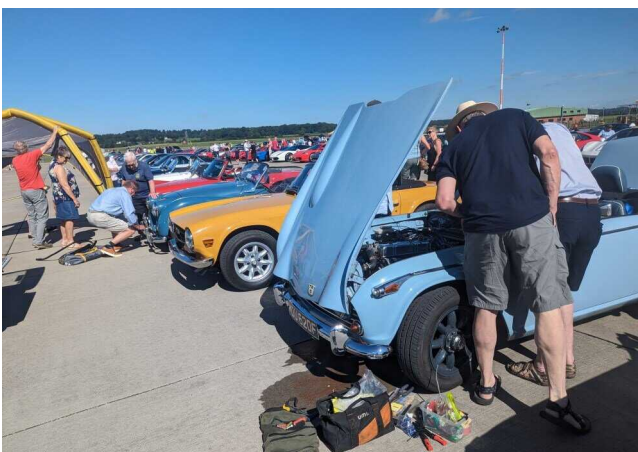


Thanks go to Malcolm Lainsbury for organising another great day for the RAF Families Day. Lots of classic cars and cars of interest on display.

Two completely contrasting acrobatic aero displays featured an extremely loud Typhoon and one completely silent glider. Both swooped high and low and around and around and looped the loop. They were amazing for very different reasons.

The RAF parachute display team jumped from what seemed like very high up and seemed to take ages to descend swirling around and using smoke trails to create patterns in the sky,

Several members came in their TRs and there were Ferraris and Aston Martins galore.





# Two TRs and an MX5 go to Spa

## August 2023 — Anthony 'Grafton' Beddoes



Weds 18<sup>th</sup>

Grafton, Steve and cousin Derek crack on down to Folkstone via a couple of comfort breaks - age dictates this - to catch the Eurotunnel train to Calais where we were due to stay overnight



Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>

Started from Calais in a violent rain and thunder storm to make our way to Malmedy, Spa via La Coupla, a German WW2 military base built for the assembly and firing of V2 rockets destined for London.

Fri 20<sup>th</sup>

Steve took a rest day as Grafton and Derek took off to "December 44 Museum" at La Gleize... well worth the visit even if just to see the 70 tonne German King Tiger tank.

Arriving back at the apartment we had to move the cars for weekly grass cutting. However, Steve's car was not playing ball by refusing to turn over... Jump leads didn't help. Grafton noticed his wasn't sounding happy either which meant more investigation and a lot of head scratching.



Made a temporary fix to Steve's and got that going then looked at Grafton's where they realised the water pump bearing was the cause of the strange noise.



Sat 21<sup>st</sup>

This was the day we all went to the races for Spa Classic Racing to take in the atmosphere, sights and sounds of the track. We had access to most areas to look at the various pits and paddocks. We met other TR Register owners from the London group. I think we all agreed it was a fantastic place.



Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>

We headed out to Bastogne but took time to stop at a memorial for the 84 American soldiers murdered by the SS - sobering thoughts. At Bastogne we visited the Military Museum where the American 101st Air-



borne held the Germans in the Battle of the Bulge.

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>

Another day of heavy showers and sunshine we headed back towards Calais but took in a detour to visit the Battle of Waterloo site. Derek and Grafton have a connection with the battle as their Great Great Grandfather was there. Set off again but infamous water pump was starting



to make a little more noise which as all drivers know is cause for concern but by hook and by crook made it to Calais for another overnight stay.

Tue 24<sup>th</sup>

An early start to catch the Eurotunnel with the water pump sounding no better. Back on home soil we started our journey back to Shropshire stopping several times to check water levels nonetheless we all made it home though the water pump was really moaning and groaning by the end.



However after all was said and done a good time was had by all.