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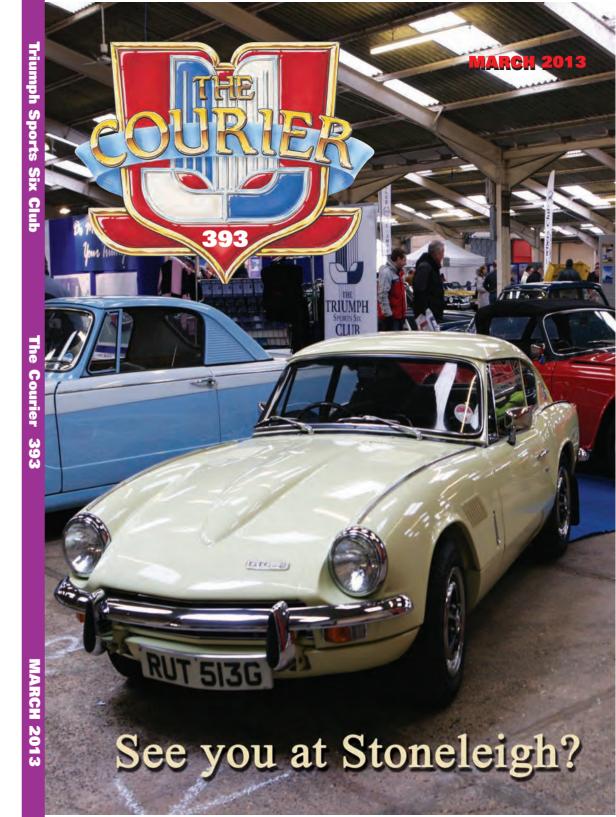
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## BY DAVID EMBERY

**DIRECTOR - COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT** 

i, I'm David Embery and when CoM approached me last year to join them initially on a co-opted basis, I was taken aback with surprise. 'Do they mean me? I've only had my Triumphs for just over 3 years!' Then the overwhelming feeling was one of being rather flattered. To be asked to join the management of such a well established club was an exciting opportunity and one I am glad I accepted.

Of course, I am standing for election proper at the forthcoming AGM but I would not blame you for asking why? Who are you? Well I've spent my working life working for Lloyds TSB and that has given me a broad breadth of experience in matters financial. Also, I was

involved in the creation of AFC Telford Utd. A truly 'fans owned, community football club' in that it is owned by the fans themselves!

However the most important founding principle to me of the football club, and one that is perhaps shared with the TSSC, is that of community.

Of course, the TSSC is within the wider Triumph community but even so, I believe it is a community in its own right. Run for the benefit of its members and democratic in terms of how it conducts its business. Sharing in values of community is something that I see and read about with pride wherever I look within the TSSC. Many of you I know participate both as individuals and as local area groups working on projects, many charitable, within your local communities. This is to be applauded and celebrated more in my view.

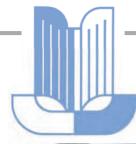
That feeling of community leads me on to the final principle that I hold most dear about the TSSC and that is friendship. It is in abundance wherever you look! My life is so much the richer for friendships



made by joining the TSSC. I just would not be the same person without my friends and their cars!

Enhancing the principles of community and friendship are important influences for us all and I know COM take them seriously and to heart when making the exciting new plans for the way forward with regards to your club! This will hopefully come across load and clear at the forthcoming AGM. Therefore as you are an extremely valuable member of the TSSC community can I urge you to make a date in your diary and come along to the AGM in April? Participate in, what is after all, your club's future. That is a club that belongs to all of its members and run on sound principles for those members benefit and enjoyment.

Look forward to seeing as many of you as possible very soon!



# **NEWS REVIEW**

# Your Monthly round up of all News of a Triumph Nature



# Courier Cover Caption Competition... ...and the winner is?

Congratulations to **Brian Turnbull** whose caption for the February Cover was: "Well Roger, I always said that a combination of Spitfires and Hurricanes, would Herald our Triumph, in this war!"

The Cover was designed and produced by Member **Chris Rybka** and HE made the hard decision on the winning caption from a selection of over 20 witty entries.

Many thanks to all who entered and of course to Chris who initiated this.

Bernard Robinson Courier Editor

# Stafford Triumph Displays

We have decided to have a display with a difference this year at stafford.

There are so many fantastic, gleaming, interesting, unusual varieties of vehicles amongst the TSSC membership that we have decided to have a free for all this year.

We will have formal displays for the

anniversarys (Bond Equipe & Triumph 2000) vehicles as usual but we are going to open the hall to the first 100 cars that register using the booking form in the April Courier.

You will just need to give the reason why your vehicle should be in the hall and supply a picture if you wish to help with the decision making.

Claire Hill

TSSC International Family Weekend Organiser

### **Wanted Dead or Alive**

Have you got any old worn out Herald front brake shoes in your sheds or garages gathering dust? If so please can you contact Chris Dennis at Rimmer Brothers 01522 563302 or via email chris.dennis@rimmerbros.co.uk as they are trying to get enough old core stock to get a batch remanufactured as these shoes are currently unavailable.

**Garth Jupp** TSSC Club Shop

# **Congratulations Trevor!**



As you will have read Last month, our Specials Register Secretary, Trevor Collett Celebrated 25 years as register Secretary by supplying his 255th Specials register article since he started writing

for the Courier in 1988! Trevor is unique in this respect as he is the only Register Secretary still voluntarily supplying articles from that time.

In recognition of this amazing feat, the Council of Management has awarded Trevor **Honary TSSC Membership** in celebration and as a thank you for his commitment and hard work.

Well done Trevor, much deserved.

**Bernard Robinson** 

Courier Editor

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TSSC Annual General Meeting

SUNDAY APRIL 28TH 2013 - LUBENHAM VILLAGE HALL

The Area Organisers Road Show will also be held prior to the AGM starting at 10.30 am at the same location

# Council of Management Meetings

### 17TH MARCH 2013

Any member who has any item of business that they wish to be discussed at a Council of Management meeting should send the item to: Vivien Thompson TSSC General Secretary, Ivy Cottage, 5 Rectory Mews, Sprotborough, Doncaster South Yorkshire. DN5 7LG. or email: gensec@tssc.org.uk

Plerase ensure that any items you wish to raise on the Council of Management Agenda are received by the General Secretary at least two weeks before the date of the Meeting.

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# Welcome to **NEW MEMBERS**

# Welcome to all these new members. who joined the Club in January



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We hope you enjoy your Triumph and everything the Club has to offer

# SPITFIRE MkIV/1500 Register



# e-mail. ford.derek@sky.com

# **Derek Ford**



# D.I.Y. Porting

elcome to part two of our cylinder head overhaul. In this section

we will be showing how to lightly gas flow your cylinder head for increased performance and efficiency. Obviously a home gas flowed head will not be as efficient as say a race tuned head available from other suppliers, but it will give you small improvements and an overwhelming sense of achievement.

What we are trying to do is smooth out the rough edges and awkward corners that the casting process has left inside our cylinder heads. This will allow the fuel/air mixture to pass into the cylinders more smoothly and the exhaust gases to pass out



of the cylinders more smoothly and quickly.

If you feel inside the inlet and exhaust ports of your cylinder head PIC1 you will feel the uneven surfaces.

Notice the horizontal line that we are going to remove

We will be using an air grinder PIC2 to best smooth the surfaces out. If you don't have access to air tools then an electric drill will do the job for you.

The stones we are using come in a range of shapes and sizes, the ones on the right are Draper brand purchased from my local



motor factor. There are however several types available some of which are far too soft to be any good.

The stones that came with my grinder are on the left and are particularly useless and just showing them to any metal seems to scare them so much they just disintegrate.



Work away gently inside each exhaust and inlet port grinding away at the sides PIC3, just sufficiently to remove any burrs or rough areas, remember we don't want to remove so much metal that we make the head useless.

A ported racing head will have a fairly large amount of metal removed so don't be too scared, just be sensible.

When you are happy with your work give



### SPITFIRE MkIV/1500 Register

each surface a final polish with a wire brush on your drill and then clean the head thoroughly to remove any swarf.

This work should be done with valves and springs removed from the head and please make sure you wear a dust mask, the dust and

swarf that will be in the air needs to be kept far away from your lungs.

PIC4 shows the results of a few hours work on one of the ports. Notice how we have opened the port out so that



the handle of my ratchet fits much further down.



There is still lots of work to do on this head but I hope this gives you the general, idea.

Next time we will get started on the bottom end of the engine, starting with a good clean and a coat of paint.

Cheers for now

Derek

# Feedback from the TSSC

# Council of Management Meeting

# Sunday 13th January 2013

# Business planning & Current Financial Position

Obviously there was in depth discussion about the Club's finances.

At the November meeting David Embery had agreed to lead the business planning process and a team of 4 have met three times since the November meeting. They outlined the proposals and discussion took place about the ideas. Further action needs to take place so a firm plan can be agreed for the AGM.

# Website

CoM received a presentation from representatives from a web development company about the different options for the Club website and what possible cost might be. It was agreed that we need to clarify the requirements and compare costs for a range of options.

### **STAR 90**

CoM was given an update on the planning for this weekend event organised by the Standard Triumph Forum to mark the 90th Anniversary of Standard Triumph. There is a BB on Friday evening. The Saturday is to include options for scenic drives, visits to local attractions or a morning or afternoon at

the Pro Drive testing circuit. There will be a formal dinner Saturday evening and Sunday is based at Gaydon where there will be club stands, trade stands and a variety of activities as well, of course, as entry to the museum itself.

# 25 years as Specials Register Secretary

**Trevor Collett** joined the Club in 1981 and became Specials Register Secretary in 1988. Trevor has continued in this role since then and in February 2013 sent in his 255th article for the Courier, completing 25 years in this role.

This is a unique and remarkable achievement and to say thank you to Trevor, CoM decided to make Trevor an Honorary TSSC member.

### Contact the CoM

Any issues members wish to raise at COM can be sent in writing or by email to me, my contact details are at the front of the Courier, page 3.

# **Next CoM Meeting**

The next CoM meeting will be held on 17th March 2013.

### **Vivien Thompson**

General Secretary Triumph Sports Six Club



# We are now open for bookings.

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or phone the Club Office on 01858 434424

# HERALD13/60 Register



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# **Derek Giles**

# A Touch of Colour



ontinuing on from last month I thought you might like to know how the remaining codes on the commission plate hopefully add to the

original identity of your car.

As you can see (photo 1) the Two codes below the Commission number are marked as paint and trim. So how do you find out what the original colours were?

Triumph, in their wisdom, used a basic colour code on the following lines:

Black 01: Red 02: Brown 03: Yellow 04: Green 05: Blue

06: Purple 07: Grey 08: White 09:

Dealing with the interior trim first and using the information from the IVR forms we find the following numbers allocated to the vynide/vinyl material used:

11 = Black

12 = Matador Red

13 = Light Tan 25 = Conifer

27 = Shadow Blue

58 = Grey

These were standard colours but others were available to special order, such as 18 (another grey) and 37 (some sort of purple/Blue)! The commonest colours were Black, Red and Tan. There was also leather should you wish to pay for it.

Body colours followed the basic 1, 2, 3 etc

colour numbers, but to pinpoint the exact Triumph colour a digit was added to the front in place of the zero. So you get 12, 22 and 32 to depict different Reds or Greens 15, 25 and 35.

See the colour chart for the full 13/60 range. Which hopefully, Bernie has been able to print as a full page opposite.



As you can see the chart shows the 17 body colours available and the trim options offered with each body colour. I have not included any non standard options so this may not be a definitive list regarding any particular car. Using this chart we can see that code 23/13 will be a Jasmine car with Light Tan interior and code 18/27 is Gunmetal with Shadow Blue trim.

You may also wonder what the final code BS AU48: 1965 (seen at the very bottom of the plate) is all about.

No mystery really as it confirms the seat belt anchorages are up to the 1965 British Standard number 48.

I hope by unravelling the commission plate codes you understand the importance of them to the originality of tour car.

If you have any queries about your 13/60 com-

mission plate coding please get in touch and I will try to clarify them.

Cheers for now,

Derek

Herald 13	3/60 Colours & Trim
Paint. (Code)	Trim
Valencia Blue (66)	Black or Light Tan.
Wedgwood Blue (26)	Black or Shadow Blue.
Royal Blue (56)	Black, Light Tan or Shadow Blue.
Conifer (25)	Black, Light Tan or Matador Red.
Laurel (55)	Black, Light Tan or Matador Red.
Cactus (15)	Matador Red.
Jasmine (34)	Black or Light Tan.
Saffron (54)	Black or Light Tan.
White (19)	Black, Matador Red, Light Tan or Shadow Blue
Dolphin Grey (48)	Shadow Blue or Matador Red.
Dark Grey (28)	Shadow Blue.
Slate (68)	Shadow Blue, Light Tan or Matador Red.
Gunmetal (18)	Black, Shadow Blue or Matador Red.
Cherry (22)	Black, Light Tan or Matador Red.
Damson (17)	Black or Light Tan.
Signal Red (32)	Black or Light Tan.
Sienna (23)	Black or Light Tan.

# HERALD 948 -1200 -1250 Register



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# **Colin Lindsay**

# A Whiter Shade of Gauge

ith the cold, wet weather continuing - it's all right for you lot in March, but I'm still back here in January! - I've been finding

alternative Triumph-based activities, mostly things that can be done in the comfort of the house and not a freezing garage.

A recent differential swap almost killed me, between lying on a cold garage floor and having heavy things drop on me. It's a mathematical thing - if you have one hand holding one diff mount, and the other hand holding the other diff mount...what exactly is holding the diff? You'll be glad to know it bounced off my head and wasn't damaged. Consequently as safer option I decided to

was an early Herald white-faced version, and while the face had survived the case was quite rusty, plus there was no matching fuel gauge. I reckon the white face will make a nice contrast against a dark burr-walnut dashboard. The lack of a fuel gauge was a problem, the only white one I had was quite rusty (pic 1) and furthermore the important contacts at the rear had been broken off



(pic 2). I decided to investigate whether or not it was possible to build one using a donor gauge.

Obviously the differences are the face, and the grey rather than red needle. The face is retained onto the body by two immensely small brass rivets (pic 3) which have a



refurbish an old speedo which has been languishing in a drawer for some time. This



## HERALD 948 -1200 -1250 Register

central aperture for the screws which hold it to the speedo body. These were delicately drilled away with a Dremel, a superb tool for this sort of delicate work, and the face then very gently prised away from the body. It needs to be moved downwards and away from the unit to clear the needle, which is very very thin and very very easily bent or marked. Once the face is removed you can see the mechanism, which involves some immensely thin hair-like wires (pic 4). Good lighting and

donor gauge similarly stripped the needle mount can be dropped onto the two terminals, being careful to retain the rubber insulators or more importantly refit



them with the correct orientation so that the two rings will drop onto them and hold in place (pic

6). Replace the flat insulators on top, then retighten the screws.

So far so good.

Now the main problem is to replace the white face onto the black body without damaging the needle. It requires a very steady hand! If you're wondering how I replaced the rivets, ground off at the beginning, well - I didn't. The entire unit is held onto the speedo by two screws which go through the holes in the lugs of both face and body, so my hope was that when sufficiently tightened, the nuts would hold both the face to the unit and the unit to

the speedo.



a huge magnifying glass are a must.

The needle itself is secured by two brass screws which are easily removed with a small screwdriver. Under each screw is a soldered terminal with a hair-thin wire resting on a thin sheet of insulation material. This requires lifting with tweezers or the like and carefully



moved away. This will then expose the needle mounting (pic 5), which can be lifted off to expose two circular insulators. With the



They did, even if the small spring washers, the smallest I've ever seen, proved quite fiddly.

Once the gauge was secured in place I turned the speedo over to find one almost

pristine fuel gauge (pic 7), the rust and paint damage was around the edge and so hidden when fitted. A lot of labour perhaps, but a

good end result, at least until another white gauge shows up for sale.



However: as luck would have it, I discovered that a white fuel gauge from a Morris Minor is almost identical, barring the black needle and slightly different lettering (pic 8) - plus of course

they're much more plentiful. You could certainly use it at a pinch. As both cars hold

6.5 gallons in a full tank I'd guess there's very little difference in the calibration, and of course the Herald has the reserve tank to fall back on.

As eBay is full of Minor gauges at present I may even try some more experimentation...

...simply spraying the needle grey may be much easier?

But surely not as much... fun. It is, really! Otherwise we wouldn't do it, would we?

See you next month

Colin



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# Two much of a good thing?

airthorpe, Rochdale, Turner, Tornado, Falcon, Ashley ... evocative names. Well, of course, these names are only evocative if you know what they're the names of. I guess you probably do recognise most of

most of you probably do recognise most of them. I could have made the list two or three times longer, with some real obscurities – Deep Sanderson, anyone?

Yes, they're all cars... yes, they're all kit cars... yes, they all hail from the Fifties and early Sixties. You've heard of the Pleistocene period, and the Pre-Cambrian, but the period we're focussing on here is scientifically known as the Fiftieskitcarboom. From their bases in Denham, Wolverhampton, Rickmansworth and Waltham Abbey (Fairthorpe, Turner, Tornado and Falcon respectively) visionary automotive designers and fabricators produced car bodies and sold them to eager amateur car builders across the kingdom. The bodies were used to turn the humdrum cars of the day, mainly Fords, such as the 103E Popular and E493A Prefect, into exciting, head turning sports cars.

I could describe these cars in more detail for you, but I've left my writing this month till very, very close to Bernard's deadline, so I'm afraid you'll have to look them up in your favourite car encyclopaedia – or the internet.

If you decide to eschew the paper option I can suggest a couple of web pages to start with: www.fairthorpescc.com/fscc\_specials.html and also www.oldclassiccar.co.uk/ford\_based\_specials.htm.

I do have a reason for bringing up obscure Ford-based specials just now; in January 2011 I introduced you to a new Herald-based kit car, the Sammio Spyder. Following this I monitored the web chatter on the Sammio, and there was quite a volume of it. I got the impression that the idea of building a Sammio had switched the switches of good number of spanner-wielding petrol heads up and down the country.

I was sure that I would soon come across a rake of lovely fully built Sammios that would provide me riveting build stories with which to regale my loyal readers. If I was a proper motoring journalist I could have gone out and about and hunted down Sammio builders and extracted the information directly from them, but I'm not. I have to work 45 hours a week on a job completely unrelated to motoring journalism, which means I pretty much have to rely on facts about interesting cars coming to me. I have had contact with one or two Sammio builders but for various reasons I have not been able to write up their detailed story; they could still yet bear fruit though.

The fertile minds behind the inception of the Sammio car have not rested on the laurels of an apparent success, relatively speaking that's relative to cars that have been introduced to the market and found next to no customers at all – there have been several detail changes to the body shape, including a shortened body for mounting atop a Spitfire chassis.

Recently there has been another sort of change, a change in the ownership of the production rights – Sammio derived kits are now available from a company called Ribble Cars,

of Leyland in Lancashire. They are calling their Herald-based car the Ribble Pilot and their

together, which is mucho bueno (yes, I know, that's Spanish, not Italian).

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Ribble Pilot

I'm loathe to get too deeply into the IP issue surrounding the shapes of cars; I started off this piece talking about Fifties kit cars because it has been said that the genesis of the original Sammio Spyder was inspired by one of those Fifties kits, the Nickri Spyder. You can research this particular model yourselves, and make your own comparison, if you want to.

And there's more... we've now got yet another manufacturer producing a car body for mounting on a Herald chassis – and its shape could also be said to have certain similarities with pre-existing cars. A resemblance to somebody else's design is probably not surprising considering the name of the company, Tribute Automotive. They have named their Herald-based body A352, catchy name.

Seems to me we have a sort of double resurgence going on here: one, of Fifties-style sporting kit cars and, two, of kit cars for the Triumph Herald chassis. Bravo, I say, bring it on, let's have some more. And you know what I need now, real life,



Spitfire-based car the Ribble Navigator.

There is another car that is a spin-off of the Sammio Spyder, and that is the Miglia speedster. It seems that there has been a bit of a battle of IP (intellectual property) going on, but latest news, as I write, is that the two companies are going to move forward



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finished (or in build) Sammios, Ribbles, Miglias and Tribute A352s – preferably with owners prepared to share their build and driving experiences with us. Are you one such?

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# Servo Unit Fitting

ello everybody, one of the extras offered on the Vitesse was a brake servo unit. This was covered by TSSC technical expert **Carl** 

**Heinlein** quite a number of years ago but judging from the number of times I been asked for information recently I thought it would be a

good idea to cover it again.

According to the Standard Triumph parts books the Vacuum Servo Kit. Stanpart No. 514600, was fitted to Special Orders only and was available from the factory for the 2 Litre model onward though, like a lot of the additional items, a high proportion were fitted by the dealers and not by the factory. The main reason for this is from my own experience when buying a new Herald 13/60 in 1967, was the time it took for the dealer to get a car ordered with factory fitted extras delivered from the manufacturers. I hate to think just how many customers got fed up waiting and cancelled their order. However, if a standard car was delivered, then had the extras fitted by a main dealer it made things much quicker and easier everybody involved. I understand that's what most dealers did. A sad note I know but this applied to all of the different manufacturers not just Standard Triumph back then.

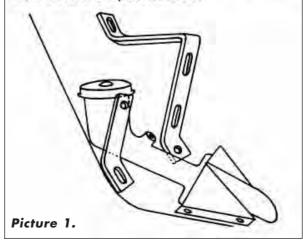
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dealer may have ordered the Servo kit from the factory, however it was also available as an the after-market item from Girling and known as Powerstop. The Servo Unit wasn't that popular as disc brakes had recently been introduced into cars and they were seen as the main advantage. There was also the belief then that over-sensitive brakes could caused the car to skid, over-braked was the term used

# Herald &Vitesse 1959 on

Powerstop Kit 64949000 (1.5 1 Optional Kit 64949023) (2.0:1) Fit the powerstop on the R H side of the bulkhead with the alloy body of the servo across the body of the clutch master cylinder. The vacuum pot should be facing the heater.

VACUUM Remove the inlet manifold and drill with a letter "R" drill and tap -1/4" x 27 NPT, fit adaptor from the kit and replace manifold.



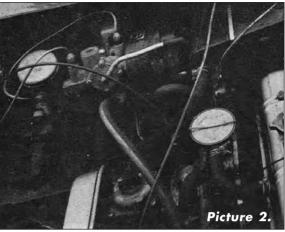
by road testers if they felt this was the case. I often wondered if this was the reason when Triumph fitted servos, as standard, in the 1970's to both the Dolomite and the TR7 they also fitted quite small front discs and pads relative to the performance of both vehicles. Still we can only conjecture now.

Moving on, Picture 1 contains the Girling fitting instructions which I presume is an after-market fitment. The instructions are useful in so much as it gives location for fitting the Powerstop Unit. I have also included a rather grainy (Sorry Bern) Picture 2 of a Mk2 which was taken in April 1969 when

the car was under twelve months old and still in warranty fitted with a Servo Unit.

So I can only assume this was an original fitment and should show the correct factory location for the Servo Unit.

Both the factory and after-market locations appear to be the same, and this would make



sense to me.

On the versions now available the location has remained the same but the rear mounting has changed. To illustrate this I have included Picture 3 which shows the rear of the Servo Unit mounted on a large L bracket. The Servo Unit always looks to me



as if it has just about been squeezed in what space was available, so it's not so surprising why so many people ask what its correct location is. It's not at all obvious.

One final note, as far as I can tell though the Servo Unit wasn't available for the 1600 Vitesse or Herald from the factory, the aftermarket Girling Powerstop definitely was from the mid 1960's. I had a look through my SAH catalogue and sure enough it contained an advertisement for the Powerstop, See Picture 4.

Both factory fitted and after-market extra items are somewhat of a grey area after this length of time, if any members have additional information on the subject then please let me know. Well I have an MOT coming up this month so I better get out there and test those brakes, especially as I haven't a servo fitted!

As I am typing this article up there is snow on the ground. By the time it is published in March spring will be just around the corner and hopefully we will be looking forward to better weather than last year and we can get our classic cars out on the road.

That's me for this month.

Safe driving and keep them running on all Six.

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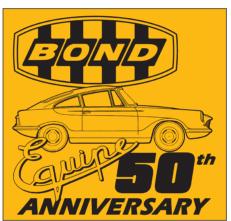
# **Guy Singleton**



# Equiped to a 'T'?

continue with the theme for 2013 - the50th Equipe Anniversary, I have heard that Bernie and Garth at HQ have been busy and have had some Equipes 50th Anniversary T shirts made. They will be on sale at the Triumph Show Stoneleigh. It's a been there or not (yet) been there (50th is in May) but let's get the T shirt.

Now to other things Equipe. I have recently acquired a reasonable 4s bonnet and other



panels – if these could help you please contact me (Don't forget, I do also have spares for the other models.)

I heard from Richard Dittman in Canada last August to say that he "entered my white Bond convertible in a major British car show in Southern Ontario for cars in

Ontario and midwest USA. The car was a big hit as no one had ever seen one and few had



### **BOND EQUIPE Register**



three glorious Equipes lined up outside their home – I'm very envious of the garage!

He also sent me a photo of his latest project, an 875 – that, I think, will be quite a challenge indeed.

Richard also sent a picture of the information board he used on his car at shows – a very professional job.

I must try to do better myself in this line.

even heard of them. We won 2nd overall (tied) | Looking on ebay recently for Bonds – as you

out of over 100 British cars. The winner was a 62 E type convertible from Indiana USA that won the Grand National award at the 2010 USA Concours. Tied with the Bond was a 52 MG TC Tickford. ...... Anyway we were in real tough competition and the Bond was loved for its beauty and rareness."

Well done Richard – and the Bond – not to mention all those Canadians with very good taste! Richard has also sent pictures of his





do – I saw 2 very familiar 2+2s belonging to **Jane Buckby** and to **Bill Pounds.** Initially I thought they were for sale but quickly realised that someone in the States had made up Fridge magnets, presumably using photos of the cars found on the internet.

Bob's now wondering why he isn't receiving any royalties for the magnets!



Hope to see some of you at Stoneleigh, and the rest of you during the year with your cars – and possibly also celebrating the Anniversary year with HQ's T shirts – hint, hint (Suzie Note: Cor, 'e ain't 'arf subtle, ain't 'e!)

And finally, taking a leaf out of Suzie's book with somewhat of a link to the Equipes, a Bond Scooter I spotted for sale on Car & Classic.

And no, I wasn't tempted, but it did remind me that I really do need to get something done with the **Bond P3** scooter sitting in the garage!

Anyone have a spare seat for one??

Guy





# SPITFIRE I - II - III Register



www.tssc.org.uk/spitfire e-mail. spitfires@cadley.org.

# Suzie Singleton

Big Money Spit.



ithout TSSC members and other Triumph enthusiasts sending me information

Russia, he came across a rather unexpected find – a Mk3 Spitfire – albeit it at rather a high price. The advert is still, as I write this, online and, as you can see, the asking price is \$116,058 or 86,598€.

As you can see it is rather a pretty car, though

about their cars, or items they've discovered, it would be very difficult to keep writing these articles every month so thank you to everyone who does so.

Even over Christmas and through the winter which can be a quiet time there is always someone keeping an eye out and this year was no exception.

Maxim Tereshchenko, who has a Spitfire4 in Edinburgh, (Maxim's story of finding his car was in the April 2011 Courier) was working in Moscow and, while looking over local Russian ads for classic cars, thinking to get something to use while in



finished in a very 'individual' and distinctive manner, but it does seem to be in good condition. I suspect there aren't many other early Spitfires for sale in Russia (nor GT6s which is what the owner appears to be advertising this as) but still – that has to be the highest price I've ever seen put on one – even more than for the first production Spitfire, FC1, which I wrote about in these pages a few months ago. !!

http://retro.auto.ru / retro / used / sale / 11632516-423f.html



### SPITFIRE I - II - III Register





Just in the last week I've also heard about 2 Spitfire4s, one new to me and one I had heard about some time ago.



The first was from **Adrian Read** in West Sussex who has recently bought a 1965 car which is one of those barn finds which still keep cropping up. This one has been off the road for many years, last driven in 1991, but has been kept undercover and Adrian says that it appears to be generally sound, although he knows that here is a lot of work ahead of him to get it as he would like and back on the road.

I would hope that Adrian, and others





who have perhaps only recently started such a

project to restore a car, or whose work doing such has perhaps stalled, will be encouraged by the following.

Way back in December 2009 I heard from **Michael Woodcock** who had bought a 1964 Spitfire4 two months previously and, although the car was on the road at that time, it was showing its age and Michael had started working to restore the car.

Although it took some time Michael is now happy that he has pretty

much finished and sent me some photos of the result.







And now the latest update from **David Embery** on the Shropshire Spitfire. Over to you David.

## **Shropshire Spitfire**

Winter months have been with us for some time now.

However, I am delighted to report that has not stopped progress with the Shropshire Spitfire!

At Stafford last year we met lots of people and were able to make many friends. However, all that we could show at the time was a collection

of parts that would be assembled into something that would hopefully resemble a Mark 2 Triumph Spitfire. Inspired by TSSC member's warm words of encouragement and generosity, we set about building up the



chassis pretty soon after the Stafford show. As you can see above we soon had the wheels on and brakes with suspension parts more or less in place. There was an urgent need to build something substantial that could be rolled back and forward so as to enable Steve to stop knocking lumps out of his shins on the chassis each time he went in and out of his garage! It must also be recognised at this point that many thanks must go to **Mike Papworth** who again proved his friendship and support for our project by kindly re-furbishing the Differential itself.



So we had a start and something that could be rolled in and out of Steve's Garage. Our confidence at this stage knew no boundaries as it was enhanced by two very important factors.

### Firstly, our successful progress so far and



secondly by the fact we had not broken anything yet!

With gusto, we set about marrying the engine and gear box to the chassis.

As you can see this was done in stages with the lower half of the Engine first being rapidly joined by the Gearbox and its Bell Housing. Again we managed not to break anything



completely assembled. This was getting exciting in that it really did look like something that resembled a car now! This was especially the case once the Gearbox and Differential were joined by the re-furbished prop-shaft!

Finishina touches are now our next stage and the end result of that we will unveil to everyone at Stoneleiah. TSSC Council of Management has kindly agreed that we can bring the Shropshire



Spitfire to the show and have it as part of the main club stand.

That way we can hopefully meet everyone again who we met at Stafford as well as have lots of opportunity to make new friends from within the Triumph Community.

We have plans for our display at Stoneleigh that will show what we have achieved so far and perhaps more importantly what we still have yet to achieve. With this last point in



The next stage was to marry the engine with its top half and then to all it ancillaries.

The guys set about correctly putting things in place with the correct torques etc. Yours truly completed sterling work with de-greasing the rockers etc so that the head itself could then be





mind, I can confirm that we will be holding our popular 50/50 raffle again. This proved a great hit at Stafford! Tickets cost £1 each where 50p goes to the prize fund and 50p to the Shropshire Spitfire appeal fund.

Hopefully everyone at the show will not only be pleased to see our progress so far but also feel they can make a small contribution to our efforts to complete the project by purchasing a ticket or two!

The draw for the winner of the prize fund will be made at the end of the day and details published in the subsequent edition of the Courier.

Well that is where we are at for now and we are looking forward to

meeting you all again at Stoneleigh. Please make a note in your schedule to drop by and say hello and see what we have done so far. We think you will be impressed!

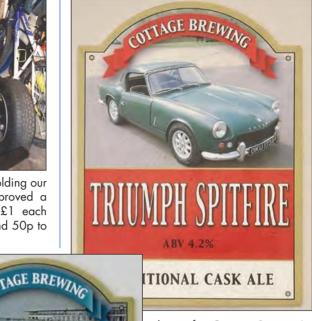
See you at Stoneleigh!

David

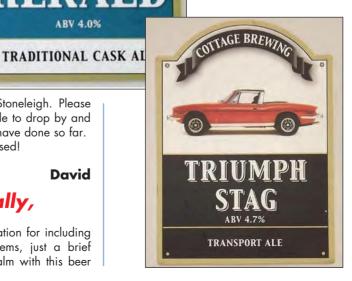
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# And finally,

So as not to ruin my reputation for including not specifically vehicular items, just a brief detour into the alternate realm with this beer



plague for Cottage Brewing's Triumph Spitfire beer - one of a series of ales which I understand also includes tributes to the Triumph Stag, TR6, and various other classic cars. And, almost appropriate for this spot, even an 'alternate' Herald



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## TR 4/4A Register

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## **Bernard Littlewood**



# Spotting the Difference

i there, I have had a few e mails asking me about the differences between Triumph TR4 body shaped models. One expressed their

One expressed their confusion at having seen two Triumph

"TRA's" at a car show with one having a badge stating TR4A while the other had a badae statina TR5. Well as I am not a person who can cope with fine detail. I shall attempt to give basic overview which will help you differentiate ween all the various Triumph TR4, TR4A, TR250 and TR5 models, here goes

them to enter "under 2000cc" category races). The engine had its origins in the Massey –Ferguson Tractor and had been modified to power Standard Vanguard models and TR2 and TR3 cars. The car also had a live rear axle. The TR4 can be visually distinguished from the other models as



### TR4

This model was manufactured from 1961 through to 1965 and a total of 40,253 cars were made with 36,803 of these being exported (that means sent abroad Mr. Dawson). The body work was designed by Michelotti. The engine was a four cylinder 2138cc wet liner engine and the liners can be removed to increase or decrease the cubic capacity (competition cars were sometimes reduced to 1991cc to allow

it does not have any chrome trim along its sides, nor does it have repeaters fitted to the front wings and the front side lights are in the grille. They were also fitted with steel wheels as standard, but many have changed these for wire or after market wheels. The bonnet badge is also the "Triumph open book" type and is central on the front of the bonnet. Some TR4's had a smaller "tear drop" bulge on the bonnet.

#### TR4A

This model was manufactured from 1964 to 1967 with 28,465 being made, 22,826 of these were exported. The start of production overlapped the finishing of TR4 production

front wings, wire wheels ( if not yet replaced by aftermarket items ), and the IRS badge on the boot lid. The bonnet also has a central "Triumph Globe" badge fitted.



TR5

This model had a production run from 1967 to 1968 and 2947 cars were produced. The main visual differences from the TR4A are the front grille, TR5 badges on the rear wings and boot lid and a TR5 bonnet badge positioned off set from the centre, the side chrome trims are also wider. The big difference is under the bonnet. The TR5 had a 2498cc six cylinder

engine which had been developed from Triumph saloons. The engine had different compression ratios and a different camshaft

and I believe that although the TR4A had Independent Rear Suspension, some live axle cars were produced mainly for export

to the USA. It had the same specification engine as the TR4 (I have fitted the larger 89mm bore liners to my car giving it a cubic capacity of 2290cc) and although the outer panels remained the same there were numerous under the surface changes, the main one being the chassis for the IRS cars.

They were also fitted with wire wheels as standard

The TR4A can be visibly distinguished from the earlier TR4 by the fitted chrome side trim, the repeaters and side lights on the



along with petrol injection.

The short production run was because the TR6 was on the horizon and Triumph used the TR5 as a development stepping stone for the six cylinder fuel injected engine.

When brand new the TR5 was sometimes hard to sell as everyone knew that the new TR6 was due to be released, however, these days the rarity value of the TR5 makes it the most expensive TR to buy. It is easy to create a car with a TR5 specification, but the resale value is in having the genuine article, personally if I wanted a TR5 I would put TR6 mechanicals in my car, which I may one day carry out.

distributors L

**TR250** 

The TR250 was produced alongside the TR5 from 1967 – 1968, 8480 of these cars were manufactured and they were mainly made

for the USA. Although the TR250 had the same six cylinder engine as the TR5 it was in a lower compression guise and instead of having the petrol injection system, the TR250 was fitted with twin Stromberg carburettors to enable the car to comply with USA emission tests ( how times and fuel injection have changed ). The cars are visually distinguishable from the TR5 by a stripe across the front of the bon-

Triumph TR 250

net and TR250 badges.

Well I hope that so far I have covered all the very basic differences within the TR4 body shape, but to confuse things a little bit more there is another variant, namely the

#### **GT 4R DOVE**

This car was based on the TR4 and was (I believe) developed by **Standard Triumph distributors L.F. Dove of Wimbledon.** 

There were only about 50 of these built, so if you have one, you own a very rare car.

Well I think that I have covered most bases, but as I said at the beginning, it is very much a layman's observations, although I believe that the production figures and run dates to be correct.

If any of you have any of the above cars please e mail me with any stories or issues that you have encountered and images that you have of them, perhaps I can "immortalise"

them in this magazine, and provide encouragement to those who are contemplating taking the step into TR4, 4A,5,250 or GT 4R ownership.



### TR 4/4A Register

I'm off for a drive in mine now because as they say "Nowhere's far in a TR".

#### Keep your liners wet!

Finally this month I received another question from **Graeme Morgan** and I want to encourage members to ask questions and I believe you are more likely to do so if you see it in print. Here's Graeme's question:

#### Dear Bern,

I hope that you have now fully recovered from your flu, and have been out building a Snow-TR4A (beats the traditional Snowman!). Sorry to bother you but I would value your experience (again!).

I've obtained a new facia for my TR4A since the existing veneer has reached it'd sell-by date.

Reading the Haynes Workshop Manual (don't we all!) – apart from removing the Instruments et al, they make a statement viz: "4. Refer to Chapter 11, Section 34 and remove the steering column complete with its cowling" (see attached).

Surely this can't be correct – "remove the steering column" – maybe I'm interpreting the statement incorrectly & they really mean "unbolt the steering column support bracket for easier removal of the facia".

Since you have probably tackled this job before what are your views / recommendations? Your advice would be appreciated before I start dismantling the steering column for no reason! Regards

**Graeme K Morgan** 

#### Hi Graeme,

I have now recovered from the flu, but it did knock me for six, thanks for asking. I checked the notes that I keep about work that I have carried out on my TR and have copied them ( in blue ) below. As you can see I did not have to remove the steering column and it only took 3 and a quarter hours.

#### 09/01/2009

Removed the dashboard gauges and the wooden facia. Replaced the wooden facia with the walnut one that I bought off e bay and replaced the temp, oil pressure, fuel gauges and amp meter. Replaced the passenger side crash pad handle with the e bay item. Drilled the walnut dashboard glove box door to accept the stay.

#### 3 1/4 hours

From the attachment you sent me I believe that the manual is referring to the older style TR4 metal facia, to remove that type of facia you would have to remove the column as it runs through an aperture in the facia, the wooden covers on the 4A have a slot that "drops over" the column.

Never hesitate to contact me if you need help or advice, it's a pleasure to help out a TSSC member, although as I like to point out, I am no expert and am really only passing on my experiences from an amateur point of view.

Best regards

Bern





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# STAR 90 - 2013

## STANDARD TRIUMPH ANNIVERSARY RALLY

very year the Standard
Triumph Forum organise an
event, the Standard
Triumph Marque Day to
celebrate the heritage of
Standard Triumph. Previous
events have been at Prescott Hill Climb and

events have been at Prescott Hill Climb and Gaydon, Duxford and Brooklands. However the upcoming rally this year is intended to celebrate an important land mark, the **90th anniversary of Standard Triumph.** This was originally the brain child of Graham Robson and has been picked up by the Forum.

I have often heard the comment by members that the various Triumph Clubs should do more together, well this is it and on this occasion it's going to be a very special event.

It's a full weekend commencing on **Friday 17th May** with a welcome BBQ, noggin and natter and informal get together.

Then on **Saturday the 18th May** we will have a number of things happening, suggested runs around the Coventry area, but also importantly we will visit the proving track at **Pro Drive** for a unique driving experience.

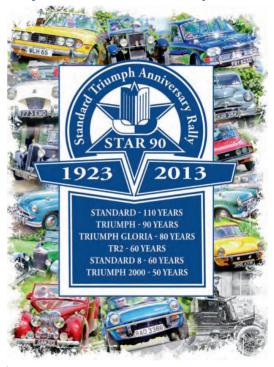
You will be able to do circuits of the track, including a specially constructed rally section to challenge your driving (non competitive).

You will also have the option to have a go on two skid pans, simulating driving on black ice and very slippery conditions (this is supervised in your own car by an instructor for an extra nominal charge).

At the end of the morning and afternoon session there will be a cavalcade around the circuit for those who want to do this at a more leisurely pace.

This is a rare opportunity to have a go at what should be an exciting, but safe opportunity to drive your car with a little enthusiasm.

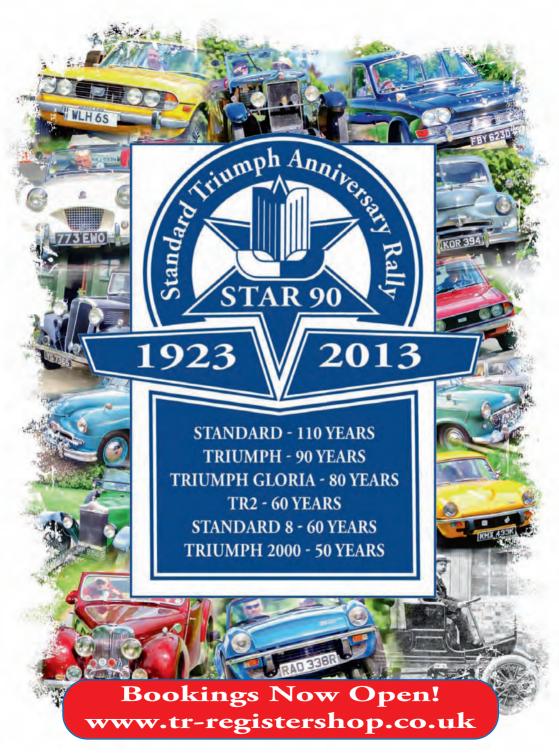
## by Victor Thompson



Saturday evening there will be a gala celebration dinner.

On **Sunday the 19th May** there will be a static rally at **Gaydon** which will be more leisurely and give everyone a chance to enjoy the venue and what should be a very unique opportunity to enjoy all things Standard Triumph.

We have friends attending from Europe and America, so is going to be an event on a par with the 75th anniversary for those of you that remember it. It's going to be a one off opportunity, so let's make it a good one and please do your best to support this, if you miss it you'll regret it.



## **STAR90** – STANDARD TRIUMPH ANNIVERSARY RALLY 17/18/19 MAY 2013

The Standard Triumph Forum presents STAR90 - a celebration event for all Standard Triumph enthusiasts. This prestigious three day event begins on the evening of Friday 17 May 2013 with a Welcome BBQ at the Chesford Grange Hotel, immediately south of Kenilworth (parking for 650 cars). For those who do not want to stay at the rally HQ hotel there is a range of other hotels nearby and camping and caravan facilities have also been booked at Stoneleigh Park, only a five minute drive away.

On Saturday 18 May 2013 there will be morning or afternoon a driving experience sessions at the Prodrive Proving Grounds at Honiley, Balsall Common, including a short circuit driving, tarmac rally course and skid pan options. An alternative range of Fun Runs are available including to Standard Triumph Monument, Coventry Motor Museum, Warwick Castle and a range of other venues and locations.

Saturday evening is Gala Dinner evening at the Banqueting suite of the Chesford Grange Hotel, with guest speaker Prodrive Chairman David Richards, Aston-Martin, and one-time Triumph 'works' rally co-driver with Fred Gallagher, Triumph co-driver with Tony

Pond, Triumph TR7 V8 - 1978 RAC Rally, 4th Place, the highest placed non Ford Escort – a great drive in rallying history. Along with outright wins in TR7 V8 with Tony, in other British and European events.

Sunday 19th May 2013 sees the whole event focus move approx 15 minutes down the A46 + M40 highways, from Chesford Grange to the Heritage Motor Centre Gaydon for an all-day Standard Triumph Anniversary Rally. It will include an arena, parades, a trade show, special anniversary 'events' presentations, interviews, full commentary. We are expecting well over 1,000 Triumphs (there were many more at the Triumph 75th Anniversary event in 1998), and many Triumph clubs. The principal organising clubs, within the framework of the Triumph Forum, include TR Register, Stag Owners Club, TSSC, T2000/2500 Register, and Club Triumph.

Booking: booking arrangements will be through the TR Register offices and website and booking arrangements will open in November 2012. You will be able to book and pay on line for any element you wish to take part in. You can make this a complete weekend event or take part in any element you choose. An indicative price list is attached.

Friday 17th May 2013	
Chesford Grange Hotel – Room and Breakfast	£64.50 per person per night
Welcome BBQ	£15.00 per person
Caravan pitches	£18.00 per unit per night
Camping pitches	£10.00 per unit per night
Electric Hook up – caravan/camping	£3.00/2.00per unit per night
Saturday 18th May 2013	
Prodrive – Entrance/Cavalcade	£10.00 per car
Prodrive Entrance/Cavalcade/track laps	£30.00 per car
Gala Dinner - Chesford Grange Hotel	£37.50 per person
Sunday 19th May 2013	
STAR90 Event - Heritage Motor Centre Gaydon - Entry	£7.00 per person

## TR7/8 Register



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## **Paul Lewis**

# Maintenance

y TR7
is in
its 3rd
month
of use
and a

couple of more faults have arisen. When purchasing a car with very low mileage you always think that the car will be better than the ones that are used regular and have higher mileage, well I'm finding that with the car only having done 800 miles in the last 8 years, the lack of use is now exposing itself

as faults. Last month was the starter motor and the exhaust and this month it's the alternator over charging and a 'Something Loose' noise from the gearbox when in first gear. The

gearbox (4 speed) is going to have to wait but the alternator has been replaced with a Lucas 18ACR (45 Amp) instead of the 17ACR (36 Amp) that came off. It's a straight forward replacement completed in my dinner break. (Picture 1.)

The 17ACR is perfectly good if you're not running a lot of electrical items but as I was offered the 18ACR for free, so the 18ACR stays on. I will look at overhauling the old alternator in the next few weeks and hopefully can shed some light on why it failed.

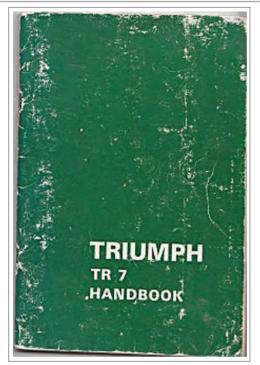
When replacing the alternator it is always wise to either renew the drive



belt or at least check it for cracks. If it is cracked then replace it as it will fail on you at the most inopportune moment. (Picture 2.) When I was replacing the belt I thought I



## TR7/8 Register



would adjust it as Triumph recommended so out with the 'Triumph TR7 Handbook' that came with the car, and on Page 56 the following adjustment was quoted:

#### **Alternator Drive Belt**

**Tension** – When correctly tensioned, a total deflection of 12mm (1/2in) should be possible by moderate hand pressure applied to the midway point of the longest belt run between the pulleys.

**Adjusting** – To adjust the belt tension, slacken the securing bolts and move the alternator to the required position. Apply leverage as necessary to the alternator drive-end bracket only and not to any other part. To avoid damage, the lever should preferably be of wood or soft metal. Tighten the bolts and re-check the belt tension.

**Do Not** overload the alternator bearings by over tightening the drive belt.

I find the handbooks are excellent and give all the running maintenance advice required to keep the trusty TR on the road. While I was looking through the handbook I gazed on the pages that specify the maintenance required at the 3,000 mile or 3 month interval, and seeing as the project was in its 3rd

month (March 2013) then I would follow the service schedule to the letter.

The handbook also strongly recommends that the engine oil is to be replaced every 3,000 miles or 3 months if the car is frequently driven for long periods at high speeds. This is now a bit old hat as engine oil technology has progressed, but imagine changing the oil every 3 months!

Anyway back to the schedule. Listed below is the extract (page 63/64) with my findings in brackets:

## 3,000 MILE (5,000 Km) SERVICE Engine

Check for oil leaks (it is a TR so there are a couple of minor weeps but nothing too bad)

Check/top up engine oil (all good as I replaced the oil straight after buying it)

Check cooling/heater systems for leaks and hoses for security and condition (all tight and fine, although I have seen a complete new set on Ebay for £27.00 so I am tempted)

Check/top up cooling system (all good)
Check/adjust operation of all washers and
top up reservoirs (emptied and new screen
wash added)

Check driving belts, adjust or renew (replaced when the alternator failed)

#### **Transmission**

Check for leaks (all good)

Check/top up clutch fluid reservoir (all good but I don't know how long the fluid has been in the system so will replace in the very near future)

Check clutch pipes for leaks and chafing (all fine)

## **Steering and Suspension**

Check condition and security of steering unit joints and gaiters (gaiters looking a bit brittle, will find/replace in the near future) Check shock absorbers for fluid leaks (fine)

#### **Brakes**

Check visually, hydraulic pipes and unions for chafing, leaks and corrosion (all good)

Check/top up brake fluid reservoir (same as clutch will replace in the very near future)

Check brake servo hose(s) for security and condition (all good)

Inspect brake pads for wear and discs for corrosion (tempted to replace at some point)

#### **Electrical**

Check function of original equipment, i.e. interior and exterior lamps, horns, wipers and warning indicators. (The clock does not seem to work, the interior light does not work, the rear demist does not work, heater controls playing up. I think I will have a day on the electrics soon).

Check/top up battery electrolyte (Most batteries are now sealed for life, with the battery having been sat for 8 years it may not be in the best of health, we will have to wait and see)

Check/adjust headlamp alignment (TR7's generally are very poor at keeping their headlight aim as the mechanism if worn will give you different results every time you pop them up)

Check, if necessary renew wiper blades (on my list to replace seeing as the weather in Britain is so wet)

## **Exhaust and Fuel Pipes**

Check for fuel leaks, pipes and unions for chafing and corrosion (grommets on the front are not there, will look for some at the Triumph spares day this month)

Check exhaust system for leaks and security (Brand new stainless, Happy days)

## Wheels and Tyres

Check and adjust tyre pressures including spare (well worth the time and effort especially the spare)

Check tightness of road wheel fastenings (I have had it in the past where they have been put on with an air gun and you cannot get them undone at the side of the road when you need to)

Check tyres for tread depth and any bumps or cuts (I have the wrong tyres fitted at the moment as its fitted with 185/70 SR13 and should be 175/70 SR13 for the 4 speed model)

### **Body**

Check condition and security of seats and seat belts (These are renowned for getting caught in the door)

Check operation of seat belt and inertia reel mechanism (That reminds me the seat belt warning light does not work)

Ensure cleanliness of controls, door handles, steering wheel.

Check rear view mirror for cracks (mine is delaminating so will look for a replacement).

#### **General**

**Road Test** (a couple of noises that I need to investigate)

Well it seems as though I still have a list of work to get on with but its always worth giving your TR the once over every so often and make a list of the jobs and parts required.

I will be at the **Triumph show at Stoneleigh** this month, and the car (I have included a recent picture of the car below) will be on the **TSSC Stand** so please look out for it. Happy Motoring







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## **CLUB SHOP NEWS**

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## by Garth Jupp

## **Anniversary T shirts**A new year and a new pair of anniversaries,

A new year and a new pair of anniversaries, this year we are offering in strictly limited quantities Bond Equipe and Triumph 2000 T shirts. The designs are as shown below.

The cost of each shirt is £9.50 inc VAT

P&P is £3.50





## **GT6 Drop Glass update**

The glass is on order and we are fast running out of free stock. Currently as of mid February there are only twelve sets left, so get your order in, as we won't be doing another batch. Clear and tinted glass costs £95 per pair with delivery £18 for mainland UK or it can be picked up from the HQ, the manufacturer in Bromsgrove, or we can take it to a show.



#### CHIP n TRAC

As you may recall we recently started offering this GPS tracker unit with no monthly fees through the club shop at the all in price of £129 inc VAT and delivery. It has sold well since it's introduction. However it has now become even better value as for no increase in cost each purchaser can now benefit from an extra service. This not only applies to new purchases, but also to all those have already purchased one of the units.

The extra service described below:-

#### **CLUB RECOVERY**

Last year one of our customers had their vehicle stolen. No problem the vehicle was intercepted by the police who then took it to a compound for examination.

Now the problems started.

Once the police had finished with the vehicle, which took some days, they informed the owner they could come and collect it but that in their opinion it was not roadworthy due to some damage probably caused during the theft.

The owner then contacted their insurers who agreed to have their assessor visit the compound, and examine the vehicle.

This again took some days but finally the insurers agreed the work that needed to be done and a garage that would undertake it. Now the owner had to arrange for collection and transport to the garage.

The compound, which was operated by a private company, required payment for storage either before or on collection of the vehicle. The

owner could claim the cost from their insurers as part of the cover for theft.

With a £200+ cash flow upfront the owner then arranged for collection and transport to the garage. All the costs of transport had to be paid by the owner and then reclaimed from the insurer.

Not the straightforward story the owner had expected but at least it was cheaper and much less hassle than a claim for a complete vehicle and he had his cherished classic back.

Some of the companies that provide monitored tracking also include a service to help with the recovery of a stolen vehicle – Could we do the same?

More to the point because the costs would be recoverable if the vehicle was insured against theft surely there should not be any annual fees or charges for the owner except an amount limited to the excess clause in the insurance policy.

We have agreed a service with a Sussex based company that operates nationally on the UK mainland and is approved by the

#### Club Shop News

police and insurers as a secure storage, transportation, assessor and repair organisation.

This service is known as CLUB RECOVERY and is available without any annual fees to those who:

- Have a CHIPnTRAC self-monitoring tracker fitted to the vehicle
- Have their vehicle insured against theft. Club recovery provides a five-point service:
- 1. Help with operating your self-monitoring tracker.
- 2. Liaison with the police.
- A recovery service to bring the vehicle to a secure location.
- 4. Liaison with your insurance company,
- 5. Help with repairs to any damage.

This is now all part of the CHIPnTRAC security package and there are no annual fees, although text message tariffs may apply.

All those who already have CHIPnTRAC are eligible for the CLUB RECOVERY service and will be contacted in the next few weeks.

Garth



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## Area Showtime



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## Pip Flegel



## TR Shropshire Weekend

By Bill Bate

TSSC Shropshire Group were generously invited by the TR Register Shropshire Group to join them for their Shropshire weekend in June at Llangollen, North Wales.

David Embery and I with our respective partners decided to accept their generous offer for the weekend of Friday 29th June to Sunday 1st July. We booked into the Abbey Grange Hotel on the Friday Evening and walked down to meet with Roger and

Helen Critchley, who were setting up their residence at the Abbey Camping Ground, a superb location with the Abbey ruins in the background.

A warm welcome was extended to us as Roger and his team set up gazebo that would become Administration HQ for the booking in process and the supply of comprehensive route information pack.

On Saturday morning we assembled at the



#### Area Showtime

examine Thomas Telford's magnificent Pont Cysyllte Aqueduct that crossed the river Dee.

We then drove to the Meres where we parked by the Llangollen Canal for a planned walk around the Meres. Unfortunately it was decided the paths were too waterlogged to enjoy a walk. Following a brief stop we then drove towards Ellesmere, where on route we were subject to a heavy downpour, those with hoods

down drove bravely on to our lunch stop at the Horse & Jockey. An opportunity to dry out and meet Simon Beresford and other members of

the TR Group for an excellent lunch.

We then moved on in heavy showers to Ellesmere, where we took the opportunity for a short walk around the Mere and a cup of coffee in a lakeside cafe sheltering from the inclement weather.

We met up at the Abbey Grange Hotel for a convivial meal.

The next morning we met up at the Wild Pheasant Hotel on the A5 to group up before our drive to Lake Vyrnwy using mainly by roads, the weather once more

> made the drive rather exciting with flooded muddy roads, no opportunity for photo stops!

> A refreshing warm drink awaited us at Tower Tavern at the Lake Vyrnwy Hotel.

> We followed by a drive around the Lake as we made our way to Bala Lake and the Plas Yn Dre Pub for an excellent lunch.

We gathered outside in the sun for the formal meet



Abbey Grange hotel, and checked or route it itineraries for Canals, Mosses Meres drive.

A short drive and we took a brief stop to







generous invitation, particularly to Simon Beresford and also Roger Critchley and their most hospitable members, we most thoroughly enjoyed their company and the really excellently planned drive.

We Look forward to 2013!

closure and raffle
Photo here
shows the lone
Spitfire amongst
it's hospitable
bigger brothers.

The day was concluded with a walk around part of the Lake

Many thanks to the Shropshire TR Group for their





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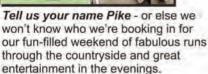


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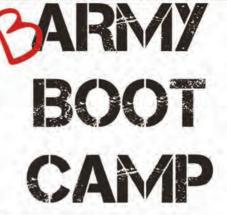
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## STAG Register



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## Ben Broadbent

# Original Stag Prices

ello, hope you are all well, and your cars are back on the road. I was lucky enough to be on the Island of Mull the other week, when I was

passed by two bright red Stag's, but they had gone before I could get a better look. I spoke to a friend who was getting the next ferry back to Oban and they said they had seen a least one Stag on the ferry, but this time it was dark blue, and was packed as if on holiday. I don't know who the owners were, but a group were certainly enjoying a drive around the

highlands and islands in the crisp winter weather. If that was your good self, then please drop me a line.

Following last months article about the website:

**stagbytriumph.co.uk** by **Andy Simons**, I had a good number of conversations about

publications available in the archive. Likewise, I've had a few calls about the original prices of other Triumph cars such as

the GT6 and the TR6. Well, I pointed the callers to the above website as all Triumph cars are covered in the 'Range and Price Brochures'. It seems that a few Insurance Brokers (not on the TSSC insurance panel) are asking for the original price of the cars.

Therefore, this month here is a

selection of original prices for the Stag. The price list changed every couple of months, but here are prices for every six months or so. The above website does provide further dates during the 1970s, but I'm limited to the number of pages I can use in the Courier.

The first price guide I have available covering the Stag, is the June 1970 issue. It lists the total price for the Soft Top Model in the old pounds, shillings and pence at £1995.17s.6d. The Hard Top model breaking the £2000 barrier at £2041.11s.6d, whilst, if you wanted both a hard-top and soft-top the price was £2093.15s.10d. Optional extras such as

Triumph Stag		Wor		P	rch			-Wa	-
	£	5.	d.	£	5.	d.	£	8.	d.
Expanded Vinyl Trim									
Soft Top Model	1527	0	0	468	17	6	1995	17	6
Hard Top Model	1562	0	0	479	11	5	2041	11	5
Hard and Soft Top Model	1602	0	0	491	15	10	2093	15	10
Optional extras:									
Overdrive	50	0	0	15	5	7	65	5	7
Borg-Warner Transmission	80	0	0	24	8	11	104	8	11

Overdrive would have cost you £65.5s.7d, whilst Borg-Warner Transmission would have cost £104.8s.11d (picture 1)

Triumph Stag									2
Expanded Vinyl Trim									
Soft Top Model	1650 £1650	00	0	506 £506	46	2	2156 £2756	46	2
Hard Top Model	1685 £1685	00	0	517 £517-	15	1	2202 £2202		1
Hard and Soft Top Model	1725 £1725		0	529 £529	37	6	2254 £2254	37	6
Optional Extras:									
Overdrive	£55	00	0	16 £16		1	£71		1
Borg-Warner Transmission	80 £80-	0	0	24 £24		11	104 £104		11

#### STAG Register

By January 1971, a new currency was about to arrive, so the price list was given in both values. (picture 2). However, the Soft Top Model had broken the £2000 barrier, at £2156.46. The Hard Top Model being £2202.15, and for both tops £2254.37. So quite a hike in prices that would continue during the next six years. I'll just mention the prices for the model with both the soft-top and the hard-top for the rest of the article.

Triumph Stag			3.
Expanded Vinyl Trim Soft Top Model	1740-00	533-96	2273 96
Hard Top Model	1780 00	546 18	2326 18
Hard and Soft Top Model	1825 00	559 93	2384 93
Optional Extras:			
Overdrive	55-00	16 80	71.80
Borg-Warner Transmission	80 00	24 45	104-45

July 1971 Hard Top / Soft Top Model £2384.93 see picture 3

4.	Ex-Works Price €	Purchase Tax €	Ex-Works Total Price £
Triumph Stag			
Expanded Vinyl Trim Soft			
Top Model	1827-00	458-63	2285-63
Hard Top Model	1869-00	469-13	2338-13
Hard and Soft Top Model	1916-00	480-88	2396-88
Optional Extras:			
Overdrive	57-50	14-38	71-88
Borg-Warner Transmission	85-00	21.25	106-25
(Tyre specification to choice,	Michelin or Av	on 185 HF	14)

Jan 1972 Hard Top / Soft Top Model £2396.88 see picture 4

5.	Ex-Works Price	Purchase Tax £	Ex-Works Total Price £	
Triumph Stag				
Expanded Vinyl Trim Soft Top Model Hard and Soft Top Model	1984-00 2066-00	414-90 431-98	2398-90 2497-98	
Optional Extras: Overdrive Borg-Warner Transmission	60-00 95-00	12-50	72·50 114·79	
(Tyre specification to choice,	Michelin or A	von 185 HF	3 14)	

Aug 1972 Hard Top / Soft Top Model £2497.98 see picture 5

Recommended		HAT	Total
Retail Price	Car rax	V.A.1.	1.Otal
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Apr 1973 Hard Top / Soft Top Model £2533.49 see picture 6

Triumph Stag Retail Price Car Tax V.A.T. Total (Overdrive included) 2639-54 Expanded Vinyl Trim Soft Top Model Hard and Soft Top Model 2215-00 184-58 239-96 2744-41 2303-00 Optional Extras: Automatic Transmission in lieu of 45-29 Sundym Glass with Laminated Wir Light Alloy Wheels 57.50 4.70 6.23 68-52 13-11 Head Restraints (pair) 11-00 0.92 Tyre specification to choice-Michelin or Avon 185 HR14 7.

Oct 1973 Hard Top / Soft Top Model £2744.41 see picture 7

Triumph Stag	Recommended Retail Price	Car Tax	V.A.T.	Total
(Overdrive included)	110001111100			
Expanded Vinyl Trim Soft Top Model	2215-00	184-58	239-96	2639-54
Hard and Soft Top Model	2303-00	191-92	249-49	2744-41
Optional Extras:				
Automatic Transmission in lieu of				
Overdrive	38-00	3-17	4-12	45-29
Sundym Glass with Laminated Windscreen	38-00	3-17	4-12	45-29
Light Alloy Wheels	57-50	4-79	6-23	68-52
Head Restraints (pair)	11-00	0-92	1:19	13-11
(Tyre specification to choice-Michelin or A	von 185 HR14)			8.
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Feb 1974 Hard Top / Soft Top Model £2917.20 see picture 8

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Sep 1974 Hard Top / Soft Top Model £3341.52 see picture 9

Triumph Stag	Recommended Retail Price	Car Tax	V.A.T.	Total
(Overdrive included)				
Expanded Vinyl Trim Soft Top Model	3259 00	271 58	282-45	3813-93
Hard and Soft Top Model	3383-00	281-92	293-19	3958-11
Optional Extras:				
Automatic Transmission in lieu of Overdrive	53-20	4-43	4-61	62:24
Tinted Glass with Laminated Windscreen	61-25	5-10	5-31	71 66
Light Alloy Wheels	92.70	7.73	8:03	108 46
Tyre specification to choice Michelin or Ava	n 185 HR 14)			10

Mar 1975 Hard Top / Soft Top Model £3958.11 see picture 10

Triumph Stag				11.
(Overdrive included) Expanded Vinyl Trim Soft Top Model Hard and Soft Top Model	3820 00 3997 00	318-33 333-08	331-07 346-41	4469-40 4676-49
Optional Extra: Automatic Transmission in iliau of Overdriva (Tyle specification to choice—Michelin or Avan)	58-48	4.87	5 06	68-41

Oct 1975 Hard Top / Soft Top Model £4469.40 see picture 11

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Soft Top Model	4191-00	349-25	363-22	4903 47
Hard and Soft Top Model	4386-00	365-50	380-12	5131-62
Optional Extra: Automatic Transmission in lieu of Over- drive (Tyre specification to choice—Michelin or Avon)	64-18	5-35	5 56	75-09

May 1976 Hard Top / Soft Top Model

#### £5131.62 see picture 12

STAG Soft Top Model	4779-00	398-25	414-18	5591-43
Hard and Soft Top Model	5003-00	416-92	433-59	5853-51
Optional Extra:				
Automatic Transmission in lieu of Overdrive	71-76	5-98	6-22	83-96
(Tyre specification to choice—Michelin or Avon)				13.

Nov 1976 Hard Top / Soft Top Model £5859.51 see picture 13

(Tyre specification to choice—Miche or Avon)	lin				14.
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Optional Extra:					
Hard and Soft Top Model		5003-00	416-92	433-59	5853-51
Soft Top Model		4779-00	398-25	414-18	5591-43
STAG					

Feb 1977 Hard Top / Soft Top Model £6333.21 see picture 14

STAG					15.
Soft Top Model		5904-00	492-00	511-68	6907-68
Hard and Soft Top Model		6180-00	515-00	535-60	7230-60
Optional Extra:					
Automatic Transmission i	n lieu of	85-65	7-14	7-42	100-21

Aug 1977 Hard Top / Soft Top Model £7230.60 see picture 15

You can see from the pictures and the list above that the Stag prices soared from £2254 in June 1970 up to £7230 in August 1970, a vast increase

In April 1973 (picture 6) optional extras such as Alloy wheels (£65.54), Head Rests (£11.91) and the Laminated Screen (£41.71) appeared on the price list.

However, many other extras could be added to individualise your Stag. Some of the early price list gave a complete breakdown of what was available from 'Stanpart' and 'Unipart', but I think that's another article.

So there you have it, if you need to known the original price of any Stag or for that matter any recent Triumph, try the following website: **stagbytriumph.co.uk.** 

Again, a big thanks to Andy Simons for his website. All prices are as issued by the Triumph Price Lists for the given month and are printed here in good faith, please refer to original leaflets for more details.

That's all for this month,

Keep those V8's purring

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agreed to it over a beer. It was the beer lenjoyed after we finished restoring the PC Triumph Spitfire at the NEC Classic Show in 2011. So, basically, the following is simply the fallout from a half-decent pint.

The plan was simple. I would prove the worth of our restorational endeavours by pitting the diminutive Spitfire (small, nippy, pretty and celebrating its half century since launch) against the Spitfire Express, the train run every year by Shepherd Neame Brewery to get eager beer enthusiasts from London to Faversham for the Hop Festival.

It would be a great way to get the car back to its brewery home after starring at the Triumph Sport Six Club's Spitfire 50th bash in Staffordshire. The race was on.

We were given the route the train would take and plotted our own road route as close to the railway as was automotively possible. There were also two important rules. First, we would adhere strictly to speed limits; second, we would only use roads which were built before 1962, the year the Spitfire was launched and the year that steam trains stopped running to Faversham. No motorways, no bypasses.

Photographer Matt Howell and I bought a stack of maps and got plotting. The route was Kensington Olympia, Battersea, Croydon, Redhill, Tonbridge, Ashford, Folkestone, Dover, Canterbury and Faversham. Apart from some exciting C-road chicanery between Redhill and Ashford there were equivalent A- and B-roads available for us to exploit throughout.

It was going to be close. The Spitfire Express was to be hauled by the National Collection's Britannia No 70013 'Oliver Cromwell', but the train would be stopped for half-an-hour en route to take on water. There was also another fairly hefty factor in the car's favour. Steam is limited by law to 75mph on the main line.

We could actually win this thing.

#### Race day

The big day arrives and we drive through sleepy London streets at 6am, making me wish I liked mornings better because there is no finer time to enjoy urban classic blattery than at dawn on a Saturday.

We park up at Kensington Olympia station to be greeted by Richard Tremaine, the original owner of our Spitfire, who has followed its journey from festering wreck under a tree on his driveway, through the restoration at the NEC, to its current honorary role as part of Shepherd Neame breweries' fleet of staff vehicles. He'll be riding the train and enjoying a beer.

As Richard and I chat, another Richard (this one a Warrington) from the TR Register walks up – he is our on-train adjudicator. He



Danny Hopkins before the off.

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Careful planning.

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reminds me that legally, should anyone ask, this isn't a 'race', it's an 'experiment'. I agree.

Then we get the news. The steam engine 'Oliver Cromwell' has failed, with a 10-inch crack in one of its cylinders. With 250psi of steam ready to escape its confines, I'm glad they have left the locomotive in its shed, but it leaves us with a problem. We are now in a race with a diesel: no water stop, speed limit of 95mph, faster acceleration. Game over? Not on your life. With renewed vigour we decide to experiment as hard as we can. The diesel is still an old one — a 1965 vintage

class 47 with a Sulzer 12LDA28C diesel engine. That means a 26,400cc lump, with two banks of six cylinders geared to a central propshaft and delivering 2580bhp to the rails. I call that meaty.

Are 1.3 litres equal to the might of the diesel? The whistle blows and I run over the footbridge to my waiting steed as the train pulls out of the station.

The race to the south is on, and despite my giving away around two and a half thousand horse power, to be honest, I'm taking it quite seriously.



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## 'Time stands still when you drive through the Garden of England in a classic car'





And they're off! Fortunately, Danny's gusset stitches held during this American-style vehicle-entry euvre. Later, a more English form of exercise – village cricket with a pint of Spitfire shandy.

#### Gateway to the south

Half an hour sees us passing the old Croydon Airport - something that would have taken well over an hour on a weekday.

Approaching Redhill, we call Kevin on the train. He tells us they are at Penge, which means we are in the lead. The 'experiment' is going rather well, mainly because the train is going massively slowly. I pull over and wait five minutes on a bridge, waving to the train as it passes. Then we crack on; the next 40 miles will be the toughest.

Oxted, Four Elms, Chiddingstone, Tonbridge, Paddock Wood. The names flash past like a bad Betjemen poem as we navigate Range Rover-clogged B-roads. After Paddock Wood at Marden we are blasting along next to the railway when we see a group of photographers. They are not waiting for us - the lenses are pointing at the railway, which means the train is on its way. I stop and jump out as it thunders past.

For the last 45 minutes we've maintained a lead as the train was held up by signals and scheduled stops. But its current rate of knots is a bit of a worry. We hit the road and make Ashford in 25 minutes. Stuck in traffic on the A28 into town, we call Kevin again. The news is distressing. The train is ahead of schedule and already approaching Dover. Suddenly they are way, way, way ahead.

In the spirit of true experimentation we decide to plot a revised route to Faversham via the road that goes straight there. Some people might call this cheating. We, on the other hand, decide to ignore those people and describe our ruse as ingenuity.

The new route proves our undoing. Just as Matt receives a text telling us the train is past Canterbury, we drive through the village of Boughton Lees. The last cricket match of the season is taking place on the green, watched, from the Flying Horse pub by a group of drinkers. The classics that litter the car park (early XJ-S, Frogeye Sprite, MGB) are joined by a red Spitfire.

A restorative pint of shandy is called for. So we watch a few overs and raise our glasses to the train which will have already arrived at Faversham. When we pull up at Faversham station, everyone wants a photograph. Not because we are Practical Classics but because the car is wearing Shepherd Neame Spitfire decals - and Shepherd Neame is Faversham's brewery.

I shake hands with Graham Hukins from the brewery. Losers with a smile on our faces. The official story is that we lost because we stopped for a pint; the real story is that we lost because we were enjoying ourselves too much. That's what happens when you drive through the Garden of England in a fantastic classic - time stands still, and pretty soon it ceases to matter at all.

#### Useful contacts

- TR Register www.tr-register.co.uk ■ Triumph Sports Six Club www.tssc.org.uk
- Shepherd Neame www.shepherdneame.co.uk

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## THE HERALD LAUNCH ROUTE FINDING TRIP

## by Fred Nicklin

es. Mackinson the
Experimental shop
Foreman and leader
of our ill fated "Dream
Car" trip, came up to
my bench one day
where I was busy making a wooden
coffee table, a fact that he studiously
ignored. Well it was my lunch time! and
like everyone else in the shop I was
devoted to making "foreigners".

He asked me to come into his office as he had a job for me. The job turned out to be a trip to Ireland to establish a launch route for our new model the "Herald". Most of us working in the shop had done our stint at M.I.R.A pave testing the "Zobo" prototype and I had spent hours with the original tubular framed version re-brazing the joints as they were supposed to be the vacumn reservoir for the windscreen wipers etc. (the next car I worked o

wipers etc. (the next car I worked on using the same idea was the Jensen FF, but without the problems).

#### The team to go route finding was:

Mr. S. De Bernes - Publicity Manager.

Jack Croft - Publicity Department,

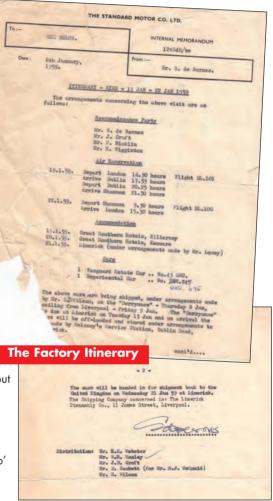
Ralph Wigginton - Section leader 'Zobo'

Herald design.

Fred Nicklin - Experimental fitter.

Jack Croft was one of the old school of Publicity men and was always formally dressed at work i.e. black jacket - grey striped trousers and bowler hat with of course a rolled umbrella.

His informal dress as I was to find out was the



same as Les Mackinsons, a tweed suit.

Ralph Wigginton was the Herald design Section leader and we had worked together for some time.

It was quite a change to be driven anywhere but on this occasion we were driven to London

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airport by a fellow work mate Harold "Bud" Flanagan. (Harold went on to be the charge hand of the "ZERO" tractor. project based at Maudesley Road in Coventry, later abandoned) This was going to be quite an event for me, although I had flown during my National Service in a D.C. 3, I had not flown in a luxury air liner before.

ondon

We arrived at the flight terminal quite early and SO had plenty of time look round, as far as I could see it appeared to a vamped Nissen hut with a bar at which was seated Jack Croft, at this stage Jack was still wearing his bowler hat and black over coat. Ralph and I went in search of a sandwich and when we returned lack was seated in an armchair minus

hat and coat and with a few empty whisky glasses on the table. Our flight was called and we collected our hand luggage ready to walk out to the plane, but Jack was still sitting in the chair and refused to move, he said he had lost his hat and could not possibly go without it. Ralph and I searched high and low for the hat, we both had the feeling that Jack would be shot at dawn if he could not find it. Ten minutes later the Hostess came to find us and said we had to board the plane immediately or be left behind, Ralph and I grabbed one of Jacks arms each and dragged him to his feet and of course found his very squashed hat, he had been sitting on it all the time!

This flight to Dublin was uneventful and we were in time to catch our onward connection to Shannon. Our connection flight was by a

Dakota DC3, on boarding we were handed blankets to wrap ourselves in to try and keep warm until the very minimal plane heating system warmed up. The landing approach to Shannon airport was unusual and the only similar experience I have had since is the approach to Hong Kong airport. Just prior to touching down the aircraft hopped into the air

(the cabin staff had warned the passengers)

and then made a normal landing, the

explanation was that the Fairies had built a mound on the approach to the runway and it would be bad luck to remove it!

Shannon airport was out of this world to us poor mortals, the shops were stacked with luxury goods the like of which we had never imagined let alone seen, it was of course the main staging point for trans atlantic flights to the U.S.A.

We were met in the airport by a Mr. McQuade who drove us to the Great Southern Hotel in Killarney but first stopping at his garage in the

town where he proceeded to be very hospitable and poured us large quantities of a Irish whisky liqueur called Golden Mist. I certainly had a mist in front of my eyes before we reached the Hotel! Mr.McQuade promised to have our cars at the hotel by the next morning. The cars had been shipped to Limerick from Liverpool, and were 43 SMC Vanguard Estate Car and VKV 675 a Pennant Saloon, the Estate car for Mr. De Bernes / Publicity use and the Pennant for Ralph and I to route find.

Next morning as promised the cars were ready outside the Hotel and Mr.De Bernes had arrived over-night so a quick briefing was held by him to explain what the Publicity Department required out of the route i.e. coffee stops-lunch stop etc. to tie in with good scenery and convenient mileage.

Our criterion was to choose suitable roads to show off the Herald suspension to advantage and to try not to select any steep mountains and long gradients. The route we eventually chose was the **Ring of Kerry: Kenmare**  Parknasilla - Waterlooville - Cahirciveen - Killorglin - Killarney. This was approximately a 100 miles. with plenty of

it is to see the old Standard Triumph film called the 'Ring of Kerry", ignore the honey-moon couple and watch the scenery.



watering places and superb scenery, The ideal way to see this route as it was when we plotted

That evening I tried to telephone my parents from my hotel room just to assure them I was

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alright, reception gave me an outside line and left me to dial my own number, a slight problem

in ring of

Kerry?

: welcome

RRING Car rally

contact reception, it was all so simple, the dial

was on the underneath of the phone! I should explain that the telephone looked just like an ordinary handset stood on a small base, when you lifted the whole thing up it triggered a switch and put you through to reception. An Irish telephone!

Next morning at breakfast the Irish Press newspaper had a paragraph all about our party

The last day was spent doing a final circuit of the route with the Publicity "team" checking out the proposed coffee and lunch stops, and to this day, I still can't stand Guinness!

Our job successfully carried out we flew directly from

Shannon to London and then by road back to Coventry.



PRESIDENT EISENHOWER in his annual report to the nation, yesterday, said that th States had regained most of the ground lost N international motor recession, but warned that the greatest danger A N international motor rally around the Ring of Kerry is being planned for this year's An Tostal. The idea was first suggested toventry, and yesteroist room the company ordered in the company of the c

He insisted that the first line of defence was to avoid increases in government

likely to improve

arose, I could not find the dial. After five minutes of futile searching I knocked on Ralph's room door and asked him if I could use his telephone, his phone was exactly the same. Eventually we both had to admit defeat and

## **Ralph Wigginton**

It is with great regret that I have to report that sadly Ralph Wigginton passed away on December 6th 2012 after failing to recover from a heart operation.

Ralph was foremost in the engineering design development of the Herald hence his involvement in the above Irish Launch trip.

He will be greatly missed by all his former Standard Triumph colleagues as we all hold very fond memories of Ralph.

My condolences go to Ralph's family and friends.

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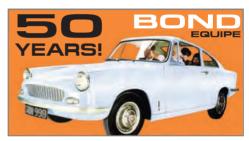
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## **Checking your Brakes**

I would like to say a big thank you for Paul Richardson for his excellent "Check your Classic Braking System" article in the February edition of the Courier.

Paul has raised some excellent points and brought the importance of the brake system to everyones attention with the article.

I would like to add a little to his article as he does mention blowing brake dust out to examine rear brake drums.

I am sure it is just Paul's turn of phrase, but it is important, especially in older cars that you should not blow brake dust at all.

This is due to the possibility of the friction material containing Asbestos which can be inhaled if not being extremely careful.

I work on car braking systems week in and week out on both classics and modern cars and do not even trust modern "safe" lining materials. I always use a Vacuum cleaner to suck the dust up and a small paint brush to loosen any deposits.

I also wear a dust mask when cleaning brakes to further reduce the possibility of inhaling brake dust.

I hope this adds to Pauls article and helps those undertaking the task to work a little safer.

I look forward to reading more of Paul's excellent articles

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## **Ethanol In Fuel Info**

After spending a fair amount of time trying to get my Spitfire running smoothly, I eventually succeeded. This involved draining the tank of fresh 95 unleaded petrol combined with octane booster, then replacing it with Shell VPower 97 octane. It seemed the problem was down to fuel all alona.

However through the Austin 7 club. I've found some info on fuel that's at least new to me. It may explain why there are differing opinions on the same grade of fuel in different parts of the UK

Below is an extract from the Austin 7 forum on petrol and ethanol.

BP - Ethanol is added at 5% to unleaded petrol at all sites across the UK. BP Ultimate (super unleaded petrol) does not have Ethanol added, except in the South West of England.

Esso - Ethanol is added at 5% to unleaded petrol at most sites in the UK. Esso Super Unleaded petrol does not contain Ethanol, except in the South West of England (Devon & Cornwall)

**Shell** - Shell has repeatedly refused to answer the question. It is therefore an assumption only, that all Shell petrol should be considered to contain 5% Ethanol.

**Texaco** - Ethanol is added at 5% to unleaded petrol. Texaco Super Unleaded petrol does not contain Ethanol.

**Total** - Ethanol is not added to any Total fuel (including standard unleaded petrol). Except in the North West and South East of England.

Shell is presumed to have ethanol in Super as they refused to answer the question! Regards,

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# Spring Fell Run Challenge SUNDAY MARCH 24TH 2013

Starting from Grizebeck Petrol Station (A5092) at 10.45 am we will travel through the splendid scenery of the Duddon Valley to Ulpha then onto Seathwaite. From there we will follow the Duddon River to the foot of Hardknott Pass and ascend the Pass from the East side, descending into the picturesque Eskdale Valley. Lunch at the Boot Inn, Boot. After lunch having travelled over Birker Fell the challenging ascent of Hardknott Pass from the west awaits with its magnificent views of Scar Fell and Coniston Old Man. Then onto Wrynose Pass and the Little Langdale Valley. Finally travelling along the shores of Coniston Water, arriving back at Grizebeck around 4pm. Some of the route has been changed from previous years.

Entry is \$5 per car and will be limited to 30 cars. Closing date for entry 14th March.

A lunch menu will be emailed to all entrants prior to the Run in order for lunches to be available

on arrival at the Boot Inn. Entrants to pay for their own lunch.

Please make cheques payable to TSSC Cumbria and send to R W Ross, 28 Duddon Drive,

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For Further information contact Roy:

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This Directory is kept up-to-date by the Area Liaison Officer so that Members may meet with Members and enjoy the social side of the Club. Any Member is wekcome to attend any meet and take a friend . Why not contact your local Area Organiser and find out what's happen

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#### **TSSC AREA NEWS**

### AREA LIAISON OFFICERS

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Sorry to Nag!! (well not really) There are still Areas that have not registered please can you get these registrations in now they are Important!!!!

Anyone requiring any help or advice please get in touch with Frank and me, we will come out to your area or speak on the phone it's up to you. Remember

you are not insured if you are not registered.

The AGM and A/O Seminar will be held on the 28th April 2013 Please can you get any questions to us no later than Sunday 14th April so I may include them on the agenda? Remember this is your chance to get your thoughts and ideas across for your club even if you cannot attend, your ideas are important to us!! (flippin eck!! I sound like one of those phone messages press1, press 2 your calls are important to us)

This is the time of year that dates start emerging in the Courier for various TSSC events around the country get them into Bernie as soon as possible so all our members can organise their TSSC calendars and attend some fantastic events that you organise year in year out.

Area Draw Congratulations to North Wales £50, West Kent £25, Salisbury £10. Please get in touch with Angie at H/Q to claim your Club Shop Vouchers.

Don't forget to get your pictures and stories into the Area Showtime to show and encourage members in your area what you get up to.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Register Secretaries for all the hard work, advice and the write ups they produce throughout the years, you are definitely our unsung heroes.

Let us hope we have a better and drier summer this year

Pip n Frank

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**Meetings Cover Swindon/North Wilts area** 

It has been rather cold and snowy at times lately, as it has been in many other parts of the UK. Roll on summer! However, we did have a good evening at The Plough with 10 people around the table - but only Ed 'keeping up appearances' by arriving in his TR6.

Various discussions went around the table, including Bob telling us all about his new TR6, which he hopes to bring out again when the weather's a little more pleasant, although some of us were privileged enough to see it on New Year's Day.

The Bruce Arms meeting was, as usual rather smaller and quieter, although we hope to persuade a few more people

out to join us as the year progresses and evenings get lighter, and hopefully warmer. We would be very happy to welcome anyone from around **Swindon** to join us there. It is a small but pleasant pub, always a good welcome from the landlords and other people there with lovely warm fires, no loud music and plenty of car parking space.

Our next meetings will be:

The Plough Inn, Grateley, SP11 8JR on Thursday 14th March and The Bruce Arms, Easton Royal, SN9 5LR on Wednesday 20th March

Don't forget the first big show of the season in the south is the one at Wyke Down on Easter Monday, 1st April this year. If you haven't already got an application form please contact us and we'll get one to you.

By the way, we have recently changed email addresses so that we can move away from Virgin as our ISP so from now on you can contact Guy at guy@bondequipe.org and Suzie at spitfires@cadley.org.

Gay & Sazie

## **AVON**

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We are now settling into our new meeting place, and if all goes well it looks likely we will stay there. Just a reminder that it is The Wishing Well pub, Wapley Road, Codrington BS37 6RY.

We have now taken bookings for Coleford and we have had confirmation that we do have a club stand at the Bristol classic car show. I really need volunteers to help over the weekend as Les is working. It is not difficult - just be prepared to talk to people about Triumphs and in return for your free entry you will get time to look around the show as well as supporting the stand. Please get in touch if you are interested probably best to email Junewrighton@tiscali.co.uk

We are taking a fairly relaxed approach to the rest of the year's events - each monthly meeting we will decide what to attend for the following month and inform people through the club forum/email - another reason for emailing me so that I can have your email address to keep you updated! Although it may not yet show in the magazine, we are registered and one reason for the relaxed approach this year is because I don't know when/where I will be working.

Last, but no means least - well done Chris for thrashing your record for a car rebuild - Jamie's mini is on the road in 8 years less than it took the Vitesse!!

Hope to see you all on **Monday 4 March** for the Avon area club meeting.

Tune

### BERKS EAST

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Hi All, Well I can't believe it's February already! The weather is awful, and the roads are covered in salt - not what we want! Nevertheless, Colin brought his Spitfire down, with swapsie oil filter as promised... and I forgot the Magenta spray cans I'd promised him in return! Doh!

Sorry Colin, I'll bring them over to you if you need them before the next meeting.

As well as Colin, Mickey and Julie, we had a new member - Emrhys from the Kennett Valley TR group, and also now a member of the TSSC. Emryhs has had a Stag for the past

### **BUCKS SOUTH . . . CANTERBURY**



half a dozen years or so, and is also the proud new owner of a TR7 V8 - an automatic to boot! Sounds very nice - two quite different V8 cars, both autos and both great cars. I'd love either one of them, although the Triumph V8 sounds better - that's the consensus. Apparently he also had, until recently, another TR7 - a standard car in Gold, which believe it or not despite being a convertible sold for not much over a grand. What a bargain TR7s are at the moment - only MX5s are cheaper in the convertible world. I saw another TR7 V8 while I was over at Johnny Spitfire's (JY Classics) a couple of weeks ago - straight through pipes - flippin 'eck it was loud! Speaking of JY, Bob Car-olgees the brown Spitfire is currently on holiday there. I stripped Bob down and followed John back to his workshop, with Bob on the trailer, and then finished up taking bits off Bob at John's workshop. Bob's having 4 new wings, 2 doors, a bootlid and various little repairs here and there, followed by a respray in brown. :-) I've been watching John's progress by email, as he keeps sending me photos of the panel work going on. So far, Bob's had new front wings and outer wheelarches, a windscreen gutter, and a rear wing. All looks lovely now (much better than it looked before!). Back home, I've been cleaning the bits and pieces which I took off, and putting the clean bits in boxes ready to put on. I might take Bob over to see Newbury area when he's done, as that's where he came from - Malcolm and Josie I think. The plan is to get Bob ship-shape and then sell him on to re-coup some of the cost - at least then he'll be safe from the breaker's yard.

Events-wise, there's Stoneleigh on Sunday 3 March - I'll be going to that, hoping to pick up any bits and bobs I need for Bob. Then there's the Isle of Wight camping weekend (caravans also available but hurry) on 3 - 6 May. Apparently, if you book the ferry through the campsite, they can do it for about £50 return - much cheaper than trying to book independently. The South of England meet follows shortly after that on 10 - 12 May. Mickey and Julie are organising it this year, and I understand it's going to be an all-weekend show again this year, with camping starting on Friday night and the show running over Saturday and Sunday like it used to. That's another "must-go-to" show and I'll be there, probably with a carload of autojumble! In the interim, there's also a car show at Shalford on April bank holiday Monday, 1 April. A new events calendar should be shaping up by the time of the next meeting, and I'm also waiting for a suitable opportunity to hold a raffle - prizes to include a new set of axle stands and a very useful head torch.

That's all for this month, see you next time, and a get well soon from everybody to Trevor!

Next meeting is **Tuesday 12 March**, from 8pm at the **Shire Horse**, just outside Maidenhead on the A4 towards Reading.

Mark

## **BUCKS SOUTH** Tel. 07788 436167 www.tssc.org.uk/southbucks email carlswanson@btinternet.com

Hi. Well, its been a quiet time in South Bucks in January. I have an on going back issue which stopped me attending the monthly meet on the 16th Jan. Dan, Rob, Paul, Liz and the sheep did attend so at least we started the year with few turning up!

At the time of writing, I see the date and reminds me that 7th Feb 2002 Tony Pond passed away from cancer at the age of 56. Probably one of the most versatile drivers who never

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achieved the status that he really deserved. Ex Triumph works driver and many others to mention. I personally think his record at the Isle of Man in the Rover Vitesse (800) was outstanding. I have been fortunate enough to visit and drive the course of the IOM and cannot fathom how he did that! I also don't agree with the record being 'broken' as Higgins used a 4 wheel drive Subaru and only luck stopped him binning at Bray hill!

Onto brighter things. One of the first events is the Triumph show and spares day at NAC, Warks Sunday 3rd March. Please see www.triumph-show.co.uk for details. 12th is the Classic car night at the Ace Cafe, London. Still rather cold, but you can get your car in the car park!

The monthly meet at **The Squirrel** is on **Wednesday 20th March.** the weather will be cold, but the welcome will be warm! Hope to see you at en event soon. Take care.

Carl.

## **CANTERBURY** Tel. 07810 438074 e-mail: Progers01@onetel.net www.canterbury-triumphs.org.uk

A good turn out last night with all the usual suspects present and correct.

Andy B and Kat turned up in their 2000 with the newly fitted 2.5 litre BMW engine. What a beast! Sounds wonderful and goes like stink apparently. Tim SJ has the Mk I Vitesse engine fitted in his Mk IV Spitfire ready for a test on Sunday when Tim W is present to wave his magic wand. We had a lovely run to Faversham in our newly finished Herald 948, only for it to make clanking noises and stop 800 metres from home. It's currently in the garage in the naughty corner awaiting investigation.

And so to business! We had our first meeting of our steering group and covered many issues, all of them worthy of note.

- 1. Dianne has been working on the calendar of events for 2013 and is keeping a spreadsheet up to date as events come in. Later we shall decide which ones we shall designate as "club runs" and post the whole lot on the website.
- 2. After 3 successful years organising "Drive it day", Steve and Mark are having a rest. I'm doing it this year so don't expect anything flash! We agreed on a run through the lanes to Dungeness for fish and chips at the Britannia pub. Apparently the best around. That will be the 21st April.
- 3. We have yet to do anything to commemorate Eddie who, as you know, was a stalwart of the club. He was a keen supporter of the Kent Air Ambulance and so we are suggesting that we have a club run to their headquarters on their open day and make a donation on his behalf.

Date not yet confirmed.

4. On the subject of charitable donations it was noted that some members choose not to pay the pound a car on club nights. This is not a subscription as people are already in the TSSC and are entitled to their Area meet. It is voluntary so that we can buy club equipment like the gazebo and make charitable donations. Steve and Derek have the accounts and any member is welcome to examine them. It was felt that people often forget and so it was agreed that I should e mail people a week before each meet reminding them of the event and include a standard paragraph gently reminding them that their £1 donation will be used for local charities and buying



## CANTERBURY . . . CHESHIRE CORNWALL

### **TSSC AREA NEWS**

## **Canterbury Continues**

what we need as a club.

5. Phil the Stag has had communication with Stag owners in Luton who would like to come down and meet members and have a little drive around. Of interest is that they would invite us back up there for a similar event.

Dates to be arranged.

6. Bob has handed over management of our website to Tim SJ. It was agreed to stick with the free hosting at the moment. Phil the Stag will have access to the site for posting up to date images of members' cars. This is still a work in progress. After that we adjourned to the main bar and had a roaringly good time for the rest of the evening.

Any comments, thoughts or feedback on any of the above would be welcome. Please use the usual contact details.

Phil R

## CHESHIRE Tel. 01625 425845 www.tssc.org.uk/cheshire e-mail: cheshire@tssc.org.uk

It's been a bit wintry over the last few days and this seems to have kept most of the older cars tucked up in their nice (relatively) warm garages. Paul however gets the prize for coming to the meeting in his Bond. Heap the Vitesse is pleased to report that his garage is no longer a kitchen workshop, but it takes a lot longer to warm said garage up with a ton (best part of) of steel in there.

Mike Ford has reported that his TR5 has gone to a new home in Buxton, usurped by a 2 seater Oxford with V8 power. After several email exchanges, including much advice about the use of the throttle when the road is wet and/or slippery in such a car (don't) it transpires that it's the exhaust note that has tempted him away. As the TR5 sounded guite wonderful, the new one will have to be very wonderful indeed! Meantime our Adrian has been gathering yet more bits and pieces, to the extent that some work needs to be done to be able to get into the garage at all. There are now enough spare engines and gearboxes and bits of suspension to create several cars (but it must be noted that at least three of the gearboxes are using his garage as a holiday home). There's also a cautionary tale about Pat delivering a differential that hadn't been drained, leaving it wrong way up on the porch floor. I haven't had an update about the Herald Estate in Crewe after the fetching pictures of the chassis as a garden ornament last month. The Spitfire in Romiley has just presented its other driveshaft at Macclesfield hub removals (Henry's garage). It seems we need to buy Roger a bigger hammer as the UJ didn't want to come out of this side at all, and trying to get the hub off resulted in Roger lifted off the floor and a very large screwdriver broken, but the hub still stuck solid. And a vehicle in Leek has recently acquired new doughnuts, Paul presented us with a piece from a pattern one for examination – this one had failed at a rubber to rubber join, whereas the one that failed on Heap the Vitesse all those years ago went around a mounting bush. I've just checked and an 'original' Rotoflex is for sale at £192. Ouch.

The Stoneleigh Triumph Day is before our next meeting, so we may have something to say about parts acquired there.

Other than that we have the Show at Event City on the 6th and 7th of April, Drive It Day on the 21st of April, (when we hope to join the North Staffs folk somewhere in the middle of darkest Staffordshire, but that may be revised to Northwich which at the last count was in Cheshire), then Gawsworth on (Monday) 6th May, and Capesthorne on the 26th and 27th. I'm giving up talking to the weather elves after the disasters of last year, so we'll just have to wait and see what comes on the day.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 7th March at the Cock and Pheasant. See you there.

Henry

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Disaster struck Forever 21, our team of trialling TR7s in the Exeter Trial! Jane retried at the start with clutch hydraulic problems, I retired at the first control with yet another bad misfire (although we might now be onto the problem, hopefully!) and Simon retired about 2/3 of the way through with a broken steering rack, after hitting a large rock. Still we all made it, one way or another, to the finish hotel and the dinner. Mike Warnes (TR7) finished, but out of the medals, Phil Tucker (TR3A) finished in the medals and maybe the only Gold in Class 5. Well done Phil.

The following week it was our meeting and there were lots of discussion and planning for this year's events. We're gonna be busy again. The long distance event looks like the Dorset Steam Rally at the start of September. Many of us have had this in the diary for a few years, so this year we are looking forward to actually going!

The Skittles went very well. The biggest crowd I think we've ever had, swelled by some of the TR Register; it was great fun. The Register have now said that they want to join in much more with us, which is good news. I have also had a similar conversation with the Stag Owners Club, so it looks like we will all be joining each other for events – excellent! Still, back to the Skittles. After a nice leisurely lunch we went into the alley and had two lanes. We divided into two roughly equal teams, 'Us' and 'Them', and started the pyramid team game against each other. Us won, but it was a fiercely competitive win and very close. So we set off on another game, which was equally competitive with new tactics on both sides, but Us won again! Everyone had a great time and, after coffee, we made our ways home.

We have had much discussion this year about Drive It Day, even coming up with a separate venue from TSSC Devon. However, Sue and John (Devon AOs) have visited The Big Sheep and had a meeting with the manager. The venue looks much more promising that we had first thought. Entry for driver and one passenger will be free on production of your membership card and the brewery will be open, brewing a 'Triumph' ale. There may be a distance award for the car coming the furthest, which is likely to be some Triumph Beer (I'm going the long way!). So it has FINALLY been decided that we will go to The Big Sheep after all. The TR Register were similarly undecided, but we hope to have persuaded them to come with us. The Stags were always going. We will be leaving The Hawkins Arms, Zelah at 10am prompt and driving up the A39. There may be an opportunity to join in on route, if you contact me first.

Next month more on the Tregony Scalectrix Grands Prix!

#### **COVENTRY**



#### Dates March 2013

Thurs 14th Meeting at the Hawkins Arms, Zelah from 8pm

Sat 30th Lands End Trial – Dinner at Driftwood Spars – in the Wheel Room.

#### April

Thurs 11th Meeting at the Hawkins Arms, Zelah from 8pm

Sun 21st Drive It Day. 10am at The Hawkins Arms, Zelah – driving to The Big Sheep, Bideford.

Get polishing and servicing, the event season is right around the corner.

Mike

## **COVENTRY** Tel. 02476 457487 e-mail: phillyncovtssc@mail.com

Hi Everyone. Well what a month January was with all that snow and rain, plus a bit of sunshine in between, but it still didn't stop "Smiffy Spitty" getting out and about a bit.

First trip was the Heart of England meet at the Griff on Sunday 13th it was quiet a nice day with a bit of sunshine for a couple of hours which enabled us to display our cars on the field even though it was still a bit wet under foot and up the flag went first time this year. There were 25 cars on display which included 5 Triumphs, after about half an hour the ladies nagged us to go inside as it was still a little chilly, so 10 of us retreated into the bar to sample the beverages and have a good natter, a pleasant lunchtime was had by all.

Sunday 20th saw our Dalos Day run postponed till Sunday the 27th as most of the run would have been impassable due to the heavy snowfall we had, still all was not lost as 10 of us still made it to the Royal Oak at Brandon for lunch as the main roads were pretty clear, but not for long while we had lunch down came another very heavy snowfall and the drive home was treacherous, Pete and Ann had a very adventurous drive back home having to rescue a motorist who had gone off the road by pulling the car back on, good job they were in the Landy.

The following Sunday the 27th the snow had all gone enabling us re-run the postponed Dalos Day Run which turned out to be a Dafos (Drive and floods on Sunday) Day Run. We all assembled at The Sparrow, Combe Fields Road,



Ansty. Paul & Joan turned up in their VW Camper instead of the Spitfire ( did they know something we didn't?) there were 11 of us in 6 cars ourselves in "Smiffy Spitty", Rikk in his Herald convertible, Paul and Joan in the VW Camper, Pete & Ann in the Landy Disco, Tom & Sandra in a Signam and the leaders of the day Maurice and Ann in their Audi. Off we went with Rikk and ourselves with the roofs down as it was a lovely sunny day("the sun always shines on our Dalos Day") well mostly. It wasn't long before we realised it was going to be a bit of a challenge, there was water everywhere, every

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little brook and stream was over flowing, Maurice had informed us that there was a couple of fords on the run, fords! you must be joking they turned out to be raging rivers which was impassable in any vehicle let alone our cars, still with a few diversions we were able to have a very interesting, different run to the normal, it was fantastic to see all the countryside in flood, a great run, well done Maurice & Ann or to



quote Paul " A floody good run". Even to get to the Royal Oak at Brandon for lunch we had to detour as most of Wolston was under water. Well after 2 hours we did make it and very enjoyable it was. Once again a great day in great cars and great company.

Tuesday the 5th February our monthly meeting at the Bull & Butcher, Corley Moor. we had high hopes of going in "Smiffy Spitty" as it was quite a nice day early on, but what happened, yes you've guessed at 4.00pm it started to snow which then turned into rain and once again the first Tuesday of the month the weather was awful resulting in everyone attending in their everyday cars, still not a bad turnout of 12 with 9 of us dining in the restaurant before the meeting, great food at good prices.

The events are now beginning to come in, we have been informed of one we haven't done before, **Driving Day & Picnic at Broadwell house Broadwell Rugby** in aid of air ambulance which also includes a driving ability test. This takes place on **Sunday 23rd June**, could be interesting will keep it in mind.

Also The Mary Ann Evans Hospice run is on Sunday 4th August, always a nice day out with lots of interesting cars. We have also been approached by David Croskell who runs the Kilsby MG Club to see if we can arrange a get together sometime through the year, again no problem we will work on it, we are keeping in touch with newsletters etc.

Well that's about us done apart from forthcoming events. Get them all weather Triumphs out and join us sometime.

Regards

Phil & Lyn

Forthcoming events - Sunday 10th February Heart of England Transport Club Meet at The Griffin Inn Bedworth from 11.00am we get there about 12



## COVENTRY . . . CUMBRIA DERWENT VALLEY

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Sunday 17th February Dalos Day to be planned by Paul & Joan Cheshire, we will meet on the layby at the side of the Sarracens Head, Tamworth Road, Corley, if you are travelling from Coventry it is on the left just under the motorway bridge before the Sarracens Head. 12.15pm ready to leave by 12.30pm destination for lunch unknown as yet. If you want to join us we must know by Wednesday the13th so we can book the numbers for lunch.

Tuesday 5th March our monthly meeting at the Bull & Butcher, Corley Moor, 7.30pm in the snug, or if you fancy joining us for a meal beforehand 6.30pm in the Restaurant Sunday 10th HoE meet at the Griff

Sunday 17th March Dalos Day Run to be planned by Steve & Sharon Long details to follow.

Sunday March 31st Weston Park, Weston under Lizzard, a transtar event any one attending let us know and we will arrange a meeting point so we can travel in convoy. www.transtarpromotions.com

Sunday April 21st Stilton Run jim.barry@ntlworld.com or www.stiltoncheeserun.webs.com

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th Bidford on Avon Vintage Gathering Tel Mark 07747741393 or Matt 07189778693 Friday 17th, Saturday 18th, Sunday 19th May Standard Triumph Star 90 www.tr-registershop.co.uk

Sunday 23rd June Broadwell House Driving Day & Picnic www.wnaa.co.uk or www.dlraa.co.uk

Sunday 4th August Mary Ann Evans Hospice Classic Transport Run

## **CUMBRIA** Tel. 01229 474077

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A Few members came along to the meeting on Sunday at the Sportsman's Inn, Penrith. Thankfully the snow had melted on the roads, only just though. It made a picture post-card setting with all the snow on the hills.

New member Peter Eagan from Carlisle brought along his recent purchase an immaculate Triumph 1300. I thought the days of finding such low mileage cars were gone. His car has just 4700 miles on the clock and he told us that it was last taxed in 1974 and probably not run since then.

The entry forms for Spa have now been sent off. Those going from the area are Myself and Anne, Ray and Gill, Nigel and Sue and Alick and Jim. The booking form is available on the main TSSC web site if anybody else wants to go.

Some of the main events for your calendar for this year are:

-Ripon Show Sunday 28th July. Camping on the Saturday night is available for those that wish to. A new event for this year is the Croft Nostalgia weekend, 3-4 August. Camping available for the weekend. The event is at the Croft racing circuit which is near Scotch corner. I have to date not booked Thirlestane Castle weekend, 2nd June. If there is enough interest then I will do so. The full calendar should be published next month when all dates are known. Forthcoming Events: March 24th - Cumbria Fell Run. The details can be found in the advert at the back of the Courier. Awarm welcome to the area for new member James Wilbye who lives in Kirby Stephen. Hope to see you during the year.

My thanks to all the members that have sent me their car details. It is still not too late to send your details to me. It was very interesting to note that we have five mark three Spitfires in the area.

Safe motoring,



## **DERWENT VALLEY** Tel. 01623 487323 www.derwentvalley-tssc.org.uk e-mail: roger@derwentvalley-tssc.org.uk

2012 was a year which could be remembered by the amount of food we consumed at various events and 2013 is well on track to be a record year. So far we have tucked into a Sunday carvery on the New Year Run, enjoyed dips and nibbles plus mince pies at the January meeting. The February meeting was no exception as we had two birthdays to celebrate. Cup cakes, chocolate caterpillar cake, home made biscuits, another home made birthday cake, a home made apple cake and a large apple lattice (fancy pie).

Niamh and her Uncle Lee were the two with birthdays to mark and as Niamh had treated me to her home cooked delights last year I felt that i was about time that I returned the gesture.

I know she loves apple pie and it was my intention to actually bake a pie but time got the better of me so it was off the the local 'Cost-Co' to buy an enormous pie which looked as if it was home baked. I tried to lie but I could not and owned up that it was shop bought.

A great turn out at the

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meeting, with lots of fun, laughter and good conversation. The highlight of the evening was Stuart's quiz. Would it be as good as the last one or had Stuart peaked? I don't know how we got through the 20 questions as Stuart was subjected to a barrage of banter and quizzing. I could not think of the answers for laughing. Once again his delivery of the questions and answers was BRILLIANT. Thank you Stuart your are a star.

The evening concluded with a raffle with some good and not so good but obscure prizes. Niamh took home a small piece of apple pie which we hid from the gready guts and everyone else went home rather happy and definitely stuffed to bursting.

Thank you to both Julie and Angie for baking the cakes and next month we will have chip cobs especially for those ex-Hallamshire folk.

Also at the March meeting we will make the presentation to Ben's Den of the money raised on the New Year Run.

#### Dates for your diary:

3rd March - Triumph Spares Day at NAC Stoneleigh.
Admission £8 in advance or £12 on the door.
5th March - Derwent Valley's Monthly Meeting. Smalley
Common Ex-Serviceman's Club from 7:30pm [DE7
6FY]. We will be presenting to Ben's Den with the
money raised at the 'New Year Run'. All Welcome.
2nd April - Derwent Valley's Monthly Meeting.
Smalley Common Ex-Serviceman's Club from 7:30pm
[DE7 6FY]. All Welcome.

#### **DEVON**

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21st April - Drive It Day. We will be doing something so keep the day free.

Regards

Colin.

### **DEVON**

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JOIN DEVON AREA FOR DRIVE IT DAY
We are aiming to get 100 Triumphs
together in North Devon on 21 April in one
of the biggest displays of Triumphs in the
far South West.

All drivers of Triumphs will be welcome and we are inviting many other local Clubs to join us.

Ample parking on hard standing
Venue is THE BIG SHEEP, at Abbotsham
near Bideford. EX39 5AP
www.thebigsheep.co.uk
ENTRY to the attraction will be FREE for

driver and passenger on production of a Club membership card. Micro brewery on site – a Triumph Special brew on the day just for us! For more details contact Sue & John Franklin via info@tssc.org.uk

We were delighted to welcome Colin to our January Club Night at the Star Inn Liverton. Colin has been a member for many years, but this was the first Devon event he has attended since moving to the area. Not only did he come along, but brought his very clean looking 1968 13/60 estate in Valencia. Cannot wait to see the car in daylight but it looks good, and has had a lot of input from Mike Papworth. Also at his first evening meeting was lan, without Margaret who was suffering at the dentists. Ian had a good chat with Ted about their respective Spitfires. Marc was suffering, having strained his back pushing the GT6 out of the way so that he could bring out the 13/60 for our January lunch, but at least he now knows the cause of the clutch problem. Dan was the only other to bring a car, this time his trusty Herald estate. We had been given a number of fantastic original manuals and handbooks by Martin in Somerset, whose Spitfire Special was featured in the Courier in 2011, and these have all now been gratefully snapped up by our local members. A great act of generosity which was much appreciated. We are hoping to have Martin's car on the Club Stand at Powderham in July.

For our February run from Crediton, organised by Maurice and Mary, we had one of our biggest turnouts, 13 Triumphs on the run, plus assorted moderns and Louise's XJS driven this time by Dan as he was waiting for the right brake pads for the Herald. Valencia was the colour of the day, with no less than four cars. We had three Spitfires, 1 GT6, two 13/60 convertibles, two 2000's, two Vitesses, two Dolomites, and Annie's 1200 Herald. Another Dolomite arrived at the pub for lunch, this was Robert and Barbara, their first outing with the Club since joining in the 80's – a very big welcome to

them, and also to Martin who has recently moved down from Scotland and brought his 1500 Spitfire. We hope to see you all again soon. Robert's other cars, the Herald and Spitfire, are featured in the February Courier advertising 'Practical Classics'. Maurice and Mary led us from Crediton through areas new to many of us, even to John and Sue B who live at Whiddon Down and whose door we drove past. A really interesting run, through Morchard Bishop, over the Tarka Line at Eggesford, through North Tawton, Whiddon Down and on to the Kings Arms at Tedburn St Mary, where we were all very well fed. It was great to see so many cars out for a run in February, and particularly to see some 'new' faces. Whilst driving through Crediton, a number of us saw a dark coloured Herald going the other way – was she a member?

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Coming up in Devon

On 3 March, we will meet at 10 am for 10.30 at the House of Marbles at Bovey Tracey for a run over the moor to our lunch venue, the Burrator Inn at Dousland. We are very much hoping that some of our WEST DEVON members may come along to this event. We have a lot of members in the Plymouth and West Devon and border areas, and we would love to see some of them join us at an event. As usual, we do need to have an idea of numbers about a week beforehand so that the pub can be prepared for us!

On Thursday 14 March, Steve will be resuming the North Devon sub group meetings, postponed whilst he and Sharon were preparing for the birth of their baby. Now safely arrived, Alexander George Walker Wilkinson was born on the 24th January 2013 weighing 6lb 1oz! Our congratulations to them and we look forward to meeting young Alex, hopefully on Drive it Day. As usual, please ring Steve on 07968 702611 for details of the North Devon meeting venue.

Devon's Club Night will be on Wednesday 20th at the Star Inn Liverton as usual. We have again been invited by Torbay Old Wheels Club to play SKITTLES at Forde House Social Club, Brunel Road Newton Abbot on Saturday 23 March at 7pm. They will provide the refreshments but have asked that players bring along a raffle prize. It is usually a good evening even if we do not win! Please contact us asap if you are coming as we need to give Old Wheels Club numbers beforehand.

Because of all the events happening in April, we will NOT have our usual first Sunday of the month run next month, but we would like a really good turnout for Drive it Day this year. As you already know, we are heading for NORTH DEVON on 21 April for Drive it Day and it would be a good opportunity for some of our North Devon members to join us there at what promises to be a huge but informal display of Triumph cars. You will already have seen that we will be travelling to The Big Sheep at Abbotsham near Bideford (EX39 5AP) . We would like to see as many members as possible come out then to join us and we are planning to be at the venue from around 11am. We are aiming for 100 Triumphs to turn out, to really make a statement about the number of Triumphs in the south west. As far as we know, there has not been a big Triumph gathering of this size in the area for quite a while. The big news is that ENTRY TO THE ATTRAC-TION WILL BE FREE for the driver and one passenger! All we ask is for production of a valid car club membership card - any Club. All Triumph drivers will be welcome, so if you have friends not in TSSC (why not?), please ask them to come along. Group Rate entrance would be £7.50 per person normally, so we are getting a great deal. There is a MICRO BREWERY on site, there is FREE BEER TASTING

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in the shop and they will be producing a BEER SPECIALLY FOR US - a TRIUMPH SPECIAL. From 1pm the brewery shop will be open for lunch time beers. On site there are a restaurant and a cafe, along with picnic areas all with ample room. A lot of things are actually UNDER COVER should it be inclement – which it won't. There is a daily programme of events, including sheepdog training and trials, sheep racing over a biggish track, horse whispering, a themed combat experience etc. The various shows are aimed at grown-ups as well as the children. There is masses of parking and some cars could be displayed inside if they finish the barn they are building in time! There will be a Peoples Choice of car and a reward for the Furthest Distance Travelled, prizes to be Special Beer(!) We are reckoning on various groups arriving there between 11am and 12. and will have ideas for various meeting points on the way shortly.

Show entry forms are arriving thick and fast now and, if you want to be part of the TSSC display at Pecorama on 26 May, please make sure you put TSSC on your entry form. Last year, a number of our cars ended up parked in the general classic car park, which rather lost the impact. We have a number of entry forms for events, which we can email to you on request. We will send internal entry forms for Powderham Show (13/14 July) to those on our email list, and will need these returned to us please by 27 April so that we can send them off before we head off to the Isle of Wight.

**DEVON DIARY** 

Sunday 3 March 10 am for 10.30 meet House of Marbles Bovey Tracey for lunch at Burrator Inn Thursday 14 March North Devon meeting Wednesday 20 March Devon Club Night at the Star Inn TQ12 6EZ

Saturday 23 March Skittles with TOWC at Forde House Newton Abbot 7pm

Sue & John

## **ESSEX** Tel. 01375 672072 www.//sites.google.com/site/tsscessexarea/

This month the modern cars have let me down so very little time to work on the Triumphs, more excuses. I have started to fit the MX5 seats in Tallulah the passenger seat is out and the front fixings have been fettled to match the Spit, now it is just the back. I think this will involve some tin bashing on the seat and car. As well as this it has been a busy month with a trip to the isle of Wight for me to do gearbox stuff and Janet to go exploring by herself, so we had two nights at the Wight Mouse Inn at Chile, with two lovely meals and a few glasses of red, so not all car work.

Out and about

Club day - 12 brave souls ventured out in snow covered Essex with the hope of making it to their destination and hot food. I am glad to say all made it to the Halfway house for lunch but no Triumphs, yes it was that bad, we all partook of hot sustenance and mutually reassuring each other that the weather would get better and we would make it home (we had a drink, food and a natter) Jed and Kirk brought up a bit of the 2.5 to see if we could match the colour. I had some print outs for them but the colour was inconclusive and the photos I had of the vin plate location didn't help as theirs was missing, back to trial and error.

Gear box IOW - Janet and I had a weekend away on the Isle of Wight. I went to a gearbox master class being run by Graham Cotton in his lockup, there were 6 of us, Jack Eales, Roger Holbrook, Adrian Charlton, Derrick Cooke, Carl Shakespeare and Me, we managed to find the lock up hidden behind a farm, then it was up a ladder onto the mezza-



nine floor and there on the bench was the box of wonders we had all come to have de-mystified, previously I had only taken the cover off a gear box and gone "that looks ok" as I could not see any big bits broken off. After a coffee we got started and it was not as bad as I thought. Graham had a knack of making it look easy to do and a way of explaining it that made you think "I can do this" and slowly the mystery dissolved (I have yet to try solo) after lunch he showed how to put it back together despite two bits being members of the Colditz escape committee

THANKS VERY MUCH for your hard work Graham for all patience and letting me come down from Essex.

Tiptree jam factory cream tea - We had 13 1/2 people brave a cold February Sunday morning to go out for a cream tea but for various reasons there was only one brave soul in a Triumph (welcome Chris & Jenny with your Vitesse).

The rest of us with our excuses, were lan, Cheryl (no engine in Rosie) Ray, Lesley (car packed for the house move) Janet, Joe, Bronwen, Jack and Me (too many to fit in the Spitfire) and meeting us at the jam factory Brian, Jean (lightning is in bits in the workshop having a repaint) the trip down was uneventful apart from losing two of the modern cars (all little silver cars look the same in my wing mirror (we should have brought Triumphs) but we all got there. Brian & Jean were already waiting for us so in we went to the surprise of the lady running the coffee shop when we said 13 1/2 please. But within a few minutes she had a long table organised and we were all seated.

The orders ranged from Sunday roast to cream tea and after all finishing our food it was off the museum for Chris & Jenny accompanied by Brian & Jean and the shop for the rest of us as we had seen the museum on our last visit. Jams and various other sundries were purchased. Then on to the Garden centre for more shopping and round two of food (lan wanted his dessert). Chris & Jenny left at this point to go food shopping (do you spot a theme to our trips out) so after afternoon sustenance was partaken, the nick knacks that the garden centre provided were purchased and we then all said our good byes and made our weary way home.

Up and coming March

2ND/3RD Coventry museum & Stoneleigh Triumph day 10th Swap meet Essex Arena Raceway 17TH Club Day Halfway House April

6th Onion Trolling Jannaway Technology Centre
Birthdays this month - Lesley Neville on the 13th, Cheryl
Eustace on the 15th Harry Neville on the 29th
Happy birthday to you 3 for this month.

## GLOUCESTER . . . HALLAMSHIRE HERTS & BEDS . . . ISLE OF WIGHT



## **GLOUCESTER** Tel. 01452 790126 www.tssc.org.uk/gloucester

March already, about time too it's been cold and wet tinkering in the garage and the sooner spring comes the better.

The area meeting in January dragged out all the die hards from in front of the fire to enjoy the usual banter and a very pleasant evening it was too.

Barry made it back to the UK and promptly hosted the coffee morning, a good turnout was present and the kettle was rarely allowed to cool. It was nice to catch up with Chris and Mel as they've been absent for a bit doing house stuff!

Last but not least was the area annual dinner. As usual the Sarah and her crew did us all proud and lets face it trying to organise a rowdy mob of thirty plus is no mean feat.

The evening was a great success and the food all disappeared to the delight of all the diners. Thanks to everyone for joining in and making it the evening it was.

Look out for the forthcoming events and we'll see you out and about soon.

Andu

#### Events.

Sunday March 3rd The Triumph show and spares day at Stoneleigh.

Sunday March 10th Bacon butties and a walk starting from Sue & lan's.

Monday March 19th Area meeting at The Swan, Coombe Hill.

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#### To All The TSSC Members

It is with much regret that we have now stopped being AO's for Hallamshire Area.

We feel that the lack of interest from the members in our area and having to rely on other areas to make a presence to keep us going each month isn't good enough.

We would like to give a big thanks to our dear friends Carl & Lisa Hutchinson and not forgetting Rebecca for their valid support each month.

Also the Areas which have supported us: Derwent Valley members, Nottingham Area & South Yorkshire also Lincoln. So as from February there is no more Hallamshire Area.

You will see us at other area meetings and at events and we will still help out when needed to.

Thank you for all your support

Tulie & Adrian

## HERTS & BEDS Tel. 01582 750943 e-mail: peter.h.lewis@ntlworld.com

Hello folks, sorry not much to report again, the weather has held up our small committee from making a programme for the season, but it's all underway, we plan to meet up Feb 5th to make a battle plan.

The January Pub meet saw 23 Triumphers on the 7th and 28 on the 28th brilliant, thanks for the effort, our usual area was not cordoned off so we squeezed up in the bar, quite vibrant, Nice to see new members Martin and Aiden.

Aiden runs a classic repair centre based near the gliding club at Dunstable and has offered to make us an open day to see

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and be able to use his facilities for a Saturday in March including tea and biscuits so watch this space.

Last year, Ray and Myself put a deal of time into helping with HQ Shop stocktake and this year hope to make a Club DVD Servicing Video, starting with all small chassis cars and see how we get on...look out for you've been framed or candid camera ...if you remember that one.

Any news will be on the Message board in Local Area's, My AO blog notes or our ever enlarging email circulation, sorry I don't do Facebook or Twitter and my mobile has buttons !!! Gee its difficult to make nothing seem inspiring !!!!

See you all soon.

Peter

### **ISLE OF WIGHT**

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Wow, it is getting lighter in the evenings already, ooh Spring is on the way!

December - A good effort for a great cause from all the clubs who collected for the Mountbatten Hospice in Newport. About a dozen of us were at the Christmas meeting at the Woodman Arms and we all had a lovely meal and not a turkey in sight! Boxing Day was the mince pie run from Brading Downs, lovely hot sausage rolls too thanks to Angela.

All of a sudden it was January and the much anticipated Tech Session with Graham; he had a full house and even had visitors from Essex and Hampshire.

It seems that the attendees were anxious to get back to their gearboxes to strip them and rebuild them too, well done and thanks to Graham, your enthusiasm and knowledge has been put to great use.

All the information and more booking forms for the 24th Isle of Wight Camping Weekend 3rd-6th May 2013 are now available from our website www.triumph-iw.co.uk. If you still need a caravan call Cherry at Appuldurcombe Gardens on 01983 852597 to see if there are any still available.

If you need any information about any of the events or anything technical, you can come along to the meetings, check out our website **www.triumph-iw.co.uk** or give Angela a call evenings or weekends on **07773 846 173**.

#### February:

Sun 17 VHVC Valentines Tea Run, meet Newport Football Club 1.30pm Mon 18 Area Meeting, The Woodmans Arms, Wootton 8pm March:

Sun 3 International Spares Day, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire Mon 18 Area Meeting, The Woodmans Arms, Wootton 8pm

Sun 31 MG Easter Bonnet – No Headlights Run See you all soon, regards

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#### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

E-mail news to: courier@tssc.org.uk News in By 8th of Month please



## LANCASHIRE . . . LEICS & RUTLAND LINCOLNSHIRE

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A big thank you to all who turned up to the January meeting, it was so good to see so many faces old and new. The weather wasn't brilliant and with the nights still dark we stayed inside the Canberra for the meeting.

We held our Christmas raffle which was a huge success, thank you to everyone that donated a prize.

I had lots of suggestions for different car shows/Sunday runs out to attend, thanks to everyone who came up with all these.

Debbie and Leyland will be organising a run to Glasson Dock later in the year, I will let you know the dates as soon as possible. I am waiting for details for the drive it day and as soon as I have these I will pass them on. I have sent out an e-mail to all the Lancashire members for them to give me updated details and I am disappointed to report that not all have replied, so if you are reading this and have not replied please can you e-mail me.

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 26th March at Canberra Club (BAE Systems) Samlesbury** hope to see you all there, if you need anything in-between please contact me.

Happy safe motoring, bring on the lighter nights and the summer.

Mark

## LEICS & RUTLAND Tel. 07530 307371

Our area meeting on Tuesday 5th Feb saw 27 members eating and drinking at the Red Lion, with 2 new members Roger & Carole joining us for the first time. They currently drive an MGB GT and are in the process of renovating a Spitfire. Roger is also looking for a Herald estate to replace the MG. Can't argue with that.

The coming years events, shows, trips, holidays etc. were discussed and a few firm plans made.

Our Pork Pie night is still to happen at the time of writing on the re-arranged date of 12th Feb.

March 3rd is Stoneleigh and a few of us always go to that.

Drive It Day on Sunday 21st April is to be "The Stilton Cheese Run" for most of us.

Our major events this year are Laon & Spa in May combined as one trip (4 cars) and our 10 day trip to Skye via the lake district and Loch Lomond in July and August. Plans for this are not yet finalised (Dave Smith is in charge of this one) but should be all settled by mid-March.

We have many other events planned including the Peak Run, the Lincoln weekend, several Transtar Promotions events and a trip to meet up with the 2000/2500/2.5 register in Stratford.

We are all looking forward to a better year than 2012 as so many events were cancelled due to rain, rain and more rain. Can you remember this time last year when the water companies were warning us of imminent hose pipe bans? I can personally guarantee that this year will be sunny and hot and sun cream will be in short supply! Get yours now.

In anticipation of all this hot weather a couple of us have invested in Evans waterless coolant. John Musch has

already fitted his to his Vitesse and he reports that his car seems to run a little cooler on the gauge though it never overheated before. Like me he is more interested in the benefit of the lack of corrosion that this product promises. I will be fitting it to my Stag initially as the corrosion element always worries me on the alloy heads. I have not done mine yet as the snow came just as we bought it, and my garage is fully occupied with a Pi shell for now. It will be at E.J.Wards soon for its weldathon so the Stag can wait until then as flushing a cooling system outside when it's around 2 degrees isn't my idea of fun. I also need to fit a higher output Alternator to cope with my headlamp conversion that has all 4 headlamps on at the same time. At least the gear lever that snapped off over Christmas has now been sorted so I don't have to select gears with a screwdriver!

Stag ownership is never boring.

Our March meeting is on 5th March when Andrew and Corrin will be testing us all with a quiz night. Bring brains and £1 per person to enter.

Our monthly raffle needs donations for prizes so any (unopened) bottles of plonk etc. will be gratefully received. Keep running on 4/6/8.

Neil

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Well due to the lack of a regular monthly report it has been decided that Phil, Garth and I will take turns to write prose.

Right, down to local news, the two Bobs are busy making babies so that's their Vitesse on hold for the next twenty years, whether they realise it or not.

Phil is still on the lookout for a local garage for rent in order to store his Herald so that the Spitfire project he has bought for Will can start. Hopefully they will be moving it out of storage at Phil's brother's workshop in the next few weeks and will be calling on our combined experience to get William on the way to classic car ownership.

Garth is making steady progress on the 2500, the engine bay is all repainted and the engine rebuild is on-going as funds allow.

The new member (very sorry but forgot your name) is putting us all to shame with the speed with which he is rebuilding his Vitesse, the standard of which from the photos I have seen will make it a concours trophy winner.

My GT6 is sat in the garage eagerly awaiting the batch of drop glasses from the Club shop.

I have ordered two sets, as once this batch is made I don't think there will ever be any more made and its always handy to have a spare set just in case.

I have just received the invite to the Lincoln Vintage Vehicle Society castle rally to be held on Sunday the 9th of June at Lincoln castle between 10 am and p.m., It's an enjoyable day and at £6 per car including 2 adults not expensive so contact the LVVS on info@lvvs.org.uk or visit their web site www.lvvs.org.uk and let's have a TSSC Lincolnshire group attendance (remember this event is pre-book only).

That's it for this month, roll on the sun. Regards

Keith

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### LIVERPOOL . . . M25 EAST



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Firstly a Happy New Year to all our Liverpool Area members. Sorry we have been silent for a while, but there has not been a great deal to report in these cold and wet winter days. If next summer is anything like the one we had in 2012, all of us with convertibles will be fitting bilge pumps. No wonder Amphicar prices have gone silly!

The Christmas meal at the Yuet Ben on 15th December was a convivial occasion, and thanks to all who made it. We decided to declare this the December meeting, as a further meeting right on top of Christmas would have been too much at what is a busy time for many. I have it on tape that Lee thinks my Herald is the most reliable car in the area, and will remember this with rueful resignation the next time it hurls its tovs out of the pram.

At the November meeting Lee showed off his beautifully refinished GT6 dash, which he is now in the process of fitting up, and in doing so, is chasing down the previous owner's wiring bodges. Lee has really made a lot of progress in a short time on his GT, and the dash will set off the nicely re-trimmed interior. Meanwhile, Dave continued the area tradition of bringing a lump of rusty Triumph to meetings, and is working hard on his Vitesse restoration, which is making steady progress, despite his predictions of doom and imminent scrappage. In the immortal words of Johnny Cash, "one piece at a time" Dave!

The freezing and wet January meeting, was notable for being the first time I have ever seen Alex leave his Spitfire at home. Lisa made a welcome return to our ranks, and seems to have recovered her Triumph mojo and is trying to resuscitate her Vitesse, which we all hope to see back on the road soon. Our official area registration forms were also signed off at the meeting, which should get us off Pip's naughty list.

Back in my own "man cave" I am fitting the nice polished stainless heat shield I bought at Stafford, and fitting a new stat housing to cure a long-standing coolant weep. I also want to replace my rusting chromed bonnet stays with some nice stainless ones for added bling. The game plan beyond that is to add a Honeybourne hard top, refinished in red to match the body, and replace my troublesome fibreglass boot lid with a decent steel one if I can find one. As both require paint spraying, the weather is going to have to get a lot warmer before these jobs get ticked off the "to do" list, but at least I will be able to go on runs and remain watertight.

At both the November and January meetings, members brought items from their own automotive libraries to pass around, and additional treasures were requested by some of us from Santa, and duly delivered.

Members learned with sadness that hard on the heels of the loss of "Totally Triumph" it appears we are to lose the Mouldsworth Motor Museum. This has been run for many years by James Peacock with whom we enjoyed a visit last year. It appears that United Utilities wish to renegotiate the lease on the building(as if they don't make enough profit already...) and the museum will be broken up. Regards

Steve

#### **NOTE to ALL:**

If I don't reply to your email I Haven't received It!! Bernard Ed.

#### **TSSC AREA NEWS**

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Our trip to the Purfleet Heritage Centre was a bit of a cold affair but enjoyable none the less. Even inside the museum it was cold, well it is an old Napoleonic gunpowder store so I suppose it pays to keep it cool. Lots of local military stuff was on show including a big display from Suttons Farm Airfield and Hornchurch Aerodrome. This was just the opportunity for some silly photos and for Donna and Maria to have fits of giggles (ask them for the full story). The people from the museum said that we would be welcome to have a run out with the cars at sometime and have sole use of the carpark. Might be worth considering if we have a spare day when the weather's a bit better. The day was rounded off by lunch at the nearby Royal Hotel. Unfortunately Steve and Maria had to leave us at this point due to Steve feeling more and more unwell. That just left the rest of us to enjoy the carvery and views of the river.

The January meeting was well attended, we took over the corner of the pub, as usual re-arranging the furniture. No Triumphs on show but Vince and Amanda turned up in their brand new sparkly red Focus, very nice. Mumma was busy doing a roaring trade with her eggs, think everyone went home with at least one box. Brian had lots of questions for me regarding shows that we're doing in the summer. I think I managed to answer all of them although I think I'm getting just as confused as everyone else now. Well, there is going to be a lot going on.

Graeme meanwhile attempted the pub challenge of eating the biggest burger we've ever seen. If you finish it you get



your photo on the wall plus a certificate. Alas though, he couldn't quite finish it but it was a valiant attempt. News on various cars is - Lightning's bonnet is in the process of being repainted, Colin's

Vitesse is still work in progress although the seats are finished, Andrea reports they looked very nice in the front room ha ha. Graeme's TR has been treated to new electronic ignition after the last set packed up. We haven't heard any news on the 'Cox's' Herald, maybe the new seats are all fitted and the interior is looking resplendent in Matador Red. Hmmm, maybe ha ha.

We're really going to be getting into the swing of things this month. Starting with our weekend away to the **Black Country Museum and the Triumph Show**. The bus is full and the hotel is booked so should be a good un!

And don't forget that everyones welcome to the Tinkering weekend round the Hill Household. Get all those last minute jobs on the car done, ready for the summer. It normally ends up with us having our lunch n stuff on the drive with the cars, just like a car show.

The neighbours think we're mad but they're getting used to it. And then, right at the end of the month the shows start



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## **M25 East Continues**

again, woopee!! Bring on the summer.

John

#### March Events -

Weekend away - Saturday 2nd/Sunday 3rd Tinkering Weekend - Saturday 16th/Sunday 17th Monthly Meeting - Sunday 24th Museum of Power Easter Show - Sunday 31st

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Sat in our Garage is Ruby (Triumph Stag our baby) weather and salt on the road has resulted in her being stored for a few weeks to keep her dry. We went away for Xmas and when we came back the heating and hot water had been off for nearly two weeks (Kn\*ckered boiler) the house was fffreezing Brrrr, boiling kettles like the old days bathing in the kitchen sink brought 20th century luxury envy. But not Ruby with Vaseline on her chrome, shampoo, conditioner and polish on her body, waxoil on her under carriage a nylon hat on her hood and 2 expensive breathable covers tucking her up in her duvet warmth, and the only electric oiled filled radiator we have in the house to keep her warm and snug. One question who gets priority in this house??

Any questions or ideas that you may have no matter how big or small please will you get them to us by the April meeting for the AGM and A/O Seminar. Our area meeting was quite well attended where we discussed a lot of events that we will be attending this year. We handed an event's calendar out of all the events that are happening in 2013 hopefully you can enter the dates into your Area Calendars. Anyone in the Manchester area who would like an event calendar I can email it to you just let me know.

Any members that have booked for **Event City** please can you bring your pennies to the next meeting £20 camping and £6 for day tickets these have already been ordered thank you.

Janet being on the ball has already booked the Xmas Do for 7th December 2013 at 'St Ives Hotel Lytham' we have done it before and had a great time so get in touch with Janet if you would like to go.

If anyone would like to join us at the Carole Nash Seminar On the 14th March 7pm at 'Tollemache Arms' Tarporley with guest speaker from 'Car SOS' on telly taking questions on car restorations, and 'Kelsey Publishing' and free buffet and soft drinks please get in touch with us in the usual way. 'Cumbria Fell Run' 24th March there are a few of us going, check the Courier for details and let us know this one is not for the faint hearted.

**Stoneleigh is on 3rd March** anyone who can't go but would like something picking up please let us know.

'Barmy Boot Camp' (Manchester Area Show this year) will be on 12/14 July.

Area BBQ will be **Wyreside Fisheries 10/11th Aug** B/B is available so I need names for bookings ASAP.

Below is a packed 2013 event calendar with some of the events available this year.

Anything you fancy please get in touch.

3rd March Stoneleigh
14th March Carole Nash meet Tollemarch Inn

Tarpourley 7pm 24th March Cumbria Fell Run 6/7th April Event City 21st April National Drive it Day 17/19th May S.T.A.R 27TH May Peover the Edge Run and Blakemere exhibition 1/2nd June Tatton Park (Punch Night) 14/16th JUNE Robin Hood Weekend 21/23rd June Peak Run 7th July Barton Aerodrome Family Fun Day 12/14th July Barmy Boot camp 4th August Hebden Bridge Vintage Weekend 10/11th August Area BBQ AT Fisheries Dolphinholme 27/28th July Country Fair Blakemere 16/18th August Stafford International Dates to remember in March 5th March Baron Aerodrome Mcr Area meeting 3rd March Stoneleigh

See you all soon

Pip n Frank

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14th March Tollemache Inn Tarporley

24th March Cumbria Fell Run

Very quiet this time of year as the weather hasn't been good and there are few events. Our new member Dave has just finished building the front and rear suspension of his GT6 and it should be on the road very shortly. Roger is looking for a good Herald. TR7s are becoming very popular in our area as Ian has bought himself a nice tidy fixed-head blue one to compliment his TR6.

Don't forget **Stoneleigh on 3rd March** – just the place to get all those bits and pieces to get your car ready for the new season.

If you have been before you should have received an entry form to the Spring Vehicle Show at Wyke Down on Easter Monday 1st April. There is a booking form at www.springvehiclemeetandautojumble.co.uk or I do have a few copies if you need one. If you haven't been before this is good show with lots of nice cars and Autojumble. Popham and Lambourn will also be coming up at the beginning of May – hopefully entry forms will be with you when you read this.

Don't forget there are still lots of chocolate raffle prizes so please come along to a meeting and win some or I will be forced to eat them before the sell-by date!

#### Meetings

13th and 27th March at the Berkshire Arms, Bath Road, Midgham starting at 7.30p.m. Events

3rd March Triumph Show and Spares Day at Stoneleigh.

1st April Wyke Down Spring Vehicle Meet and Autojumble, Andover

Keep 'em flying

Mary and Dave R.

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#### NORTH EAST ... NORTHERN IRELAND



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Hi all. Nice turnout in February, quite a few club cars outside the pub as well thanks to the mild weather. Lots of chat this month about trips away.

Quite a bunch going to the **Stoneleigh** event, Joe is very keen on attending the classic event at **Spa**, looks like around 6-8 cars will be going for the whole weekend at the **Silverstone Classic** as well, they are all planning on getting there sometime on Thursdav.

Anyone else interested needs to come along to the meetings as it's a collective organising job for this trip.

We had an invite to join in a Go Karting 'Ironman' endurance event down at Langbaugh on Tees-side but weather put paid to that. Once it's rescheduled I'll email the group again.

The curry night in January had mixed reviews, ok but could have been better was the general impression I got.

Unfortunately a number of people had to cancel prior and at the last minute for various reasons, me being one of them. I have got a contact for vehicle transport on a flatbed at £1:00 per mile, friend of Chris Fish if anyone needs anything moving.

It was nice to read lan Goodfellows story about the return of Whitney in the Jan Courier as well, something lan can be very proud of achieving, the job is continuing as well, more period additions to go on, I wonder if the original registration will move back from the other car as well?

Chris is busily collecting 'good driving roads' to do an event as well. He's keen on a Lakes passes event, we'll have to do some planning to get them all in on one trip, Hardnott, Wrynose, Honister, Kirkstone, Whinlatter all possibilities. Might be nice to do an evening run (less traffic) after a pub tea somewhere, returning via Hartside and Nenthead just to keep the theme going. I once did Kirkstone, Hardnott and Wrynose under a clean moonlit sky in my Spit getting into Eskdale at 1am. Fantastic trip. Chris will probably have his Sprint ready by then as well.

It should have been started mid February, and there's just a couple of bits left to bolt on and some minor jobs to do before it'll turn a wheel in anger, then it's on to the Herald saloon, or maybe the Gentry – who knows.....

The calendars were distributed at the meeting as well, those few who haven't got theirs yet, I'll bring to the March meeting. Start getting some quality photos for the next issue, lan set the standard with his seaside view for this years version. I've not got anything else for this month so I'll say bye for now. Lets get those cars out in the sunshine he typed hopefully. All the best

Mark

### **NORTHERN IRELAND**

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The first event of the year was our SU carburettor rebuild class in chez Robinson on the 10th January. John, Frank, Simon and Bill came along to learn about refurbishing both 1 1/4" and 1 1/2" SU carburettors. As promised it was very much a hands on event and included replacing Waxstat jets and fitting new spindles, butterflies and various types of needles. There was a short discussion on tuning. Everyone

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agreed that it was very useful and John subsequently phoned a few days later to confirm that, filled with new knowledge and confidence, he



had started to overhaul a pair of 1 1/4" carbs.

At the February meeting, in addition to the usual regulars, it was nice to see some less familiar faces including Stephen, Eric , Keith and Michael H.

We were able to use the big room at the back of Nortel Social Club for our model and memorabilia display. Many thanks to all who brought things along. Douglas brought along some examples of the model trucks and cars he has collected over

the years and kept everyone entertained describing the different makes and versions. Of the cars brought along by Michael K the one he was obviously (and quite rightly) most proud of was



a Sierra Cosworth rally car. This is a limited edition model (number 31 out of 500)) and was presented to him as a thank you for his work on the Circuit of Ireland Rally.

Frank decided to bring along a small selection of badges and other memorabilia he picked up in Russia when delivering humanitarian aid just after the collapse of the Soviet Union. There was a wide variety of badges including some very beautiful enamel badges. There was also a belt bought from a sailor from a nuclear submarine for the less than princely sum of two oranges. The stories were fascinating and hopefully Frank will bring some more of his collection at future meetings.

There was a quick update on the Area dinner on the 23 February - 42 people have their names down, our best turn out for some years. The winners of the Area member of the Year, the Coupe Des Dames and Motor Sport awards will be announced at the dinner - full details will be printed in the April Courier.

Douglas provided an update and entry forms for the National Trust event at the Argory on the 27th of April. Frank confirmed that he had been in touch with Carrickfergus Council seeking permission to use the area of hard standing beside Carrickfergus Castle for our traditional Trunnion Oiling event at the beginning of April. Finally there was a brief discussion about the Totally Triumph Car Show. Entry forms are now available (and were handed out at the meeting). If you need an entry form please email me. As in previous years completed forms should be sent to Alan Hayes. We need volunteers to act as judges for the Concours so, if you fancy giving it a go, please get in touch.

As you can see there are no shortage of things planned for the year ahead but new ideas are always welcome.

Jacqui & Paul



### **NOTTINGHAM...PETERBOROUGH**

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## **NOTTINGHAM** Tel. 07971 017012 www.notts-tssc.org.uk Twitter @notts\_tssc

I'm beginning to wonder if its the club or just some kind of strange curse that follows us around? We have only been here 3-4 months and already there is yet another new landlord at our meeting venue. I just hope it's not us as the Shepherds Rest is quite a nice venue, but it does seem to be a reoccurring theme at the pubs we frequent. Bad luck or the economic downturn?

Bringing this back to a Triumph related topic, it is with sad news that the down turn is also affecting area meetings in neighbouring counties, Hallamshire sadly cancelling their Monday night meetings once a month. Dwindling attendance numbers have lead Adi and Julie to the decision, a sad end for an area with so many triumph owners with cars on the road and able I support the club. Maybe we should be going back to basics as we would 30 odd years ago, get off our backsides, go out and help a fellow triumph owner get their car on the road, come support a meeting with it without a triumph (we don't turn you away cos your in a modern car) so you can pass on your knowledge to the next triumph owners, or maybe you are the new triumph owner wanting to learn? Well, come along and see us at a meeting for good food, chats, drinks and a guiz. It's a break from Coronation Street if nothing else!

Anyway!!!!! As I have digressed somewhat this month from a news letter for the area, we can announce that the ROBIN HOOD RALLY is back!!! 14-16th June at a new venue, the National Watersports Centre at Holme Peirpoint near Nottingham. Booking forms should now be available on line at www.notts-tssc.org.uk for you to download and return to Clairel This year will be a slight change due to the venue, but we still hope to include the Saturday scatter rally and Sunday runs with a "Publics choice" for the best Triumph on show at our final destination.

Prices will be published with the booking forms but let's just say there is no increase in price. Thanks to Walesby Scout camp for the last few years, but you priced yourself out the market so were moving on!

Now, back to the areas cars.

Nigel is slowly progressing with son Matthews car and at the time of writing looking to get it painted imminently. Hopefully we may have some photos of the reborn "Sally" next month? It may even be on the stand at Stoneleigh...

My own car "Sybil" is up on axle stands prior to the annual MOT. New bushes in the top wishbones and new top ball joints. Whilst all this was apart (as on the spitfire you have to drop the shock absorbers and springs out to release the bolt for the top wish bones) I took the opportunity to fit a better steering rack with a bit less play and new steering UJ at the bottom of the column.

Also arrived for fitting once she can get in the father in laws larger garage is a new back valence panel. Having done both lower or full rear wings I hope this will go in quite easily, but suspect will be the source of much swearing and a further article for some part of the courier when I find the metal fore and aft of the new piece are also thin!

As we have had the snow (which at time if writing only went two days ago) the big garage for the TR7 has been abandoned for nearly 2 months. Hopefully the final welding will be completed come next months news. John has managed to get some Hammerite yellow paint for the interior to go with

the outside. Hopefully, with door seals, carpet and other trim it won't be obvious that its not quite the same shade? Maybe after next month I will be telling you she is ready for ye roadiust 10 months later than hoped for!

I had the luck of being asked to help Phil Wright, one of our longer area members who is in the process of a full tub off restoration of his car, to take his



spitfire for the next stage of his restoration. At this time it has been stripped of all paint, all repair weldings done and we loaded tub, bonnet & chassis and all in to a Luton Van to take





it all to Surface Processing Limited in Dudley for further dipping and E coating so it will come out black coated and ready for painting. We had the chance after unloading of looking around some other bodies, a Ford mustang that had E coated been already, some that had simply been dipped and now looked like a piece of

lacework and some that looked like new (A beetle of all cars) and a nice E type jag bonnet. A few photos show how we got on. Phil is lucky to have a very good Mk IV body and an unused chassis to start the rebuild on. The down side is now waiting for the call to collect.

More next month...

Dates for the diary: 3rd March - Stoneleigh 14-16 June - Robin Hood Rally



## **PETERBOROUGH**

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Well that was the EGM that was.

Most of the loyal members who attend our Area Monday meetings on a fairly regular basis will be aware that we have just had an EGM on the 28th of January. This was held at **The Red Lion, West Deeping, PE6 9HP.** It's 3.5 miles closer to Peterborough than our current home as well - for those who have thought our venue should be closer to the City from which we get our name.

Though we received apologies from at least 6 people and there may have been partners as well to come along as well, we had 22 people at this meeting.

So it was obvious to Paul and myself that something has been amiss with our venue for some time – and it's sad but we were not aware of these feelings.

The Members Wives section also voiced their acceptance of the possibility of a move.

Paul and I had to endure a Monday evening crawling from pub to pub to check out the suitability of 4 pubs or hotels for a new venue. This new venue had to satisfy certain criteria and as such - is to be between our current home and

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Peterborough, must have a large car park, must have a good ambience in the pub, preferably able to keep a good pint, must be able to offer a platter or so of sandwiches or such at a reasonable and affordable price and also a room we could use/book for a formal meeting ie AGM, should we need to discuss private business and finances. Unfortunately we became experts at the pricing of cokes on our way round!! Marie, the landlady at **The Red Lion** (one of the 4 hostelries visited), and Gino the cook had promised to put on food for an agreed budget of £20.00 per night. A superb spread was laid out before us and they have agreed that they would be able to maintain this kind of quantity and quality and try to tailor the hot food for the number of members on the night.

So our 'noggin and a natter with nibbles' meetings will continue. We agreed at this meeting that we would use this as our 'home' for at least the next



we would start to meet there with immediate effect ie on the **2nd Monday of February, the 11th**.

#### Doug Balderson Joint Area Organiser for the Triumph Sports Six Club -Peterborough Area Tel: 01778 560507, Mob 07860 415950

So this was out first meeting at our new venue and as Colin and I drove in together the snow was falling all around! Fortunately it was not settling as it had the night before but I was still concerned that our first official meeting at the Red Lion was going to be a big let down in terms of numbers.

Fortunately I was wrong as once again around two dozen members braved the elements and Richard to his credit even brought the Stag as the sole classic on display in the car park. Once again, Marie, the landlady made us feel extremely welcome and put on another wonderful spread of sandwiches and chips for us all to munch as we chatted. We have said that we will review our move after six months but I have to say that I certainly feel instantly at home in the Red Lion and I can only see things improving as the weather gets better. Not only is there a large car park but also a nice patio area plus a meadow at the rear, which overlooks open countryside — it all bodes very well for the summer months.

On TSSC matters our attention this month turned to the summer events and a number were brought up at our meeting. Doug and I are grateful to Tina for co-ordinating and pulling together information on many of these. By our next meeting I hope to be in a position to issue an events list so everyone will be able to plan and advise which they will be attending. This information will also be posted through two other media: our website and in our area calendar.

A word about both is perhaps in order, as I may not have mentioned this last night – much J

Firstly yes we do have an area website and we have had for some time. Several of our group seemed unaware of this so please take a look at www.tssc-peterborough.webs.com and register on the site to enter the members' areas. We will be using this more and more in the future as a means of communicating with everyone so do tell your friends as well!

Secondly yes, I do sound like a scrátched record, but I really can't put a twelve-month calendar together with just two photos! Please, please email me a nice, high-resolution photo of your car, preferably with you in the shot too. One or two

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snowy ones for the December and January pages would be good too and we've certainly had plenty of the white stuff again this winter! I need to get all the photos to Bernie at HQ by mid-March if we are to have the calendars available for our April meeting so as soon as the sun shows itself do try to get a few snaps of the cars.

Many thanks in advance and - rant over!

That's it for another month. Doug and I look forward to welcoming everyone to our next meeting. It will be on Monday March 11th at the Red Lion, West Deeping from around 8pm. If you are in our general area and you've been thinking about coming along to a meeting, why not make it this one. We are a very welcoming bunch and we'd love to see some new faces at our new venue! All the best Cheers

Paul

### SCOTLAND CENTRAL WEST

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Back to normal reporting this month. And we have had a busy start to the year .A bumper batch of reports this month. So, back to Events missed due to copy/meeting dates.

The January meeting was well attended with a good turnout of cars and people. We all looked in amazement as John's Herald turned up with a teardrop caravan attached. John gets the prize for first one to the meetings with a caravan, and in the depths of winter too. A very good purchase, Now who thought I was kidding about the Caravan side of the Area! lan is still building and Jacqui has plans, so watch out Stafford, looks as though we've got us a convoy. I think more overnight events will be in the calendar this year, although once you fit the spares through the doors you will be sleeping outside anyway.

Report on Night Out. 16 of us turned out for a meal and get together in the big city. Travelling from all over to come to THE Event. A very big thank you to Karen and Dave for booking everything. In the usual tradition we met under the clock in Central Station. We forgot the red carnations. We went to the Horseshoe Bar once assembled, no one won the bet about the colour of John's trousers! Saffron. Meal was at Amber Regent , very nice, good food, good company too. We then showed the country folk the sights of Glasgow on the way to Sloan's Bar. Where we spent the rest of the evening until it was time for the last trains outta town. An exceptional group of seasoned, new and honorary members, a great night out, thanks guys and girls, hope you all enjoyed vourselves!...

Monte Carlo Historique Start - this was a big Glasgow City event with 15,000 people out to see the cars. Thanks to the



organisers and marshals for their work, Triumphs were out as were area members, some from a long time ago, Davie F, Charlie W, It was a good event with pace car being a



## SCOTLAND CENTRAL WEST SCOTLAND NORTH EAST . . . SHROPSHIRE

#### **TSSC AREA NEWS**

## **Scot Cent West Continues**

Vitesse, followed by another Vitesse (6002VC) and Herald

coupe. Dolomites (2) and TR's and a Stag were amongst the rest. The weather was good at the start anyway. I did manage to get a quick seat in and look at the Vitesse pace car (thanks Richard) Very nice, well prepared.

This photo was taken at the Glasgow Start. February meeting - 7 members turned out to discuss all things Triumph. Bob is rapidly becoming the spares co-ordinator bringing parts and





details of others to the meetings. After bidding all there went inside happy. There is no time for printing lists unless a car or larger item comes up. We are still planning what shows to go to and a location for Drive It Day.

We have had an invitation to Hamilton for their show in the Town Centre precinct, in amongst the shoppers, lunch vouchers, etc, etc. Please note it is a Saturday. I will continue to list events each month as details come in. We are keen to try new shows and I am waiting for details.

Reports on Caravan Show (new for us) and Stoneleigh (wait and see) next month, and a possible calendar if all goes to plan

I am hoping for new members to come to our meetings as I have had a lot of interest at events. We will try to continue to find cars tucked away and spares, so please join us.

We have dates for 2013 already.
Triumph Spares Day Stoneleigh is 3rd March.
Drive It Day 21st April. TBA
probably turn up and drive?!?
Hamilton Classic Car Show - Saturday 15th June.
Hamilton Town Centre.

Hamilton Town Centre.
TSSC Scotland Central and West Camping Get
Together 6th,7th July at Mugdock Country Park.
Stafford Scotland Expedition - 16th,17th,18th August.
More To Follow

NEXT MEETING will be on the **6th March** back to normal. Last meeting of the winter.

\*\*Cyregor G.\*\*

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Hi all. The first meeting of the year on the 31st January was held at the Fourmile Inn, Kingswells where we discussed our events programme for the forth coming year.

As usual our monthly meetings in the Spring and Summer will be held at different Inns and Pubs throughout

Grampian so come along if you can.

I have sent our "Events 2013" email shot to all Triumph members that I have email addresses for, if you have been missed please let me know.

Any changes to the meeting date/venue/or any other information you need to know will be published on our Grampian Triumph Clubs Website "Stop Press" page at www.brmmbrmm.com/grampiantr.bb so it's worth having a look before heading out.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 28th March at the Fourmile Inn Kingswells, some of us will be having a meal at 7:30pm prior to the meeting which kicks off at 8:00pm. As usual three of the four main Triumph clubs (TSSC, Stag OC, & TR reg) should be represented, our local group is called "Grampian Triumph Clubs".

Up until the time of writing due to the weather and the salt on the roads I have not been able to give the Spitty or Stag a run. Hopefully there will be some sunny days and salt free roads from now on. Roll on spring.

The first run of the year will be the national Drive it Day 2013, this year the run will be held on Sunday 21st April. As usual along with the GVRS we will set off from Aberdeen Beach Esplanade, please assemble from 09:00 on the Esplanade north of the Ball Room. For further information please go to www.brmmbrmm.com/grampiantr.bb - Events Diary for more details or give me a shout.

That's all for this month.

Danny

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Each year it never ceases to amaze me how once Christmas and New Year are out of the way our expectations get lifted in anticipation of what 2013 has to bring. Suddenly the nights get lighter and the weather gets warmer. That combination of positive news gets the creative thinking started and before we know where we are we have our 2013 events Calendar in place for the Shrooshire Group!

This year we are linking up with other Triumph groups in the county as much as possible to promote one another and thereby make sure all of our members have lots of choice with regards to available events to suit their diaries.

After all, we all share that common love of all things Standard-Triumph!

We've had two TSSC meetings already this year in terms of January and February. Both at the Red Lion and great turn outs on both nights. We've enjoyed good company, good food in terms of Curry Nights and great debate over our Calendar of events for 2013. Full details of what we now have planned for 2013 can be found on our web-site http://www.tssc-shropshire.co.uk/tssc-shropshire/index.asp. It is an extensive list! The idea being that we recognise not everyone can make all events and each of us has to choose what can fit into our respective diaries. Our 'pick & mix' principle with regards to our event planning has proved extremely popular with not only our members but also those of other Triumph car groups in Shropshire. 2013 promises to be a fabulous year for all our members.

By the time you read this we'll be looking forward to Stoneleigh and we'll be there with the Shropshire Spitfire on the main TSSC stand. We are already looking forward to seeing everyone again and renewing acquaintances and friendships made at last year's Stafford show. Look forward to seeing you there!

David & Bill

### SOMERSET . . . SOUTHERN NORTH STAFFS



## **SOMERSET** Tel. 01275 340336 e-mail: somersetareameet@tiscali.co.uk

Hi everyone, As you all know, I left the Police nearly two years ago and set up my Classic car repair business. (www.kinsellasclassiccars.co.uk) Since setting this business up my time has become more and limited.

Last year, Steve Hopkins joined me so we were joint AO's for the Somerset area which basically meant he did most of the work as I could not commit the time to it. I only got to two shows and my Stag did less than 150 miles all year!

This year, I will be attending various shows but in my business capacity so again cannot commit time to the AO role. For most of last year, I was talking with Steve about getting someone to take over my side of the role - I was happy to continue in the role until a replacement could be found - Well, I am pleased to say one has.

Therefore, After some 7 or 8 years as Somerset AO I need to stand down to focus on my business and I am pleased to say that Derek Giles will be taking over to share the role with Steve Hopkins. Regards,

Phil Kinsella

## **SOUTHERN** Tel. 01252 722432 nttp://triumpnsoutn.zom.com

Hi all, not a lot to tell this month unless you want to talk about the appalling weather. About twelve brave souls ventured up to the "Angel Hotel" for the Sunday lunch meet. Jackie and I had planned to go, but about an hour before we were due to leave home we had quite a snow flurry, so we decided to cry off.

I think Jackie envisaged us being stuck in the middle of nowhere in a snow storm. (That would have been a shame with beer at £1.99 a pint).

Our February meet was a little less well attended although we still had a good number of people at the "Stars" and Aaron still turned up in his Spitfire.

Talking of Spitfires, Dave the Spit will no longer be known as "Dave the Spit" as he has bought a TR6 with injection in mimosa "yellow". So now he will be known as "Dave the 6". And talking of Daves, Dave Moore is now on the final leg of his GT6 rebuild and is planning to MOT it for March so he can take it to the Wyke down show.

I have just had to fit a new brake master cylinder as the old one was weeping and has already replacement seals put in it, while I was doing that job I also fitted a aluminium drip tray under both master cylinders, this with stop that horrible bubbling of paint around that area.

You can also get them for the GT6/Spitfire, got them off Ebay but they had to come from Australia.

Going back to the Wyke down Show on Easter Monday, 1st April, it is advisable to get there early (between 8 and 9 am) as after that the roads leading to the show get clogged with traffic

Also on April14th "classics on the prom "Bournemouth starts again, but this does clash with the New Forrest run.

Up and coming events
March 3rd Goodwood breakfast club
"Tax free Sunday" PO18 0PH
March 5th Regular meet, Seven Stars, GU32 3PG
March 17th Sunday Lunch, at the Hen and Chicken,
Upper Froyle, GU34 4JH

April 1st Wyke Down Show, Andover. SP 11 6 LX (get there early, Andover area will have a club stand) April 2nd Regular meets, Seven Stars, GU32 3PG

#### **TSSC AREA NEWS**

May 30th Roaming meet? Three legged Cross at Three Legged Cross BH21 6RE.
A meeting with the Wessex Area.

That's all for this month. Take care

Mark

## **NORTH STAFFS** Tel. 07939 603061 e-mail: triumphsportssixstaffs@gmail.com http://triumph-sports-six-staffordshire.blogspot.com

Not a lot going on last month, we did have a good turn out for the January meeting, and it was nice to have a visit from James who is from the Dorset area who turned up in his Herald, James is at Stafford university studying automotive technology, good to see young members with strong interest in classic vehicles

The accounts from the proceeds of the sale of calendars and the odd raffle were presented. The purchase of two banners leaves a deficit of £8.15 some suggestions for fund rising were looked at.

We reviewed some of the forth coming events for 2013, due to the large number of events this year we still have to confirm which the group wish to attend. I personally want to reduce the number I attend to enable me to restart work on my own car or it will drag on for another year. Some of the events to look forward to.

March meeting Wednesday 27th
March: 3rd Triumph Show Stoneleigh

10th Staffordshire Classic Car & Bike Show Uttoxeter
31st Western Park
April: 21st Drive it Day TBA
21st Sandbach Transport Festival

28th TSSC AGM
May: 3rd -5th Donington Historic Festival
6th Gawsworth Hall
17th - 19th Star 90
26th -27th Capesthorne Hall

also Smallwood Vintage Rally

June: 14th - 16th Pageant of Power Chomimondeley

16th Trentham

July: 7th Staffordshire Classics Doveleys (free if you booked Uttoxeter) August: 4th Arley Hall 11th Shugborough Hall

Plus some charity fund raising runs TBA over the summer.

NB: Next meeting will be held upstairs in the dining area if not being used, so don't turn up and think no ones there check up stairs or ask at bar.

Check Blog for latest info. That's all folks.





### SUFFOLK SUSSEX . . . THAMES

### **TSSC AREA NEWS**

## **SUFFOLK** Tel. 01206 250360 e-mail: Suffolk@tssc.org.uk

A good evening was had at the last meeting. Several Triumphs came along including Colin in his 5 cylinder 2.5Pi. I should not mock for at least Colin usually comes in a Triumph whatever the weather.

Chris had a couple of pictures of his latest acquisition, a TR3A in British Racing Green. As he said, a first for him as it does not need any work. It is fitted with a 4A engine with a worked head and manifold giving 130bhp. Looks really smart. Lyall used to have a 2A aeons ago and in his usual manner it was totally original; oh, except for a 3A front end and ...

Mike's 1200cc Herald Estate in Dolphin Grey is coming on well and if it had not been for the cold weather it would have been taken for an MoT by the time of the February meeting. There is now only a captive seat nut / bolt to be fixed, the rear suspension to be torqued down and number plates to be put on. He may have good news to tell us next meeting.

Chris relayed a tale about his daughter's car. After being left for a week in a car park at Newmarket whilst she was working away, the car broke down just before joining the A14. Called the AA (which took a number of hours to come). As it was quite cold and his daughter was on her own, Chris went out to her with a flask of hot drink. When the AA eventually turned up the car had to be recovered. The fault was identified as mice; in the space of a week they had chewed through various rubber parts and had even made a nest in the engine compartment. I have seen mice that have taken up residence in a car whilst it was laid up in a garage but this was a new one to me.

The misfire problems with Russell's (ex-Chris) GT6 now seem to have been fixed after a new coil was fitted. Colin's (ex-Russell) Spitfire is still sickly. Apparently, Lindsay's Vitesse is still up on the ramp but panel repairs are progressing.

With all these repairs and refurbishments going on, there is often the need for replacement parts and all to often these parts are not available new. At most meetings there is someone who is doing an exchange of parts for cash or for a swap. So, if you are in need of a second-hand part and have not been to our local meeting, then come along, someone may have just what you are looking for.

The next meeting is **5th March** followed by the **2nd April** and **7th May**. So, see you at the **Sorrel Horse, Barham** on **5th March** at 8:00pm.

## **SUSSEX** Tel. 01444 450941

Introduction, Martin Marrison - so I am the new AO for Sussex, and have been AO for Sussex and West Kent previously. I've been a member since 1984 and I have had my 2.5 Spitfire since 1983. I have only taken on the role under coercion so I have agreed to do it for a year and then hopefully someone else will step into the role.

I have to apologise for missing the first two meetings of the year due to being delayed in London at work. To try and stop that happening we are moving the meeting from the 1st Tuesday in the month to the 1st Wednesday in the month starting with the 6th March.

So I can't report on much as I wasn't there but I would like to thank Clive Senior for being area organiser for the last few

years. He did an excellent job even if he thought his Toledo went faster than my Spitfire at a recent track day at Goodwood

Events we are attending this year: South of England Meet 11th and 12th May Star 90 18th and 19th May Stafford 17th and 18th August Auto solo in the summer

Don't forget we meet at The Anchor, Lewes East Sussex every 1st Wednesday of the Month.

Thanks for now

Martin

### **THAMES**

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Greetings all. We hope you all well. We have lots of show dates coming in and it's going to be a busy season that sees our first stand on Easter Monday at Guildford Lions St Catherine's fayre in Shalford. Please let me know if there are any local shows we can support and I hope to have a list out by March, so pop along to collect yours. We had a lovely New Years meal at the Toby Carvery. Hopefully by the time you are reading this my Vitesse will be back home ready for me to fit new carpets and sort out the rear wheel bearings

SOCIAL EVENINGS AT THE FOX & CASTLE 17th January Julie and I are greeted by George B, John C, Bob, Graeme C, John P, Mike H. Just John P TR7 convertible is the only Triumph this cold night. Work on our Triumphs has been: - Bob's been welding up a bit more of his Spitfire and priming the bare metal. John's TR7 is up for sale. Julie's raffle winners were: - Bob won a tin of de-icer, I won a tub of hand cleaner, John P won a chocolate orange, Graeme won a £10 TSSC voucher. Mike H won a tin of biscuits

31st January End of the month already (soon be Xmas again), to keep Julie and myself company this windy evening we have the pleasure of John C, John P, Bob, George B, Chris C, Mike & Julie C, Sue & Dave B, Mike H, John & Anthea I. John P TR7 was the sole Triumph in the car park again. Work on our Triumph's has been: - John C has started to buy parts for his Mk1 2000 saloon prop- shaft rebuild. John P TR7 fuel gauge is reading full all the time. Bob's welding has come to stop as he needs more Co2. Chris C's Mk3 Spitfire has a new radiator and water pump. Mike's Spitfire has now got its rear end fully rebuilt. As well as an electronic distributor fitted. Sue & David have over hauled there electric cooling fan on their Spitfire, John I is starting to rebuild his Spitfire bonnet and his GT6 is still coming along. Julie's raffle winners were: - Sue B won a bottle of wine, Mike H won a set of screwdrivers, Bob on a tin of biscuits, John I, won a tub of hand cleaner, John P & C both got a £10 TSSC vouchers and I won a chocolate orange which was shared around. What a Great night so pleased to see you all SHOWS & EVENTS

6th January Thames Area New Years Meal was at the Toby Carvery on Sunday afternoon. This year we had the wonderful company of Graeme C, Martin & Cynthia B, George B, Martin F, David H, Mike & Barbara G, Val, Bob & Wendy, Mike & Judy, Tony & Penny. Being a Sunday we could not reserve tables but we managed to get most of us on two large tables, where we shared out crackers and enjoyed a very tasty meal. After desert and paying up we gathered out into the car park to hold our mystery raffle, all prizes were Xmas wrapped, our winners were: - Graeme won a box of Chocolates, Val won a bottle of wine, we won a bottle of wine, Judy won Champagne, Martin won bath lotions, Barbara won jigsaw mat.

Our next meetings at the FOX & CASTLE are from 8 pm in March on the 14th & 28th & in April on 11th & 25th Please

#### **NORTH WALES . . . SOUTH WALES**

Area News Review

come and join us for a warm welcome or call me on 07773 623807.

Upcoming events are:-March

3rd International Triumph Show & Spares Day Stoneleigh

April
1st St Catherine's Fayre Guildford Lions Shalford
14th Farnham town centre Farnham
21st Aldershot Parkside Aldershot
21st Drive it Day Great Britain

Mickey & Julie

## NORTH WALES Tel. 07772 787020 www.wrexhammgandtriumph.co.uk email: northwales.tssc@gmail.co.uk

Hello all. Well the new year is very much here and as I write this the cars are covered in thick snow. As always at the beginning of the year there is not a lot in the way of shows and runs going on and as always our official runs are near the end of the month.

This month has been a busy one for myself with the projects going on, as many people will know enthusiasts of Triumphs are also classic car enthusiasts and may own other classics. There are several members in our club that own both MG and Triumph and also Jaguars. I am lucky that my dad also is interested in the cars too, which has meant that the MG is coming on well and the Spitfire is wrapped up warm in its garage but it's due to come back for a gearbox rebuild. Looking forward to the shows to come. Safe motoring.

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MUMBLES RUN JANUARY 27th 2013 (or Bern & Ant's birthday )

After the appalling weather and with flood warnings for the day of the run, I was not sure that my assurance that "good weather had been pre arranged" would be enough to ensure a decent turnout, and I was correct, only 10 cars and 24 people!!!

Six cars met at the first rendezvous, Jack, me, Emma & Gemma in Jacks green Toledo, Gareth "action man" Dyer & Stephen in their 13/60 convertible, Eddie & Andrew in their 13/60 salcon, Rob & Pete in their Vitesse 6 convertible, Paul



& Barbara in their Vitesse 2L convertible, Mike "the cake" & Chris in Mike's MKIV Spitfire and Ant, Jane, Amber & Naomi

in a modern (13/60 undergoing resto). One member who shall remain nameless to hide their embarrassment was wearing a big stupid looking birthday cake hat complete with candles, he thought he looked rather sharp (far from it) and kept it on while we were walking, in the cafe and even while



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he was driving his son Jack's green Toledo.

At the allotted time we travelled along the A470 in the glorious sunshine (seriously), turning onto the A465 to the second rendezvous at Glyn Neath McDonald's where we met Tim, Gwyn, Babs and Jill in their Dolly, Phil Harry from the Morgan club in his new V8 Morgan and received a call from area super hero Paul "Johnny Breakfast" Price to say that he was running late (probably up all night rebuilding dam walls to stem the floods along our route) and that he would meet up with us further along the route, which he did. Someone told Gareth that his O/S brake light was not working so he went into "Action Man" mode and traced the fault to a blown bulb. Delving into his Tardis of a boot he brought out his crate of electrical spares and they started stacking up on the floor as he searched for bulbs, amongst the growing stack was a starter motor for a chieftain tank, full console for a Boeing 747. flux capacitor for a Delorean etc etc, but no bulbs! Seizing an opportunity to make my annual Area contribution early on in the year. I rushed to my son Jack's green Toledo (oops!) and produced a stop and tail bulb from my spares tin. With this fitted we were back on our way, travelling westwards along the A465, or most of us were, Andrew signalled to us to pull over as when we all turned right, Rob & Pete had turned left and were travelling back the way we came. I immediately thought that Pete had entered "Area Ambassador" mode and had sensed potential new club members in that direction, which he was to confirm to be the case later that day. Anyway we pulled in to a lay by and after a few phone calls they were back with us. PJBP was waiting in a lay by on Fabian Way and joined our convoy for the rest of the run. Mike "the cake" knew the area well and was to lead us to a free car park, so we passed our destination (The Pier Cafe) and drove through three pay and display car parks (which involved a 75 degree incline on a hairpin) and parked up in the free car park, then after queuing up at the Pay and Display machine!!! We made our way to the cafe.

The cafe was quite full, but we managed to "encourage" other diners to leave and soon we had the majority of the members sitting together with a few sitting at "satellite" tables. We then ordered our various meals at the counter (all very good value for money) and watched as the waitresses tried to find the various table numbers as the tables were now all in a different position to their normal floor plan. The conversation flowed and we all agreed that this was the best run so far in 2013, quite a few members gave Rob their voluntary £2 (for prizes for our Christmas raffle) for which they will receive a £2.50 raffle ticket on the night of the raffle, this gives Rob the facility to have money in advance to buy prizes and members the opportunity to pay for raffle tickets over a twelve month period and save 50 pence per ticket, any money generated by the raffle is from any extra ticket sales at £2.50.

Anthony, then left us to go on for a pre arranged pub lunch (I think he wanted to get back early to work on his 13/60), Phil also had other plans, so we said our goodbyes then shortly afterwards we started to stroll back to our free car park as we had only paid for 2 hours.

PJBP had a call from his son Lewis who wanted his dad's car back to go to work, so he jumped in his Spitfire and took the quick route home.

Tim & Gwyn led the way taking us through Jersey Marine, then pulling into a lay by just before they were due to take their turning home (Gareth made a quick stop at a Halfords superstore and bought 9,823 stop and tail lamp bulbs as that's all they had he said with disappointment), then we all said our goodbyes and continued homewards, Tim turning off the A465 while the rest of us joined the A470. Gareth then turned off at Pontypridd, Rob at Treforest, Paul at Nantgarw leaving Me, Mike and Andrew to continue onto the M4, parting company at Pontprennau round about.



### **SOUTH WALES** WESSEX ... WEST MIDLANDS ... WIRRAL

#### TSSC AREA NEWS

## South Wales Continues

When I got home I reflected once more about how well such a diverse group of people with an age range of the youngest, Amber at 14 to the eldest Eddie 28 (I think that's correct) interacted so well, a great bunch of people.

And what we had in numbers we surpassed with quality. Thanks to everyone for making the effort. Bern

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As previously advised, this year's New Forest Run will be on Sunday 14th April. This year we are planning to end up at Sammy Millers Motorcycle Museum with a halfway halt at Copythorne Parish Hall. The start will be from the usual place - Avon Heath Country Park around 10am. If you would like more details see our website: www.triumphnew forestrun.co.uk

All we need now is for some dry weather to let the ground dry out a bit in order that we can begin mapping the route out which hopefully we will be able to do over the course of they coming month - fingers crossed!!

The 2013 events calendar will get underway properly on Sunday 3rd March with the annual Triumph Show and Spares Day at Stoneleigh which we are advised will be held in the heated halls - so should be a good deal warmer than last year! Alternatively, on the same day the Bournemouth Aviation Museum is holding a Transport day to which we have been invited. This is a free to enter show which promises to be a good day out with displays invited from all the local car clubs and transport societies. More on this next month. Looking further ahead to the weekend of 17th to 19th May, a special rally "STAR 90" is being organised to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Triumph Marque. Full details of the weekend are published elsewhere in the Courier. We are planning to attend and Alan has kindly volunteered to look into accommodation for us. The idea is for us to travel up on the Saturday, take in the Coventry Motor Museum in the afternoon and go along to the Gala Dinner in the evening. The Sunday being the main Rally at Gaydon. Final details will be available at the next meeting.

That's about it for now. Full details of other planned events for the year will be available at our monthly meetings on the last Thursday of each month at the Three Legged Cross at Three Legged Cross.

Trevor

### WEST MIDLANDS Tel. 07969 024999

I don't know about you but I am really fed up with this weather. I'm a warm person, and I need a good supply of sunshine. It would be nice to be able to get up one morning with the sun shining, get the Acclaim out of the garage, a quick wash and polish and off into the countryside for an enjoyable drive. My problems are compounded by an 20 year old Granddaughter who is taking a 5 month break visiting Australia. On a regular basis she keeps ringing me up and telling me how she has just got out of the swimming pool, got a gin and tonic in her hands and its 30 degrees. Funny how you can go off someone so quick. I've told her she's out of the will

The continuing bad weather I am glad to say doesn't seemed to have affected the West Midlands Area members, at our

last meeting on Tuesday 5th February, 34 hardy souls turned up, several with their cars, including Luke, keen to show everyone the respray of his Triumph Herald. It looks really nice. He was also keen to introduce his girl friend Emma to our group, so welcome Emma, we hope to see you on a regular basis you will make an important addition to our already active female section.

After the normal start to our meeting which includes messages and information regarding any Triumph functions and rallies, Ken and TJ involved everyone in a guiz. Five teams of six persons battled it out answering questions not only about Triumphs but vitally important questions which can affect the financial recovery of the Country. Well, not really but we had some about Emerdale, Coronation Street, and my wife thinks they are important so who am I to argue. At the conclusion of the quiz, marks were totted up, appeals quickly dealt with and major prizes presented not only to the winning team, 'Mixed Grills' but to all teams as a reward for taking part. Our thanks to Ken and TJ for giving us an interesting evening, which helped take out minds off the lousy weather. I am trying to sort something out for next months meeting. As I reported in last months Courier we have lost our 3rd Tuesday meeting place, the Nautical Club. They now close on Monday and Tuesday's. We will now unless there is notice to the contrary meet on 3rd Tuesday's at the Westy Midlands Social Club, on Pershore Road, Edgbaston. There is plenty of space to park, and the seating area in the bar enables us to set up our own group area. See you there.

The International Spares Day is once more being held at Stoneleigh NAC in Warwickshire on Sunday 3 March 2013, and even if you do not need any spares for you car, its an interesting exhibition to see all the various clubs with their club stands. The TSSC stand will be on site and like previous years only too glad to see you and have a chat. Tea and Coffee are usually on offer, see Pip.

National Drive it Day this year is on Sunday 21st April 2013. Several functions are being organised throughout the Country by different areas, so what do you think, shall we organise an event on our own or join in with one of the other events as we have the past couple of years. Your ideas as soon as possible please. In conjunction with Drive it Day, the Wessex Area are organising a New Forest Run. An interesting 60 mile tour of the New Forest and surrounding Countryside with a half way halt and at the finish all cars will be on display to the public. For details and an entry form visit, www.triumphnewforestrun.co.uk, or contact Trevor

on **01425 475376.** Should be very interesting. That's all for now folks. I am still waiting for someone to come forward and offer to assist with running of this great area, with a view to eventually taking over in my absence the Area Organisers Office. I intend to visit Australia myself in 2014 for several months so someone is needed.

Roger the Dodger

and his import

### WIRRAL

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Hello to all our readers and hopefully March will live up to its reputation "In like a lion and out like a lamb" we hope. At least surely it can't be wetter than 2012? although March last year brought forth a mini heat wave, which unfortunately was of a very short duration.

Well that's managed one paragraph. Firstly let me say it was sad to learn of the sudden death of Angie McGowan. To put a lighter note on it three of my Granddaughters who used to be detailed off to help polish my "Spitfire" for the Concours twenty years ago were told to do the same as that lady over there. After that they always used to refer to Angie as "Mrs Polish", A fitting tribute. You can tell it was a long time ago, the eldest of those children is now a Squadron Leader in the

### **NORTH YORKS...WEST YORKS**



Royal Air Force. So much for the history lesson.

What has been happening in the Wirral, not a lot, the Christmas Dinner was renamed the New Year Dinner and was held on 12th January at the "Cottage Loaf" pub. A very good turnout, forty four bodies in all, Bettine and I won a bottle of wine and also received a "Certificate of Appreciation" for services rendered to the Wirral Triumph Club. On the whole a very successful night.

On Sunday, 27th January a run out was organised. It did take place but was somewhat disappointing with only six bodies in three cars participating. A pretty poor turnout particularly as the weather that day was mainly bright and sunny. The few that did attend had a most enjoyable meal at the "Raven" pub in Llanarmon-y-Lil where they were made very welcome by "Mine Host" I could not attend because I had to drive up to Scarborough for a funeral on the Monday. An Ex-Seafaring colleague of mine has charted a course towards that great anchorage in the sky.

By the time you read this we hope plans for the year will have been made. We are having a planning meeting at the "Tudor Rose" pub on Wednesday 13th February and we also have been invited to join the "Wirral Classic Car Club" for their annual guiz at the Heswall British Legion Club on Wednesday 27th February so we will all have to get our thinking caps on.

Well folks that just about winds it up for March "Courier", Over to Andy for April and I will surface again in the merry month of May, meanwhile wipe away those winter woes and get polishing for the Springtime. Cheers

#### **TSSC AREA NEWS**

**WEST YORKS** Tel. 01535 634239 www.tssc.org.uk/westyorks

Thanks to everyone who made it to the meeting and welcome to Gary our new member, it was good to see you and hope you manage to come along again and join in some of our planned events.

It was a while since we'd had a "feely bag quiz", but this seemed to keep everyone entertained, either we'd made it too easy or you were too good, at one point we thought we were going to have to have a tie break but well done to George and Brenda with a respectable 16 out of 20.

We're starting to pull together a number of events coming up, for example for Drive it Day, we have two options one a run to Flamborough with our friends in North Yorkshire area or to join with a York based car club to Sherburn in Elmet Aero Club. Both look good, so we'll have all the details at our next meeting. I've had a discussion with Pip and Frank and we will be joining with the Manchester Area for their camping event in July

However we will still be having a West Yorkshire do, but on this occasion it will just be a one day event on the 9th June 2013, a convoy run to Kilnsey Park, again details to follow, but please note the date in your diary.

As soon as the weather starts to pick up it's been suggested we resurrect an occasional Sunday lunch time meeting with the first set for 14th April

George has suggested a pub on the outskirts of Wakefield and has kindly offered to investigate. So again we'll let you have details of this once arranged.

Hopefully this will help people to come along who aren't able to get to the evening meetings.

One final thing, at March's meeting, our nominated charity, the MacMillan charity will be coming along to give us a bit of a talk about what they do and how fund raising helps. This is a very worthwhile charity and I'm sure this will be interesting, so hope to see you all in March.

#### Victor

#### **NORTH YORKS** Tel. 07766 354449

Hi all. Yes that's right I have actually written a write up this month! Well I've written it in January so I will see when it appears as I've got lost with deadlines - nothing new there I hear you say!

First up I'd like to say thanks to Pip and Frank for being great ringmasters and I hope they continue. Their work looking after AO's goes un-noticed by too many.

Well North Yorkshire have moved venues to a nice new pub which at least seems to keep opening up for us which is always a bonus! For those that haven't noticed its at the Cross Keys in Stillingfleet. It's a Sam smiths pub. I was re elected area disorganiser for 2013, as usual there was little competition. I think I'd have been voted in if I'd been away!

We've had our first planning meeting. Ok then I was told what to put and do but you get the idea so here is the TSSC North Yorkshire provisional calendar.

Please note the TR register weekend is at Malvern this

year despite the hype it would be at Harrogate!
Sunday 21st April - Drive it Day Run to Flamborough,

Meet at Buttercrambe - details to be confirmed Friday 17th May - Sun 19th - North Yorks informal camping weekend, Dent. Nothing planned in advance as per usual, £5 per car for club funds and weekend munchies.

Camping plus B&B extra

Monday 10th June Fish & Chips Run. Meet at the Happy Haddock for 7.15 - 7.30 chips stopped being served at 8pm.

Thurs 20th June - Solstice Run. Details to confirm Fri 12th July - Sun 14th July, NYMR weekend at

Sunday 28th July - Huby and Sutton show Saturday 24th August - Cawood Craft Festival. Free entry to this nice event.

Friday 6th to Sunday 8th September - back end bash at Newton upon Rawcliffe. Same a last year.

That's it so far!



## **IOIN DEVON AREA FOR DRIVE IT DAY**

We are aiming to get 100 Triumphs together in North Devon on 21 April in one of the biggest displays of Triumphs in the far South West. All drivers of Triumphs will be welcome and we are inviting many other local Clubs to join us. Ample parking on hard standing

Venue is THE BIG SHEEP, at Abbotsham near Bideford. EX39 5AP www.thebigsheep.co.uk

ENTRY to the attraction will be FREE for driver and passenger on production of a Club membership card.

Micro brewery on site - a Triumph Special brew on the day just for us!

For more details contact Sue & John Franklin via info@tssc.org.uk

## TSSC NORTHANTS AREA 2013 STANDARD & TRIUMPH

STANDARD & TRIUMPH RALLY

"FUN AND GAMES IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS" SUNDAY RALLY

CAMPING WEEKEND

### WICKSTEED PARK

ALL ASSES TO BE SHOWN AT GATE !!! ??

31<sup>ST</sup> MAY/1/2 JUNE 2013 DAY ENTRANCE 16.00 CAMPING 115.00 PER PITCH PER MIGHT B B Q £4.00 PER PERSON ANGIE'S CHILLI NIGHT £2.50 PER PERSON

MORE DETAILS ON OUR WEB SITE: WWW.TSSC-NORTHANTS.ORG OR TO BOOK CONTACT D.RICHARDSONI 3@SKY, COM



### 25th Peak Run

#### 21st to 23rd June 2013

Booking form for the Peak Run 2013 and Peak Run Camping Weekend

- ullet Friday 21st June a warm welcome at the Peak Gateway campsite.
- Saturday 22nd June we explore Derbyshire by Scatter Rally.
- Saturday night is the usual Party Night at the campsite.
- Sunday 23rd June is the day of the 25th Peak Run a 80 mile drive through the breath-taking Derbyshire Peak District.
- Camping available from Thursday 20th until Monday 24th June\* at the Peak Gateway Campsite near Ashbourne. Sorry no electric hook up available.

Four packages available—please select the one that suits you :

Package Rate Tick Below
The Sunday Peak Run ONLY on Sunday 24th June 2012 £9.00 per car
The Peak Run Weekend excluding Camping. £15.00 per car
The Peak Run Weekend including one night Camping. £27.50 per car

The Peak Run Weekend including up to 4 nights Camping \* £37.50 per car

Please send booking form together with your cheque made payable to

Derwent Valley Area TSSC to:

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Peak Run 2013, c/o Kim and Paul Dale, Dairy Cottage, Windmill Lane, Snelston, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. DE6 2GP.

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