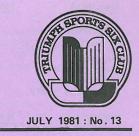


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AGREED VALUE INSURANCE:

Some of you may have seen the article in the May edition of Thoroughbred and Classic cars magazine. I immediately sent a copy of this to the club's broker (DG Colebrook & Partners Ltd.), Mike Colebrook informs me that he is still liaising with the ROYAL & CORNHILL and hopes to come up with a scheme which will be even more tailor made to our club and cars than the one outlined in T & C C.

Let's keep our fingers crossed. Unfortunately, it is taking a little time; as you will appreciate the whole matter has had to be referred to the Insurance Company's head office. (If) and when we do get it sorted out, I hope as many of you as possible will take advantage of the scheme. Good support will mean that we will all benefit in the long run with even lower premiums.

Watch this space for further details.

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I thought that during one of those great WET British days of summer you might like something to scratch your head over.

See if you can identify the cars described and state the magazine from which the quote came. If you like you can send your answers to me and the first correct one opened will be declared the winner. Wil jas off signor of redement earling and to ame

First prize will be your name mentioned in the Courier Second prize, your name will not be mentioned in the Courier!!

Quote: No 1 "Nowadays we get superb ventilation where there was virtually none, and the driving position, plus the layout of the controls, count amongst the pleasures of motoring. All the controls operate as if an engineer had studied their action and then taken the car out over months to ensure continuously effective action It does not look much. It doesn't sound very impressive on paper, but when you actually drive it over 400 miles of motorway in a day, it still gives the quiet satisfaction of feeling "all-of-a-piece" and thoughtfully engineered".

No 2 "I described it then as rather old fashioned but as an essentially honest motor car with a very nice engine. The wipers fail to wipe the O/S of the glass, to such an extend that in muddy weather visibility is seriously impaired, the right-hand side of the road being cut off on right-handed bends, unless one ducks the head, while pedestrians tend to loom up unseen in town driving."

How about trying to name the writers as well: depending on how many answers are correct or otherwise 1 get, will depend when the correct answers will be published. Watch this space.

PRESIDENCY:

I mentioned in the last Courier about the blank space in the top left hand corner of your Courier. Following a club committee meeting held on 31st May, I was elected by the Committee to take over the post of President following Paul's resignation. Having been associated with the club from the very start and having ahd club cars in my family since about 1966 I am very honoured to take over and lead the club into the second era. I am sure that this era will bring unsurpassed increases in membership and no doubt we will continue to improve the benefits and overall enjoyment of being a TSSC member. I am sure you are all as proud as I am of the present position of the club in the motoring scene and I am sure that our stature and expertise will continue to grow and no doubt in the not too distant future we will be one of the foremost clubs in Great Britain.

NEWS REVIEW

DUTTON FORSHAW, BLACKPOOL:

I am pleased to announce details of an attractive offer from the above company, to enable club members to purchase any new Traimph at a discount of 11%. The further attraction of this offer is that at the same time a commission of $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ will be paid to the club.

You will be interested to know that the company in question at present has 4 Spitfires in stock and others are available in the group for sale. You can purchase your new car using their own HP arrangements or obviously cash, perhaps having first arranged bank finance. Whichever method you will still be entitled to the discount. I am told that club members will receive advantageous HP terms if they purchase through Dutton Forshaw's own finance company. Anyone who would like to purchase a new Triumph whether it be a Dolomite, Spitfire or TR7 please contact me for further details.

RECRUITMENT COMPETITION NEWS: JONTY WILD REPORTS:

Although I am writing this after only one week of the competition running, I am able to report that so far the amount of replies I am receiving is very encouraging, so please keep up the good work. Don't forget more copies of the windscreen leaflets can be obtained by contacting me or from your Arear Organiser, and of course if you have the facilities, you can always photocopy your own.

I have only come across one problem so far, I am receiving a number of leaflets without the membership number and local area lines completed. Of course these are still of benefit to the Club but it means that I have no way of giving the credit to the members who are placing the leaflets on cars. So please if you want to have a chance of winning one of the prizes remember to complete the last lines of the form with your own membership number (see front of your membership card) and the local area that you attend.

If you haven't started distributing your leaflets yet, why not take a trip to your local carpartks this weekend, remember if you don't keep me busy I haven't got an excuse for the state my cars are in!



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WHAT'S ON NEXT?

From 10am, Sunday 5th July, Easthampstead Park, Bracknell

The Rotary Club of Easthamstead is organising an Open Air Car Rally and is seeking the support of all owners of cars of interest, from veteran to custom.

The basis of the event is a family day out for all concerned, with all proceeds to charity, bearing in mind that this is the Year of the Disabled.

There will be Concours awards for Yehicles in their own era or specialisation, but all vehicles are welcome even if not in Concours condition.

Other attractions for the day include a Hot Air Baloon ascent (weather permitting), with a 'ride in the bucket' as a raffle prize, a model aircraft flying display and Autojumble stalls.

Entry forms can be obtained from James Strugnell, esq., Stable Lodge, Priory Lane, Warfiled, Berks.

CLUB NATIONAL EVENT ORGANISED BY THE ANGLIA SECTION:

AUTOTEST/BARBEQUE 18th July, 1981 2.30 - 11.30pm
This event is one of the highlights of the club year. A great weekend in Cambridge held at our meeting place, The Old English Gentleman public house Harston Nr. Cambridge AlO road Cambridge to Royston.

WHAT WILL BE THERE?

Autotest organised by the Essex Section, chef prepared barbeque served 6pm approx. A marquee full of club regalia, spare parts - club spares Anglia spares and trade stands. Side stalls - name the parts, slot track racing and many others. Lots of prizes to be won - lucky tickets, distance awards etc. Disco dancing in the evening for all ages, good beer - bar open 2.30pm until 11.30pm.

Tickets, adults £3.50, children, £1.50 - send for tickets now to: Barry Newitt, Area Organiser, 89 Shelford Road, Trumpington, Cambridge CB2 2NB.

Enclose SAE - cheques payable to TSSC. Ticket sales close 6th July 1981.

Bed and

Breakfast and camp sites close by, ask for details when ordering tickets.



TOWN & COUNTRY FESTIVAL - AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY 29TH - 30TH - 31ST

As in the previous three years, the Club will be present at the above event. Their will be a Club stand within the biggest car concours event in the country and club camping/caravaning area and entertainment on Satrurday and Sunday night.

If you have not been to this event before, you should make the effort and come to the show that offers entertainment for everyone. More details next month - watch this space!!

Town & Country Festival

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Useful Part Numbers (3)

Front Suspension (numbers of items needed for one side in brackets).

119451 (4) Bushes: Ends of lower & upper vertical links 119450 (1) Shock absorber- bottom 509260 (2) " - top Antiroll bar 123996 (1)

122126 (1) Seals: Trunnion to Vertical Link

107194 (1) Stub axle to Vertical Link

Trunnion Kit (nylon bushes 140892, metal distance piece) 514191 (both sides) 148093, dust sheilds 140d94 & 140d95,

rubber seal 122534 - items difficult to get separately)

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Shims: lower wishbone to chassis (to adjust camber etc.) 122022 (as reqd.) Top Ball Joint:

UKC 1310 (1)

Front Road Springs

	Part	Length	Fitted	load(1b)	rate(lb	") Colour
Standard	208056	12.03	8.18	790	203	white
Competition			7.63	790	204	black
Heavy Duty			8.16	790	204	yellow
Van						

packing (125441) should be used between upper spring plate and suspension brackets when heavy duty springs fitted. Source - workshop Manual.

Front Shack Absorbers (Dampers).

Saloon, Coupe, Convertible Heavy Duty (above) & Estate and Van

I recently purchased some front suspension parts from Transpeed (mail order) Ltd. 213 Portland Rd. Hove, Sussex Bln3 5LA (0273-774)78). Front shock absorbers complete with coil spring and top and bootom bushes are £9 each (incl PP/VAI) - new bottom bushes from Unipart dealers are now £1.25+VAI'. Upper balljoints from Transpeed are £9.75 pair and track rod ends £4.50.

This firm also sells propshafts - complete with U.J's - for the 'low' price of £12-50 (incl VAT &pp) !! I was impressed with the firms service - an order sent first class on a Tuesday was delivered to me the following Saturday.

Chris.Longhurst

From the Secretary - GT6 Register, Mike Long:

Further to the list of road tests and articles relating to the GT6 that appeared in the February edition of the Courier, I've located a few more, details of which appear below:

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Abbreviations:

a)	Magazines:	
	AE	Automobile Engineer
	C	Car
	C+D	Car and Driver
	HC	Hot Car
	MR	Motor Racing
	MTra	Motor Trader
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	OM	01d Motor Tow - 90740
	PM	Pracical Motorist
	PoM	Popular Motoring
	R+T	Road and Track
	SCA	Sports Car Annual
	SCG	Sports Car Graphic

b) Nature of article:

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(mail order) T/T	Track test	urchased some front suspension part	

If you know of an article that does not appear in this or the previous list, please let me have the relevant details. Finally, when writing to me please mention your membership number and be sure to enclose a suitable size sae if you require a reply. NO SAE, NO REPLY!

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ROGER D POWELL International Specials Register Secretary, TSSC

The table below shows the latest position regarding International Vehicle Register forms:

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INTERNATIONAL SPECIALS REGISTER

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International Specials Register Secretary - Roger D. Powell. 9 10 29upand brook

Are there any more forms to come in?

I have had enquiries from club members concerning the whereabouts of other owners of specials, with a view to swapping ideas, wanting assistance etc. I would like to pass on names and addresses to other club members but before so doing, will give you the opportunity of saying is you DON'T want your name and address given out. If I don't hear from you I shall assume that you have no objections.

The 'It Should Never Have Happened' department

Barry's report (Anglia Area News - Spares), in the June Courier, contains an item which reflects the stupidity of some folk. 99.9% of specials addicts only use the grottiest of cars well past redemption, to break up for their specials, thereby turning bld and useless' into 'new and useful'. It's the other 0.1% who give the rest of us an underserved bad name - this sort of vandalism we can do without. I can only hope the berk who broke up that Vitesse isn't a TSSC member.

Re June issue page 29, yes I have seen the Wrangler ad on TV, I hope John Lindsay has written complaining to Lord Thomson (chairman of IBA) re this grossly unfair to Vitesses advertisement???!!!

Triumph Warehouse - Special Offer Mudflaps:

I would like to draw your attendion to the fact that we have made special arrangements for the production of an exclusive Triumph Mudflap with the Triumph loral and the words Triumph through the centre. The cost. inc. postage and packing and VAT is £8.75 for two pairs, in other words for a complete car, or £4.75 for one pair of mudflaps.

As previously mentioned these are exclusive and these are a special offer and deal that we have set up.

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All advertising in the motoring sections of the Courier, is free of charge for club members. Non-members can advertise in the Courier for a donation, from £1.00 upwards. Advertisements must be written, not phoned, and to reach me by the 15th of each month to appear in the following months issue.

ALL magazine material must reach me by the 15th of the month to be included in the following months Courier.

BILL SUNDEPLAND - EDITOR

LETTER FROM GARETH THOMAS, SE LONDON:

I have found, because of my parts sales, that there is such a demand for a co-ordinator of modifications, that I wish to form a loose association for those inside and ouside the club called rather arrogantly the Association for the Promotion of Triumph Tuning Expertise. I have already assembled a body of very useful and relevant information for those who want to modify their cars from Stage I to Pi and turbo, demonstrating the various pitfalls and weaknesses of club cars and how to avoid them.

What I want is all members who have undertaken tuning modifications on their cars 4's or 6's, to write to me quoting APTTE reference and telling me of their beitter experiences and any queries they have. I do not wish to take J Griffiths' place or to become another D Vizard, just to become an organised source of relevant tuning information. Access to this can be gained by sending a 50p postal order so that I can post them to whoever needs them. Often members are isolated in parts of the country and do not get any help from the club in tuning mods. D Vizard's book on tuning Triumphs, to them is not all that helpful. I have access to the original Canley works preparation engine records for instance. This explains the way to gain 125 BHP + from a Spitfire 1147cc!

The more people who write to me the better from this purpose. My Vitesse, as you know is stage 1 - 11. I am particularly interested in items such as Daimler 250 V8 in a Vitesse which my brother has seen! How to fit a Rover 3.5 V8 conversion - a very difficult but a brilliant idea.

M Maudsley aside at my being able 'to supply this and that' is because I am servicing D Type 0/ds @ £30.50. I should be able to supply new factory 3.89 diffs @ £90, gearboxes inc. specials @ £50 - £100 exchange.

These parts are for people who appreciate competition and tuning spares and would be willing to share any information and experience they have with tuning Triumphs for other members use.

Finally, I can now offer O/D reconditioned and am still looking for blown D type O/D's for Spit (early), Vitesse, Gt6, Bond. Wanted letter from any member who has modified the engine of his Triumph, Bond, Special - stating their experiences inc. N. London area gentleman with a white convertible when he joins the club, leave address and phone number.

By the way, I strongly believe that club cars are meant to be driven, hard and quickly. They have weaknesses but some will save your life. A car may have no practical value at all in 30 years when the oil runs out, least of all doing only 25 mpg. Therefore, I propose to carry on keeping my car living in A2 condition for me, not myself for the car and when it gets to 200,000 miles, may it look better than it does now! There is no reason why a very hard driven car e.g. Vitesse, should be in a poor condition expect neglect or accident (the 2nd of which is the only excuse if not one's own fault).

Vitesse MK11 which I use, when finised should have approx 140 BHP and tractability 950 RPM - 6,800. Competition gearbox and brakes and top speed around 130 MPH (Autobahn only of course!). I am working on producing a high ratio (351) 0/D conversion for it, so as to have 6 gears closely spaced to 26 - 27 MPH/1000 RPM. I wish to get 0 - 60 time of approx. 8 secs. as it now does 91/2. Therefore, at 130 mph I whant 5,200 RPM. Ther gear ratios are standard and work v. v. well to keep the car on cam for: 17 - 30 in 1st

35 - 60 in 2nd

48 - 90 in 3rd

60 - 105 in 4th 65 - 115 in 3rd 0/D

75 - 130 in 4th 0/D

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I also wish to get economy to around 40 MPG @ 70 MPH, 45 MPG @ 30 MPH. Some hope for a 2 litre perhaps but tuned engines are more efficient.

As we all know, the transmission is the weakest link in our cars and I would like to try to help understand why they go wrong so frequently and to explain this in more scientific terms . The Vitesse, which is the most stressed of all, has a power output of 100 KW 25% of which is lost in the drive to the rear wheels. So far a Vitesse with 160 BHP - 120 arrives at the wheels for the sake of argument, suppose the diff.

Cont'd Letter from Gareth Thomas

loses 15%, the gearbox 5% and the 0/D 5%, this means that at full power the diff. has to dissipate 20KW, the gearbox 7KW and the 0/d 7KW. A further problem is that when charged from direct into 0/D at full power the brake ring of the 0/D has to dissipate another 7KW. If your car is being driven hard on the torque band, these kind of figures are going to be true of the transmission, that means it is like putting 7 electric fires in your gearbox and expecting it to keep cool! Fortunately driving a car is a pulsed power operation and therefore the transmission can be severely underated. What all this leads me to say is if you drive your car hard and long, it is not a bad thing, as long as you realise that the oil in an 0/D gearbox is doing rather too much. It is keeping the unit cool, lubricating, being pressurized to 500 psi to drive the clutch and the synchro rings. The gearbox is already too small and should have a larger oil reservior and besides this becomes extremely hot +150°C for the brake ring,+85°C for the gearbox. Under these conditions, gear oil breaks down quite rapidly. Our gearboxes, especially 0/D, have high shearing rate, therefore, I recommend doing the following:

PEN TO PAPER

- 1. Always use a very high quality gear oil EP905 (or thicker)
- 2. Change the oil every 15,000 miles or less
- 3. If you buy a low mileage car, change the oil in the $\underline{\text{diff}}$. and $\underline{\text{gearbox}}$ because it will probably be useless
- 4. Avoid driving with a howling transmission least the brother has brother had

The reasons I say these are because the 2 litre cars have a habit otherwise of eating layshafts every 20,000 miels, the debris from the gearbox will then cause an 0/D failure because of valve blocking, and this will burn out the clutch because a torsional fight can happen between the clutch and a midrectional bearing in the rear, usually in reverse. Nothing is more saddening for a gearbox expert than to see case hardened laygear and mainshaft torn up and rendered scrap. A pile of mud-like material mixed with sintered copper looks equally sorry in an 0/D.

Having said all this, a well behaving transmission is very satisfying and there is nothing like the feeling of driving flat out in 3rd gear from a corner and changing into 0/D at 5,500 - 6,000 RPM because that it is what it is designed to do. Equally there is nothing quite like changing gear, flat out in mid corner to cause maximum cornering ability. The 0/D can put the engine on cam perfectly. A final note - when the 0/D clutch is walloped into the brake ring, the force on it is approx. $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{4}$ ton. N.B. If there is sufficient demand, it is possible to market an 0/D gearbox with a high ratio, 33% and variable rate. This will be an expensive conversion but gives 6 gears with a final drive of 26 mph/l,000 RPM. It dispenses with the problem of 3.27 diffs/acceleration as you use a 3.89 ratio which gives satisfactory performance and longer life. The gate is as follows:

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LETTER FROM ROGER RIXON, FAREHAM:

Can anyone recommend a firm in the Portsmouth/Fareham/Southampton area who can rebuild the O/D gearbox for my MKIII Spitfire? Preferably a firm who will give a guarantee on the work. As a matter of interest, I have just moved to Fareham from Bognor Regis and have already seen a number of 'our' cars with TSSC stickers; obviously members are thicker on the ground here, as I never saw any club stickers in Bognor during the last 2 - 3 years that I have been a members. Are there still any area meetings in the Southern Area? I must confess to never attending any from Bognor due to far too many local commitments (most of which I hope to have left behind in my move!). This is a situation that I now hope to remedy. Finally, I am breaking a MKIII Spitfire (Ereg.) as the body is pretty rotten. The chassis is, however, fairly sound. If anyone is interested, phone me for details of parts available. Fareham 238305.

LETTER FROM LES CURTIS, BIRMINGHAM:

Does anyone know the number of revs. per mile of the speedo cable when you fit a 3.63 diff. into a 1972 Spitfire into which I have fitted a MK1 GT6 engine and 0/D box? I've fitted 175/13 Cinturatos on Cobra superslots. I've been given various numbers varying from 1040 (which is way out) to 1120 + 1150 - all by various speedo people. (I don't really believe 80 mph at 3000 rpm - I'd like to but I don't). I've had it recalibrated to 1040 by Thos Richfield who reckons that if you jack up one rear wheel and spin it 20 times and count the cable revs (12) you arrive at the right figure - but it didn't work. Any ideas anyone? Im currently fitting wishbone rear suspension from MK111 GT6 to a MK1V Spitfire. If anyone else is contemplating such a move and would like to know what is involved, I'll be happy to inform them.

LETTER FROM GEOFF BELL, HANTS:

I joined in September 1977 and was apparently the 25th person to do so. At the time there were no other members in this area but in March of the following year, I received a letter from Will Headon asking me to attend a meeting at the Churchillian public house near Portsmouth. 8 people attened that meeting and since then we have had a meeting every month, plus a few others. I don't know how many different people have attended those meetings, somewhere between 50 - 100 but the interesting thing is that we normally have about 12 or less attend our meetings and as many as six can be from the original 8 who were at that first meeting. One member has not missed one! I know from the membership list that there are quite a few members in the South of England but most of them dont appear to attend any meetings. There seem to be enough members in the Brighton, Horsham, Eastbourne, Littlehampton area to form an area, but despite my suggestiion in the Courier some months ago, nobody appears to have done so. The Stour & Avon area and Salisbury areas have got going but there must have been many members in those areas who had no meetings to attend for about 3 years. The question is what do members who do not participate in club events get out of it? The club has over 1,500 members and if every area gets 10 per meeting it means that four fifths of the members never attend a meeting. As only about 12 do sprints and hillclimbs and probably less than 100 enter for the concours one can only assume that most people join for the spares and advice service that is available. £8 a year gives them 12 issues of the Courier at less then 70p per copy, much the same as any other motoring magazine, but this one is devoted to their cars and there is always someone to ring for free advice. Roger Collins and I have had quite a few such calls at Sunday teatime - a free service not available from garages at such a time.

Since I joined the club, I have attended a meeting most months, been on 4 club convoys to events, been on two treasure hunts, two club birthday parties, a STIR rally, the big convoy at Fosse Manor in 1978, a hillclimb at which members were competing. I have also helped to dismantle a car with fellow club members. All of them enjoyable events. I believe that those who don't attend such things are missing out on something worthwhile. Perhaps some members who don't take part in club activities will write to the Courier and give us thier point of view. The Southern area held its 4th film show a few weeks ago and so few people attended that it ran at a loss. Do people in other areas find it difficult to get members to take part in club activities?

LETTER FROM S EARLE, GLOSSOP: A COLLEGE TO DESCRIPT A COLLEGE TO DESCRIPT A COLLEGE TO DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLEGE TO DESCRIPTI

I have a Triumph Herald 1200, (1969), which has covered 94,000 miles. 2 months ago I decided to repair the gearbox which was difficult to engage. I decided to buy a reconditioned gearbox which I then fitted back into the car. After this, however, I found that the clutch pedal would not depress fully and after bleeding the system and checking that the slave cylinder was operating, I took the car to a local garage. When I collected the car from the garage, I was told that a new clutch had been fitted, but after this it was discovered that the flywheel could be moved back and forth approx $\frac{1}{4}$ ". This I was told was due to worn main bearings and the car would need a new engine. By this time and money had been spent on the car and I decided I was not going to spend any more. So, after reading your advertisement in Mays' edition of 'Motor Sport', I wondered if any of the TSSC members would be interested in my car. It has no MOT and is taxed until the end of May. The bodywork is in good condition and the gearbox caries a 6 months guarantee. I am prepared to sell the car for a very reasonable price. Contact: S Earle, 40 Victoria Street, Glossop, Derbys SK13 8HY.

LETTER FROM JOHN MANN, CHESTERFIELD:

As a new member, I8m not too well versed in the current parts situation within the club but as a long time owner of various Vitesses and supplier of Rover parts, I thought it logical to combine the two interests and start stocking new Triumph parts. I have carried out much detailed research into the Rover side and as a result, I now have at my disposal a lot of spares information applicable to all Triumphs eg. parts catalogues, BL price lists, BL service newsletters, part number supersession lists etc. As a starter I have in stock a selection of original literature including genuine Vitesse 2L/GT6 workshop manuals (not the Unipart version), various handbooks and parts catalogues, plus a number of mechanical and body items, including GT6 offside rear wings, all genuine BL. As I said at the begining, I am a newcomer so this is more of an introduction than an advertisement but I intend to increase my Triumph stock steadily to provide a source of readily available, essential (and some not so essential) new spares. If anyone should be interested in any of the parts mentioned above, or indeed any Triumph parts, then may name is John Mann and I can be reached on Chesterfield 71036.

LETTER FROM IAN STACEY, CORNWALL:

I always look forward to the arrival of the Courier and the June edition was no exception, though this time it prompted me to comment immediately on one solitary statement - made believe it or not by my own area organiser, Richard Cunningham in his letter. Richard and I are well acquainted and I shall probably have a friendly word with him before he reads this to show that no malice is borne! He states that he and his wife bought a Herald due to the 'non-existent public transport' in Cornwall. I wish to remind him that this non-existent public transport system pays the wages of one at least members of his area, who in turn pays his club membership from those wages and subsequently bought an old Herald, the same as has already been written about in the 'Courier' and from which I produced a couple of bits and pieces for Richard.

From this you may have realised that I am bus driver with the National, and although the services offered are not as frequent as they used to be (the private car put paid to this), they are second to none in reliability and also provide a platform for me to get around the area and whilst doing so, observe TSSC cars parked by the roadside and whenever possible stick a leaflet on the windscreen - I have run out already of the red ones sent with the June issue - I am sure my passengers must wonder what this driver is doing when I occasionally pull up for no apparent reason, dash across the road and push a piece of paper under the wiper of a Spitfire, GT6 (these seem to be in evidence in this part of the world), Vitesse or Herald (never see any Equipes on the road). There are some really good examples of the others in this area and I am surprised that owners of such superb examples do not respond in numbers to our leaflets, perhaps the cars belong to visitors to our 'holiday' area and join the club in their own areas, quite a few have local registrations.

My own Herald 13/60, (which it seems is becoming rather well known amongst local beer wagon drivers, one ekpt flashing me and I had to wait until our last meeting to find out that one of our members now drives for the local brewery), is having a bit of a rest out of the rain in the garage as I have bought a motorcycle to take to and from the Truro bus depot - a gallon a week instead of a gallon a day in the car! I don't mind getting a little wet if it will keep the mileage off the car and help in it's preservation.

I have, I think, started a topic which has been widely written about in recent Couriers that being the subject of the ruin of the rear plastic hood windows and as far as I am concerned it has been of great interest and I am sure we have all learned a lot from what members have said - the answer in my case came from the member who suggested the trouble was caused by a combined effect of condensation, raindrops, sunshine and light. The plastic has been literally burned by the sun's light using the water droplets as small lenses and burning the plastic. I am sure of this, in my case, because the burned patterns are where large drops on the outside appear and small mist type drops appear on the inside, especially at the bottom where the plastic has been damp. This dampness comes from the cotton backing to the PVC hood It's interesting that the original works hood did not have this cotton backing just plain PVC and when I replace the hood, it will have to be of the plain type, the problem never arose in the 7 years use of the original hood, but then it was kept in a garage most of the time and not left out all day in the elements as it is now whilst l am a work, but never the less the plain PVC hood must be the better prospect as it dries out so much quicker. 12 cont'd...

cont'd letter from Ian Stacey

I started it all with my queries - maybe that's the end of it but probably not - anyway I will say no more about it except thanks to you all. I still have plenty of Herald 1200 parts including complete engine in good condition for £20 - Tel: St Austell 2629 if interested.

Thanks to Chris Longhurst the Herald Register Secretary for his excellent, easy to read articles - I look forward to the promised bit on the replacement of the top steering column bush that should be a good one for many of us - move your wheel up and down at 90° to the column and see! I wonder if Chris is a Saints supporter - I used to be when I lived at Southampton.

(You are right in assuming Chris Squibbs is Membership Secretary, Jonty Wild's name as suspected is only appearing on the froms for the purpose of the competition. Chris and Trudi are already unpopular with the postman!)

SPARES LEAD FROM BRIAN SELLERS:

A local garage, once a Triumph main dealer has in recent years reverted to LADA agency. They have however a considerable amount of 'smaller' spares for the Triumph range. I have had a look in their spares department and they have a lot of bits one presumes they would want to sell. They had a mention in Practical Classics but another mention would do no harm. They are:

CANTS LANE GARAGE LTD CANTS LANE BURGESS HILL SUSSEX

Tel: Burgess Hill 2037

They are very helpful and only time (or the lack of it), prevents them preparing a complete parts list. Hope this is of interest.

LETTER FROM CHRIS STABLER, DONCASTER:

Remember the missfire and power loss, etc.? Well, I would like to thank all the Club Members who offered advice and suggestions, but it turned out to be the worst possible cause. When I removed the head, I found a crack the size of the Grand Canyon between the inlet and exhaust valve seats on number one cylinder. I was quoted a total of £60 plus for welding the machining, I f I signed a disclaimer in cas it fell apart! I managed to obtain a head from a scrap Markll Triumph 200 which appeared to be identical, even down to the number stamped on the top/front. I had all the seats recut and valves refaced and fitted new double valve springs and it now appears to be back to full performance. This does seem to be a very common fault from information I have received, so it is worth knowing that these heads are interchangeable.

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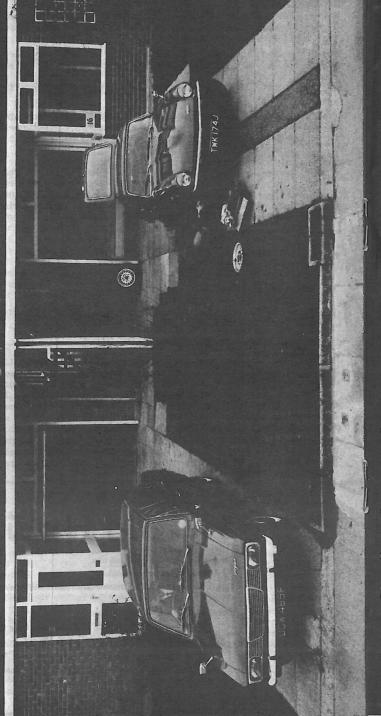
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ESSEX AREA NEWS, DAVID COOK REPORTS:

I've just seen the letter from Andrew Moore of Chingford in the June Courier and I can only repeat my invitation back in March to all East London members, to come along to the Essex Area meetings.

Many members regularly travel considerable distances from Kent, Herts, even Norfolk as well as from the far-flung Essex outposts to attend our meetings so I'm sure the journey from the London borders can't represent an insuperable obstacle. Just get onto the Al2, points the car East and you'lll soon get to us. Assex Area meetings are very cosmopolitan these days and you're just as welcome whether you've come from Bow or Brightlingsea, or Mars for that matter.

Why not give it a try, Andrew, and bring all those other GT6 owners along with you? Meetings are the 2nd Sunday of each month at the Durke's Head, Little Burstead starting at 12 noon. I think you'll find it well worth the effort and much more fun than trying to start your own area. You'll also have the opportunity to give the engine a clear out down the Al27; we'll be listening out for you!

WORCESTERSHIRE AREA NEWS, T BROTHERTON REPORTS:

I am reporting on the very first area meeting which was held on the 26th May, it was very well attended with six club cars turning up of course with their most important owners. For a very enjoyable evening with members travelling quite a long distance to attend. With a bit of luck, we hope to see more of you up and coming Worcestershire area members turning up to make the next meeting even more successful than the last. It will be held at the same pub, the Coach and Horses at Harvington, Nr. Evesham, Worcs. on the last Tuesday of the month, which will be the 30th June. I hope to see you there.

ESSEX AREA EVENT:

The Essex Area will be taking part in the 4th Annual Vintage Vehicle Gathering to be held in Church Road, Hatfield Peverel (just off the Al2 between Chelmsford and Colchester), on Sunday, August 9th, starting at 2pm. There should be plenty of signs up marked 'rally' on the day so hopefully nobody will get too lost.

This event is run by the Witham Historic Vehicle Club and, by all accounts, is a well organised affair, suitable for all the family. The Essex ARea hopes to enter between 3 and 6 cars for the event in the name of the Club so could we please have a good turnout for the Area's July meeting at the Duke's Head, Little Burstead (12/7/81) where the cars to be entered will be chosen. Successful owners will be receiving trophy awards. Please note: any member wishing to enter privately should contact J Goodman, 2 Chippingdell, Witham, Essex; tel: 0376 516918 after 6.30pm.

The gathering will take the place of the usual local meeting for August and will also incorporate the Essex Area picnic so bring your hampers along. We shall be meeting first at the Sportsmans Arms PH at Nounsley, near Hatfield Peverel, at 12 noon on the day of the event, so don't go to the usual meeting place, there won't be anyone there!

YORKSHIRE AREA NEWS, COLIN BELL REPORTS:

Your usual scribe here reporting on the May events but first, following on from a comment made by Derek in last months' Courier about breeding Spitfires in the pub car park - not the word I would use Derek, but I take your point.

Anyway, getting back to the May 'meet' which took place at Bolton Abbey on the 24th, well some of us decided to start on Friday the 22nd at a little campsite in the Dales, not a million miles from where they brew Theakston's (for those of you south of Sheffield, Theakston's is a popular little brew which when taken in the correct doseage induces giddiness, slurring of speech and violent flatulence) but I digress. After spending a few days under canvas we travelled to Bolton Abbey in an effort to meet up with John and the rest of the crew (can you beleive John actually washed his car all way to Bolton Abbey), unfortunately, it was not to be, whilst half of us walked up stream, a trek which would have made Livingstone breathless, the other half trotted down-stream, with the result that we met rather late in the day, had a chat, took some photo's, played 'spot the mud splash on John's car and went our seperate ways. On Wednesday it was the monthly pub meeting and again, a good turnout. We have a treasure hunt organised for June (afew places left, contact John Genders if interested and a whole host of other things. contact John for details.

Area News Cont'd

NEW AREA

THE RIBBLE AREA, CHRIS GARDNER REPORTS:

The Blue Anchor Hotel, Esprick, Nr. Kirkham, Lancs. 200 yards from M55 on A585
Preston to Fleetwood Road. Blue Anchor is 200yds from the motorway in the Fleetwood direction. Approx 8pm, Monday 13th July. Further info. contact Chris on Preston (0772) 54469 after 7pm.

NEW AREA - DAVE JOHNSON REPORTS:

If there are any W Staffs members reading this - please note that there will be a meeting at the Three Crowns at Stone on Thursday, 9th July. Please come. All memorabillian will be there courtesy of Chris Evans. We know you are out there, SHOW YOURSELVES.

ANGLIA AREA NEWS, BARRY NEWITT REPORTS:

Our camping weekend went off well, although I would have liked to see a few more from the Cambridge area taking part. Thanks to those who did turn up and also, all those from the Norfolk area. I hope now that you have all met, someone will sort out a meeting place for you. Good luck Norwich Area! Hope to meet you again soon. As you will see from the paper clipping, too much press cover of these events in not always good, especially when the press get it wrong. By the time you read this, I hope most of you have got your Anglia Area Bar-B-Q tickets, and be heading Cambridge way, on the 18th July.

Triumph-ant gathering?

ANYONE with a thing about old Triumphs is in for a whale of a time this weekend when the Triumph Sports Six Club hold an autojumble, auto tests and barbecue at Haveringland Hall Caravan Park, Cawston, tomorrow and Sunday.

The club caters for Heralds, Vitesses, Spitfires, Bonds, GTés, Amphicars and Courier vans, and all are welcome, whether members of the club or not. The venue is signposted off the Norwich-Cromer road.

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CORNWALL AREA NEWS, RICHARD CUNNINGHAM REPORTS:

An average turnout was experienced for the May meeting - 9 persons (6 members + 1 prospective member) (? - Dave). Many of the non-attending members were put to shame by Keith who made a round trip of 60+ miles from Newlyn (that's near Penzance for all of you up-country readers), to our meeting place at Sticker. To encourage members from the Far West (and not so far West), thy July meeting will be held at the Fox & Hounds, Comford (on the A393 Redruth/Flamouth road, excellent beer, good food, large carpark), at 8.00pm on Friday 31st, July. If this meeting place is well revieved I intend to hold meetings there on alternate months with our usual meeting place (the Hewas Inn, Sticker. - next meeting there on Friday 28th August at 8.00pm). So all you further West members please come along and convince us that there is a demand for a meeting in this part of the country, or even further West!

The May meeting produced an excellent effort by Jim, who managed to get his hands on some brand new bankrupt parts all going in a job lot for £60. Unfortunately, the response from local members was non-existant - do the local members want an Area Spares collection? Jim and I believe that we should have one and, but for the fact that we could not afford to pay the £60 between us, we would have certainly started a spares collection off. As a result, these excellent spares have now disappeared from our group. Would the local members please make known their feelings to me regarding spares, so that splendid efforts such as Jim's will not be wasted in the future.

Cornwall Area News cont'd

Finally, belated best wishes to Dave and Laura on their engagement - we may not be able to match the Devon Area, but an engagement is a start!

DEVON AREA NEWS, STAN WALTERS REPORTS:

We met on May 31st at the Dartmouth Inn, Totnes, where we had a very good turnout. In fact the best turnout since I took over this post. With 19 people and 11 cars, it shows our area is picking up since we moved from Plymouth but still our Exeter members continue to stay away.

It was nice to see two members from Stour & Avon, who happened to be camping nearby and decided to make a visit. Let's hope for more of this sort of thing in the holiday season. We all had a good natter about various things including, kit cars, CB's and my recent compulsory engine rebuild.

There was also a mention of an increase in annual subscriptions, members then quoted various other clubs whose annual fees are only £3 or £4, but it must be said most of these have only a quarterly magazine. If it means paying a little more and keeping a monthly Courier, I'm all for it.

There was a discussion about a particular kit-car called the Marlin and whether or not it could join the club. The chassis are built by Marlin Engineering of Plymouth but it uses all Triumph running gear. Can anyone clear this up? (The car must have a Triumph Herald Chassis or derivative of it - Dave).

We are also pleased to welcome a member from Torquay who has just joined with a Spartan, powered by a SAH stage 2 tuned MK1 2 litre. We are all looking forward to seeing him. Finally, we planned a few events for the coming months.

Sun. 21st June - Custom Car Show at Plymouth Aerodrome

Sun. 28th June - Treasure Hunt with Cornwall Area

Sun. 26th July - Custom Car Festival at Newton Abbot Racecourse, including Hot Road and Stunts etc. and then on to Totnes for our July meeting.

HANTS & SURREY AREA NEWS, PAUL WATERKEYN REPORTS:

The May meeting was our best to date, with over a dozen people turning up, including Dave Bayliss. Many thanks Dave, for making the trip down and for all your advice AND the round of drinks. We hope to make a trip up to your area in the next month or so, and repay your generosity.

Gordon Purdue is going to the States later in the year and proposing to visit some of our Transatlantic members. He's treatened to take some photos of our club cars at the next meeting, so I advise you all to get busy with the polish.

By the way, Gordon, where's that photograph of your Vitesse, supporting the front wall of a house, that you keep promising to send to the Courier?

Now that summer (?) is with us, we're thinking about a second meeting every month, which will be a lunchtime do, probably on the last Sunday of the month. We've yet to decide a definite venue, so anyone with any ideas, give me a call.

Next weekday meetings?

Wed July 8th Wed Aug 12th Wed Sept 9th

The One Oak 8.30

HERTS AREA NEWS, ANDY FFOULKES REPORTS:

We have just finalised the details for our Summer event. This will be a Buffet/Bar-B-Q to be held in a resturant (or outside if the weather is good), on the 15th August. The location is the Brocket Arms, Ayot St Lawrence, (turn off the AlM northbound at the Welwyn junction.). The pub and resturaunt is just up the road from Shaw's Corner. We will be meeting at the Brocket Arms between 12 noon to 2.00pm for drinks and then we shall go off in convoy to Luton Hoo to wander around the house and gardens. The Buffet/Bar-B-Q will start back at the resturaunt at 7.30pm where there will be plenty of good food, music and bar extension to 11.30pm. The price for the meal and entertainment is £5.50 per head, which may seem expensive to those who don't often eat in resturaunts, but we shall certainly make it worthwhile. Tickets are available only in advance and must be requested by the end of July, with money and SAE, from Sharon Hurst, 9 Clifton Road, Finchley, London N3. We hope to see you there.

You will have noticed that we have quite a few spares for sale from last months issue. Everything was not listed due to space, so give us a ring for further info. Our Herald Estate is also available to anyone needing it to move large items.

Club nights are the last Wednesday of the month at the Woodman, Warmley West End. The turnouts are still good but there is plenty of room for those who haven't met us yet. We're quite friendly really!

NORTH WALES AREA NEWS, MIKE STEWART REPORTS:

The 3rd meeting of the year was held at the Fox and Grapes Hotel, Hawarden, Deeside, Nr Chester on the 8th June. Well, what can I say, Jubilation, 20 members actually turned up. As we packed into that small room I was becoming slightly embarrased. What would we all find to talk about. I need not have worried, there was a girl in the spray in satin pants for a start, she caused quite a stir. Then there was this guy, with a TURBO CHARGED HERALD, ELECTRIC WINDOWS, having trouble with his trunnions he said? There was a great variety of Herald and GT6 models together with a particularly immaculate Vitesse plus my own immaculate RUST MIMOSA (new Leyland colour) GT6. Special thanks to Ted for his high pressure sales technique, i.e. making people join the club before buying their cars.

Next venue: Tuesday 14th July, Stamford Bridge Inn, 8 - 9.00pm. Leaving Chester on the A51 betwixt Chester and Tarvin. 100 yards off the road on left. Past Vicars Cross Golf Club. M56 users peel off at Helsby, then make your way to the A51.

OXFORE AREA NEWS. JOHN CUDMORE REPORTS:

A very wet drive to the TR Register Sprint at Goodwood to watch John Griffiths, Andy Jones and Paul Lucas perform, luckily turned into a dry day for the actual racing. How well John went - he gained 6th fastest overall to surprise many a noisy TR. (According to my records, John was 7th fastest overall. Never-the-less, very well done John - Dave.) My guess that with a different final drive ratio suited to the flat conditions instead of his hill climb ratio, he would have been among the leaders. Andy Jones has his first taste with a Vitesse MK1 2 litre convertible and will learn from the experience. Paul Lucas, with a newly acquired Spitfire with 1147 "Le Mans" engine was not outclassed and looked dramatic. All three will appear at Harewood and Gurston later in the year. They are trying to get me to "have a go", and I may succombe! (You'd better John, I've worked out a handicap for you).

Our May meeting was the usual well attended affair at the Grapes Uarnton, highlighted by Tony and Janet Newman with Clive, our youngest recruit and first club outing for Roger Powell's Spartan. What a super job you have made Roger. None of these kit-cars are easy to build well and it's a credit to you. Roger is Specials Register Secretary and you will all have seen the results of his efforts at Donington. Well worth seeing.

Monthly meetings at The Grapes, Yarnton, Oxford, (on A34 just North of the City), from 7.30 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. We have our usual stand at Coleshill, near Amersham, Steam Rally on 4th/5th July, run by Steve Little. Please assist if you can, to help man the stand for an hour or two. It's a good family day out with a good selection of stands and displays. See you there.



STOUR & AVON AREA NEWS, STEVE ELLIS REPORTS:

May's noggin and natter produced another good turnout of cars and drivers and turned into quite a useful meeting. Neil Williamson was elected events secretary for the area and began his term of office with the arrangements for another Treasure Hunt on June 28th. This event, the possiblity of attending the hillclimb at Gurston Down and of course the concours formed the theme for most of that evenings discussion.

We also held an extra meeting during May on the 31st at the Cat and Fiddle, Hinton Admiral. We intend to make the last Sunday in the month a regular lunchtime meeting. at least during what is laughingly known as Summer! Please note that from June onwards, this second meeting of the months will be held at the Hor ton Inn on the B3078 approx. 5 miles North of Wimborne Minster. The map reference is SU 017087. To recap then, Stour & Avon Area meetings are:-

- Second Tuesday of the month 8.00pm at the Whincroft Hotel, Ferndown, about ½ mile West of Tricketts Cross on the A31.
- 2. Last Sunday of the month Lunchtime at the Horton Inn, 5 miles North of Wimborne Minster on the B3078. book of religion of the B3078. book of shed to be of shed lalege

SWINDON AREA NEWS, PETE BOYCE REPORTS:

We were very pleased to see three members from the Stour & Avon Area at our May meeting and we stood around their two Spitfires while the wind froze our first drinks in the glasses. Inside the pub, discussion ranged from local events to how to stick a rear spring rubber buffer back onto its bolt in a Vitesse wheel arch.

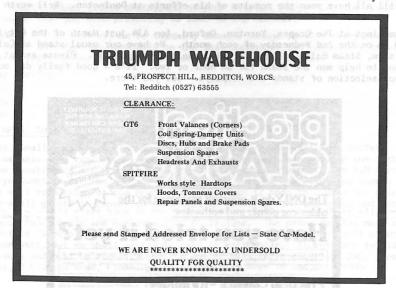
The Science Museum is holding an open day at Wroughton Airfield on Sunday 13th September and we hope to run an information stand there; anyone who can help (free entrance tickets for those who do) please let me know at a meeting or by phone.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at the Calley Arms, Hodson, Nr. Swindon at 8.30pm, July 21st. August 18th. Phone me on Swindon 22768 for hints on exploring North Wiltshire. Thow satisfies dollars that and to design and thousand the

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We meet at the Bell, Hampton, Middlesex on the first and third Thursdays of the month. The pub is situated about 2 miles from junction 1 on the M3 and about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from Hampton Court, on the A308.

Congratulations to Chris and Hilary Owen (nee Lock) on their recent wedding. Pity about the Midget on Honeymoon! Next up for the marriage stakes is Mike Long. He marrys Janette Whitelaw on Saturday 13th June. Keeping up our tradition of a wedding per month, congratulations and best wishes to Marke and Jane for July 11th.



WEST MIDLAND AREA NEWS - TONY & JANIS SPICER REPORT:

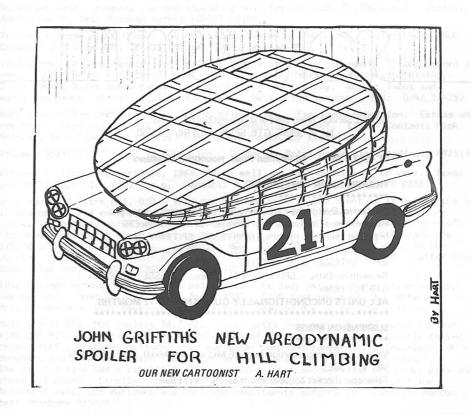
Please notethat the Coventry meetings of the W. Midlands area are now to be held at The Herald pub - as shown of the list below. If you require a map or directions, please do not hesitate to contact us. If in writing, please enclose an SAE.

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All Area Organisers please note, DO NOT send any contributions for the September issue of the Courier to me, Dave $\overline{Bayliss}$, as I will be on holiday when the deadline passes. Instead, send anything for Nationwide, direct to The Courier Editor to arrive by the 15th of August.



GEARBOX MODIFICATION:

As a gearbox reconditioner, I have been confronted, for some time with the apparent weakness of the mainshaft tip in the Vitesse/GT6 and Spitfire 1V gearbox. Mainshaft tip failure manifasts in the standard whine and noise in 1st, 2nd and 3rd which disappears in 4th. With regard to the Vitesse/GT6 gearbox, the mainshaft tip is totally inadequate for the power output of the engine.

Various methods of rectifying have come to light, such as metal spray chrome plating, welding, bronze brushing, all of which are unsatisfactory. I decided to investigate the possibilities of reconditioning both worn mainshaft and first motion shaft and improving this weak area. I can now offer a mainshaft with a considerably larger tip of hardened steel and a larger case bearing to fit inside the first motion shaft after suitable machining. This larger bearing conversion makes a considerable contribution to lengthening the life of the gearbox.

I am currently working on a modification using an even larger tip on the lines of the late Dolomite/TR7 type with an open roller cage. If anyone has gearbox or diff. problems, I will be very happy to advise about remedies and possible improvements. I may be reached during the day on 01 572 8320 - ask for Tony Dean. My shop Sports Six Spares at 80 Whitton Road, Hounslow, Middx is 95% open 7 days.

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Both stored 18 months. Promotion forces sale due to lack of time. Sensible offers to Martin Hadfield, tel: Mansfield 649102.

Triumph Vitesse convertible, 1970. 68,000 miles, long MOT, O/D, XZX Radials, Radio/cassette, tonneau, Ziebart from new. A small amount of work could make immaculate. Present owner 4 years. Must go to a good home. Consider PX against newer GT6 with cash adjustment. Price £800 o.n.o. Tel: Reading 744829, Contact: Tim.

Good home wanted for Spit. MK111. Overseas posting forces sale of old friend. J reg. late '70, red soft/hard top. 68,000 mield. 5 months road tax, 9 months MOT. mechanically sound, though floor requires welding - hence £300 o.n.o. Contact: L Dunn, Hobby Lodge, Higher Clovelly, Bideford, North Devon, tel: Clovelly 343.

GT6 MK111 December 1972, white, taxed to end of August, MOT March 1982, new dampers, recent SAH exhaust, trunnions, front suspension rubbers, steering rack, UJ's, sills and more. SAH front springs, burglar alarm, radio/cassette, undersealed, waxoyled. Reluctant sale - company car and inpending move forces sale. £1,250 o.n.o. Contact: Adrian Smith, Tel: Needham Market (0449) 721492.

Triumph Vitesse 2,000 Coupe. 44,000 miles, December 1966. MOT. Offers over £400. Contact: D B Clarkson, , tel: 051 342 1808 (evenings).

1969 G Reg. Triumph Herald 13/60 saloon. Smart dark blue bodywork. 2 lady owners since new. 66,000 miles registered. MOT until October. Radio. Full service history. 2 new tyres, water pump, exhaust, filters hoses and battery. Needs: T-cut and minor paintwork, aerial, clutch adjustment. Best offer secures. Tel: 0342 714259.

Bond convertible December 1969, 82,000 miles. Red. Excellent condition. Extras and new hood. Used daily, well maintained by enthusiatic owner. £700. Contact: Nick Skinner, tel: Lingfield (Surrey) 0342 833022, extn. 39 (work).

Triumph Spitfire, T reg., 12,000 miles. Contact: Peter Hayes, tel: Ardingly 892518.

Vitesse 2 litre convertible, 1968. Runs well and fair condition for year. Taxed and MOT'd Sept'31. £300 o.n.o. Contact: H Cutter, tel: Hampton 01 979 2888.

Bond equipe 2 litre MK1, O/D. This car has had over £1,000 spent on it during the last 12 months. A few examples of this are: Engine rebuild, gearbox rebuild, all new shocks and brakes, servo unit, new inner roof lining, radio stereo,towbar, sunroof. Finished in red with black vinyl roof, dolomite sprint wheels shod with brand new 175/70 G800's. Locking nuts. 11 months MOT. Probably one of the finest in the country. Offers in the region of £675. Ring 0203 61283 until July 8th - after this date, ring Harlow (0279) 39697, Ian Bradley.

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MKII (1969) GT6, MOT expires 18.2.82. Taxed until December. A well cared for car with O/D,Allycat Wheels, (4 new tyres), sunroof and rear seat. Have recently fitted recon. diff., gearbox, cylinder head and water pump and renewed rear trunnions, JU's doughnut and also overhauled the clutch system (including a new clutch plate). The car has also had a rebuilt front suspension, Spax shockers and new brake pads and shoes all round. Excellent condition inside and out, £1.050, spare engine inc. Reluctant sale, but mortgage and marriage commitments enforce it. Contact: Marcus, tel: Banbury 811328.

Vitesse 2 litre 1967, 95,000 miles, O/D gearbox, fitted new water pump and exhaust. Bodywork poor. In store 15 months pending restoration, no time available so reluctantly selling for restoration or spares. New front valence available. Offers toMr Pointon, tel: Sandbach (Cheshire) 60331.

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Wanted: Triumph Vitesse 1600 convertible in good condition. Please telephone (0386) Evesham 6547, T Brotherton.

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Five $5\frac{1}{2}$ J x 13" Dunlop steel wheels, used on GT6, fitted with Firestone H51 175/70 steel Radials in good condition £75. Contact: Adrian Smith, tel: Needham Market 90449) 721492.

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13" Sports steering wheel with boss for Vitesse type column. Contact: John Wooldridge, Tel: 01467 8981.

For MK11 Vitesse, wire wheels and adaptors, O/D propshaft, radiator, hood etc. Contact: Fred Crampton, 23 Carrickfergus Road, Larne, Co. Antrim, N. Ireland, tel: Larne 77573.

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AND FINALLY

Well, after sitting down after a marvellous day at Donington Park, it's hard to know where to start.

Firstly, I would like to say a big thank you on behalf of the TSSC to Tony and Janis Spicer and Tony Jones for arranging the 4th National Concours so efficiently. Thanks too to Roland Drew for his participation.

The day must have been the warmest so far this year, (funny, it was like that last year), perhaps the sun likes Triumphs! Good to see so many TSSC members there with roughly 300 cars. I would like to add at this point that I was really impressed to see just how much work members had obviously put in over the Winter/Spring months, the standard of the cars was certainly first class. Our next National event in the UK is the annual Barbeque at Cambridge - an event which I know as being a very enjoyable one and look forward to meeting you all again there.

You will have seen a new company advertising with us this month, Sport Six Spares, a specialist service from which I am sure many of us can benefit. All our advertisers are getting better supplies of spares i.e. Triumph Clearance have just bought 500 wire wheels for our cars, Linrod are getting SAH parts with Steve Little now specialising in secondhand spares. For this issue you have a full page of special offers from Spitfire UK. I think it is very fair to say that the club is performing very well with the help from suppliers in the spares market and remember, most suppliers give TSSC members discount, so use them, being sure to quote your membership number.

We are about to go to Luxemborg although by the time you read this we will be back from the British Sports Car Seminar along with various other members of the club so if not at the Barbeque, see you in August.

N.B. Congratulations to Mike and Janette Long on their wedding in June from The Editorial Team. (FROKATPRA)

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