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Racing Spitfire taken at Mallory Park August 1988

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New Wembley Classic Car Show Success

The Christmas gamble of a London Classic Car Show paid off with our stand being packed for the best part of the weekend. On reflection, the show, held on 3/4th December, was possibly the best I have attended.

The two hall system seemed to work well, with a very high standard of cars on show and an excellent entry for the Auction (prices, I believe, were still moving upwards). All the club stands were well laid out, many with a Christmas theme. The Zodiac and Zephyr Club justifiably won with a 1960 bombsite scene with all the spiv trimmings, including a speedo and electric drill - offering rewound speedos. The only disappointment at the show was the lack of Autojumble. I fear this is a trend for all indoor shows. It's now quite rare to see Triumph spares sold at these shows.

As we deadlined early this month (due to even tighter print deadlines for Christmas), there is no separate News Review, just a bigger Courier - now 76 pages. This new size magazine will continue throughout 1989, with the separate publication of the 24 page review from February.

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Lombard

20th-24th November 1988 "A RALLY TO REMEMBER"

There's no doubt in my mind that this year's Lombard RAC Rally was one of the best for many a long year. A truly "classic" event! The superb weather (sun, snow and ice), no less than 15 A seeded drivers including such names as Blomqvist, Vatanen, Mikkola, Alen, Waldegaard and Kankkunnen, and a superb mix of machinery made it a rally to remember.

From the very first day I knew we were in for something special. The Historic Rally Car Register had organised the Mike Spence Historic Rally to take place at Weston Park before the Lombard RAC Rally drivers arrived. Over 40 cars were entered including:

Jaguar XK 120 Aston Martin DB4 Austin Healey 3000 (2) Alpine Renault Mini Cooper S (2) Lancia Fulvia Lotus Cortina (2) Jowett Jupiter

Amongst this fine bevy of classics were the following Triumphs:

TR3 Dolomite Sprint 2.5 PI MkI 2.5 PI MkII GT6 MkII Vitesse 2 litre Mkl Saloon



The whole event was great to watch, with the cars being driven with considerable verve and expertise. They took them through the full blown water splash or were they just emptying it before the rally arrived to avoid last year's fiasco?

But it was the actual results that made it so exciting. John and Allison Woolley in their flying Vitesse managed to be quickest overall on 2 out of the 3 legs and took the overall outright prize. What a superb performance which is reflected in the following extracts from the results.

CAR Vitesse Fulvia Sprite Dolly 2.5 PI TR3 GT6	OVERALL POSITION 1st 2nd 3rd 6th 21st 28th 30th	TIME 6.35 minutes 6.43 minutes 6.56 minutes 7.01 minutes 7.24 minutes 7.50 minutes	The Lombard RAC Rally itself was also amazingly competitive with Lancia, Mazda and Toyota all taking turns at the lead. Even the last day had three different leaders Kankkunen, then Mikkola and finally Alen. Markku Alen in the all conquering Lancia, finally took his first outright win of the rally after trying for no less than 15 years.
TR3	28th	7.44 minutes	

B cars from last years rally looked as though the era of spine chilling speed and excitement had gone. In addition Lancia doing what Maclaren had done to the Grand Prix Championship, the prospects on paper did not look that good. But the weather changed all that. The incredibly slippery conditions levelled out any advantage Lancia might have had and turned it into the rally of a hundred spins!

This year my father and I visited stages in Mid and North Wales, Scottish Border Country, Hamsterly forest and Wykeham Yorkshire. In Northumberland the snow was around 6 inches deep and caused all sorts of spectafor problems, particularly getting cars into and out of forest stages. It certainly proved to me that front wheel drive cars aren't as good on traction as they are cracked up to be. My rear wheel Carlton on the other hand, did very well indeed.

The spectators made the most of the snow, firing snow balls at press men and in Raw Hill stage made two life size snow persons (well endowed male and female) to greet competing rally drivers as they rounded a left hand bend! It must have been quite a shock for them!

It was nice to see, as usual, a few TSSC members braving the elements (saw a Spitfire in Northumberland pulling out of a service station, Tim).

But what of some of the results?

- Well good old Skoda who seem to be the brunt of endless jokes these days, certainly had the last word on this rally. They took their 16th class win, finished 16th overall and finished nearly 20 mins. ahead of Harry Hockly's Vauxhall Nova!
- The 47 year old, good humoured, Derek Bell, who is definitely more at home in a Le Mans racer, managed to complete the rally in his Vauxhall Astra, on only his second attempt, finishing 29th.
- The German Champion, Armin Schwarz in a privately entered Audi 200 Quattro, did amazingly well to finish 5th.
- The interesting Mitsubishi Galant driven by Ari Vatanen never really got it's act together. This 4 wheel drive, 4 wheel steer car, produced 290 PS but had problem after problem and finally went out with engine failure. The driveshafts on it are made from a new material known as CFRP which is plastic reinforced with glass fibre!
- Per Eklund literally buzzed along in the little Nissan March Turbo. With less than 1000cc he still managed to finish 21st.
- The star of the rally was Alen, who pushed his Lancia to the limit, right up until the end. Even on the last stage when he had a very comfortable lead, he still took fastest time. For such a spirited drive, he deserved to win.

TOP TEN POSITIONS:

1	Alen	Lancia Delta
2	Salonen	Mazda 323
3	Waldegard	Toyato Celica
4	Airikkala	Lancia Delta
5	Schwarz	Audi 200 Quattro
6	Blomqvist	Ford Sierra RS Coswor
7	Sainz	Ford Sierra RS Coswor
8	Walfridson	Audi 80 Quattro
9	Jonsson	Opel Kadett GSi
10	Grundel	Peugeott 309 GTi

P.S. Well done to the BBC for such good TV coverage.

Roll on next year!

VITESSE MAKES PROGRESS

My Vitesse, DVT 784J, is making real progress. The first weekend in December I paid a visit to SW Classics, Totnes, to see how the repair/restoration work was progressing. Stan has finished the chassis and has made real headway with the body panels. The chassis and suspension look superbind are a real credit to all the staff. By the time you read this, it will probably be finished and back home! I can't wait.

A very Happy New Year to you all.

MFWS



If you have any news of which may help and inform members or snippets of information send them in marked news review.

AGM 1989

Further to my note concerning the 1989 AGM, could everyone please note that the AGM is to be held in March rather than February as previously stated. Members interested in submitting applications to become Club Officers or items for the Agenda have, therefore, a few more weeks to do so. Full details in February's Courier.

NEW FACES

Following on from November's Courier, I'm pleased to announce that the Club has now filled the positions of 6-Cylinder Technical Secretary and Vitesse 1600/2-Litre Register Secretary. Best wishes to Peter and John whose addresses for correspondence are given in the usual place at the end of The Courier.

At the same time, I have to report that, due to ever reducing free time, Barry Thurgood, our GT6 Register Secretary, is having to stand down so if anyone is interested in this important post, I'd be happy for you to contact me. On behalf of everyone, I'd like to thank Barry for his hard work as GT6 Register Secretary. including his often very entertaining columns and comments produced in The Courier over a number of years.

Best Regards and a Happy New Year

Peter Williams General Secretary

CHILDREN IN NEED

Would all members and Areas please note that the final date for acceptance of donations into the TSSC account is JANUARY 31ST. 1989. We will be presenting the proceeds to the BBC in early February.

Sadly, it seems that we are going to fall well

short of our target of £5,000 - at present £2,000 looks like a more realistic figure. The response from individual members has been especially disappointing, remembering that a mere 50p from each member would have easily reached our target. However, there are still a few weeks left to send in your donation to push us nearer our target. Remember that some of our rival clubs have gained much valuable publicity and new members from their charity 'bashes'.

I would like to thank ALL members and groups who have put much time and effort into raising money for the appeal - to single out any one would be unfair to the others. Organising the appeal has been a mammoth task; the first steps were taken at the end of January 1988 and I will not be able to take this on again in 1989. However, if any individuals or Areas wish to repeat the appeal this year. I have all the necessary details and contacts to hand. Please write to me ENCLOSING AN SAE.

Once again, many thanks to those who have helped with the appeal.

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The Road Traffic (Production of Documents) Act,

This Act came into force on 16th September, 1985. It extends the period for the production at a Police Station of:

- a) Driving Licences;
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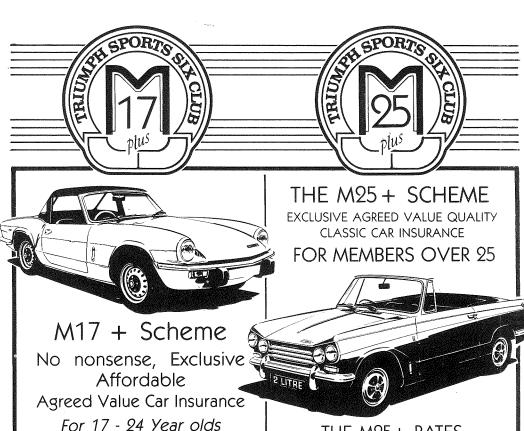
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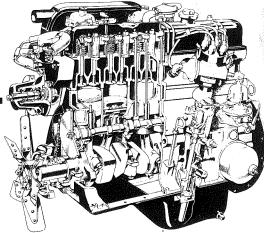
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Brake drum attachment screw all	
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Lower trunnion HT bolt/nyloc all	
Front wishbone pivot HT bolt/nyloc all	30p
Split pin for front stub axle all	4p
Nyloc nut for rear of front stub axle Herald, Spit	
Nyloc nut for rear of front stub axle Vitesse, GT6	30p
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BODY NUMBERS - 948 HERALDS

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The body number is to be found on a plate on the right hand (UK offside, driver, carb. side) of the front bulkhead (Fig. 2). The body number is useful evidence of the age of the car, in cases where the commission plate is missing and of the authenticity of the car when commission plates have been "exchanged" or lost.

I do not have a very complete commission record of number/body number correlations. Those that I do have are listed in Table 1 (saloons) and Table (coupes/convertibles). The reason for the change GC - GT for saloons, YC - YT for coupes in 1960/1961 is not clear; does anyone have any clues?

Overseas cars may have different codes, especially if "bolted together" manufactured overseas.



Fig. 1. Commission Number Plate (948 & 1200 Mkl Cars)

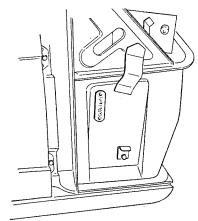


Fig. 2. Location of Body Number Plate (All Heralds)

TABLE 1 948 SALOONS - COMMISSION AND BODY NUMBERS (TSSC REGISTER 12/88)

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SINGLE CARB			TWIN CARB	
Commission No	Body No	Year	Commission No	Body No
G9962	GC4569	1959	GY1110	GC15868
G12791	GC8211	1960	GY4883	GC37210
G21631	GC15798		GY4892	GC37867
G24402	GC17613		GY6292	GC43263
G24952	GC18080	1961	(GY10184)	?
G25077	GC18256			
G36649	GC29951		HERALD 'S'	
G39821	GC32418	Year	Commission No	Body No
G41268	GC35297	1961	G61020SP	GT525SP
G46405	GC40687		G61211SP	GT1138SP
G50389	GC44519		G63016SP	GT2103SP
G51677	GC46682		G63148SP	GT2250SP
G54947	GC46981		G63646SP	GT2809SP
G59949	GT3428		G63821SP	GT3064SP
(G60024)	?		G68021SP	GT5868SP
` '			G68103SP	GT5900SP
		1962	(G68646SP)	?
	G9962 G12791 G21631 G24402 G24952 G25077 G36649 G39821 G41268 G46405 G50389 G51677 G54947	Commission No Body No G9962 GC4569 G12791 GC8211 G21631 GC15798 G24402 GC17613 G24952 GC18080 G25077 GC18256 G36649 GC29951 G39821 GC32418 G41268 GC35297 G46405 GC40687 G50389 GC44519 G51677 GC46682 G54947 GC46981 G59949 GT3428	Commission No Body No Year G9962 GC4569 1959 G12791 GC8211 1960 G21631 GC15798 1960 G24402 GC17613 1961 G25077 GC18256 1961 G36649 GC29951 1961 G39821 GC32418 Year G41268 GC35297 1961 G46405 GC40687 G50389 GC44519 G51677 GC46682 G54947 GC46981 G59949 GT3428 (G60024) ?	Commission No Body No Year Commission No G9962 GC4569 1959 GY1110 G12791 GC8211 1960 GY4883 G21631 GC15798 GY4892 G24402 GC17613 GY6292 G24952 GC18080 1961 (GY10184) G25077 GC18256 G36649 GC29951 HERALD 'S' G39821 GC32418 Year Commission No G41268 GC35297 1961 G61020SP G46405 GC40687 G61211SP G50389 GC44519 G63016SP G51677 GC46682 G63148SP G54947 GC46981 G63646SP G59949 GT3428 G63821SP (G60024) ? G68021SP G68103SP

('Year' is years of production, not first registration)

TABLE 2 948 COUPES AND CONVERTIBLES - COMMISSION AND BODY NUMBERS (TSSC REGISTER 12/88)

	COUPE			CONVERTIBLE	
Year	Commission No	Body No	Year	Commission No	Body No
1959	Y128	Y142?	1960	Y6360 LCV	R40?
1960	Y9886	YC2466		Y15294 CV	RT352
	Y10371	YC2792		Y16170 CV	RT575
	Y12549	YC3447		Y16588 CV	RT?98
	Y12663	YC3534		Y16885 CV	RT812
	Y16165	YC5225		Y16937 CV	RT 825
	Y19092L	YT128		Y17060CV	RT 887
	Y19767	Y287		Y19851 CV	RT 2200
1961	Y22688	YT740	1961	(Y22096 CV)	(?)

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Trevor Collett

Jackie has recently produced our second baby, so just a few lines this month from this bleary-eyed register secretary. (Can I get 2 child seats in the back of the Moss?!).

There have been some changes in the Triumph based kit car world recently. Two established models have changed their addresses. The Burlington Arrow and Beretta are now available from: Burlington Design Group, Dept. TC, P.O.Box 134, Northampton, NN5 5AD.



Burlingtons at Sandown, August 1988

Vincent Hurricane fans must contact: Fibretech (GRP) Ltd., Unit V, Willments Ind. Est., Hazel Road, Woolston, Southampton, SO2 7HS. Both companies require £1.50 for a brochure.

These two kits have both gained a good reputation and a sizeable following since their first appearance, however the similarity ends there. The Burlington starts life as a set of plans which means that the budding owner can get started without bothering the bank manager. This doesn't mean that an Arrow or Beretta can be built for nothing but you do not need a large amount of cash up front and the inevitable payments can be spread out. This method of construction also allows the builder to determine not only the details of the finished article but to some extent the overall shape.

The Hurricane, on the other hand, requires the purchase at some stage of a rather expensive piece of glass reinforced plastic. This transaction might prove difficult to hide. Although the cost of building this particular kit seems to work out higher than some I get the impression that resale values are also higher.

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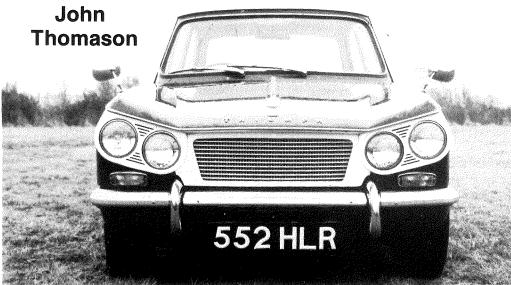
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TESSE 1600/Mkl REGISTER



As this is my first report as the new Vitesse 1600/Mkl Register Secretary, it is probably a good idea to introduce myself before getting down to the 'nitty gritty' next month.

I am a Chartered Engineeer with a MSc in vehicle design and design military vehicles for a living. I joined the Club in 1981 when I bought my first Club car, a 1975 Spitfire 1500. A year later a major transplant operation was performed on it when a GT6 engine, gearbox and suspension were fitted. The installation has been refined over the years and following a 2 year nut and bolt rebuild, it appeared at Peterborough and Leicestershire shows last year. Perhaps you saw it, a B.R.G. Spitfire with gold 2.5 engine, 13/4" carbs and Herald air filters!

The workhorse of the family is a Gunmetal Herald 13/60 estate, which carries just about everything but is still in A1 condition.

As a result of the enthusiasm generated by the Club and recognising that the Vitesse 1600 would soon become a true classic car, I purchased a red/white 1963 Vitesse 1600 saloon. The car had been standing derelict for a year and was in a pretty sorry state but was obtained for £75, complete with an ants nest in the sound deadening material around the footwells. Although the chassis was severely rotten, the body suffered only from superficial rust. Perhaps someone in the Club will recognise it, since it displayed a 1982/83 TSSC windscreen sticker when I purchased the car.

A major restoration was undertaken to restore the car to her original former glory. The car is now used as my everyday transport, attracting many admiring glances and favourable comments from other road users. It is amazing the number of people you meet that have owned a Vitesse at some stage.

As a result of the rebuild, I have an intimate knowledge of the Vitesse and hope to offer practical and technical advice to fellow owners over the coming months. So if you have a query or can offer useful information that can be passed on to other members, do not hesitate to contact me.

It is my intention to head each month's article with a photograph of a member's 1600 or MkI

Vitesse. So if you have any good or interesting photos of your car that you would like to appear in The Courier, send them along to me, otherwise you will have to put up with a picture of my car each month!'

Imponderable Feature

Each month I hope to offer an imponderable idea, serious or not, for contemplation by the members. For example, what stops the rear hub housing being pressed all the way along the halfshaft to the UJ yoke? And what keeps it in position when on the car? Perhaps the stone ground?

Winter Titbit

For those of you with separate radiator header tanks, do not top-up with water, otherwise the anti-freeze concentration in the header tank, being out of the main circulation, can become diluted, leading to freezing and split seams in the header tank.

Finally, on behalf of the Register, I should like to thank Martin Brown for his efforts over the years as the previous Vitesse Register Secretay.

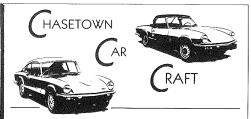
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The Vitesse MkII doesn't have much history as far as racing/rallying goes the Works having had its best years before the MkII came along, mostly with the early Spitfires and Heralds in racing and rallying respectively. It, therefore, follows that there weren't too many MkII's with any 'Works' history.

I am listing all the official road test/advertising cars used by Leyland that are known to me. Any additions would be much appreciated.

MWK 663G - SALOON

Page 148 Robson's book and page 20 Motor October 19th 1968 and Leyland Porter/Williams book

MWK 664G - SALOON

Motor March 15th 1969 and page 151 Robson's book

MWK 666F - SALOON

Autocar August 7th 1969

MWK 667G - CONVERTIBLE Motoring Life 1969 and page 150 Robson's book

MWK 668G - CONVERTIBLE

sales brochure

MWK 992G* - SALOON Levland sales brochure

MRW 994G - CONVERTIBLE Leyland sales brochure

*This car appears twice in the same sales brochure in different colours!

In the last Register Up-Date compiled by Martin Brown in the March 1986 Courier, the only two cars accounted for as having survived were MWF 664G and MWK 667G. Can any of you account for any of the missing cars?



As you can see from the photograph, the earliest MkIIs were fitted with slotted headlight surrounds. The change to the more familiar, plain surround took place early in production in 1968 but I do not know the commission number when this took place.

RADIATORS:

One of the many things to require attention on my own MkII in the weeks preceeding the Peterborough International last year was an overheating problem, for which I had to get my radiator re-cored in a hurry.

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Happy New Year Everybody

A misprint in chassis numbers means that the earliest MkIII registed in the Club is FD 1641L, owned by a gentleman in Belgium. The next one and earliest here, is FD2105, owned by a gentlemen in Checkendon, Berkshire. The latest MkIII I have on my records is FD 93529, owned by a gentleman in Greenwich, London. Altogether there are 346 MkIII Spitfires on the Register out of the 65,320 built.

I have had a letter from Graham Cheetham who is Registrar and Chairman of the Triumph Sports Car Club of South Africa. In last August's Courier I said that I had no Spitfires from Africa on the Register. This was because, in a previous Courier there was a misprint which said that 50% of Spitfires were exported to N. Africa - this should have read exported to N. America!

Anyway, Graham who is also a TSSC member, has kindly sent me copies of the Spitfire 4 and Spitfire 4 MkII (MkIII to follow) Register of the TSSC of South Africa.

There are 49 4's on the Register - 10 more than ours! And 30 MkII's. Most of these cars were assembled by Motor Assemblies in Durban from CKD kits. About 740 4's and 270 MkII's were assembled which means 6.8% of 4's and 11.1% of MkII's are registered. Thanks, Graham, for all this information.

If the following are still members of the TSSC, I would be extremely grateful if you would contact me as your cars are all unregistered due to various omissions on the I.V.R. Form - the chassis number in every case.

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Spitfire 4:			MkIII:		
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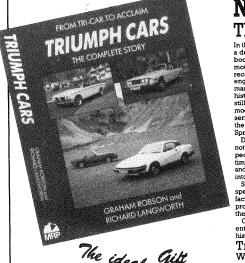
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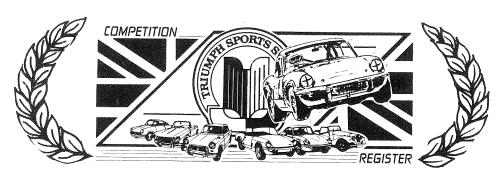
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RACE REGULATIONS 1989

Tony Lindsay- Dean

After noting various opinions from this years participating drivers concerning our regulations, certain amendments seem necessary to improve the number per class and equality within classes. This years racing has dispelled a myth regarding performance and handling between 4 and 6 cylinder cars. On an average basis there seems to be little difference between Spitfires and say GT6's in classes. So after taking into account all the drivers' wishes, I would like to propose the following changes:

1. Classes:

Instead of the present 4 main classes and specials i.e. standard 4 & 6 and modified 4 & 6, I propose that we adopt a 3 class system similar to the TR Register. This will allow for equal opportunity for standard cars and closer competition within classes.

Class 1 - Standard cars 4 and 6 cylinder

Road registered, taxed and tested. Full trim, carpets optional, rear seat optional if rollover bars interfere with fitting. Engines of standard appearance. Possible fitment of extractor exhaust manifold but with standard size carbs.

Wheels max 6J, 60 series tyres. Shockers and springs free, brake pads and shoes free.

Class 2 - Road modified cars 4 and 6 cylinder

Road registered, taxed and tested. Full trim, carpets optional, rear seat optional if rollover bars interfere with fitting. Engine modifications free. No MkII suspension conversions. Max 6J wheels and 60 series tyres. Shockers and springs free, brakes may be modified.

Class 3 - Fully modified cars 4 and 6 cylinder

Road registered and tested. Removal of trim allowed, dash and surround to remain. Engines free. LSD and BIAS diffs allowed. Wheel size free, tyres - 50 series allowed. Suspension conversions, i.e. MkII on Spitfire allowed. Transverse spring to remain even if token strength. Rear discs allowed. Shockers, springs, brakes free.

2. Basic guidelines for the above classes:

Engine, gearbox, diff - original castings and positions. No major flared arches. Road tyres Blue Book list 1. Car must look recognisable. Glass, bonnets, boots, sills, hardtops allowed in all classes. Car should be in a good mechanical and structural condition and be of good appearance.

3. Special class:

Any car built on a Triumph based chassis, running a Triumph engine. Engine mods free, brakes free, transmission free. Tyres Blue Book list 1 only.

Points:

All classes get equal opportunity of scoring points irrespective of numbers. Winner in class 6 pts: 2nd 4 pts: 3rd 3 pts: 4th 2 pts: 5th and all others 1 pt. However, bonus points are available for classes with more than 3 starters where the driver achieving fastest lap obtains 1 pt. Also when a driver establishes or sets a new lap record will gain a bonus pont irrespective of the number of starters.

TSSC RACE CHAMPIONSHIP 1988

RESULTS ROUND 8

1st	66	T Lindsey-Dean	Mod 6 cyl.	Best Lap 55:70
2nd	7	Peter Cranwell	Mod 6 cyl.	Best Lap 57:10
3rd	68	lan Nash	Mod 6 cyl.	Best Lap 55:60
4th	3	Edward Wilkins	Mod 4 cyl.	Best Lap 58:70
5th	22	Stefan Antolik	Std 4 cyl.	Best Lap 1:00:3
6th	11	Chris Smith	Mod 4 cyl.	Best Lap 1:00:5
7th	38	Kevin Ginger	Special	Best Lap 54:10
8th	17	Peter Cann	Mod 4 cyl.	Best Lap 1:03:1
8th	23	Paul Martin	Std 6 cyl.	Best Lap 1:02:8

Conditions: cloud and rain, very wet.

RESULTS ROUND 9

1st	38	Kevin Ginger	Special	Best Lap 50:20*
2nd	66	T Lindsey-Dean	Mod 6 cyl.	Best Lap 50:90*
3rd	7	Peter Cranwell	Mod 6 cyl.	Best Lap 52:70
4th	3	Edward Wilkins	Mod 4 cyl.	Best Lap 53:30
5th	22	Stefan Antolik	Std 4 cyl.	Best Lap 57:50
6th	45	Lawrence Ball	Std 6 cyl.	Best Lap 59:20*
7th	11	Chris Smith	Mod 4 cyl.	Best Lap 53:90

Retirements: 68 Ian Nash Mod 6 cyl.

Non Starters: 10 Dave Lancaster - Mod 6 cyl.

23 Paul Martin - Std 6 cvl.

24 Duncan Taylor - Mod 4 cyl.

*Denotes new lap record.

Conditions: cloudy and dry.

CONGRATULATIONS

OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP WINNER: EDWARD WILKINS

CLASS WINNERS:

T LINDSEY-DEAN

33 POINTS

C SMITH

31 POINTS

S ANTOLIK

28 POINTS

SPECIAL CLASS WINNER:

K GINGER

21 POINTS



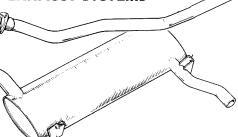


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CAROLINE: SOULFUL HERALD

I bought 5815 VU in April, after a seemingly endless hunt for a suitable car in the Manchester area. The car cost me £700, and wasn't particularly cheap, although it did have a cherished plate, a good looking body (provided, of course, you didn't look too closely!), and an excellent engine. The drawbacks included: an awfully worn and noisy gearbox and a range of holes, of varying sizes, in all of the usual places. The main appeals of the car were: the classic 60s styling, two-tone paintwork, and a matching interior. She was named Caroline, after the pirate radio station of the era.

am a student in Birmingham, and so Caroline was patched-up and returned with me at the beginning of the next term. Having been built in Coventry in '64, it seemed only right that only "period" sounds should be played in the car, and so, with the guidance and encouragement of a Sixties enthusiast called Ed. (andother student, with whom, amongst others, I share a house in Birmingham) Caroline was introduced to Tamla-Motown - "the big sound of Detroit".

Early Sixties soul music is so full of life, it glovebox! (but a large selection of "soulful" really makes you glad to be alive and cheered | tapes more than compensated for this!). me up on even the most miserable, dark, wet, | Certain firm favourite soul tracks were Birmingham mornings. Being students, and consequently not having much money, the Caroline Top 10. car "in-sound system" consisted of a Walkman with two small speakers in the hiccups however; a broken starter motor, a

established, and these are listed below in the

Life with Caroline was not without it's

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blow-out, seized nuts and bolts all joys of owning an old car! 95% of the time, however, it was really enjoyable. Following our exams in May, the weather became uncharacteristically hot and sunny for England and Caroline provided us with days out in Stratford-upon-Avon and around Birmingham.

I joined the Club essentially to get cheaper insurance but was too young to qualify. However, both Ed. and I enjoy The Courier simply because it's usually full of articles by likeminded enthsiasts. A particular issue springs to mind (No. 96), which contained a nice article about the renovation of a Vitesse 6, but also featured a customised Vitesse - what sacrilege! Neither of us could believe it - surely if you want a boy-racer, an XR3i would have been a better buy! We, like many other Club members I would drop us a line at 19 Croome Close, Sparkhill,

Vitesses look better as Mr Michelotti originally intended them and if you want extras there are plenty of "period" ones available - but I guess then again, we're not out to "pull the birds" like some!

Sadly, I'm to part company with Caroline she's for sale, having just undergone a bodyoff chassis rebuild, carried out by my very capable and very long suffering dad (aided and abetted by yours truly!), and has been fitted with a new gearbox, so no holes and no noise anymore! She's going to make way for a new car - a Herald 1200 convertible, of 1965 vintage, already named Martha, after Martha Reeves and the Vandellas, so rest assured, the soul will go on! Anyway, we'd both like to extend the arm of friendship to fellow soul-mates in the Club; think, are of the opinion that Heralds and Birmingham - stay sharp and keep the faith!

Soul-Agents, Ed and Jim



TAMLA-MOTOWN: TOP TEN

- 1. Get Ready Temptations 1966
- 2. Heatwave Martha Reeves and the Vandellas 1963
- 3. Money Barrett Strong
- 4. Livewire Martha Reeves and the Vandellas
- 5. First I Look at the Purse The Contours
- 6. Can I Get a Witness Marvin Gaye
- 7. I Second That Emotion Smokey Robinson & the Miracles
- 8. Needle in a Haystack/He Was Really Saying Something - Velvelettes
- 9. Ain't Too Proud to Beg Temptations
- 10. Reaching For Something I Can't Have The Marvelettes

CAROLINE - SOUL TOP TEN:

- 1. Rescue Me Fontella Bass (CHECKER 1965)
- 2. Summertime Billy Stewart (CHESS 1966)
- 3. Beauty Is Just Skin Deep The Sweethearts (KENT MODERN 1967)
- 4. Soulful Dress Sugarpie Dessanto (KENT MODERN/CHECKER 1964)
- 5. Since I Found You Maxine Brown (KENT MODERN 1963)
- 6. Soul Limbo Booker T and the MG's (STAX 1968)
- 7. Private Number Judy Clay & William Bell (STAX 1968)
- 8. Move On Up Curtiss Mayfield
- 9. Big Bird Eddie Floydd (STAX)
- 10. Before It's Too late Jackie Day (KENT MODERN 1967)

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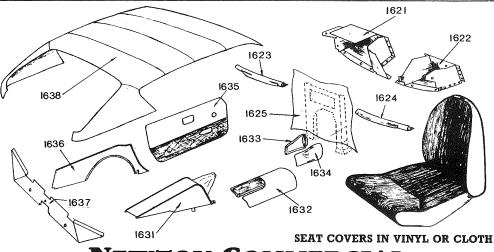
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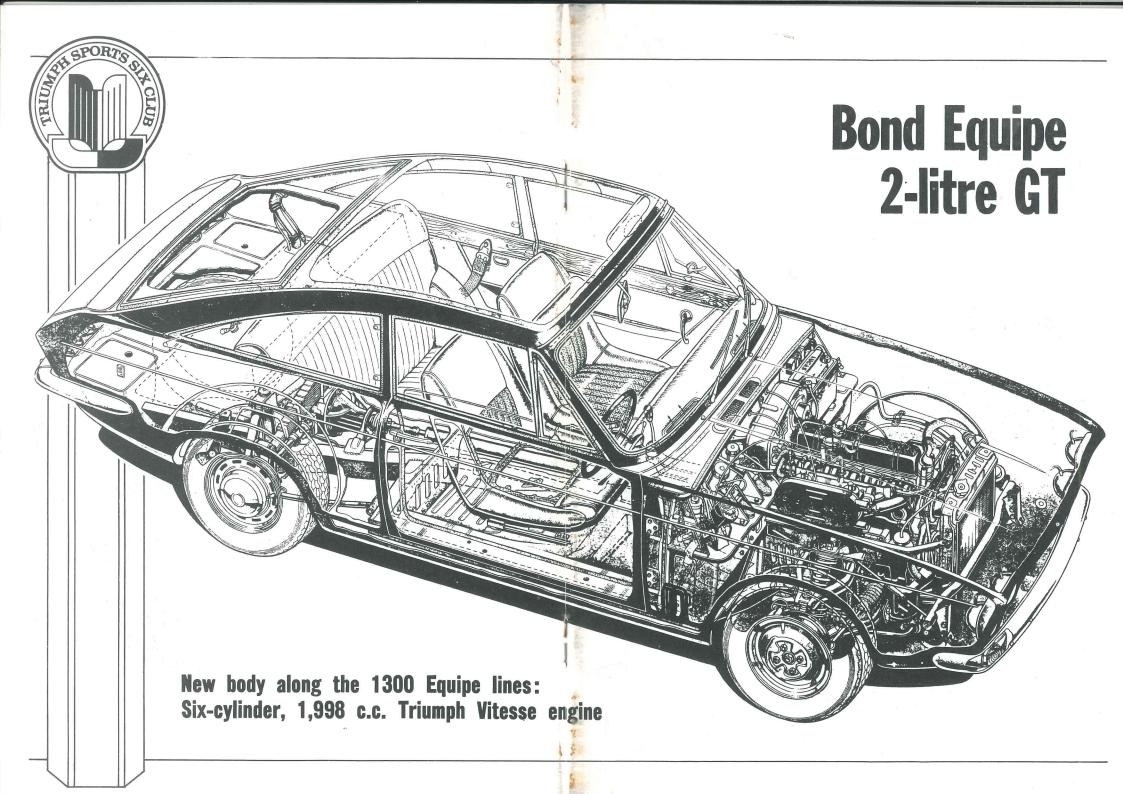
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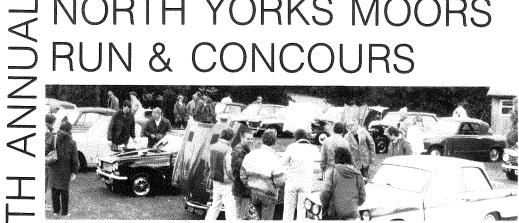
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would like to say that the day dawned hot and sunny, with the air shimmering over the valley because of the heat. I would like to say, however, it would not be very accurate. The day did at least dawn fine but the only shimmering was that of peoples' hot breath on the cold air. There was the odd patch of blue in between the grey clouds, blown across the sky by the near gale-force winds.

The campers and caravanners down in the valley gathered their heads and their belongings together (it would seem that a good night/morning was had by all) and appeared one by one at Hartoft End. By the way, if anyone spots a fox carrying a pound of sausages, Duncan would like them back! (we really were out in the country)

Congratulations to all on the excellent turnout both for the competition and for those spectating. The Concours entries were up to their usual high standard and judging was difficult. However decisions were finally reached and the prizes were presented. I just hope everyone is still speaking to one another. Unfortunately, one competitor's score sheet was not collected and in fact he should have come 2nd in the Herald class. Please accept our apologies Mr J R Stephenson.

At this point Pete and I would like to thank the judges. Steve Boyne. Alan Hurd and Steve Lawrence. without whose help none of the event would have been possible. Steve Boyne also helped out with a lot of the general organisation and our thanks must also go to Jude Johnston and to Laura Burton for their 'secretarial' assistance, and to Dougle for the photos.





The results of the various classes are published below:-

PRIZE WINNERS

HERALD

1st Mike Dunk 2nd J R Stephenson 3rd Viv Colenso

VITESSE

1st Malc Liptrott 2nd G M Curtiss 3rd D Binnington

SPITFIRE

1st Victor and Helen Thompson

2nd Roger Harvey 3rd Duncan Holden

GT6

1st Pete Bush 2nd Dave Aspinall 3rd Tom Smith



WORN TRUNNION - Steve Boyne

Yours truly was then presented with a superb flourescent jacket and told to stand in the middle of the road and gesticulate (they can't touch you for it I'm told) whilst trying to direct traffic out of the car park and on to the road, ready for the convoy.

What a marvellous sight we made and more than a few heads turned as our 'crocodile' passed by. I imagine we incurred a little bit of impatience as cars pulled over on the narrow roads to let what they thought was one or two Triumphs through only to find out that they were followed by about forty others. However, I am convinced that by the time the last car passed by, they appreciated just what they had witnessed - I just hope no-one was in a hurry!

We travelled up hill and down dale, literally, and saw some wonderful views including Duncan pulled in off the road allowing Jim the 'relief' of taking a closer inspection of the heater.

The convoy finished in the village of Hutton-le-Hole where a number of us visited the excellent Ryedale Folk Museum. Then after a cuppa or an ice cream, the party broke up to go its separate ways until next year. Hope you all had fun and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

ANDY ROSE

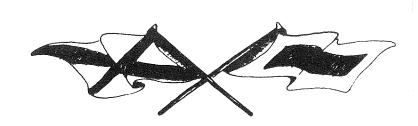


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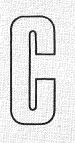


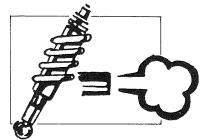


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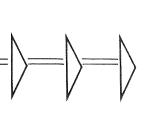
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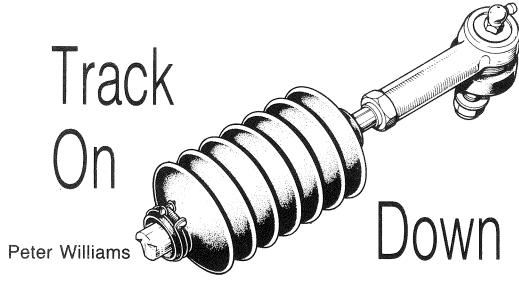


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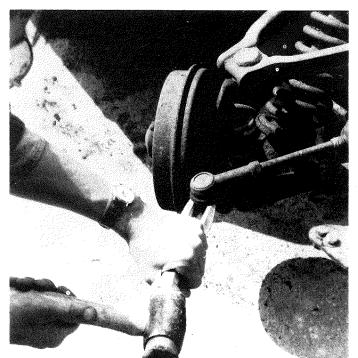


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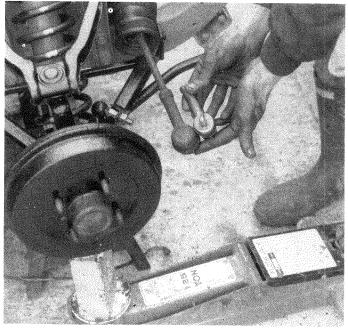
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As per usual with suspension jobs, one of the first tasks is to jack up the car, settle the chassis securely on axle stands (DON't rely on the jack), and remove the road wheel. Next, slacken off and remove the securing nut beneath the track rod end and split the joint. Some type of splitter will be required either of the screw type or as shown here a 'thump in with big hammer' wedge type. Both types are quite inexpensive. I find that some of the screw action types tend to slip off so recently have taken up using the wedge type. However if using a wedge splitter, make sure that you don't damage any part of the brake system especially around early drum brakes with nipples and exposed pipe nearby.

Fig.2

In principle, you should be able to replace old track rod ends with new without having to reset the tracking but this depends on the working length of the new item exactly matching that of the old. In this case the lengths were identical, the new item being an old type greasable Standard Triumph part hence the grease nipple on the top. Again note that the car is supported under the chassis with an axle stand and NOT with the jack shown at the bottom of the picture. I've simply supported the weight of the wheel only with the jack out of cosmetic convenience.



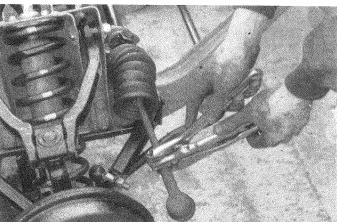
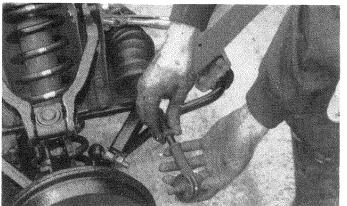


Fig.3 To remove the old joint, grip the track rod end with a pair of mole grips and slacken off the locking screw behind by about a quarter of a turn with a spanner. If the track rod and joint are rusted together, you may have to get out the old blow lamp to crack the 'seal'.



The old joint can then be unscrewed. Another way of replacing the new joint in roughly the right place is to count the number of turns it takes to remove the old joint and then screw the new one back on by the same number of turns. However, accurate replacement in this way still relies on the working length of the new joint exactly matching that of the old.



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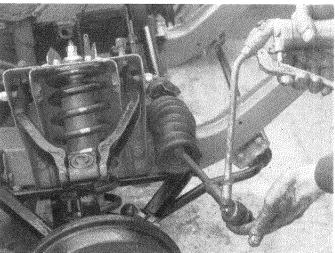
The new joint can then be screwed into place up to the locking nut and the nut resecured in the reverse way to that shown in figure 3. A smear of 'copper-ease' or similar will help replacement next time Next, push the connecting elbow into the steering arm mounting, firmly tapping down with a soft headed hammer to seat and then secure with a new locking nut beneath. If using an old-style greasable type don't forget to give it a shot of LM grease or similar. Rather than grease the joint as shown here, it's best to grease it after fitting to the vertical link's steering arm. With the car back on the ground recheck both securing nuts before driving away.

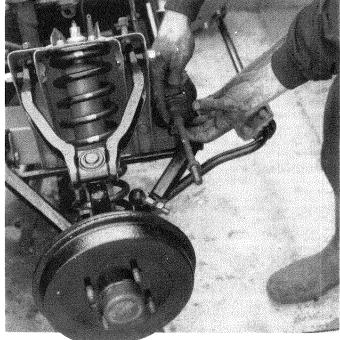


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Back tracking a bit (no pun intended) if you're not sure if the tracking is set correctly (eg if the car pulls to one side), have it checked either doing it yourself with one of the DIY tools available or easier(?) going into a specialist tyre centre. Usually specialist depots will check the tracking for nothing and only charge you if it needs to be adjusted. If adjustment is required the track rod end doesn't have to be taken off (the photo just gives a better view). The rack gaiter clip and track rod end locking nuts are simply loosened off and the track rod either screwed further in or out of the track rod end to suit after which clip and locking nut are retightened.









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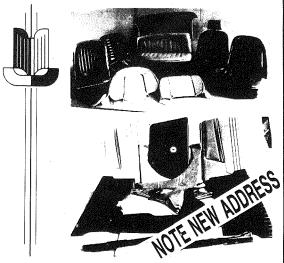
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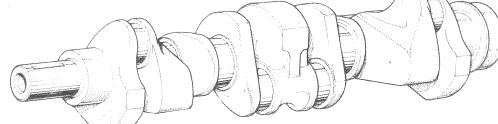
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hat started off as a routine rebuild of an ageing but appreciated 1971 Spitfire IV 1300, turned into an exercise to produce *real* sports car performance out of a classic-looking and, despite what everyone says, very good road-holding car. This is how it happened:

The first priority was to decide what to do mechanically; go for a tuned 1300 or something GT6-like and relatively untuned. At this stage I should point out that the exercise was also on something of a limited budget and with this in mind, it was quickly calculated that a bigger, less-highly tuned engine would be the cheaper course of action.

Two engines are fairly cheaply available in scrapyards that would suit the bill; the 2-litre and 2.5-litre. Since the object of the exercise was to produce power without the expense of too many bolt-on goodies, the 2.5 was chosen and the search began. One surprise - there are loads of them! Scrapyards in the West Midlands are full of them and a suitable engine in a car recently scrapped was chosen and the engine stripped. Believe it or not, the engine cost £15 - delivered to my lock-up! The expensive bit, the re-building, was also cheaper than expected because on stripping, although the bottom-end was wellworn, the bores still had the cross-hatching marks from a recent .030 rebore, so a set of rings was all that was required since the pistons were excellent. Aldon Automotive (Hartlebury) re-ground and balanced the crank and everything was bolted back together with only a couple of problems. Firstly, 2.5 camshafts are not available new and are very rare second-hand

(I failed to locate one), so a GT6 camshaft was used (they are not easy to come by either!). Secondly, after exhaustive enquiries, I failed to acquire a cam-chain tensioner (it's a Duplex unlike the GT6's Simplex), so the old one had to be re-used. See the end for costs.

The gearbox was easy. I'd heard far too many adverse comments about the weakness of the GT6/Vitesse and since no exchange unit was available, buying new outright was unacceptable and the 2000 saloon gearbox with the highergeared J-type overdrive was supposed to be a good, strong design, so this was chosen. Finding one was easy - the local scrap yard had no less than *four* to choose from! A new (Laycock) clutch was bolted on to the skimmed flywheel (Aldon again) and the complete engine/gearbox was lowered into place. The old engine/gearbox had been previously removed and sold to the secretary (I think) of the Stafford TSSC Area (how is it going?).

The first problem was the sump: if fitted over the cross-member OK but it sat nicely on the (new) steering rack. A GT6 sump was located and fitted, which (for the moment) solved the problem. A GT6 overdrive mounting was fitted to the gearbox which bolted to a suitably placed piece of inch-square welded (by my local mobile welder) between the chassis rails, and a

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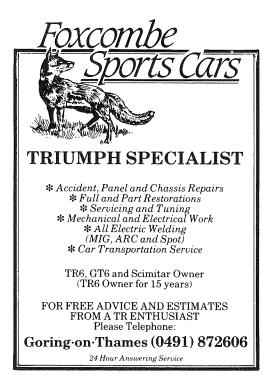
shortened and balanced propshaft (Spitfire) bolted onto the output flange (same size!).

Various other items needed modifying - wiring was extended to piggy-back pre-engaged starter-motor, GT6 brackets and mounts needed bolting on to mount engine, the overdrive gearlever was shortened and re-welded (GT6/Spitfire is different), GT6 radiator (decored) was fitted with hoses from the same, SU HS6 carbs were discarded (too high for the GT6 power bulge) and secondhand Stromberg CD150s were fitted, and the clutch operating lever was turned through 180° and a braket fabricated to take a Spitfire slave cylinder to save finding a large-bore master-cylinder. Anybody interested in more information on these mods, drop me a line and I'll be glad to divulge all my secrets (I like bitter by the way).

Meanwhile, a GT6 suspension was decided upon and the question of brakes was considered. All new rubber bushes/ bolts/trunnions were fitted with new GT6 springs and adjustable GasSpax (how was I to know they were to be the subject of a TSSC Offer? Why didn't someone tell me?!) to sort out the suspension. The rear suspension was left as standard with just bushes being renewed and leaving in place the fairly new 3.89 differential. But the fitting of GT6 brake calipers and vertical links looked like being expensive, especially since my Spitfire vertical links were fairly new, so this is what I did: GT6 discs were bought brand-new and fitted to the Spitfire vertical links. This means the GT6 calipers won't fit, but it didn't matter since new ones don't seem to exist and reconditioned ones are horrendously expensive and supplied on an exchange basis. which wasn't a great deal of help to me. So, after a bit of measuring, I found that with a little ground off the inside pot (not much), the big 2000 saloon calipers fitted nicely and the bolt holes were in the right place. An added advantage was the brilliant availability of said calipers in scrapyards and cheapness - £5 a pair! Back brakes are standard Spitfire. The braking system was finished off with Aeroquip hoses and copper pipes (and guess who's got a Special Offer on these?), new cylinders and

So, before going any further and finishing the bodywork and painting, I decided to get the thing started and MOT it. That is where the problems started The engine was spun on the starter motor with plugs out to build up oil pressure for my (expensive) new bearings but the light





refused to go out and the guage registered zero. Not only that but I could hear the crankshaft web hitting the sump! AAAARGGGGHHHH! Off came the GT6 sump, and to cut a long story short, the 2.5 sump was refitted after carefully wielding a hammer and belting a long indentation over the Icoation of the steering rack - making sure it was in the right place and not too deep!

But after all this, why no oil pressure? No local expert (?) knew why (it was primed with oil during the rebuilding) and even Brian Gray (TSSC 6-cylinder expert) could only suggest some sort of priming problem, so out came the pump again. It was tested by a local engine reconditioners and no fualt was found with it, except they recommended filling it with grease! This I did and I got oil pressure! So this is one tip, but it was not the end of the story

Meanwhile, the MOT was duly collected (after rectifying the usual faults that inexplicably arise between leaving the house and arriving at the testing station!) and the body was treated to new rear wings, a GT6 bonnet bulge and a baremetal respray by yours truly (that was hard work!).

Running-in commenced and at precisely 121 miles, I started the engine to go out one day and got 80 psi oil pressure then nothing! Not again! This time, after much scratching, I weakened and bought a brand new oil pump, despite the complete lack of wear in the old one. Still no oil pressure! It had to be priming, but I couldn't get much in (I was using a gearbox oil-type container filled with engine oil squirted into the oil pressure relief valve aperture) until I finally worked out the solution. The secret is to remove the block plug (allen-headed) above the oil pressure relief valve, then take the relief valve partially out and stick the EP90 bottle filler tube in the block plug hole and squeeze at least a full containers worth into the top of the oil pump.

Oil pressure was regained and has been fine ever since (1350 miles now). So, if you are in the same situation, don't let the local garage experts persuade you that you've built the engine the wrong way like they tried on me!

Well, impressions. It has bags of torque, exhilarating power and despite what everyone says about chronic handling problems with all the weight up front, it handles better than my old 1300 (and yes, I do throw it around!), with maybe a little more tyre squeal on the probably too-small Michelin XZX 165/13s (these will be replaced with wider items when sufficiently

worn). It will do 100 mph at 4000 rpm in overdrive top and I am confident that it will pull the red-line in O/D top (I haven't worked out that terminal speed yet but I've yet to both sum up the bottle and find the right road to keep my foot down past 120 mph - it was still going!). Ignore what they say about the ratios in the saloon gearbox, they're fine and my only small complaint is that first is a little low and you have to watch the rpm with your foot down, but the (scrapyard) gearbox is slick and completely quiet.

Insurance is expensive but Norwich Union liked the fact that it was all-Triumph components (of course!) and the fuel consumption is not excessive at all, giving about 30-ish mgp.

So, to conclude, if you want to make a sports car out of your Spitfire and give some not hatches a fright, stick a 2.5 in, it's not (verv)

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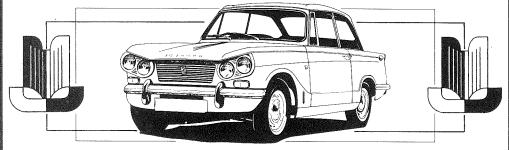
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MANX HISTORIC RALLY

Reported by Alison Woolley

1988 was the third time that the Manx Historic Rally was held in conjunction with the Tudor Webasto Manx International Rally. The historic rally was also a round of the European Historic Rally Trophy.

The event was open to vehicles homologated before 1965 which had to comply with the F.I.A. rules on safety devices for cars of their period. Obviously, these are not as stringent as those relating to modern rally cars (in that we are not required to have plumbed-in fire extinguishers or full roll-cages), although in fact our car does have plumbed-in fire extinguishers as it seemed silly not to fit one when it was available.

The rally was 393 kilometres long, with 211 kilometres of special stages. All the stages consisted of closed public roads, as the Isle of Man government are able to pass legislation closing roads for rallies as well as the famous T.T. races. The historic cars attempted stages 15 - 35 of the Manx International Rally. This basically meant that the modern 'big boys' (or grown-ups as we called them!) started their rally the day before the historics and then went on to do a further five stages after we had finished. Otherwise we were competing over exactly the same ground. There were twelve historic cars entered in the rally, an entry list which had grown considerably

from one in 1986, three last year (when the event was won by Timo Makinen in an Austin Healey). They included a Lotus Elan (driven by the 1987 European Historic Rally Champion, Paul Howcroft), two Volvos (a PV 544 and a 122S) an Austin Healey, a mini Cooper S, Ford Zephyr, Jaguar XK 140, two Saab 96's, a Hillman Imp and our Triumph Vitesse.

Unfortunately not all the cars made it to the island, but eight cars turned up for scrutineering on the Wednesday morning.

Thursday's stages were divided into three legs, with a short time for servicing in between each one. There were fifteen special stages varying in length from just over two kilometres at Castletown up to the very exciting Little London which was over 17 kilometres long. The last five stages were all run in the dark, including the famous 'round the houses' stage in Castletown where a grandstand was erected for spectators in the main square. Although the Vitesse was the last car (No 132) on the rally. there were still plenty of spectators to see us go by and a lot of flashes from cameras in Quite dark. extraordinary experience.

We greatly enjoyed the longer stages where we tended to catch the Volvo in front of us. On the last night time stage, which was seventeen kilometres long, we could see the lights of the car in front as it went up the stage ahead of us. What it must have looked like to the occupants I don't know! Luckily the driver was extremely helpful and pulled over to let us by at the earliest opportunity!

On Friday morning we were lying third overall, behind the







mini Cooper S of Manx driver Glen Leece and the Lotus Elan of Historic Rally Champion Howcroft. Both these cars were several minutes ahead of us so, since we knew we could not catch them, we were determined to concentrate on finishing third in what was our first International event. We were ourselves over four minutes ahead of the next car, and as we restarted the second day in classification order there was no longer any danger of our being held up by slower cars.

Leece continued to put his local knowledge to good use and was soon even further ahead of us. However, on the long twisty Curraghs stage (17.78 kilometres of mostly very narrow lanes which John found reminiscent of Jersey, where he started rallying), Howcroft found one twist too many and much to our amazement we passed him (luckily unhurt) stuck in the hedge! This retirement meant we finished in second place overall.

1988 was the Silver Jubilee of the Manx Rally and car number one in the first event was a Triumph Vitesse driven by works driver Vic Elford. Unfortunately the car retired while in the lead. It seems quite fitting that, twenty five years on, a Vitesse returned to figure in the results!

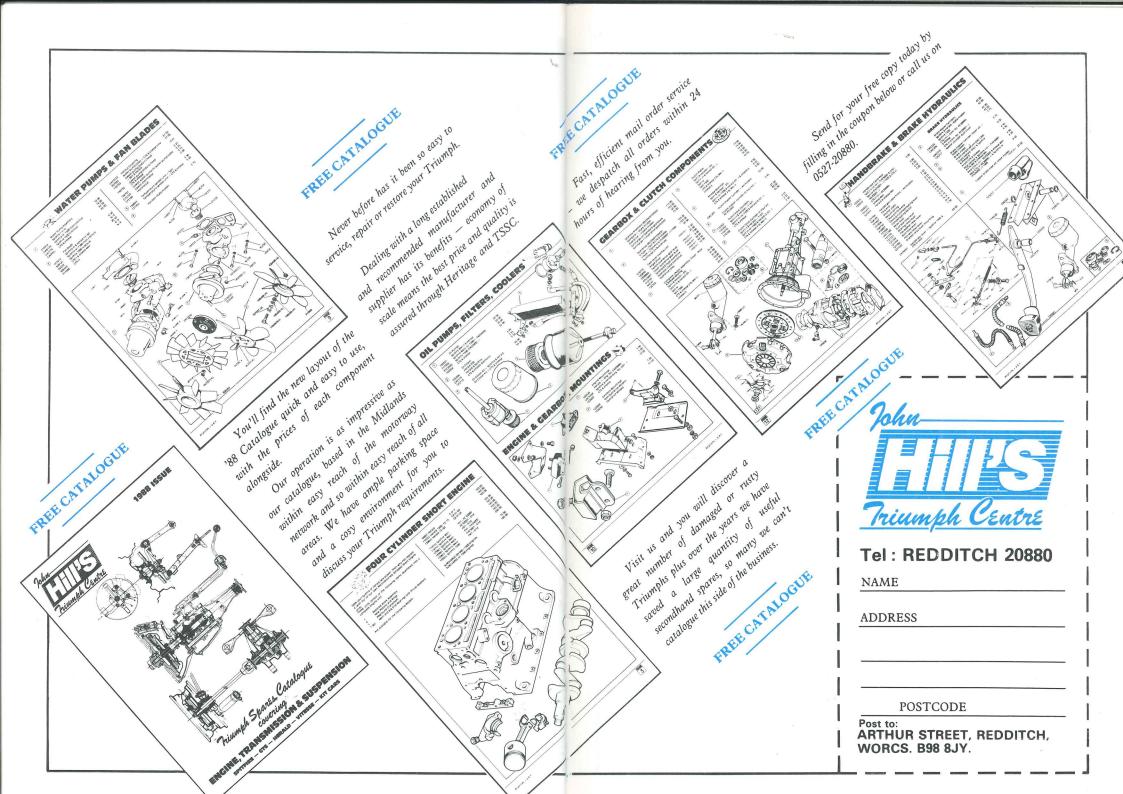
Altogether it was a very exciting and enjoyable event. The organisation was exceptional and everything seemed to run like clockwork which only goes to show the amount of work which must have been put in beforehand. On our section of the rally only two stages were cancelled, both times when the road was blocked following an 'off'. We were immediately able to go straight on the next time control using the 'alternative road book' issued for just such an eventuality.

Historic Rallying is a growing area of the sport as it is somewhat less serious (tending to be known as hysterical rallying in some quarters) and definitely less expensive than the modern variety. It is possible to be quite competitive (as we have proved) with an older car and also to have a great deal of fun and make new friends wherever we go.

The Manx was our third event with the Vitesse (having finished the Pirelli Classic Marathon in June and won our class and been eleventh overall in the Coronation Rally held at the Welsh Motor Sport Centre at Pembrey last August).

We shall certainly be back to next years Manx International and in the meantime are planning to compete in the San Remo Historic Rally next April and the Classic Marathon in June next year. If we can get some sponsorship we may even go on and do the whole of the European Historic Rally Trophy.....and they are even talking about a World Championship with events in the U.S.A. and Japan

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Thanks!!

My grateful thanks to you for publishing my letter of anguish due to the theft of the hood clamps on my Triumph Herald.

I am delighted to tell you I had several calls from some super people and I now have received a pair of hood clamps. The big, black cloud that was hanging over me has gone and I am back to my happy old self. So here's a wave of thanks to everyone concerned.

Irene Harvey - Poole, Dorset

Help?

I hope very much that someone out there can help me but I am desperate to get something sorted out.

I have a Triumph Herald 13/60 convertible built in 1972. I love my car but it's in need of a great deal of work. For a start, the big-end is gone and I am in need of help and advice regarding this, preferably from someone in the area who could work on it for me. Of course I would pay for any parts and labour. If there is anyone reading this who feels they could be of help, please contact me at: 30 Hyde Park Trc., Leeds LS6 1BJ.

Jackie Wilkinson

Changing Times

I own a 1966 Triumph Vitesse 6 saloon, which is used as everyday transport. It has, therefore, to be practical, which, unfortunately, means altering it from standard spec.

It still has its original engine at 110,000 miles but it has, I think, lost an edge in performance, though it still gives 25 mpg in town, 30-35 on motorways (at about 55-60 mph). Are there any cheap, easy modifications that I can make to improve its performance slightly?

The original box is now out, replaced with another 1600 box, but I have in the garage a Dolly 1850 box with O/D (useful for motorways!!). But will it fit? Do I have to change the input shaft and/or clutch? Will the O/D unit fit under the gearbox cover? Is there a 'popular' alternative to this box that will fit? (e.g. 5-speed Ford?). Help!!!

The standard rear suspension is not the most inspiring in the world (as period Test Drive reports verify!). We are talking twitchy are there any ways of lowering the rear slightly to give more negative camber to the wheels? Is Spitfire III/IV suspension better? Will it fit? Is it safe on a Vitesse? I want to avoid Rotoflex and am looking for easy modifications to cure 'Herald Hop'!!

Exhausts: I was told on buying the car that it had a Spitfire exhaust but it "makes no difference". Is this true? How can I tell if it is Spitfire or Vitesse? Tail pipe diameter? What should it be? Another chap at the Oulton Park Show in May said that he thought it was not Vitesse (by the way in which it "hangs" by the diff. casing). I have tried various exhaust suppliers, but one *insisted* that *all* Vitesses were 2-litre - he knows, he used to have one Enough said!!

Please, please, help is required from any member reading this.

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Comradeship

Having only recently joined the TSSC, I have already discovered that, to coin a phrase, membership has its advantages:

At the present moment in time (letter dated 12th October), I am but a learner (test on 17th October!!!) and so am also getting quickly used to being harassed by drivers of inferior vehicles rather stressed at being shown up by an 'old banger' overtaking them. However, I feel I must tell of one event in particular which typifies the 'comradeship' amongst members so rarely seen nowadays between drivers of cars of same the manufacture.

My trusty yellow/beige/brown/lemon (haven't quite decided yet) Herald convertible cruised up to a junction as no doubt it has for all its previous 27 years, when both my car and I were rather perturbed to find ourselves being cut-up by some lunatic (aren't they all?) in a Ford Granada estate. Now, I've got nothing against Ford Granadas - except this one - good workhorses, etc., although classic potential of approximately zero. Get on with it

Shortly before the encounter, I had noticed behind me a Vitesse convertible, TSSC, magenta and possible concours standard from what I could see. As the Ford, however, continued to callously cut me up (much to the dismay of my father, who responded in a way, although which was not exactly polite, was understandable) my car, finding the whole affair much too exciting, stalled. With this, my new-found friend in the Vitesse executed some rather nifty manouveres round me, and enthusiastically proceeded down the road buzzing the Ford for all he had. Am I glad I didn't decide on a Fiesta for my first car!

I am now happy to say that only with great difficulty could anyone completely drag me away from Triumphs and also I wish to extend my thanks to the driver of that Vitesse (who I have now discovered lives within walking distance of me!) and I would certainly do the same thing had roles been reversed.

Neil Reddin - Keston, Kent

Warning Light

I have recently purchased a 1981 Spitfire 1500 and joined the TSSC. I have a slight problem and was wondering if anyone could help me.

Shouldn't the 'brake' warning light (mine is very dim lit) stay on when started until the handbrake is released? Mine seems to be connected to the oil warning light in some way, as it goes out at the same time as this. None of the harnessing has been tampered with. Has anyone else who owns a 1500 Spitfire had the same thing happening? If so, any ideas?

Mr V Kelly - South Harrow

Lets Call Time!!!

The controversy concerning the moment at which a piston achieves maximum velocity has gone on long enough.

It does not require a degree in automotive engineering to know that maximum velocity is reached just after the needle of the rev. counter passes 8,000 rpm and just before six neat round holes (GT6/Vitesse) appear in the bonnet. I hope this will be the last word on the subject.

Andy Clark - Dartmouth, Devon

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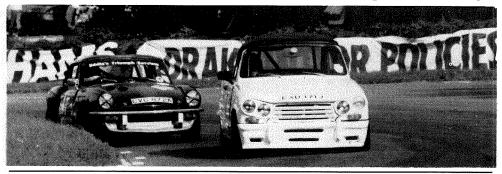
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DIRECTIONS:

Leave M25 at Junction 13 (Staines). Follow signs for Egham A30 then Windsor A308. After a couple of miles you will enter Old Windsor. The Wheatsheaf is the second pub on the left.

Come and lift off with the Thames Area.

CALLING ALL AREAS

In the November Courier Area News Review an Area Registration Form was printed, to be sent to me by 31st December, 1988.

To date I have only received about a dozen. If your Area has not registered using this form IT DOES NOT OFFICIALLY EXIST. It is a legal requirement of the Club to have its Area registered.

Please check that your Area has registered and if it hasn't, register it NOW.

All Area Organisers, please note new address:

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Cannock

Myself and two other members are hoping to start a new Club Area in Staffordshire, to serve Cannock and surrounding regions.

Our first meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th January '89 at The Jubilee Inn, 8 pm. So, therefore, it will be held on the first Wednesday and the third Sunday of the month at The Jubilee Inn. Sunday meetings will be at lunchtime - 12.00 to 2.00 pm.

The Jubilee Inn is situated on the Pye Green Road, If you want further info., please phone Neil (or his mum) on Cannock 77215 or call at 35 Smillie Place, Blackfords, Cannock, Staffs WS11 2DU.

R I Beavon

Cornwall

Hello this is the first of irregular reports by odd members of the Cornwall Area (or it is odd reports by irregular members?),

Sunday 27th November saw the Cornwall Area mark the end of the recent dry spell by holding its annual Treasure Hunt (ably organised by a member and his wife whose names I am too modest to mention).

Winners were new members David and Veronica who won on a tie break from David and Linda due to the fact that they were actually driving a Triumph! They now have the dubious honour of dusting the club trophy for 12 months. On to more serious matters, will all Cornish members note that meetings for the first six months of 1989 (January to June) will be held on the last THURSDAY of the month at a new regular venue The Plume of Feathers at Mitchell (on the main A30) commencing on 26th January 1989.

Richard Cunningham

Cotswold

I've had a good and happy year as Area Organiser. We are looking for more members and also supporters. We had a raffle and a funds jar for loose coins at the meeting and we raised £10.50 - well done supporters of the Children In Need Appeal. Apologies for not attending the Seminar at Swindon; I had a bad cough and flu. Happy New Year to all TSSC members.

John Stark

Hants & Surrey

It was great to see everyone at Potters in November - with so many new faces too. Many thanks also to all our visitors for their support. Despite the good turnout, there is still room for lots more - so come on lets try even harder in 1989.

The M25 meet at Tattenham Corner was a most enjoyable day out with a very good setting and wonderful weather. Hopefully this will prompt other areas to host such events so that they might encompass the whole 'M25 region'.

Preparations are well under way for the Hants and Surrey Event Spectacular on Sunday 21st May 1989 (more details next month, but make a note in your diaries). Although this is mainly a one day event, we need volunteers to help out over the whole weekend - so please let me know as early as possible if you're willing to lend a hand.

Finally, watch this space for news of the next beer and skittles battle against Hants and Berks in the New

See you on 9th January.

Mark

Hastings

Many thanks for the 10 pin Bowling Challenge from Nigel

Wilce and the Sussex Area members - we enjoyed the winning experience and look forward to other joint ventures during 1989.

Please can we have a few more members turn up, so that we can organise some events; there are plenty of you around Hastings Area and our new A.O., Paul Tamony, needs YOUR support if this Area is to survive.

Many thanks to Steve and Karen for their help after the 'defection' of Adrian, and also to Nick for standing in until now, when Paul has agreed to run things - but the Area can only develop if we get some more people and cars to the meetings. Mark down these dates: January 2nd and 26th, February 7th and 16th and make a New Year resolution to come to The Wheatsheaf and support your new A.O. and the Area, and make it a Happy New Year.

Len Bosshard

Isle of Wight

Hi folks, not much to say this month, owners and cars are in, all tucked up for the winter. We have just had another Treasure Hunt which was won by Rose and David Tizard (fix fix I hear you cry) our Landlord and Landlady. who kindly donated half their winnings to the Area Funds (cheer cheer), I'm not sure who was second but Lorraine and myself were third and we won a compass, good eh. Martins doing well with our local news sheet, I hope you are receiving yours, if not get hold of him and let him have your address at the next meeting, which will be the last Thursday of January 1989. Also any contributions for the news sheet would be most welcome. Well thats all for now, hope you have a good New Year and see you soon.

Paul Fishburn

Northern Ireland

The December meeting saw the usual faithful few members but also one or two new members. As the last meeting of the year it marked the end of an evenful first term as area organiser for myself and the meeting started off with a summary of our achievements this year.

At the December meeting last year there were very few members and there was no elected area organiser. Things seemed bad when Tom Merrow could make it to meetings coming all the way from Donegall over the snow covered pass and local members could not. Since then attendance at meetings has rarely been spectacular but things have definitely changed for the better. Progress slow - but steady.

Club members attended the Waringstown Action Cancer Cavalcade which brought us much needed publicity. Pete Waller and myself attended the International Weekend at Peterborough and I hope many more members will go next year. The highlight of the year was definitely the Ulster Classic Car Show at which we demonstrated that our cars and our club are second to none. We have already been invited to next years

The club also had its first 'concours d'elegance' in September at which Pete Waller took best car and also best engine bay, my Spitfire took best interior (miracles still happen) and after a re-vote best boot was subsequently awarded to Steven Kernovan whom I

haven't seen since to give him his plaque - the original result was a draw but Steven was clearly the winner once I had checked our rules.

So what is there to look forward to in 1989? Firstly we are going to have a video night hosted by Pete Waller in January. Secondly we are going to draw up a calender of events which the club will be attending. Thirdly we will be having our own coastal run from Belfast to Downhill. This will be in June and more details will follow. We have entered 5 cars for 1989 Ulster Classic Car Show, so members prepared to show their cars should let me know - I have two in mind, one the white sixteen hundred Vitesse we saw at Warrington and the second is Normans infamous GT6 Convertible (triple webers and all) - what about it

Finally, foolishly, the members have re-elected me again as Area Organiser and I would like to thank all our members, especially Alastair, David, Dessie and Pete. Seasons Greetings to

Paul Robinson

Scotland Forth

Just a short note this month. The Skittle Night was a good laugh, even the firework display was good. Thanks to Ceclia's parents for the hot soup and mugs of tea. I am looking forward to the Christmas Night Out, even though it's a new location. It's a shame I booked a table for so many and now half have dropped out. Still, it's their loss. On a good note, it was nice to see two more new faces at the last meeting. I will not be at next month's meeting due to getting ready for my Christmas holiday, so I'd like to wish all members a very Happy New Year and look forward to an even better year

Martin Williamson

Scotland West

I must apologise for my absence recently due to more than one thing. I have recently found time to put the new sills etc. onto my Mk4 Spitfire and hope to spray it over the holidays. By the time you read this it should be Post Office red and up for sale with a years MOT. The MkII GT6 will take its place in the garage followed by the Rover coupe then the Vitesse MkII convertible.

My wedding car hire is beginning to with Paul second and Shaun third. Many for somebody to help run this Area, especially the weekend events which I will be unable to attend fully. Anyone with free weekends please contact me. I will still give as much support as I can

The Scottish Triumph Association has dwindled but not the TSSC and some TR members who still attend along with Stag owners. I am the only organiser left out of four, but hope to encourage their support for events through 1989. We will have more inter-Area TSSC events this year and I hope to maintain a full calendar with the help of another person still to offer their services.

Surrev

At last it's all over! We just have the January sales, mid-term sales and Easter eggs to contend with.

Before Christmas, as at 7.12.88, the total raised for Children In Need stands at £652.73. So a massive congratulations to all who attended the Pub Crawl once again.

The bowling in mid-December was won by the Herald and Vitesse team, who absolutely smashed the GT6/Spitfire team by about 100 points.

Surrey Area had a great time at the West Kent Fancy Dress Disco. We walked off with both Best Female (Bridget) and Best Male (Tom and Andy) prizes. We also took most of the raffle prizes including the 'Samantha Fox' turn-off poster.

Seven members then slept the night in an ex-L.T. double-decker bus. It was not as uncomfortable as it sounded and at least no one had to drink and drive.

Events this month include a camping weekend, probably in the New Forest, a bowling session and lots of other fun-packed events. Come to the meetings to find out more. They are on the 11th and 25th January. See you there!

Mark

Swindon

Happy New Year to all Swindon members. The December meet concluded activities for the year with our Christmas Party. This was a great success and 20 people enjoyed their roast turkey, then worked it off with a game of skittles.

The trophy for the Area Challenge was awarded jointly to Steve and John.

take up weekends and I will have to look thanks to all who supported the events which made up the challenge.

Next year's challenge will also consist of four events, all to do with Triumph cars and driving. Bonus points will also be awarded - 2 per meeting attended or and, of course, will attend all monthy event attended which was organised by the Area. So the incentive to win the 'gold cup' is even greater.

> The next year promises to be full and as fun-packed as ever, so come along and join the fun or suggest events at

Future Programme:

9th January - (note date change). Meet at The White Hart to discuss the year's programme.

John Malcolm 15th January - Snow Run leaving White Hart at 11.00 am. Hopefully we will have

6th February - Meet at The White Hart.

Tuan Kirk

Thames

Things got pretty Trivial at our second November meeting with our Us versus Them Trivial Pursuit Evening. A great contest of half the bar putting their wits against the other half. The game went on for ages, it just shows how clever we all aren't. Anyway I think We won but then They could just as easily have won. Who cares it was all a bit of fun.

December saw Chris out on his own again, well done but all that work will have to wait, Chris, until you are fully rec overed. The other Chris and Guy are now getting things ready for the next Competition Season, which reminds me, congratulations to Chris for winning his class this season.

The first weekend in December saw Mike, Elaine and I at Wembley all weekend helping on the Club Stand at the Classic Car Show: plenty of tinsel and Christmas presents, but a bit of a disappointment after Brighton. The Sunday was very busy apparently with a 45 minute queue to get in.

Well now that 1988, Christmas and the New Year have all gone by, all that's left is to finish up the Christmas Cake and on into another exciting year of Club events. Those of you camping nuts had better dust down the canvas. clean the barbecue and re-stock the bar. Thames will soon be ON Tour again. Some of us are already practicing our 'More Beer!' cry. Come prepare this year with an Area Sweatshirt - order yours from me now!

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