



Wessex News 541

January 2024



Hello Group

Welcome 2024

Hope you all had a good Christmas / New Year period, for me a nice 10 day break in the middle of Winter is always very welcome, but it always goes so quickly. I hope Santa brought you everything you had on your list, he did for Piper, a Porsche GT2 RS in blue (1/18th Scale of course), so that is 2 of her 5 car garage in place, 1 of the remaining 3 is in storage but the other 2 are being a bit elusive, I have found one in Australia and the other in Japan!!!

What a lovely Christmas dinner, nice venue, nice company and for the first time I had a Chauffeur.

Applause to Adrian for after a long absence we had an insert in WOHFTB in TR Action, well done.

The days have now started getting longer, it won't be long before we are out and about. Fortunately, the temperatures have been quite mild, so venturing out in the garage of an evening hasn't been such a wrench, I remember last winter out there in subzero temperatures, so far this year not.

The later part of last year I did a few jobs on KITT before I swap them over, but this fuel gauge!!!! I don't understand electricory!! How is it when the sender (which is out in my hand) makes the gauge read full when it is in the empty position!!! Keith!!!

What I have learnt from this, if you use aftermarket gauges, you need the corresponding aftermarket Tx/sender unit. The Temperature gauge now works fine with the Racetech Temperature Sensor and so does the Fuel gauge.

Fun Run to the Sun 2024

There has been a bit of interest in the idea of this, but!!!

Trying to fit a couple of weeks in is hard work!! Two critical events get in the way namely the FoS (Festival of Speed) and the Revival, compounded by the fact the site I have previously stayed at closes on the 15th September, which seems a bit early.

So. 'Holiday Green' Frejus.

22 June – 5 July From £1600:00 for a Cabin with 2 people.

20 July – 2 August From £2800 that is not an option.

17 August – 30 August From £2400.

Ferry crossing from Pompey to LeHarve.

Outbound on the Thursday night boat with a cabin,

Inbound (would only let me select Thursday) with a cabin

£380:00

2500 miles @ 20 mpg £900

£3700:00

Hotels down and back + Tolls + spending money

Total £5000:00 +

So who is still interested?

5 Update

I have now lifted the body off the chassis again, several reasons, when they fitted the body they pinched the handbrake cables between the body and the chassis, none of the insulation strips were used and were still in the boot in their bags and none of the spacers had been used. Having now had a chance to look underneath again I am now questioning the 10 hours I was charged to underseal it, utter joke. So, it has started getting a little messy with myself sending back a letter to them asking for some sort of compensation, or it will go further.

But to keep my mind off that I have concentrated on the Dash, well Dashes, I seem to have 2!! Now warning to all you wooded dash members out there; they are very fragile now and both mine have seriously started to de-laminate. I have spent quite a bit of time repairing/rebuilding the ply, because a new one is £460:00!!! Switches, because it was never a complete car, I am now having to source the bits that were not there. Wiper/washer switch, I have a washer but not the wiper, and I am not paying £57.60 for it. As mine is LHD it had Hazards as standard, again, an original Hazard switch is £39:00. So one of my dashes for the time being is ready to be re-veneered using none original switches. When the originals turn up at say, an Autojumble etc., and I have a complete set I will swap the dashes over.



Next I will start to layout the wiring loom, as the harness to the dials might need shortening as I think the loom is for a RHD.

Motor Racing Events

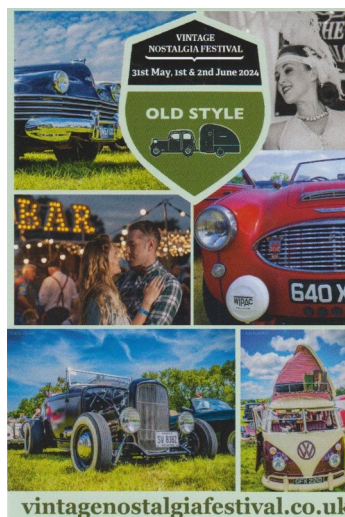
What is happening with motor racing events?? As I mentioned earlier, this years LeMans has already sold out, by the skin of my teeth I managed to purchase my Saturday Festival of Speed tickets before they sold out, but the Revival, I have left it too late for camping, already sold out, so for the time being we are only going on the Saturday at the moment.

Diary Dates

Vintage Nostalgia Festival 1 – 2 June

We did this last year and enjoyed it. Perhaps go again?
Off A36 in between Warminster and Salisbury.

<https://www.vintagenostalgiafestival.co.uk>



TR Register IWE 28 – 30 June

At Malvern this year

[Interclub International Weekend 2024](https://www.interclubweekend.com)
([interclubweekend.com](https://www.interclubweekend.com))

Inter-club International Weekend discounted tickets available now

A JOINT EVENT FOR CLUBS – WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER!

DISCOUNTED EARLY-BIRD TICKETS NOW ON SALE

THE INTER-CLUB INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND
28 - 30 JUNE, 2024
Three Counties Showground, Malvern

ENTER YOUR CLUB DISCOUNT CODE AT:
WWW.INTERCLUBWEEKEND.COM

At last! The Inter-club International Weekend tickets are now on sale. Get £20 off all tickets with the club member's early-bird discount until the end of February.

All you have to do to claim the discount is enter our club code:
TRR197024

Enter this at check out when booking online now via the event website at: www.interclubweekend.com.

Look at all these reasons to join us:

- Over 30 different clubs in attendance with a huge variety of cars, motorcycles and more.
- Celebrity Guests
- Specialist traders
- Autojumble
- Crafts and fashion
- Special displays
- Family Entertainment
- Camping on-site (optional)
- Bar and Live music
- Live-action arena
- Special guests
- Concours D'Elegance
- Show & Shine
- AutoTest & driving displays
- Local Road Tours
- Coach trips to local attractions
- Evening entertainment

All early-bird discounts end on 29th February 2024 - so don't miss out, book today!

Breamore House Sunday 11th August

I am talking to the organizers, more info to come.

[Classic and retro show Breamore House Hampshire - Classic Car Shows UK](https://www.classicshowsuk.co.uk) ([classicshowsuk.co.uk](https://www.classicshowsuk.co.uk))

Event Information For ' Classic and retro show Breamore House Hampshire'

Date: 11 August 2024

Times: 10:00 am to 4 pm

Car Information

Motoring history will be brought to life for all the family to enjoy. Live commentary all day featuring local car clubs and a great selection of truly splendid vehicles on show.

About Classic and retro show Breamore House Hampshire

Set in the beautiful grounds at Breamore House, there will be hundreds of static displays to see, as well as a show arena hosting commentary and awards. Vehicles include saloons, sports, American, commercial, military and classic motorcycles. There will also be a shopping village, great food and drink options and children's entertainment all day



Location: Breamore Country House

Postcode:SP6 2DF

More Diary information at the end of the newsletter

From the Archive



This was an event that was staged for several years at Hurn Court School. I think it was organised by the Austin Healey owners club. It was a lot of fun. If we could find a venue to hold a similar event, please step forward.

And a question: who are the two guys at the autotest in the picture on the left?



Club Skittles Night! 27th February The Black Horse, The Village, West Tytherley, SP5 1NF

Meet at the pub at 18:45 for a 19:00 start.

Raffle

We will be doing a raffle to pay for the room hire, if possible, please can you bring a raffle prize, tickets will be sold for £1 a strip.

Food, per head

Curry and rice, Meat or Veg	£13.50
Chilli and rice	£13.50
Chicken Goujons and chips	£10.50
Sausage and chips	£10.50

Please let Jasper know via email your attendance and choices before the 18th of February. jasper@complete-security.co.uk
Please **pay in full** to The Wessex T.R. Group, account number **40909262**, sort code **20-79-25**, put **SKITTLES** as a reference.

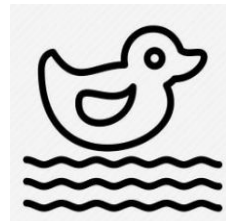


Treasurers Report

At the committee meeting of 9th January 2024 the Treasurers report was discussed. Our thanks to Nigel Jordan for his work in reconciling the books, but he did point out that we all need to follow the instructions accurately when paying for events as it can be tricky to untangle who has paid for what. Our club balance stands at £405.09. There is documentation available to support this.

Duck Race

Neil Winscome is in deep thought about this popular and long-running event, and is considering a different venue and suggests near Ringwood at the end of April (usually have it in March).



Interior Trimming Recommendation

Ian Evans writes: I have just had the interior of my blue MG Twin cam completely restored/refurbished. New carpets and door trim plus both seats rebuilt and refurbished. A superb job and I'm very pleased with the results. So I'm passing this on in case someone might need some interior work done on their TR. The name of the outfit is 'Totally Trimmed' and Katie is the lady to speak to.

The premises are in Throop near Bournemouth, but being converted farm buildings are a little off the beaten track, but don't let that put you off! Katie takes pride in her work and no job is too small. I can't recommend her highly enough. So if you think she can help, give her a ring at 07900892362 and mention my name by all means.

January Club Night - TR2 to Sicily

On January 23rd Mike Eatough will give a talk on taking his TR2 to Sicily - and Back! This promises to be very interesting, and Mike has also written an article which might well be published in TR Action in due course.



Club Run - 10th March

Our first club run of the 2024 season is to the Northbrook Arms, East Stratton, SO21 3DU for Sunday lunch, 10th March. Meet at Ower Services 10:30 for a 10:45 departure, lunch is booked for 12:00. Jasper

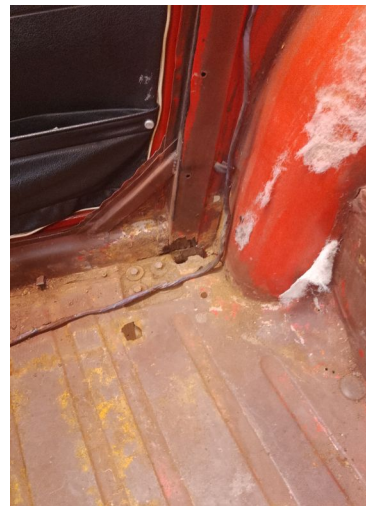


TR4 rebuild – update. Or, so far so good ...



I have been pressing on with the deconstruction of my '4. To recap, it was taken off the road because the gearbox layshaft bearings have failed plus the top of the rear wings were held on by rust. With Julian's excellent guidance and help I have removed the seats and carpets, boot and bonnet, and wings. This has revealed more rust and holes where there should be metal notably the base of the A and B posts, and the sills hidden behind the front wings. There are a few other areas, but on the whole it isn't too bad. I was worried that the notorious "plenum chamber" drain system, where water from the scuttle drains into a closed box behind the front wings might be a problem, but its fine. All floors and tub elsewhere is ok.

It is an ex-USA car, converted to RHD 30 years ago by our own Joe Vella, but I think the US dealership applied a bitumen-like underseal to the wings. And did a great job as it has protected those areas – but obviously couldn't get between the top join between the rear wings and the body, hence it rusted there. I am having a slow battle to get the stuff off, as the Forum (a great resource) suggested using white spirit to soften it then a heat gun. I have booked in a mobile welder who has a lot of experience in car body work so that should sort the rusty bits. My thanks also to Neil who lent me a jack so I have raised the car up high on axle stands with 2x4 blocks sandwiched between stands and body.



Before Christmas I visited Steve and Francis Wolf, Steve being ex-Wessex and now based near Paris but over here for the festive season. As ever they travelled in SEL, their pink TR2. SEL behaves well generally but on the trip over it developed an exhaust leak where the manifold joins the exhaust. Steve was able to buy and use "Gun Gum", that old exhaust sealer product. This amazed me as I thought the demand for such things ended by 1980. But no problem, the leak was fixed and SEL safely negotiated storm Henk back to France.

More '4 news in the next instalment – I hope! Adrian

Tool Aid, Ringwood

There is a local charity that will take old tools and I wondered if Wessex TR members might want to have a sort-out of their stuff? Hence, please bring any unwanted tools along to club night and I will collect and pass them on. Adrian

WhatsApp <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Crmu6QvABgF2ogO63KkOjp>

This continues to be well used and, as ever, we encourage you to join. Follow this link and Jasper will accept you to the group.



Classifieds - Please submit any For Sale or Wanted items to the Editor.

TR7 fuel sender unit – Never raced or rallied.
Used TR6 radiator. Fully serviceable. Offers.

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Diary

Club Night: 4th Tuesday of Month

Club Runs: Normally 2nd Sunday of month, February through October, 9 runs

January Club Night	23 rd January (5 Tuesdays in January) – Mike Eatough on taking his TR2 to Sicily
February Club Night	27 th February - Skittles Night! See description in this newsletter. Please pay as directed. The Black Horse, The Village, West Tytherley, SP5 1NF
March Club Run	10 th March - Northbrook Arms, East Stratton, SO21 3DU Meet Ower Services 10:30 for a 10:45 departure, lunch is booked for 12:00. See description in this newsletter, Jasper
March Club Night	26 th March – Quiz night, Neil
April Club Night	23 rd April (5 Tuesdays in April) - Natter 'n' Noggin
April Club Run	Duck Race, date tbc
May Club Run	12 th May - Test Valley, Richard
May Club Night	28 th May - Invite the Stags, possible venue change , tbc
Vintage Nostalgia Festival	1 – 2 June, tbc
June Club Run	9 th June - Museum, Keith
June Club Night	25 th June - Pride of Ownership, tbc
TR International 2024	28-30 th June, Malvern
July Club Run	Sunday 7th Gurston Down (Sunday 14th Festival of Speed)
July Club Night	?23 rd July (5 Tuesdays in July) - Invitation Clubnight, possible venue/date change , tbc
August Club Run	11 th August - Breamore House, Neil (tbc). See description in this newsletter.
September Club Run	September 8 th – Pub Run, Jasper
December	Christmas Dinner 2024

Other events

Gurston Down 2024 Event Dates

- Sunday 7th April 2024
- Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th April 2024
- Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th May 2024 – British Hillclimb Championship
- Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th June 2024
- Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th July 2024 – The Tony Marsh Memorial Weekend
- Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th August 2024
- Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th August 2024

Castle Coombe

[Castle Combe Race Circuit \(castlecombecircuit.co.uk\)](http://castlecombecircuit.co.uk)

Why not come and Join us on the Committee? Have you got a run of your own, or know of a destination you would like us to explore? Have you got any interesting TR stories, or photographs you would like to share? Perhaps your story could feature in our next Newsletter, or one of your photos in the next calendar, send them in! Share your technical information and your mechanical know-how. We're always looking for new people to join the committee to bring new ideas, so why not give it a go — you might enjoy it!

Come and have a chat at Club Night, or drop Neil an e-mail if you'd like to know a little more.

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