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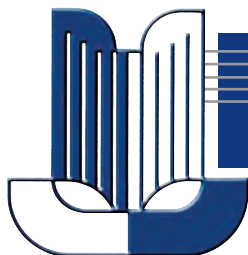
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Web Presence - respray and polish

I'm new to the Council of Management although I've been Cambridge Area Organiser for a little while. I've been asked to help the CoM with a full respray on the website and a clean and tidy up of the Web Club Shop and TSSC Forum.

Our forum (forum.tssc.org.uk) is growing all the time and is a cornerstone of the club's community of experts and advisers who can be turned to when things get tricky or downright confusing. I'm proud that it is now probably the finest forum for Triumph related queries. It could do with making it feel part of the TSSC web offering rather than standing on its own but it doesn't need much more than a bit of behind the scenes tinkering.

The Club Shop (shop.tssc.org.uk) does list most things that can be bought from the TSSC but sometimes its descriptions and photos need a bit more work and the grouping can make things a bit hard to find what you're after. We'll be attending to that side of the shop presentation and adding in some new product lines the shop sells but aren't currently listed.

Our website (www.tssc.org.uk) has done us proud over the years but is now looking a bit dated and a bit restrictive on what we can do so we're stripping it back to its shiny technical capabilities and respraying it with a new simpler cleaner look and giving it a bit of a tidy up, adding in some new shiny bits like searchable past issues of the Courier and an all over polish to get it to be a website to be proud of. The amazing group of social media sites, groups and feeds (Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, Twitter etc) that the club supports are so polished and slick already that I will be leaving those to our Jane Rowley. Lastly I hope to support our amazing Area Organisers to help them get more out of the technology that the Club supports them with at present.

I'm only co-opted to help the CoM for the moment but I will seek election at this year's Annual General Meeting. **The AGM is on Sunday the 14th of April** at the Club's headquarters in Lubenham from 1pm. There is a barbecue, the bar will be stocked and there's an extra discount in the club shop, over and above your membership one. If you've never been, come see our amazing facilities, the envy of most car classic clubs, and our museum exhibits. Also coming up is the **Practical Classics Restoration Show at the NEC on March 22-24th** and if I'm lucky I might see you there!

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BY TOM HARTLEY

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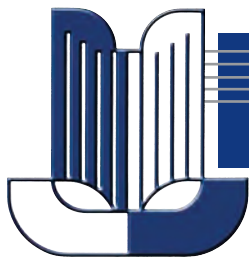
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1. Introduction, naming of parts
2. Dismantling a 3 rail (4 synchro) gearbox into input shaft, mainshaft and components, laygear
3. Reassembly of 3 rail (4 synchro) gearbox (so that it can all travel back in one piece)
4. Lunchtime?
5. Mainshaft dismantling and re-assembly, using another of the mainshaft assemblies available (including pesky circlip removal)

6. Synchro hub dismantling and reassembly

7. Discussion of common problems (bearings, mainshaft tip wear, layshaft wear, synchro wear)

8. Discussion of variants

9. Overdrives

Items 2 and 3 will use DIY made tools to dismantle and reassemble the gearbox. Alternatives to these tools will be discussed!

It should be practical to perform items 2 and 3 inside 2 hours, with questions and the usual audience participation.

Questions will be welcomed during all parts of the course, as well as audience participation.

Please let TSSC HQ know you're attending (01858 434424) so they can provide Lunch.

Henry Jones
Cheshire AO

4th Twiddle Day at Club HQ on Sunday April 7th 2019

So pencil in a day of clues, ideas, how to and mickey taking, we

need your car and if possible some ideas of what you would like to discuss and see if we can enlighten you into solving some problems or training to do fixes DIY fashion.

We do not expect to manage engine strip downs or diff rebuilds this is a day to show how to manage all the basic adjustments and settings to get the best from your pride and joy, some idea of numbers is always good,

We start at 10am and work through the day, I'm sure Bern will be on the BBQ for a lunch break and burgers for just a few £s. Please let TSSC HQ know you're attending (01858 434424) so they can provide Lunch.

It's a good day out no prisoners taken, all friendly and fun, we try to cover as much as possible with you doing the hands on.

Don't Forget we need a Triumph or two here to work on so let HQ know you're coming

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Heralding in a New Era

Well, this is my first article as the Herald 13/60 Register Secretary and where to start?....I think that must be to say a huge thank you to Phil Wilson for his excellent articles over the last 5+ years. They were always superbly written, informative, varied and interesting and I feel I have a difficult act to follow. The good news is that Phil is still going to be contributing to our fantastic monthly magazine as the Stag Register Secretary, so we can continue to enjoy his words every month.

Phil had two reigns as 13/60 Register Secretary, in both spells contributing exactly 70 consecutive articles, a strange coincidence?

"If you believe numbers have magical powers, then this is my first article (1), in the third month (3) in the sixtieth (60) year since the Herald was launched, making the number 1360... ..very strange.

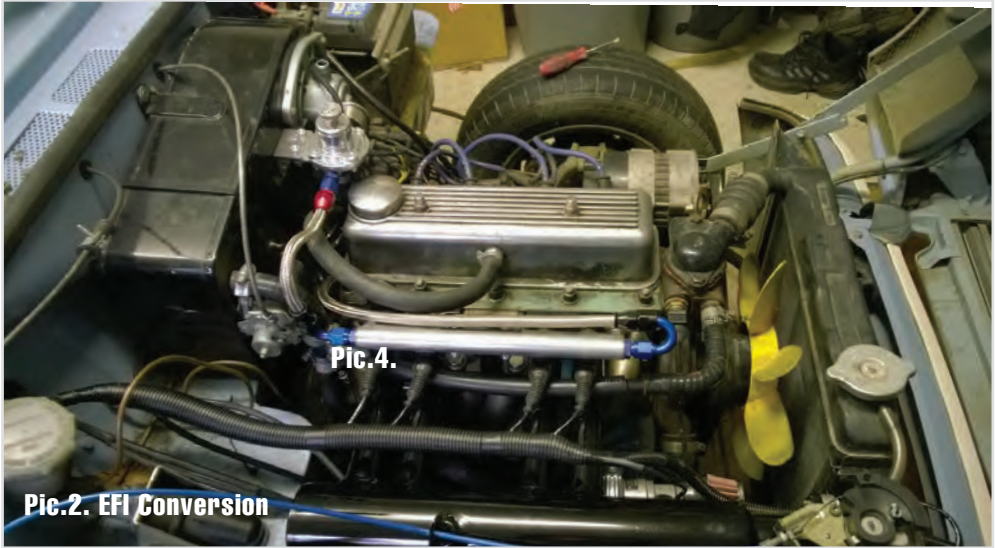


Pic.1. My 13/60

I feel a little introduction is necessary for those that don't know me. I have been a TSSC member since the summer of 1998 when I bought my first Triumph, a 1968 13/60 Convertible in Wedgwood Blue (Pic 1) and I have been the North Devon AO since May 2015. That little Herald is still with me and we have been through a lot together, including a full nut & bolt restoration, a dropped valve at 70mph on the M40, a snapped trunnion in my local Waitrose car park, a couple of gearbox failures and in later years a number of modifications including converting to Electronic Fuel Injection (Pic 2). You may have read some of my technical articles in previous editions of The Courier explaining several of those modifica-

tions, but if you're not into more drastic changes like EFI, fear not! I like a mod, but I also have an appreciation for those cars that retain their humble origins. To demonstrate that my other Triumph in my small fleet is a 1972 MKIV Spitfire 1300 (Pic 3), that will be restored to its original condition. This car hasn't been on the road since 1995 and was purchased in the summer of last year. As I write it's still very much a collection of bits rather than a car at the moment, but it is progressing steadily.... it needs to as it's booked on a ferry from Dover to Calais on the 7th June!

My Herald 13/60 is a shared daily driver with my modern car, and is used all year round in all weathers.



Pic.4.

Pic.2. EFI Conversion

In the 8 months since its MoT it has covered close to 8000 miles, so is by no

ness to name a few, you can read all about these at www.triumphherald1360.co.uk if you so desire.



Pic.3. Next project

One claim to fame for my Herald is that it was once owned by **Germaine Greer**, who according to the copies of the old Log Books sold/gave it to her flat mate, these events were backed up in a Radio 4 interview she took part in a couple of

means cosseted, very much used and a little abused if I am honest. The EFI conversion has been up and running for over 2 years now and apart from a couple of self inflicted teething issues, it really has provided me with trouble free motoring.

Other modifications and upgrades to my 13/60 include MGF Seats, Overdrive Gearbox, 4 Pot Brake Calipers, Nissan Micra Heater Blower, Alternator Conversion, Intermittent Wipers and custom wiring har-

years ago. Seems she owned several Heralds, all convertibles and clearly had fond memories of them.

But that's enough of me, this is your column.

All Register Secretaries love to hear from the members, we are here to share your stories of repair, maintenance, restoration, adventures and anything else Triumph related, so please feel free to put pen to paper, or should I say finger to keyboard and tell me about what you've been doing.

Darren



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Harry Who?

Following on from my slight diversion into the Land of Ford last month I've had a few queries concerning the Harry Potter Ford Anglia, and did we ever have the equivalent Herald publicity? I don't think we've ever had the same iconic presence in any mainstream movie, although Heralds have featured in many on-screen appearances to some extent or other. I'll not encroach too far into Phil Willson's excellent 13/60 Register other than to say there has been a fair smattering of later Heralds on the

"from bumperless, to white rubber bumpers, then to rubber bumpers painted blue."

big screen, and I'm reminded of the smaller-budget 1992 movie 'Soft Top, Hard Shoulder' which featured a blue 13/60 on a road trip from London to Glasgow, and the slight foo-pas in the publicity artwork which showed the Herald bonnet opening from the front, rather than hingeing from the back... I think it was used as a Courier cover photo a few years back? In true movie blooper style you can watch the car, rather than the action, and see how many times it goes from bumperless, 10



Soft Top, Hard Shoulder



to white rubber bumpers, then to rubber bumpers painted blue to match the car.... And it's also worth while to see Peter Capaldi, the future Doctor Who, showing himself to be a true Triumph driver as he breaks down by the roadside, then up goes the bonnet and

Sonic Screwdriver needed?



he fiddles with the carbs.... he's a natural.

The music was by Chris Rea and the car features on the cover of the soundtrack. "Driving Home for Christmas", eh? Not in THAT Herald, anyway... but it's not quite Harry Potter standard is it?

Television of course is full of Heralds; everything from Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) – incidentally one of the few shows where the Herald outlives the character – Danger Man, Monty Python, The Persuaders, The Saint..... TV in those days was shot more often on open public roads and of course Heralds drive innocently by, never knowing they're being recorded for posterity. Some of them were even used by the main characters, but always just as a mode of transport, not a regular feature in their own right. I'll make an exception for that in the case of 'Man in a Suitcase' where the main character, McGill, drove a 1200 estate, but this was later binned in the series due to a lucrative deal with Hillman, whose Imp was suffering poor sales and the sight of the good guy outrunning the baddies gave the little car a more positive image. I'll bet he didn't get as many suitcases in the Imp, as he would have had in the Estate... they could have renamed the show: "Man with a Lot of Luggage"...

These days, there are television companies who actively look for period cars when shooting historic films, and I know that former Northern Ireland AO Paul Robinson has had his lovely blue and white 1200 Coupé used in a Belfast street scene shown on the big screen.



Man in a Suit-able car?

Modern offerings such as Heartbeat used a few Heralds as everyday transport, in particular 596 JUM driven by Dr Kate

once the series ended. There's also another one that parks outside the Aidensfield Arms, but takes no other part in the



For sale in a Heartbeat

Rowan. There are numerous shots on, around and inside the car, which like many others came up for sale a while back

programme. Sadly I can't make out the registration number in that tiny photo.

One of the most iconic Heralds



Iconic LOTSW

on television was of course the Red convertible driven by Thora Hird in *Last of the Summer Wine*. This was a car that went through more incarnations than the afore-mentioned *Doctor Who* and again it's quite amusing to see how the car changes from a 1200 to a 13/60, then back again; the registration number changes; it has mirrors, then no mirrors, and finally it goes through the ultimate reincarnation of a 1200 with a 13/60 bonnet. Television can be quite hard on cars, they're usually run into the ground, used and abused then sold off when no longer required. As most of the shooting is under controlled conditions they're cosmetically patched up for the screen in ways that would fail MOT a dozen times over.

Quite a number of the LOTSW cars were sold off; that red 13/60 fetched over £4600 at auction, due more to the provenance than the condition I think.

Even here in Northern Ireland one of the 13/60s was passed about for a long time as being too rotten to restore economically and it came into my possession around 2003 before being passed on to a local car dealership. It's currently in storage somewhere and may well see the road again someday. There were a number of on-going online arguments over these cars a while back; more than one owner has purchased 'THE' car from the series, only to find there were nearly a dozen others; besides, I've seen random red convertibles, described as the actual car, displayed in museums or on sale on the Net, so if you ever get offered one, make sure it's one of the genuine cars used and not just a similar model. Incidentally the scale model sold for fans of the series is the 13/60, but as most of the general public don't know the difference, it's still one



Star Car?

up for Heralds on the screen.

I was severely traumatised around Christmas to see the rather strange 1971 movie 'Melody' shown on television. This film concerns two eleven year old schoolchildren who decide they want to get married, and the resulting objections of both parents



Melody Maker!

and teachers, probably as they're too young for benefits and a house. One of the teachers drives a white 1200 convertible, which, like Thora Hird's and Peter Capaldi's amazing Heralds, morphs through wide sidelights to narrow sidelights and develops rust patches which mysteriously disappear or reappear later in the movie. The Herald does feature quite a lot in the film, with plenty of driving scenes

and dialogue set in the car, but it is in the last scene where the entire class has a riot – meant to delay the teachers from interrupting the wedding – and some speccy little nerd makes a bomb in chemistry class which he throws into the rear seat of the Her-

one of the three vehicles that didn't sink... the amphi-car probably gave him the idea in the first place. Filming took place at Rudyard Lake, Staffordshire, near the aptly named Leek, and not a hound's growl from our old

International ground at Stafford.

This episode alone must have substantially raised the profile of the Herald as a 'fun' car, although most of us like to get more than one outing out of ours. It's probably the best known Triumph Herald model available, being purchased not only by Herald owners but also Top Gear fans too. Beat that, Harry Potter! Having said that, I've seen the original in the museum at Beaulieu, and believe me it's in now a poor state. Harry would probably wave his wand and restore it to concours

in seconds. I can just hear Hermione. "Oh look, it's even got coathooks!"

ald. The resulting explosion and fire affected me so severely that I had to go online and buy some spares as a form of retail therapy. They shouldn't be allowed to do that!! I'll bet if it was a Western and they blew a horse up, there'd be all sorts of complaints, but a Herald? So what?

And of course I couldn't finish without mentioning that wonderful display of Top Gear inventiveness, where James May took an ageing Herald convertible and made it into a Yacht... filling the body cavities with expanding foam may not have kept the rust at bay but it certainly helped it float, being the only



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STAG

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May I introduce?....

Well 'Hello' fellow Stag owners and all who may be interested in these fine cars. As announced last month, I have taken over the reins from Martin Marrison. I have owned Triumphs for most of the last 48 years and been a member of the TSSC for 35 of those, spending almost 12 years as 13/60 Register Secretary, but it is now time for a change.

My first direct experience of the Stag was in

the 1980s when a friend bought an S registered Magenta car with a manual gearbox. Its smooth ride and powerful performance were quite intoxicating. When he later wanted to sell it the £5000 asking price was beyond my means at the time, and would not, in any case, have received management approval. I did, however, buy a 2500S Estate from his brother for somewhat less money, which was actually a more suitable vehicle when we needed family transport. I think it replaced a Marina Estate – no contest.

I became reacquainted with Stags when another friend bought a Royal Blue Mk1 (Photo 2) a few years ago on which I have since done a few odd jobs when needed.

Later still yet another friend decided that he wanted to buy one and I was roped in to looking at some of those available. There was a lot of variation in the condition and, knowing the main places to look, rust could easily be found. Eventually we hit upon a professionally restored Mimosa Mk2 that had been on SORN for several of the previous 10 years or so. After spending quite a lot of money having it recommissioned my friend then offered it to me for a lot less than my friend had spent out.

As I knew the car and its history I went for it and collected it the day after Drive It Day 2016, having parted with my Vitesse two days earlier. (Photo 3)

The car has now done around 68,000 miles since new in April 1975 but only around 5,000 in the last 25 years. It had an extensive body restoration in the early 90s and a full respray in 2015.



Photo 1. My 2500S Estate on holiday in Scotland

There were only two jobs that I really had to do to make it fully usable. One was to sort out the Borg Warner 35 3-speed auto box that would squirt out most of its oil under certain circumstances and would be in top gear at 10 miles per hour. The other was to straighten the hood frame which had become rather bent. I will cover both these items in future articles.

"I have owned Triumphs for most of the last 48 years and been a member of the TSSC for 35 of those"

These cars are somewhat more complex than the Heralds that

Photo 2. Friends Royal Blue MK1



I dealt with before, but most work can be done by a reasonably experienced enthusiast with suitable equipment. They are certainly bigger and heavier and this must be borne in mind when working underneath. For those who can't handle any major work themselves there are several very experienced workshops around the UK.

A check of the website howmanyleft.co.uk shows that, in the 3rd quarter of 2018, there were 5,500 Stags on the road in the UK and 2,700 on SORN, which is 8,200 in total. I am well aware that some of the SORN'd ones may have gone but

equally there may be others unaccounted for in these figures. In 2009 the total was only about 6,800 so there have been some reappearances in recent years. These are extremely healthy figures considering that just under 26,000 were built. It is a much better survival rate than most classic cars and it does not include the healthy populations in the USA, Australia, New Zealand, The Netherlands, Austria, Belgium, Germany and Switzerland, all of which have owners clubs.

Over the coming months I will try to cover as many different aspects of the cars as I can,

from development through to maintenance and restoration. Obviously I haven't done all the possible jobs myself as that would imply that I had bought a basket case, which I most certainly did not. Much of the work I have done has been (in my eyes at least) to make small improvements. I don't always go for originality but I do try to keep any original parts should they ever be required by a future owner.

As ever, I am happy to include any useful or interesting information that you may have about these cars in my articles. I would, in any case, love to hear from you. So, if you have a Stag then please contact me so that I have an idea of how many of you are out there and to prove that I'm not just talking to myself!

Please email stag@tssc.org.uk or use one of the alternative methods (phone, snail mail) listed near the back of the magazine (TSSC Officers).

Happy Staggering,

Phil



Photo 3. My Mk2 Stag

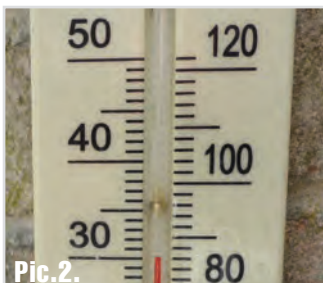


Vitesse 1600, Mk 1&2

DAVE RUMENS vitesse@tssc.org.uk

Charge and Discharge

Hi folks - March is with us and Spring should be just around the corner. I for one am hoping we don't get a "Beast from the East" like we did last March, [Picture 1](#). However, I wouldn't mind the hot summer we had last year so we can drive our



Vitesse in dry warm weather, [Picture 2](#).

Whenever I climb into my Vitesse I notice that special smell unique to Triumphs, don't ask me what it is (No it's not damp!) but all 1960's Triumphs have that classic car smell. Turn the ignition key and the whole car comes alive (Smell, heat and noise) which brings a smile to the face, the whole experience is very pleasurable. Let's face it when new the Vitesse was aimed at the car enthusiast and 50 years on it now has an even greater appeal. To me in comparison my modern car feels soulless and lacking in any character. I often hear it said that modern cars are more reliable than a classic car. Well after over 50 years of owning Triumphs (Sad I know) I haven't



Pic.1.

"Turn the ignition key and the whole car comes alive (Smell, heat and noise)"

found this to be the case. My belief is that a combinations of age, lack of routine servicing

not due to reliability problems but to reduce the likelihood of any corrosion problems. As the Vitesse was a specialist car it never sold in great numbers and time has reduced these even more, so anyway we can preserve the remaining numbers and this must be a positive thing. It's only the last couple of years I have stopped keeping a



Pic.3.

and poor quality replacement parts, [Picture 3 and 4](#), have led to this perception. My main reason for now using a modern car in the winter these days is

Triumph on the road all the year around because of that reason. I covered the following subject over ten years ago but as it's one area on all classic cars,



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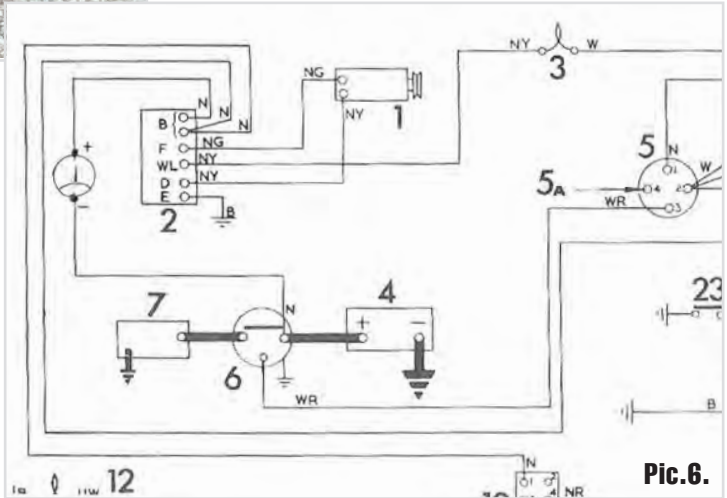
which includes the Vitesse, I am often asked about I thought it a good idea to cover it again after this length of time. Well it concerns the electrical system and the question being asked is "Why is the charging system on the Vitesse barely adequate"? Which in modern terms is true. To answer this you have to look back to the driving habits and the driving skills we were

power available. Many owners fitted an ammeter to assist them in this task, [Pictures 5 & 6](#).

Also remember there was far less traffic back in the 1960's and as a result the use of the headlights could be kept to a minimum. So as dusk

No 'see and be seen' then. I am not suggesting you start driving as we did back in the 1960's as with the amount of traffic now on the roads it would make it very dangerous not to use headlights. Besides it is also now illegal.

Another driving practice that has changed (maybe not for the good) and impacts on the electrical system is the present



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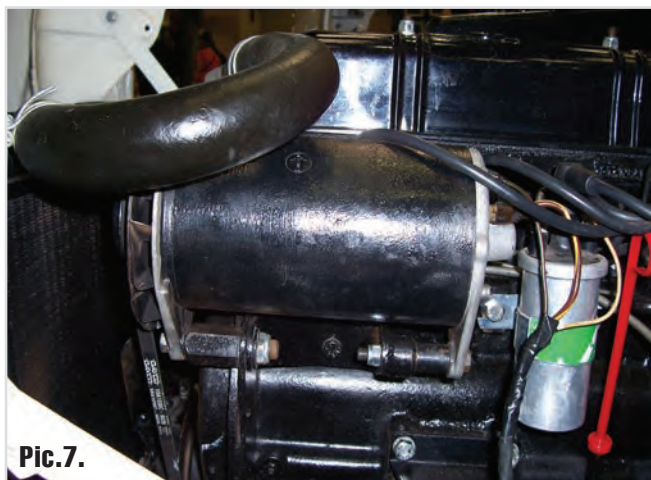


Pic.5.

taught before the 1970's. Remember back then we didn't have the technology that now provides us with a highly effective electrical system. As a result, the driver had to make careful use of the electrical

approached you would at first use your sidelights and then only use the headlights when you could not see the road anymore! In towns, especially in stop/go traffic only the sidelights would be used.

habit of holding the car on the footbrake at junctions and/or traffic lights. This was frowned upon as there was always the risk your foot could slip off resulting in hitting the car in front. If you did not apply the handbrake at junctions it was stated, by the authorities, that you were not in full control of the car. I believe this is still a good reason to use the handbrake at junctions or if you stop for more than a few seconds. But that's a personal view. There are a couple of other unwanted results of not using the footbrake. One is the glare from the brake lights in the eyes of the driver behind. The other is the battery drain, 42 watts, due to the two brake



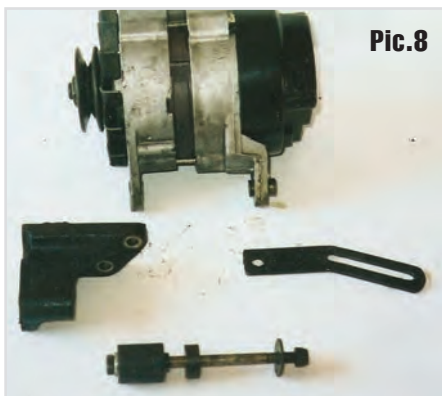
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lights. Remember when the engine is on tick-over, the dynamo, [Picture 7](#), is not providing any electrical power and it's all coming out of the battery. As a side note I do use the handbrake when stopped, but if I see someone coming behind my car too fast for comfort then I operate the brake pedal to turn on the brake lights to make the point that

I am stationary. If you also include the use of the dip headlights, sidelights, wipers and heater fan you can see when the car is stationary the drain from the battery will be high. In the region of 15 amps. Once you get going again the dynamo will start to charge the battery, but with all the electrical equipment switched on there is not a great deal of current left for a full charge unless you are on a long run.

So the next question has to be "Should I fit an alternator?" If

you are using your Vitesse for most of the year around then



Pic.8

yes, that is unless you don't mind charging the battery regularly. However, if it's summer

use when you are not likely to be using all the electrical equipment then probably not. Nevertheless, I am happy to do a re-run of the alternator conversion article, [Pictures 8 & 9](#), I did in the Courier quite a few years ago if requested.

So was the charging system on the Vitesse barely adequate in its day? Well the answer is "No" as driving practices and conditions were very different back in the 1960's. Driving conditions now dictate we use far more electrical power than back when the Vitesse was new, particularly in the dark cold winter months. That's why the dynamo went out of fashion and the alternator, which gives a higher more constant output, was fitted to the later models.

A safety point you should be aware of is - Always disconnect the battery if you are working on the electrical system. Treat the battery as if it is an unexploded bomb i.e. with extreme care. Finally let's hear about your Vitesse.

All I need are some photos and words then I can feature your car in this column.

That's my stuff for this month.

*Safe Driving & Keep Running
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Dave



Pic.9.

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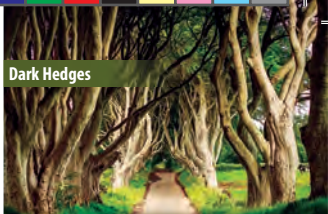
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Spitfire

Mk 1/2/3

SUZIE SINGLETON spitfires@cadley.org



That is my Spitfire!

I recently heard from Paul Adams who has contacted us a few times over the last few years as he's been fettling his 1966 Mk2 Spitfire aiming to bring it back to original factory specification.

"It is now fully mechanically refurbished (mostly using new old stock parts) and is back on the road as of this summer.

I'm attaching a picture of it taken in the summer when I took my daughter to her prom in it.

I'm now turning my attention to a few finishing touches - I've replaced most of the interior trim with new Newton Commercial items, but I'm having trouble with the rear cockpit panel (the one that goes in front of the petrol tank). The item Newton produce is minus the two dzus fasteners at the top, which secure the top of the panel to the rear deck of the car - I'm sure you will be familiar with this. So I tried fitting my dzus fasteners from my old panel to a new Newton one and only succeeded in messing it up (and my old panel). I have spoken with Newton - I'm surprised this hasn't been an issue raised with them before. I don't think they have any plans to change the way they make the panel, so I'm hoping I may be able to

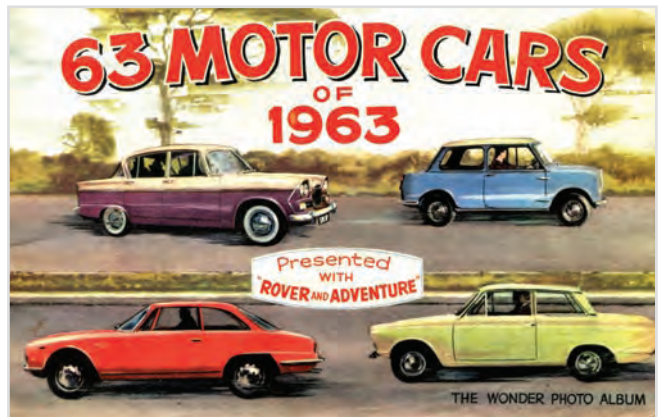
find a second hand original as a better replacement.

If you know of anyone who might have one, I'd be very grateful to know, or, if you happen to hear of one in future."



I could only suggest that Paul keep an eye on eBay, which he does, and to try the Triumph an MG Day at Stoneleigh which he's also planning to do but we know both are a bit of a long shot. So I said I would put a plea into this article

In response to my enquiry in December's Courier as to whether any of you remembered the Rover and Adventure comic which



once included the '63 Motor Cars of 1963' booklet, Peter Stanton from Derbyshire told me: "When very young I had the "Adventure" comic which

trip down memory lane. I was also lucky enough to get a response to February's article. Les Read wrote: *"It was my Spitfire that you had in your*

"It was my Spitfire that you had in your pages this month."



green it had Cosmic wheels on that you mentioned, they were Cosmic Mark V. It now has Cosmic GTs and is now in grey with a black stripe. I have had the vehicle since 1996 and have changed every nut and bolt on it including 3 engines. It has GT 6 front discs with Austin Princess callipers, 1500 front roll bar and Mark IV rear drive shaft, and a SAH rocker box."

Les sent some more photos of the car in its current livery, but I

was not cartoon but "Proper" written short stories. As the market turned to more pictures the "Rover" joined to form the "Rover and Adventure" Comic.

I got a couple of back-numbers off eBay as nostalgia!!

Somewhere I have a set of the picture stickers not stuck in the album and I must scan them!!"



At least we may have encouraged Peter to go looking for that album and have another

pages this month. It has been in your Column before in February 2007, when it was

also managed to find one from back in 2007.

Oddly enough, I discovered, looking through my back files, that back in 2006/7 I had been featuring the set of Safety First cigarette cards, a first cousin to my current series of Belisha game cards. Mr Hore-Belisha, Minister of Transport in the 1930s not only gave his name to the Belisha Beacon, one of the safety measures he introduced, but was also instrumental in drawing up the Highway Code, something illustrated in the Safety First cards and following which may have helped



avoid some of the predicaments shown in the card game.

So now for the Number 3s of said Bel-isha card set, this time illustrating Tuxford (in Nottinghamshire, I believe), Cock-a-Druid, Paisley (which Google doesn't seem to be able to identify) and Buckingham Palace, together with a sketch showing the result of a head on smash –

cartoon style.

We'll be back at the NEC for the Restoration Show on 22nd – 23rd March so I thought I'd share an exhibit that caught my eye at the Classic Car show there last November. It's a while since I've featured one of the car 'trailers' I and others find on our travels (coincidentally, begun around the mid to late 2000s, and a sample was include in the Feb 2007 article mentioned above) but there was a gleaming black Moggy Minor together with a Moggy 1000 trailer selling raffle tickets in aid of a Cystic Fibrosis charity.

And finally, a few months ago regular correspondent Keith Lister set me this "newspaper clipping from 1927 showing my grandfather's brother Laurie Colling stood next to a Triumph workman's bus"

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Lost & Found

This month I received a success story of sorts. Some of you may remember Jon Low's request for help back in February 2016 to find the Spitfire 1500 he owned and got married in. I'll let him tell you in his words what happened next.

"Hi Steve,

You may remember me, I was the guy that you tried to help to contact the owner of my old Spitfire 1500, Registration; GLK 684T, built 31/7/1978 but not registered until 6/6/1979.

I did eventually get to contact the current owner, but she was holding on to the car, hoping to get it back on the road. But after about 6 months she contacted me as she realised the car was badly rotted out in all the usual places. I now have the car back and hope to resurrect it in due course, but the car will need a LOT of work and bits replacing!"

Jon had a number of questions regarding what was currently on the car, or missing, and wondered if I/we might be able to help answer them?

Q1. *The vehicle now has an aluminium 4 bladed fan fitted. I thought these were on the early marks of the Spitfire. I was expecting a multi-bladed viscous plastic fan. Maybe the car did have a viscous coupling*



Wedding Car

and it failed and the owner at the time took the cheaper option just to fit an old type fan?

"Jon had a number of questions regarding what was currently

ever later 1500 models did have viscous fans fitted. Towards the end of production BL fitted whatever was available. It certainly shouldn't be the aluminium fan you have, in fact my research seems to suggest most fans were pressed steel on the early Spitfires and the



A1. My Spitfire is a '78 with a plastic fan (non viscous) how-

aluminium fan was a surplus export item available for MK 2!



Q2. The soft top frame does not have any side covers. I know the earlier built cars had just clip-on ones and the later type were held on by pop rivets. We all know that Triumph/Leyland would often fit whatever parts were available, or needed using up. So any ideas? I think the covers would help keep the soft top from chaffing on the frame.

A2. There should be two riveted plastic side covers to protect the hood on either side, it looks a lot better too when viewed from inside the cabin, it hides the steel frame and pivot bolts.

Q3. The gearbox, as far as I can see at the moment, has a number stamping of: DR 9943 W, the only thing that I can find with DR prefix is for Dolomite 1500, any ideas what this odd number means?

A3. It could easily be a Dolomite gearbox. The single rail boxes and casings are interchangeable with the Spitfire FR/FT prefix. They are fundamentally the same except for the mounting to the chassis. It's worth checking if it is mounted correctly on two rubber 'bobbin' mounts screwed into the gear box at 45 degrees and located on two angled plates off a plate on the central chassis. When I first purchased my Spitfire it had a very



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'bouncy' gear stick, this turned out to be a Dolomite gearbox badly mounted and barely secured on 'sawn-off' bobbins with a very large jubilee clip! You had to see it to believe it. Ensure the bobbins are screwed into the box in the correct place and bolted correctly to the mount on the chassis.

Q4. My car does not have the tandem version of the brake master cylinder, only the small pot single version. I remember this from my first ownership and that it puzzled me. I would like to make it tandem braking but it does not look like I would get either of the longer tandem cylinders in place as there is only a bulkhead recess on the passenger side! Any thoughts on this?

A4. At FH 130,000 a dual brake line system was introduced. The tandem brake system required a large recess in the bulkhead and lower support brackets either side of the master cylinder to allow clearance for the pipes to exit. I guess you could modify the bulkhead or get a good panel shop to do so. If your stripping the



body shell right back to bare metal its probably the best time to do it.

If you are unable to comment

I'm sure there are

plenty more knowledgeable Spitfire owners out there, so if anyone can add any further information or suggest some alternative solu-



Rotten Gearbox Cover

tions to Jon's questions then please Email them to me and I'll pass them on.

Jon, good luck with the restoration and please send us updates occasionally on your progress. If you have any further questions I'll post them in the Courier and try and answer them as best I can.

Steve

As the Car is now - rotten rear wing



on any of these issues, is there anyone else that might be a 1500 guru?

I don't profess to be a Spitfire guru, just an owner of one that's learnt a lot from owning, repairing and running one over the last twenty something years.



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BOND EQUIPE

GUY SINGLETON guy@bondequipe.org

Warning - Here is the Pathé News

8" of snow – well that's not much good for playing with the toys - although many years ago when I was about 18 I can recall using my mother's Triumph Herald on crossplys in the snow with a bag of coal (proper 1/2cwt, not a silly 10Kg bag) in the boot and that went really well in the snow – the only problem was the salt which killed the chassis. In fact it was much



" I had a running discussion on the warning triangle in the boot of the 4s,"

1965 Motor Show and this includes a section showing the warning triangle – given that this is in colour and contemporary I think it is as good as we can get – have a look at about

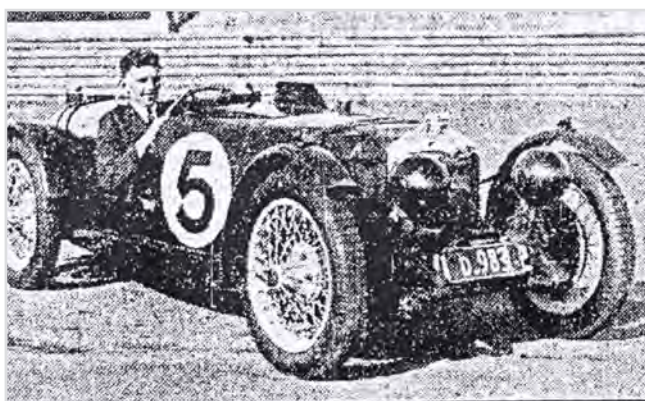
better than my modern Volvo, as I really struggled to get it out of my drive today.

Moving onto things more connected to the topic in hand, I believe I am meant to write about Bonds! – you may recall that last year I had a running discussion on the warning triangle in the boot of the 4s, Paul Grogan has forwarded a link to a Pathe News report on the



4 mins in at web address <https://tinyurl.com/BondTriangle>.

Now I will travel back to Triumphfest at Shelsley Walsh, where we met **Peter Croft** from New Zealand who was over for a holiday – and like a good car enthusiast he had come along for the day to



SUCCESSFUL RACING CAR
The Brooklands model Riley, which is at present in Auckland, photographed in front of the War Memorial Museum. The car has won two gruelling, long-distance overseas races.

see the cars and enjoy the rain! Anyway, to be more serious he also told me that he has a 2 litre Bond, he later sent me a photo of his and a friend's Equipes in New Zealand.

He has since informed me that after 29½ years he has sold the Equipe on, as he has just managed to buy a car that he has been after for nearly 50 years. "It is a special works prepared Riley 9 Brooklands. Competed in the Irish GP 1931, Ulster TT 1932, other races at Brooklands, Australian GP in 1933 (1st), twice in the NZ GP (1950, 51) and won the 1st proper road race (on a circuit) held in NZ (1949)"

Well I hope the Equipe was a good stand in until perfection arrived!

Peter also let me have the Serial number for his car, and I also had that for his friend's car – interestingly both cars were very late off the production line, and would have been Reliant built being made in November 1970. One perhaps interesting snippet, I have 7 Equipes on the Register from New Zealand, but only one in Australia.

Recently there was a 2 litre Coupe on Ebay. It looked on the face of it that it is a Mk2 car, (according to the DVLA it was first registered in December 1968) but looking at the photos of the engine it is a MK 1 engine with an added header tank from a 1600 Vitesse or MK 1 Spitfire 4 and it does not have the aluminium gutter on the sides of the car – another sign of a Mk1 car. This is not a car that I had heard of before. The DVLA website showed that it had not been taxed since 1978 so it's not surprising it was off



thought they had the pattern for them but I gather that is no longer the case.

Post Script, " I didn't think Don Trimming were able to make Bond hoods any more but I've I've just heard of one being done, hope to have more info next month."

Finally, finally, I have been asked to try and located a good

my radar! Hopefully the new owner will get in touch and let me have the serial number so I



Mk2 2 Litre Coupe for someone who is now living in Australia.

He's looking to import a good sound car so – if know of

one please let me know and I'll put you in touch.

Guy

can establish which model it really is.

Finally, a query: has anyone had a convertible hood made recently, a number of people have asked where they can be got from – I have always suggested Don Hoods in Birmingham as I

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	van & est	1961-67	1147/4	12000	7000	5000	2500	1300
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Spitfire 4	sports	1962-64	1147/4	22000	18000	14000	8000	4000
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Spitfire IV	sports	1970-74	1296/4	12000	7800	4500	2100	1300
Spitfire 1500	sports	1974-81	1493/4	14000	9000	6000	3300	1300
GT6 MK1	fhc	1966-68	1998/6	24000	20000	15000	7500	4000
GT6 Mk II	fhc	1968-70	1998/6	23000	18500	13000	7500	4500
GT6 mkIII	fhc	1970-73	1998/6	20000	17000	12000	6000	3000
GT6 Convertible Early (RT)	dhc	1966-70	1998/6	20000	18000	15000	8000	4000
GT6 Convertible Later (ST)	dhc	1970-73	1998/6	18000	16000	12000	7000	4000
Vitesse 6	saloon	1962-66	1596/6	10000	7000	5800	3000	1500
	dhc	1962-66	1596/6	12000	9000	7500	4000	1800
Vitesse 2L	saloon	1966-71	1998/6	18000	12000	8500	4500	1300
Mk1 & Mk2	dhc	1966-71	1998/6	20000	14500	9000	5000	1500
Renown	saloon	1946-54	2088/4	12600	9100	7000	4200	1680
Roadster	dhc	1946-49	2088/4	25200	19600	16800	13300	7000
Mayflower	saloon	1950-53	1247/4	5600	3850	3080	1680	900
TR2	sports	1953-55	1991/4	35000	24500	15400	8400	5000
TR3 & 3A/B	sports	1955-61	1991/4	38500	28000	16800	9100	5500
TR4	sports	1961-65	2138/4	35000	24500	15400	8400	4000
TR4A IRS	sports	1965-67	2138/4	38500	28000	16800	9100	4500
TR5	sports	1967-69	2498/6	65000	45500	26000	13000	9000
TR6	sports	1969-75	2498/6	40000	30800	18000	10000	4000
TR7	fhc	1976-82	1998/4	8400	5250	3500	2100	840
TR8 (Factory/Grinnall)	dhc	1980-82	1998/4	10000	8400	5500	3150	1400
	dhc	1980-81	3528/8	15000	10000	8000	6000	3000
Stag	dhc	1970-77	2997/8	26000	19000	12000	8000	3500
2000/2500S 2.5PI	saloon	1963-77	1998/6	13000	6300	4900	2100	700
	sal/est	1968-77	2498/6	15000	7300	6000	2800	1260
1300 & 1500	saloon	1965-73	1296/4	5500	2450	1820	1190	500
Toledo & Dolomite	saloon	1970-81	1493/4	6300	4200	3200	1400	600
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TRIUMPH

BIG SALOONS

CARL SWANSON carlswanson@btinternet.com

Catching up.....

Well, hopefully this edition finds you and yours well. You may have realised that last month's article for the Big Saloons was missing. I unfortunately picked up a bug which led to me suffering from phenomena. This prevented me from doing most things/ being able to concentrate on much at all for most of January.



snow in my area, so giving the wax another test!

When I started to feel a bit better, I started to having a look via YouTube, what sort of things are available for the Big Saloons. To

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As I write, I am becoming more like my old self so on the mend. Due to this, I'm also a bit behind in my writing for this, so this article will be a little shorter than normal.

As last year, we had two lots of



my surprise, there a quite a varied selection, from the informative, to the rather distressing, where there was a 'Triumph 2000 banger race'. Yes, all the cars, and there were many of them, being 2000s!!! I do recall as I have mine MOT'd and generally looked after by Paul at Merrit MOT centre. He or one his team did tell me a couple of people had asked was it for sale as a banger, because they are very strong!!

On brighter news from the electronic world, was a chap who had put a small block

out of a Triumph on purpose!!!

I'm a big fan of the Professionals TV series (yes, owned silver Capri 'S') in the past. Well, imagine my surprise when a clip from on the programmes had a short car chase where Bodie is in his Capri, and the 'baddies' are in a dark (I cant quite tell the colour) big Saloon! I haven't ac-



ing in the rear view mirror..

I found this article about the Pi..

The 2.5 PI is the latest manifestation of this popular Triumph, with a long-stroke (74.7 x 95mm.) version of the original push-rod o.h.v. engine, fed by Lucas 35 amp. Mk. II fuel injection. This has increased power output by 46½%, to 132 b.h.p. at 5,450 r.p.m. and torque by 30%, to 1,840 lb./in. at 2,000 r.p.m. The b.m.e.p. developed is 152 lb./sq. in. and the PI

engine is governed to a peak of 5,800 r.p.m. by an ignition cut-out (no tachometer!). It is claimed that the new version has lost nothing of the 2000's flexibility, but that it has 20% improved performance, with a maximum speed under favourable conditions of around 110 m.p.h. The external appearance varies only by badges front and rear proclaiming its more sophisticated fuel feed, a trim and a PI badge on the pillar between rear ¼-light and rear window, a rather unnecessary "Injection" over the dummy air-intake on the bonnet and simulated "expensive" wheels.



Chevy motor in his very clean 2000! It's worth a look up, as it looks a clean car, with little to suggest its power!

Its also pleasing to see smoke

tuallly seen the episode yet, so will keep a look out as its on its 4 often. It's a bit similar to one of my favourite films, Bullit, complete with the car appear-



A full-flow ventilation system was introduced for the 2000 over three years ago and the 2.5 has a 2,498 c.c. TR5-type engine with 9.5 to 1 c.r. and a Lucas-Type 15 alternator, and the brakes have been enhanced by a larger, remotely situated servo, 1/8 in. thicker discs at the front and a bigger master cylinder. Nine body colours and trims are available. The interior of the car I find fussy and "cheap". The fascia on the left has a highly-polished strip of veneered wood, carrying a small Smith's electric clock, the cubby-hole lock and a big ash-tray with spring-up protective flap which came away in my hand when I tried to pull it out. This trim is of an odd, inconsistent curved formation, and clashes with the anti-dazzle finish of the remainder of the fascia and screen sill. The instruments are deeply buried in a nacelle before the driver, which does not make them good for instantaneous readings, particularly as they catch reflections. They consist of a 140 m.p.h. speedometer with calibrations every 30 m.p.h. and trip and total odometers and a matching Fuel-Temp.-Amps. dial. The steering wheel is big, has a too-smooth leather rim, and its drilled spokes combine with the two control stalks to cast ten bright reflections in the driver's side of the windscreen. The stalks consist of a thick, rather short one on the left, for turn-indicators, with a push at its extremity for headlamps flashing, and a very slender r.h. one for o/d, which operates in third and top gears; it failed to work after some 500 miles.

I cannot think that any serious driver in the S-T organisation, 60

from Lord Stokes downwards, has motored far in a Triumph 2000 or 2.5 PI. If they had they would surely have thrown away that cheap cluster of indicator lamps set in a cast frame right between the two main dials, where they shine straight into the driver's eyes, supplemented by a very bright blue full-beam indicator a little higher up. If the fuel level is low, the choke is being used for the initial few miles, and the headlamps are needed, the luckless driver of a Triumph is dazzled indeed, by this awful cluster of multi-coloured lamps. (Two others among them should not contribute to this illumination, for they are concerned with low oil pressure and alternator failure.) More warning lights, for turn-indicators and full-beam, top the dials' nacelle.

The front seats are big and comfortable, with leather ventilated centres and easily adjusted, reclining squabs. There are swivelling cold air vents on the middle of the fascia, but the front ¼-lights still open. The central hand-brake has a rather thick grip and is close to the driver's seat cushion.

The gear lever rises from the parcels' tray, wobbling about in its leather skirt.

Alas, it controls the gearbox with a very notchy action.

The horn-push is in the wheel hub and below the dials' nacelle are three knobs, controlling cold-start, roof lamp and panel lighting rheo-stat. Very prominent tumbler switches, two each side of the nacelle, look after lamps, two-speed wipers and washers.

The two on the left are nicely arranged to put on side and headlamps together or sepa-

rately, but all off in one movement (only necessary because there are two switches, however); here again, symmetry is lacking, because the r.h. pair of switches are on a different plant from the other two.

The bigger PI engine is an impressively smooth and powerful unit, very responsive to the squirt injection, so much so that opening it up with the long-travel accelerator, which does nothing for the initial movement, is apt to be a jerky process. The fuel injection makes a noise like a dentist's drill, audible when the engine is idling, and coldstarts can take quite a time, if the instructions are followed. A stencil on the screen warned, in four languages, that the accelerator must not be depressed for a cold-start. This morning I gave six turns of the starter-key with full choke, without getting the engine to fire. I then gingerly gave a bit of throttle with my foot, and she went at once, although rich-mixture was required for some distance. This is the drill, according to the instruction, for a hot start. The instruction book does not refer to leaving the accelerator alone for cold-starts, so I suspect the new fuel system is not yet fully apprehended. I thought there was a smell of petrol inside the car, before it started.

I did not much enjoy driving this Triumph, because, apart from the aforesaid notchy gear-change, the steering is heavy, in spite of being geared fractionally over four turns, lock-to-lock, and what castor return there is acts sluggishly towards the straight-ahead position, which is rather disconcerting. The ride is not bad, but more lively over

rough roads than that of a Rover 2000. The disc/drum brakes are powerful but somewhat insensitive and inclined to squeal. Visibility is generally good, but the wood-capped window and screen surrounds are quite thick. One lady driver said she preferred the conventional fascia and bonnet of the Triumph to the high-set open shelf and drop-bonnet of a Rover. There are under-facia shelves, the big lockable cubby hole and if a radio is not fitted, a central console locker. The boot is very commodious and its lid self-rising. The light bonnet lid is hinged at the front, so is self-supporting when open, but needs a finger to release the prop. The engine is an impressive piece of machinery. The Exide battery is accessible and the long dip-stick very easy to reach, on the n/s.

The fuel tank holds 14 gallons and is filled by a horizontal filler covered by a cheap bayonet cap under a flap on the n/s. On a full tank I drove 200 miles before the low-level light began to flash and the tank ran dry after 236 miles. As the fuel gauge is steady reading and shows below E before the fuel runs out, I would have thought the

warning light could have been deleted. A check on consumption, using the specified 100-octane petrol, gave 22.1 m.p.g., so presumably the tank does not hold the specified 14 gallons. After 700 miles the oil level had fallen by 1½ pints. The eight-pint sump needs draining and refilling every 6,000 miles and there are no chassis lubrication points.

The test car was on Goodyear G800 tyres, 185 x 13 on 4.5 rims. It understeered on corners, but displayed good grip, but the steering is apt to be spongy and lacks precision, while some body-shake is evident at times. The Triumph 2.5 PI gives very impressive acceleration and speed, is quiet-running in top gear, and has the usual refinements, such as sill interior locks, roof-grabs for the passengers, cigarette lighter at the back of the parcels'-shelf wall, vanity mirror, good carpets, Stanpart safety belts, Triplex zone-toughened screen, coat-hooks, arm-rest to divide the wide back seat, rubber-tipped bumpers, side repeaters for the indicators, dual headlamps, good reversing lamps, etc. Setting the heater is fully described in the instruction

book, but on a cold run to Silverstone I never got it as warm as I wanted, and one's feet never got really warm. I prefer the Rover 2000TC, however, which, even if its steering is not its best feature, is nicer in that department and has a better gear-change once one has engaged bottom gear by strong-arm action, while on twin S.U. carburettors it seldom gives less than 25 m.p.g., usually a good deal more. It is a bit more spacious, but has a smaller boot, and is really a four-seater instead of a family five-seater. It is about as quick as the Triumph in all four gears, but the latter leaves it on acceleration (doing 0-60 m.p.h. in 10.3 sec.).

If the Laycock o/d is fitted, giving a 3.92 third gear and a 2.83-to-1 top, the Triumph PI will go to over 100 m.p.h. in o/d third and cruise at the ton at just above 4,000 r.p.m. in o/d top, which is impressive. It sells for £1,547 in this form, inclusive of purchase-tax.

As usual, the request for your stories about your Big Saloon, past or present, with or without pictures please!!

Take care.

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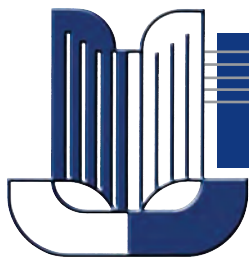
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11 January 2019

Mr Bob Owen
Director - Legislation
Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs

Dear Mr Owen,

RE: Vehicle Of Historic Interest MOT Exemption

The following is a statement of the effect of recent legal changes to requirements for MOT testing of vehicles at least 40 years old.

On 20 May 2018 the Motor Vehicle (Tests) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 came into force. Regulation 7 sets out that any car, van (under 3.5t) or motorcycle which is being used on a public road is to be considered a vehicle of historic interest and therefore no longer required to hold a valid MOT certificate if it:

- a) was manufactured or registered for the first time at least 40 years previously
- b) is of a type no longer in production, and
- c) has been historically preserved or maintained in its original state and has not undergone substantial changes in the technical characteristic of its main components.

This amended the previous exemption from MOT testing for cars, light vans or motorcycles manufactured in 1960 or before. The arrangements for the testing of old larger vehicles are different.

Please find enclosed a copy of this Statutory Instrument and a copy of the Explanatory Memorandum should you wish to refer to these.

There is no requirement, either intended or implied, that at the point a vehicle becomes 40 years old and providing the vehicle has not been substantially changed, for the owner to make a declaration to any statutory body, declaring that the vehicle is a vehicle of historic interest and is therefore no longer required to have a valid MOT certificate.

The Department and DVLA have set up an administrative process (via DVLA form V112 and the equivalent process on-line) which requires at the time of the annual re-licensing of vehicles a declaration that the vehicle is a vehicle of historic interest – in that it has not been substantially modified. This process is in place to help owners of old vehicles that have been substantially modified do not by mistake run them without a valid MOT. The Department has published information about what constitutes a substantial modification in this context and encourages owners who do not know to seek advice.

Yours sincerely,

Duncan Price

Divisional Manager, Freight, Operator Licensing and Roadworthiness



PRESS RELEASE

23 January 2019

For immediate release

MOT Exemption of Historic Vehicles

The Federation has argued that the DVLA process for enabling declaration of a vehicle as not being significantly changed at the time of re-licensing only, was one which could put drivers at risk of bureaucratic misunderstanding and leave them at risk from ill-briefed policeman.

We all became aware that a real example that had arisen and that the driver of a historic vehicle had received a Notice of Prosecution. The Federation urgently sought clarification of the position from the Department of Transport. We are glad to confirm that they responded promptly and positively and have provided us with the statement we copy here, which we think sets out the position clearly and succinctly and will be of real use to our members.

It may be that members who have concerns about this will wish to carry a copy of the DfT Statement in the vehicle.

We are still unhappy that the Vehicle Enquiry Service cannot show an accurate MOT status even after the registered keeper has filled in a Form V112 or checked the declaration page during online licensing. Currently it simply says, if the vehicle does not have an MOT, that no MOT information is available

With Thanks to TSSC Devon Area AO, Sue Franklin who brought the above to our attention.

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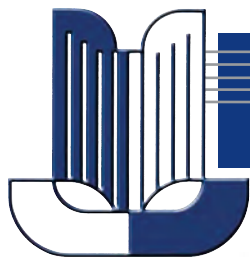
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Ben Stinson from The Classic Motor Hub remarked, "We are very pleased to once again offer a superb Drive-It Day Classic Tour in conjunction with Footman James. The feedback from last year's tour was fantastic and we look forward to welcoming an even larger group of participants in their classics this year."

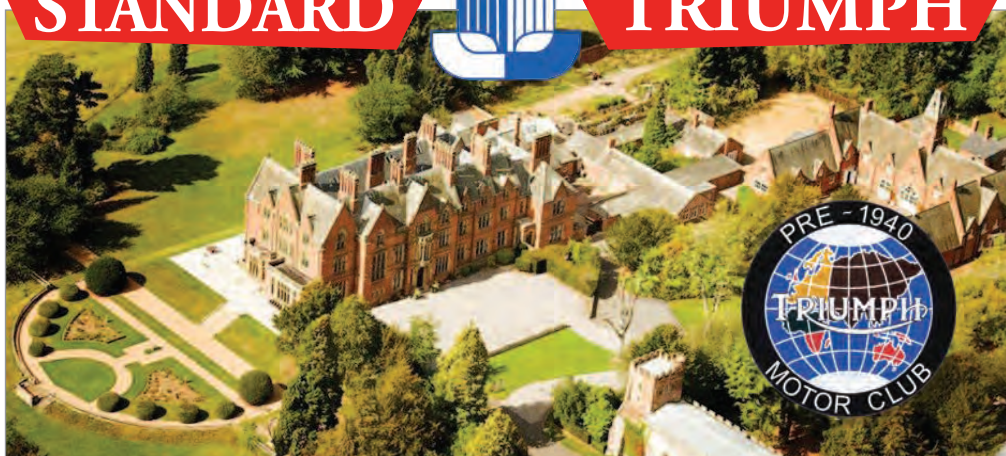
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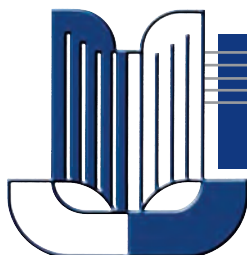
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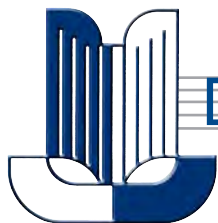
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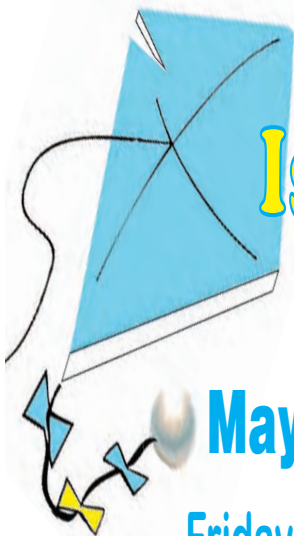
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SCOTTISH AREAS

SCOT CENTRAL	Michael McCallum: 07725 804602 Jacqueline Rankin: 07853 153691 <i>Harvester, Springfield Quay - GLASGOW. G5 8NP</i>	1ST THURS. 7.30PM
SCOT N. EAST	Danny Stroud: 07823 539047 <i>Various - see report in Area news</i>	LAST THURS. EVES.

NORTHERN AREAS

CHESHIRE	Henry Jones: 07779 878125 <i>Cock & Pheasant - BOLLINGTON CROSS. SK10 5EJ</i>	1ST THURS. 8.30PM
CUMBRIA	Roy Ross: 01229 474077 Phil Evans: 01946 861548 <i>Advertised in Cumbria News & Website</i>	LAST SUN. 12 NOON
MANCHESTER	Wayne & Anne Ash: 07770 565670 Mark & Lorraine Kilgallon: 07954 784342 <i>Ye Olde Red Lion, 516 Warrington Road, Warrington, WA3 6JT</i>	1ST TUES. 7.30PM.
NORTH EAST	Geoff Dent : 07773 440201 Deryck Beadling: 07939 068976 <i>The Travellers Rest, Front St - WITTON GILBERT. DH7 6TQ</i>	1ST SUN. 7.30PM.
LIVERPOOL	Mark & Tracey Lamb: 07975 591421 <i>Vikings Landing. Stonebridge LIVERPOOL L11 2BD</i>	1ST TUES. 8PM.
LANCASHIRE	Kevin Makin: 07980 604021 Dennis Petty: 07951 727747 <i>Canberra Club (BAE systems) BALDERSTONE. BB2 7LF</i>	LAST TUES. 8PM
WIRRAL	Richard Lloyd: 0151 625 3172 <i>Cottage Loaf - THURSTASTON. CH61 0HJ.</i>	1ST TUES. EVES.
NORTH YORKS	Richard Briscoe: 07766 354449 <i>Greyhound Inn - RICCAY. YORK. YO19 6TE</i>	4TH TUES. 8PM
SOUTH YORKS	Richard Oakes: 07702 492349 <i>Crown Inn, Barnburgh - DONCASTER. DN5 7JQ</i>	1ST & 3RD TUES. 8PM
WEST YORKS	Alan Heaton: 07944 909823 <i>Drightlington Cricket Club - DRIFHLINGTON. BD11 1AT</i>	2ND TUES. 7.30PM.

MIDLAND AREAS

COVENTRY	Phil Smith: 02476 457487 <i>The Bull & Butcher - CORLEY MOOR CV7 8AQ</i>	1ST TUES. 7.30PM.
DERWENT VALLEY	Roger Buck: 07970 619149 Colin Wright: 01773 531580 <i>Smalley Common Ex- Servicemans Club - ILKESTON. DE7 6FY</i>	1ST TUES. 7.30PM.
LEICESTER & RUTLAND	Neil Spencer: 07530 307371 <i>Rose & Crown - 45 Main St, Thurnby - LEICS. LE7 9PJ</i>	1ST TUES 6.30PM
LINCOLNSHIRE	Simon Oliver: 07841 450715 <i>Swanholme - Doddington Rd - LINCOLN LN6 3RX</i>	1ST THURS. 8.00PM.
NOTTS	Nigel Hill: 07976 163006 <i>Sandy Pate Sports Bar - MANSFIELD TOWN FC. NG18 5DA</i>	3RD WED. 7.30PM
NORTHANTS	Nigel Hawes: 07879 491778 <i>Overstone Manor - Sywell - NORTHANTS. NN6 0BB</i>	2ND WEDS. 8.30PM.
OXFORD	Thomas Cope: 07972 039532 <i>Duke of Cumberland's Head - CLIFTON. OX15 0PE</i>	3RD TUES. 7.30PM.
PETERBOROUGH	Doug Balderson: 01778 560507 Paul Lumsdon: 01780 470358 <i>The Five Horse Shoes, Barholm - STAMFORD. PE9 4RA.</i>	2ND MON. 8PM
SHROPSHIRE	Bill Bate: 07887 605778 David Embery: 0770 1049881 Simon Morgan: 07786 806189 <i>The Horseshoe Inn - Uckington - SHREWSBURY. SY4 4UL.</i>	3RD WED. 6.30PM

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NORTH STAFFS	David Woodward: 07939 603061 <i>George & Dragon</i> - MEAFORD Nr STONE ST15 0PX	LAST WED 8PM.
WEST MIDLANDS	Chris Allen: 07505 110922 <i>Drakes Drum</i> Great Barr - BIRMINGHAM. B44 8TR <i>Sharmans Cross</i> - SOLIHULL WEST MIDS B91 1HT	1ST TUES. 7.30PM. 3RD WED. 7.30PM.
WORCESTER	Vicky Kitchen: 07745 299457 <i>The Nightingale</i> - Spetchley - WORCESTER. WR7 4QS	1ST MON. 7.30PM

EASTERN AREAS

CAMBRIDGE	Tom Hartley: 07795 436149 The Plough - FEN DITTON. CB5 8SX.	1ST MON. 8PM.
ESSEX	Allan & Janet Jannaway: 01375 672072 OR 07934 027704 <i>"Passing Thyme" Cafe</i> - RAYLEIGH ESSEX SS11 8SJ	2ND SUN. 12NOON
M25 EAST	John Hill: 07938 526324 <i>The Wharf</i> - DARTFORD - OCTOBER TO APRIL	4TH SUN. 12 NOON
NORFOLK	Mike Carroll: 07828 103064 <i>The Oak Tree</i> - Ipswich Rd - NORWICH NR4 6LA	2ND MON. 8PM.
NORFOLK WEST	Toby Cowper: 07966 386888 <i>The Sand Boy</i> - Gayton Rd - BAWSEY PE32 1EP	2ND MON. EVE.
SUFFOLK	Colin Wake: 01206 250360 <i>Sorrel Horse</i> - BARHAM - IPSWICH. IP6 0PG	1ST TUES. 8PM.

SOUTH EASTERN AREAS

EAST BERKS	Doug Brown: 01189 321390 <i>The Shire Horse</i> - Nr MAIDENHEAD on A4	2ND TUES. 8PM.
SOUTH BUCKS	Daniel James: 07818 052276 <i>The Hart & Magpies</i> - BUCKS. HP7 0LU	3RD WED. 8PM.
CANTERBURY	(New AO) Derek Skate: 07932 179459 <i>Chequers Inn</i> - Stone Street, PETHAM. CT4 5PW	1ST THURS. 8PM.
HANTS & BERKS	Alan Fulbrook: 07795 096394 <i>The Crooked Billet</i> - (A30) HOOK. RG27 9EH	1ST TUES. 8PM.
HERTS & BEDS	Peter Lewis: 01582 750943 <i>The Raven</i> - HEXTON, HITCHIN SG5 3JB	4TH MON. 8PM
ISLE OF WIGHT	Elaine Hawkins: 07842 249591 Tracy Cleaver: 07754 751672 <i>Various</i> - See report in Area News	CALL FOR DETAILS
WEST KENT	Colin Robertson: 07810 102525 <i>The Woodman</i> - Goathurst Common - IDE HILL - TN14 6BU <i>The Castle Inn</i> - Main Road - BODIAM -TN32 5UB	LAST TUES 7.30PM LAST WED AT 7.30.
NEWBURY	(New AO) Dave Rumens: 01635 868640 <i>The Cottage</i> - Upper Bucklebury - THATCHAM. RG7 6QJ <i>The Downgate</i> - HUNGERFORD. RG17 0ED	2ND WED. 7.30PM 4th Wed. 7.30pm
SOUTHERN	Mike Goolding: 01252 722432 <i>The Seven Stars</i> - STROUD GU32 3PG	1ST TUES. 7.30 PM.
SURREY	Clifford Darby: 07900 657176 <i>Wellhouse Inn</i> - Chipstead Lane - MUGSWELL. CR5 3SQ.	LAST WEDS. 8PM.
EAST SUSSEX	Ian Gordon: 01273 813691 <i>The Lamb Inn</i> - PILTDOWN, NR UCKFIELD - TN22 3XL.	1ST WEDS. 8PM.
WEST SUSSEX	Nigel Ayre: 01403253034. <i>George & Dragon</i> - Dragons Green - HORSHAM RH13 8GEB	3RD WEDS 7.30 PM.
THAMES	Mickey Hazell: 07773 623807 <i>Fairmile Inn</i> - Portsmouth Rd - COBHAM. KT11 1BW. <i>George Inn</i> - 29 Windsor Road, - WRAYSbury. TW19 5DE	1ST THURS. 8PM 3RD THURS. 8PM

SOUTH WESTERN AREAS

ANDOVER	Guy & Suzie Singleton: 01672 514241 <i>For Venue See Area News.</i>	2ND THURS. 8PM
AVON	David Stroud: 07816 952524 <i>The Wishing Well</i> - CODRINGTON. BS37 6RY	1ST TUES. EVES.
CORNWALL	Carol Coventry: 07979 464643 <i>Hawkins Arms</i> - ZELAH. TR4 9HU	2ND THURS. 8PM
DEVON	Sue & John Franklin: 01548 821348 Nigel Kenneison: 07804 731599 <i>Claycutters Arms</i> - CHUDLEIGH KNIGHTON. TQ13 0EY <i>Ring A.O. Details</i>	3RD WED. EVES. 1ST SUN. LUN
NORTH DEVON	Darren Groves: 07806 351499 (New Joint AO) Andy Luckhurst: 07971 413045 <i>Crealock Arms</i> - BIDEFORD. EX39 5HN	1ST THURS. 7.30PM
DORSET SOUTH	Robin Nicholls: 07920 549474 <i>Red Lion</i> - WINFRITH. DT2 8LE	LAST MON. 7.30PM
GLOUCESTER	Jane Rowley: 07802 171227 <i>Aviator Inn</i> - Staverton - GLOUCS AIRPORT. GL51 6SR	3RD MON. 8PM
SOMERSET	(New AO) Harrison Every: 07850 273823 <i>The Apple Tree Inn, West Pennard, GLASTONBURY, BA6 8ND</i>	2ND THURS 8PM
SWINDON	Looking for AO Ring Nigel Hill for Details 07976 163006	
WESSEX	Trevor Carlyle: 01425 475376 <i>Tyrrells Ford</i> - Avon - CHRISTCHURCH. BH23 7BQ.	LAST THURS. 8PM

WELSH AREAS

NORTH WALES	Roger & Helena Hill 01691 600215 <i>The Trevor Arms</i> - Marford Hill MARFORD LL12 8TA	1st Tues. 8pm.
SOUTH WALES	Alan Gourley: 07802 204068 <i>The Lighthouse Inn, Beach Rd, St Brides</i> - NEWPORT NP10 8SH	Last Tues. 7.15pm

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We already into March 2019, my goodness time is creeping on us. **Sunday April 14th it will be the annual AGM.** As usual the Area Organiser Seminar will be held first, so if you need any questions answered please let us know before hand.

Lots happening this year again throughout all areas. We are still after volunteers to help at the gathering International at Stratford-upon-Avon... any members can help just for an hour whether it is helping on the main gate, toilet checks or hand out flyers all help will be very much appreciated. As the international is coming along nicely and folks are buzzing about the weekend. You can catch Di and Myself at the Birmingham national arena in march at the Practical classic car weekend on the Triumph Sports Six Club stand. Giving a hand to Bern and Martin with the club stand. There is always plenty of preparation before hand before shows or events and we as a team hopefully put on the best we can but also up for helpers and suggestions on how we can improve things.
Cheers



Nigel & Di

ANDOVER

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We had what was possibly our last, for a while anyway, meeting at the Bell in Weyhill in January, as we're planning on trying a few other locations out.

As the February meeting date happened to be February 14th we didn't feel the Bell quite appropriate, so decided to drop in on the Chalkhill Blue again, where we had our Christmas meal, so that those who wished to could have a choice of meals. As the February meet will be after we put these words together we will be at the **Chalkhill Blue again for March** and will aim to agree a shortlist of other pubs to try out over the next few months.

The MG & Triumph Show at Stoneleigh was very busy this year, feeling perhaps a little more so than in recent years. Good to see Kevin out and about and looking forward to hearing more about the progress of his Australian Spitfire soon. Always a good show there, albeit smaller than it used to be, but then all such events are tending that way, but always worth a visit if you might be on the lookout for something for your cars - or even if not for an interesting day out.

Guy & Sazie

Next meetings:

Thursday 14th March - Regular meet at The Chalkhill Blue, Andover, SP11 8BF
Sat & Sun 23/24th March - Classic Car & Restoration Show at the NEC
Wednesday 27th March - Visit to Newbury Area at The Downgate, Park St, Hungerford RG17 0ED

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EAST BERKS

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Three cars at the Shire Horse tonight, John's Vitesse, Andy's GT6 and Steve's 2000. Additionally six others without their Triumphs, me, Chris, Don, Colin, Malcolm and Mark. Chris dropped in from Thames, looking for assistance, he knows where the technical skills are! He's having problems with his power shower. East Berks are particularly keen on personal hygiene and are experts in the field. We were able to give him an in depth technical assessment, sounds like he needs a new one.

Coincidentally Andy and John have each been converting their instruments to LEDs, both have managed to find screw fit bulbs. I changed mine a while back, I could only find bayonet and had to convert to bayonet sockets. Shows how quickly the market moves on.

I brought in my heater control facia with fettled light fitting to compare with Malcom's standard version. GT6 heater control facias were never illuminated in the UK, only in the USA, but all the parts were available, not so much now. Quite a lot of surprise at this except from Colin who showed us a picture of his on his phone, which he did "years ago!" The GT6 episode of Car SOS was on last night and featured Andy's GT6 as the pristine example. Andy retold his exploits on the day's shoot. Fuzz and Tim are big lads and had trouble squeezing into the GT6, however the main problem was Tim's feet, which were too big for the pedals. His shoes had to go and of course, to the amusement of all, they were missing at the end.

Don got his cam followers from Canley, but hasn't actually done anything with them. Steve similarly with his door light courtesy switches. We are all waiting for good weather to get on with stuff!

No Sunbeam Club tonight, hope we haven't frightened them off, or is it the food? A gastro pub with no curry? What are they thinking?!!

Doug

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Hello everyone hope you are well. Very quiet month from my end so there is nothing to report, so lets move swiftly onwards to next month with the shows that will be on then.

Which is still a limited selection but this is a side effect of it still being winter.

The monthly meet will be at The Harte and Magpies on the 20th HP7 0LU

The Pinewood show will be on the 31st SL3 6NB

Sorry this months area news was SO short with health issues interrupting the start of the year, so hopefully we can get back on track the rest of the year.

Thank you for reading.

Harry

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February's meeting was understandably quiet given the cold and salt-ridden roads but we still managed three Triumphs in

CANTERBURY CHESHIRE . . . CORNWALL



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the car park. And we were joined by Audi royalty in the form of a shiny white Audi R8, which I couldn't resist parking up next to. I'm glad no-one asked me to choose which I wanted to go home in as I would have been seriously sad to have left the R8 there; my heart belongs to my Herald.

Toby's plans for the **North West Coast 850 including the Isle of Skye in late April** are now pretty much finalised with a great route by Adam and all of the hotels and ferry bookings made. Discussion was had about the recent Channel 4 programme driving the Military Road from Inverness to the Isle of Skye in a leaky Morgan as it not only showed the really cool little Glenelg ferry that we're going to try and use as well but also some hairpin switchbacks on a hillclimb by the side of Loch Ness that we're looking to include in the route.

Tim's hair was only just in place after the rear end clunk in his TR5 was still managing to elude him. He's now taken the driveshafts off and rotated the diff input through at least ten turns to see if there's any play in it. All three UJs have been checked and seem tight. But that annoying clunk when he lifts off power (and not when he brakes) is still there, and it is getting worse.

Only three of us ended up on the Snetterton Track Day list for the 24th and I'll feed back more next month. Mike was looking for others to go with him to the Stoneleigh Spares day but didn't get many takers. Malcolm might have benefited as he's having to change out the wheel studs on his Spitfire for longer ones as the standard ones only get about 4mm of the stud showing through his alloys, which is causing his wheels to fall off when he least wants them too!

Next meeting is March 4th at the Plough in Fen Ditton. March the 22-24th is the NEC Classic Car Restoration Show which I hope to be at.

Tom

NEW AO! NEW AO! NEW AO!

CANTERBURY Tel. 07932 179459

Sorry nothing was mentioned about January's meeting, but the meet was after the print deadline (I think I'm cutting this one fine as well) but we did gather at the **CHEQUERS INN, Stone St, Petham** and decided to try it as the new meeting venue as it is only a bit further along the road from our old haunt. Jon Low, a new member managed to find his way there from Medway despite it being a grotty night and as I left was chatting to Ray about his Spitfire MK2 and 1500.

At last month's meet, after Derek chatting to the Pubs owner, we have decided to use it for meets from now on. It would be nice to see more faces (and cars) especially with the weather hopefully improving.

Thanks to Derek for compiling a list of impending shows that some have mentioned about attending. If anyone is interested contact the venue direct, or myself and I will see what I can sort out.

April 6th Heritage Transport Detling
April 21/22 Chatham dock yard
April 28 Drive it day...TBA

May 11/12 Leeds Castle
May 19th Faversham Transport Show
May 25th Deal Classic Motor Show
June 2nd Bucket and spade run
June 17th Rare breeds classic cars
July 14th Whitstable classic car show
July 21st Appledore classic cars
August 11th Herne bay motor show
August 17/18th Biddenden tractorfest

Regards

Dell

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The weather hasn't really been conducive to driving around in old ragtops (it's a tad cool and the serious threat of old car solvent) but a little progress has been made at Cast Iron World. Heap the Vitesse is assembled and ready for the test drive, but the heater basically doesn't heat and I am fresh out of logical reasons for this, having previously fixed three issues that would have stopped the heater working. Looking back through the notes, the third fault was fixed in November 2014, and the heater was working at that time. Perhaps one of the old faults has come back again. It's also quite cool in the garages, which means that working in there needs many layers, the use of fan heaters or similar, and not opening the doors. I trust other folk are not letting the cold weather get in the way of winter maintenance (whatever that is).

I met Louis (and his yellow (mimosa) Spitfire at Capesthorpe in 2017. I recall some fun with electrics and the heater fan switch. Since then Louis has rebuilt the engine (no mean feat) but has encountered an electrical problem (at least we think it's electrical) where the engine just dies. We're trying to arrange a mutually convenient date and time to investigate this pesky fault. It does appear that said pesky fault is currently not an issue.

The forecast for the morning of meeting day was heavy rain and 4 degrees, but reality was heavy snow and one degree. Aren't heated seats, heated steering wheels and heated windscreens wonderful? The last item in the list is available for Morris Minors, Minis, and a number of MGs, but 'only' TR4 and TR7 found in a brief search. One suspects a larger alternator may also be involved.

We had quite a lively meeting, trying to describe (amongst other things) how to fettle the insides of Spitfire doors, how to tell a J type from a D type when no-one could remember which side anything was on (then I remember I have one of each sat next to each other on the garage floor), and procedures for static ignition timing. My (Vitesse) book says to use a bulb (test light), which is how I've always done this. Other folk rotate the distributor till there's a fizzing noise which presumably means the points have opened.

The man in Crewe reports one seat has been refurbished, while in Romiley bearings have been attached to inner axle shafts using a fridge (or was that a freezer), an oven, a spark plug spanner, and (presumably) a hammer. See last month's report.

We discussed Drive It Day, and decoded Dave's mystery destination as the Oily Rag Café in Holmfirth (Professor Google understands). So the consensus was this would be a reasonable thing to do on Drive It Day, as a previous mystery destination had not met with universal approval. If my memory is correct, there was also a request for dinner at Sutton Hall.

I think four of us will attend the bash at Stoneleigh, so some words on this next month.

The event list has one for **March, it's the Restoration Show at the NEC on 22nd to the 24th**. As ever, it is likely that one the Cast Iron World modern fleet will make the trip, with a seat or so to spare. We shall wince at the car parking charges at the NEC, make use of 'find my tent' to locate the car on the way home, and enjoy a day wandering round all the stands. Before too long the weather will warm up and we'll be able to have outings in the Triumphs with the roof down.

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

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Hi All, nice to see members attending the first meeting of the month, Malc came along showing off a piece of very shiny metal, informing us all of a company down West that do a technique called "Vapor Blasting" for a very good price, ask Malc he will tell you more.

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Cornwall Continues

I Have some news of a new event that Nigel. Devon A/O has organised.

"We are going to the Zoo and you can come too" anyway less singing. (from Nigel)

Fathers day 16th June 2019, the nice people at Dartmoor Zoo are keen to have our classic cars and have given us free entry for occupants of the car and discounted entry to family members who come in a modern. There is a dry and wet weather set up. Nigel will need to know names and cars intending to come but not until early May so this is first notice.

Also Devon Area are hoping to have **Triumphs at the Lyn Valley Classic on the 9th June** as well with the usual parking at the top of the cliff railway. Any questions etc please get in touch with the Devon Area.

Onto some news from our first Sunday Car run January 20th. This run

was organised by four members Jane, John, Colin and Libby, who gave us a very interesting MIND GAME to do whilst driving along the Helford River. Seven cars and 14 of us attended starting out from "Yummy Scrummy Cafe" Devoran, after having coffee and cake which was very nice, a A4 envelope was given to each navigator. After a quick discussion on instructions to how we find our destination, it was time to set off with 5 minutes apart. The instruction that we were given was, at certain junctions when prompted we had to find the letter indicated in the place name for the indicated mileage. For instance "4 miles" third letter "A" sign might show Bodmin 4 and the letter would be D to plot in box A. Got That ! We had 11 boxes to fill which at the end of the route would be a series of words beginning with each letter found.

A great drive which took us through Mylor Bridge, Penryn, Constantine, Mawnan Smith. Port Navas, Gweek, Bridge, Manaccan, Gillian, Porthallow, Porthousestock where some of me for a photo shoot, followed then onto our destination of St Keverne and The White Hart Pub, for our Sunday Lunch, which was excellent. Once all congregated we gathered around with our forms, seeing if we all got the right letters. Well most of did, but what was the series of words? John had to give us our first clue the first word being Zero, which Bob then shouted out the answer, Zero through to Ten. Nice one, to everyone involved with the planning of the route and game, I thoroughly enjoyed taking part and being a navigator for the day. Thanks to my driver Tony who did a splendid job with me getting quite excited with navigating. He thought I was on rallying mode, giving him instructions well shouting really LEFT, LEFT, LEFT ! Great fun was had by all.

Our next run out will have taken place by the time you read this report so that news next time.

The March run out will now take place on the 17th, Steve and Jo are organising this one taking us to North Cornwall and maybe boarding into Devon. If you intend to come along please let Steve, Jo or myself know, numbers needed for the Meal after our drive. No other news as come into me, so see you at a meeting or Car Run soon.

Happy and Safe Motoring

Up Coming Events: March

Thursday 14th Club Night at the Hawkins Arms Zelah
Sunday 17th Car Run with Lunch out

April
Thursday 11th Club Night at the Hawkins Arms Zelah, Please note I shall not be in attendance. Please can anyone take this meeting ?
Friday 19th – Saturday 20th Lands End Trail. On the



Saturday Night a table has been booked at The Hawkins Arms Zelah 7pm - 7.30pm

Let me know if you intend to join us.

Sunday 28th "Drive it Day" we are going to Dingles Steam Fair along with Devon TSSC and other Triumph Car Clubs. This event is being organized by Mike Crewes please let him know if you are coming along.

May

Fri 3rd to Mon 6th Isle of Wight Weekend event.

Thursday 9th Club Night The Hawkins Arms Zelah

Fri 31st May to Mon 3rd June Colin from St Austell is organising a trip away to Southfork Caravan and Camping Park, Martock. A beautiful area to visit, TSSC Devon will also be joining us. Lots of camping available but B & B are near by. If you need anymore information please get in touch with Colin or myself.

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Hi Folks Again only two events to report on this month the first being the Heart of England meet at Bulkington on Sunday 13th when 14 vehicles were on display on a cold but dry day. Next was our Dalos Day Run on Sunday 20th this being planned for the first time by Roger & Dot and a good job they did of it, there were 9 of us in 5 cars on a run which started at the Oak in Baginton and took us through Long Litchington, Stockton, Naption and Kites Hardwick before terminating at the Warf in Fenry Compton for lunch, there was a very good choice of menu and the quality was also good, well done Roger & Dot on your first effort of planning a Dalos Day Run, another great day out in great cars and great company. Our monthly meeting at the Bull & Butcher on a cold and wet evening was fairly well attended by 15 of us with 6 of us enjoying a meal in the restaurant beforehand. A special welcome goes to Alan Gilbert joining us for the first time, Alan is in the process of looking for a Triumph to purchase and has his eye on a Spitfire at the moment. Hope to see more of you in the future Alan.

The meeting followed the normal disorganised, jovial format and as a number of events for the forthcoming season have now been announced we produced a calendar of what events we personally will be attending and this was distributed to those present, there will of course be more to add as and when we have the information just keep your eyes on forthcoming events and if you wish to join us on any of them please inform us by email so we have a record as we have told you before we are now members of the CRAFT Club (Can't Remember A Flipping Thing).

Well that's all for now folks looking forward to some warmer weather.

Regards

Phil & Lyn

Forthcoming Events:-

Tuesday 5th March our monthly meeting at the Bull & Butcher, Corley Moor, 7.30pm

if you want to join us for a meal in the restaurant pre meeting be there for 6.30pm,

Sunday 10th March Heart of England meet at Bulkington Club, Chequers Street. from 11.00am. Just turn up.

Sunday 17th March Dalos Day Run planned by ourselves meet at The Phantom Coach Fletchamstead Highway Coventry 12.15pm Ready to leave at 12.30pm.

Must know numbers by **Wednesday 13th**.

Wednesday 20th March Skittles/Darts/Quiz night at the Queens Head Bredford in association with ASOC Hot Buffet £11 a head, 6.30pm ready to start throwing at 7.00pm. Must have numbers and monies by our

March meeting on the 5th.

Sunday 7th April Daffodil Sunday Newnham Paddocks, Monks Kirby.

Meet in car park of Denbigh Arms 10.00am.

Sunday 14th April TSSC AGM Lubbenham
Sunday 21st / Monday 22nd April Gemini Motorfest,

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Chetwynd Deer Park, Shropshire
<http://www.classicmotorshow.co.uk/>
Saturday 11th May / Sunday 12th May Bidford Vintage Gathering Bidford on Avon <http://www.bidfordvintagegathering.co.uk/>
Sunday 19th May Triumph pre 1940 Picnic & Hog Roast Wroxhall Abbey 10am - 4pm
Sunday 2nd June Coventry Motofest Coventry City Centre <http://www.coventrymotofest.com/>
Saturday 15th / Sunday 16th June Midsummer Vintage Festival Ashby Magna Nr Lutterworth, Mrs S Leedham, Mill House Farm, Husbands Bosworth, LE14 6JN shirleymarlow@aol.com 04448 564541 www.midsummervintagefestival.co.uk
W/E 28th -30th June Derwent Valley Peak Run, Ashbourne Derby, colin@derwentvalley-tssc.org.uk 01773 531 580
Sunday 30th June Cars at Spa, Pump Room Gardens Leamington Spa, 10.30am till 4.00pm, www.carsatthespa.co.uk
Sunday 6th July Hollowell Steam & Heavy Horse Show Hollowell Northants, www.hollowellsteam.com@hotmail.co.uk
W/E 12-14th July Northants Camping Weekend, Little Slaughter, Northants nigeljohnhaws@gmail.com
Sat 20th July Rainsbrook Valley Railway Picnic Day in association with ASOC. Meet at ESSO station on A45 Coventry Airport just south of Toll Bar island at 1.00pm
W/E 2-4th August Leics Rutland Sunshine Rally Greetham Rutland LE15 7NG Jan 07799804415 j.muschialli@ntlworld.com
W/E 16-18th August Triumph Weekend, Stratford on Avon Racecourse www.triumphweekend.com or see Courier for details.

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We tried a new venue for our January meeting at The Kings Head at Thirlspot between Keswick and Grasmere. Good turnout of 11 members albeit with no Triumphs in the car park, all still in hibernation. Rod was busy elsewhere doing Mountain Rescue training. Roy and Anne could not make it as Anne had picked up the latest bug from the grandkids! We had a good lunch and crack catching up with each others news. Mike and Ester have planned another trip to Oz - happy trails. Tony and Helen get their Spitfire back in early February after its 2 year or so rebuild via Yorkshire Triumphs. Rogers Acclaim is getting it's final repairs for the MOT and should be back on the road in February.

The annual trip to Scotland in September is still in the planning stage with Roy organising as usual. Dates and itinerary should be sorted by the end of February. Thanks to Roger for improvising brown paper raffle tickets. Joan, Nigel and Helen won the prizes this month.

The Meeting/Events calendar for 2019 so far is as follows:

March 31st meeting propose to return to The Kings Arms, Thirlspot
April 28th is Drive it day meeting up at Dalemain House
May 19th tbc Vintage Metal Show, Kendal
June 16th Grasmere Lions Show (note entry charge increase to £7 this year!)

July 7th WCVF Haycastle Show, Distington

Keep safe on the roads this winter - it's snowing as I write this!!
 Cheers

Phil

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COMING UP IN DEVON

Don't forget to book your place for the **March Twelve Tors Triumph Tour**, either with us or text to Steve who is organising - 07870 587713. This will be a 45-50 mile tour on **Sunday 3 March** covering a fair bit of Dartmoor and some lovely roads. We will start AND finish at the Salmons Leap Café adjacent to the Dartbridge Junction on A38 (the Buckfastleigh side) where there is plenty of parking. Meeting for a 10.30 rendezvous and 11am departure - so plenty of time for people to get cuppas and breakfast beforehand. (You can obviously arrive earlier). We should be returning there for around 1.30pm for lunch - assuming around 2 hours driving and a stop en route to admire the view etc. Lunch will be light(ish) rather than roasts. But means no pre-ordering required which is good. It would be good as usual to have numbers - but last minute "bookings" should be fine.

March Club Night at the Claycutters Arms at Chudleigh Knighton will be on **Wednesday 20th**.

SKITTLES - Vernon from the Stag Owners Club has again organised our inter Club March skittles at the Westward Inn at Lee Mill (A38 near Tesco). The date is **Sunday 24 March** - starting at 11 am. As usual we will need names at least a week before. If I wear my 'lucky' outfit will we win again???

Sunday 7 April We are planning to have a run in the **East Devon area on the 7th April** - details will be emailed and on our Facebook page when sorted.

Drive it Day - Have you saved the date for this - **Sunday 28 April?** A joint meeting at the **Dingles Heritage Fairground near Lifton with Cornwall TSSC and Devon & Cornwall Stag Owners Club**.

Many of you will remember that a few years ago Colin from Cornwall started our 'Somerset weekend' at **Southfork Caravan Site in Martock**. We are delighted to say that this will happen again, on **1 and 2 June**, but on a very informal basis. If you are interested in joining us, book camping etc via Southfork Caravan Park.

WHAT WE'VE DONE

January Club Night was quieter than usual, but there were at least some Triumphs in the car park. Plenty of chat as usual and we cannot wait to see new member Shane's self restored Dolly sprint - a bottom up job starting with an 1850 Dolomite - looking stunning from the pics we have seen. We decided on the design of our new double sided Devon flags, and they have already been delivered! Nigel has put an enormous amount of time into their design and much of the funding has come from the sales of the Fifty Shades of Triumph calendar - you know by now what comes next - we DO have one or two still available.

With a little of the white stuff still around and forecast temperatures well below zero, we took the decision to postpone our February run for a week, and now will report on this in the next Courier. The overriding concern for us as AOs must be everyone's safety!

SHOWS

Lots of Show details are hitting our inboxes or letter boxes now. Hopefully all these forms will be available on the Devon website www.tssc-devon.org.uk for you to download, or attached to our emails (when I work out how!). We have details of the **Vintage show at Rosemoor Gardens near Torrington**, with free entry and an Antique Fair as well. A different date this year, **3 and 4 August**, although clashing with **Mt Edgcumbe, Torbay Steam and West Somerset Railway**, it could be a good alternative.

Isle of Wight Weekend - Early May Bank Holiday week-



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end – a whole load of us going again this year, you can see if there are any caravans left at Appuldurcombe Holiday Park (speak to Cherry there who will book your ferry crossing for you). Plenty of camping too.

The IoW Area produce Entertainment Tickets which you will need for the weekend, so make sure that you have these booked if you are joining us.

Powderham Historic Vehicle Gathering 12 – 14 July. We will be producing our usual internal entry forms for this, and your entry should be returned to us so that we can make a block booking. Its always a lovely weekend – cars do not have to be pristine to exhibit as we like to show the Club as it really is – welcoming to everyone with a Triumph as long as it is roadworthy!

AND FINALLY – don't forget to have your car valued for the Club's Agreed Value Insurance. Brought home to us at the beginning of February when a friend's lovely 105E Anglia was stolen from his drive within an hour's timescale. Luckily the power of social media resulted in the safe recovery of the car the following day, but also the arrest of the thieves. Not everyone is so lucky and our cars are becoming more nickable as the values increase.

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Sunday 3 March **Triumph 12 Tors Tour of Dartmoor** – see above

Thursday 7 March **North Devon Meeting at the Crealock Arms, Littleham**

Wednesday 20 March **Club Night at the Claycutters**

Sunday 24 March **Inter Club skittles Westward Inn, Lee Mill**

Sunday 7 April **East Devon run – details by email**

Sunday 14 April **TSSC National AGM / Area Organisers meeting at HQ**

Sunday 28 April **National Drive it Day (to Dingles Heritage Fairground)**

May 3 – 5 **Isle of Wight weekend**

July 12 – 14 **Powderham Historic Vehicle Gathering**

August 16 – 18 **TriumFest with TR International at Stratford**

Sue & John

pub staff and as they obviously value the club's regular patronage they provided a complimentary cake. Darren made sure that the left-over cake was returned to the staff when we left.

In what has become a regular feature, Malcolm's Show and Tell this month was an ice hockey puck. He uses these when jacking up Triumphs to prevent the jack marking or damaging the chassis. An excellent idea which I may well use myself in future instead of blocks of wood.

Nigel had brought a wedge, normally used when fitting laminate flooring but recommended as a way of stopping window rattle/movement.

Nigel left me with a number of entry forms for the Lyn Valley Classic if anyone wants one. This will be held on 9th June. Details on request.

This led to talk of holidays as Alan and Janet, Geoff and Dawn will all be enjoying breaks in June.

Malcolm and Mandy are currently missing their kids who are both away at university and Irene was sympathising. Malcolm is using his time to put his Spitfire back together having recently rebuilt the differential.

Darren is well into the rebuild of his Spitfire. Having recently had the chassis blasted and then given it a coat of paint, he is almost ready to start fitting the suspension which will be a satisfying part of the rebuild. The plan is still for the Spitfire to be used in June for the trip to Laon (someone else who can't make the Lyn Valley Classic). Will he complete the project in time? If he doesn't, he'll take the Herald.

Mick's trusses had arrived for his garage. He's hoping to get them fitted soon but is also about to have major knee surgery so will be out of action for a few weeks. Once the roof is on he'll be able to start thinking about bringing his Triumph down to Devon.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 7th March. We'll stick to the Crealock Arms next month, but as mentioned last time we are looking at using the Bickford Arms in Brandis Corner for some of our meetings in future.

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March is now upon us and its really too cold to work on Triumphs or outside at all, so I have been hibernating and planning my new venture of Thameside Triumph Services. Its official I retired n 31st January. Still getting used to the idea and it seems like one long holiday. Janet has got me working on house projects to keep me in the warm. But Thameside Triumph Services is open for business so give me a call. I have a new mobile number its listed on the report as my new contact number.

Club day in January was a cold and quiet one, a couple of Triumphs in the car park brave souls, I had planned to get the Spitfire out but it was just too cold and so we decided to go in the modern MX5 and we also had to be somewhere after and I don't really like leaving the Spitfire just anywhere, that's my excuse any way. There was good food and plenty of chat up our end of the café we keep the staff on their toes. Must say the garden centre is most welcoming and very accommodating, great find.

Most of us were planning to head up to Stoneleigh for the weekend or day in February so there was a lot of chat about that, some of us staying over are giving air b&b a try for the first time and it looks like a good move. This also means that is the same day as club meeting for us, so hopefully we will have an impromptu meeting the following weekend, which most of us were up for. The meeting ended on a high note with much talk about what everyone was looking for at Stoneleigh and hopefully we will all be lucky.

On the 12th January some of us met up for a breakfast run down on Canvey island with the rebel's car club, a spot of interclub relationship meeting. To a café with an eat all you can breakfast, A lot of banter about the cars although again the car park had moderns in them, the meeting place is right

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Date: Thursday 7th February

Venue: Crealock Arms, Littleham

We were lucky that the February meeting was not a week earlier as parts of Devon had been cut off by snow. Fortunately that was all gone by the time of the meeting. However, the rain and wind were strong and only Darren had braved the journey in a Triumph.

In the pub were many of the usual suspects including Darren, Mick, Alan and Janet, Geoff and Dawn, Malcolm and Mandy. From the south we were joined by Nigel as well as regulars Mike and Irene.

After we had enjoyed our main meals, we were all taken by surprise when the lights went out. This was swiftly followed by the arrival of a chocolate cake containing what can best be described as a mini firework! It was definitely bigger than any candle I had seen before. It turned out that it was Darren's birthday (30 I think).

Janet was delighted because she had been about to order several puddings and was able to tuck into cake instead, along with the rest of us.

It turned out that Darren had mentioned his birthday to the

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by the seawall and freezing. It was agreed to meet up again and we did on 2nd of February still freezing by the sea. Again, a lot of new faces to chat too and again a really good eat all you can breakfast. Kevin Todd of the rebels has agreed to keep this one going as a joint venture and hopefully by the summer we will have filled the car park of the café with Triumphs wall to wall.

Short report this month, as usual the weather is against us. Hopefully lots to report in the coming months, as I'm now retired, I can get about a bit more perhaps. I'm told I will wonder where I ever had the time to ever have gone to work.

Birthdays, Poppy will be 4 on the 9th March, and a happy birthday to Brian on the 30th March.

Up and coming.

Club day on Sunday 10th March.
Isle of Wight weekend 30th anniversary (We have I think at last count 6 caravans/chalets booked. So, let's make the 30th anniversary a good one. And as usual most of us are staying the week, it's a fantastic weekend)

Allan & Janet

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Here is the List Of Runs & Events your Area Team will be organising for this year
Other local Events will be published as they become available but will not be Organised by your Tssc team

Pub Meetings - Always The Fourth Monday Each Month at The Raven PH SG5 3JB Around 8pm
March 24th Blow The Cobwebs Run . A Short Local Drive Ending Up Somewhere .
April 28th National Drive I Day For Classics We Drive To The Battle Of Britain Bunker, Guided Tour Is Pre Booked
Max Of 30 We Have 24 Pre Booked So Far
....Payments Approx £8.50 Tba
May 19th Drive To Bressingham Gardens, Steam Railway And Dads Army Museum , Garden Centre.
June 9th Trip To The Big Cat Sanctuary Welwyn , Tigers And Such Like.
June TBA Our Weekender Outing, This Is In Its Early Planning
July 5th Falcon Car Club Annual Fish And Chip Run
July 7th Special Day At Shuttleworth Flying Display
Martin Has A Package With Dedicated Triumph Parking For Members This Is Pre Bookable Names And Car Details To Martin Please Cost £23 Details Are Already Out By E Mail, Payments Method Tba., This Is Filling Fast, Be Quick Get Your Names In
July 20th Shefford Revs And Rythms 3pm. Static Event , Music And Food
August 26th Bucks Steam Railway Classic Rally, At Quanton, This Is Around £5 You Can Wander And Ride The Trains All Day For Free, Booking Details As They Are Available (Martin Waldron)
September 1st This Is Our Main Annual Event The 26th All Triumph And Classic Day Held At IWM Duxford ,
October 6th Trip To Local Brewery With refreshments
There are many local events we will circulate but not be organising these are for you to DIY at your leisure and as when details are made available
eg walled garden, lft, Tewin etc if the suns out a group picnic is still on the cards

Peter

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Hello from a very windy Isle of Wight. Our first brunch of the year to Briddlesford Farm was a great success with the usual faces, newish members Andrew and Majella and a brand new member with a Bond no less, welcome to the Area Dave. Our February run out is an evening affair, more next month. Elaine and I are beginning to work on the Isle of Wight Triumph Weekend. Entertainment forms are now available. If you are booking accommodation and crossings these need to be done through Appuldurcombe Holiday Park, speak to Cherry on 01983 852597, there are still a few static caravans left but be quick! We will let you know camping rates nearer the time, but they will be discounted for the TSSC.

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 17 March Brunch Run and

Saturday 20 April evening meet for dinner.

See you all soon. Happy Motoring!

Tracy & Elaine

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Hi all, well by the time you're reading this hopefully it will be a bit more spring like. As I sit here writing this at the beginning of February the warmer weather certainly seems a long way off. The Herald's interior is still in the conservatory and the Herald sits forlornly in the garage waiting for some attention, I really must get my finger out!

Anyway, on to other news - well, the big news is that there's yet another Dandy in the M25 East Area. Paul and Lesley are now the proud new owners of a brown and white Dandy Dart. I think it's a 1980's model and what a bargain they got, it even came with a complete awning. As with all of these Dandy's there's a small amount of tidying up to be done but nothing major. Paul has even managed to source an under floor heater so Malc, your plumbing skills might be needed.

As it's February (it was when I was writing this) there's not too much going on but we still managed our first monthly meeting of 2019 back in January. A nicely attended meeting at which 3 Triumphs were present. Brian and Jeans Vitesse, Phil's Herald and a Toledo belonging to new member Len. The Toledo doesn't look in too shabby a condition and

is still in its original colour of Sienna Brown (I think). Good to meet you and the Mrs Len. We found out at the meeting that Phil who has done a sterling job of being the Herald 13/60 Registrar for the past few years is going to pastures new and is taking over the mantle of Stag Registrar. Good luck with that mate.

Most of the talk at the meeting was about what we hope to be getting up to this year and as is the norm Brian had a lot of questions for me ha ha and Malc also had a big list of





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shows to go through. It looks like there's going to be some good ones and some good weekends away, keep your eyes on the Facebook page for all the info.

One of the weekends away we've got planned is the Hellingly Festival of Transport. A fair amount of us went last year and had a marvellous time, yes even the 12 hours of rain ha ha. This year we're going to try and get a pitch in the main show field to camp. We can put on a Dandy Village (and a Mac) and display the cars in front, a bit like at Rudgwick. Much better than camping in the stubble field (remember that...who could forget ha ha).

This month a few of us are off for a trip up to Liverpool. It's nothing to do with Triumphs, just a weekend away. Although there is a Triumph connection in Liverpool - The Speke Plant first produced Herald and Vitesse body panels and finally ended up building the TR7. Unfortunately you can't get a car there anymore but you can get your weekly shopping as the factory is now an Asda's. We're going to be doing a bit of Beatles stuff, a trip to the Cavern has been booked, the Liverpool Museum and probably a bit of retail therapy thrown in as well. A proper magical mystery tour!! There's six of us going at the mo but if anyone else would like to join us you're more than welcome, it will be a good trip.

That's about it for this month folks...hope to see a fair few of you at **Tinkering Day. As it's on the 4th Sunday** this will be our monthly meeting as well. Don't forget to bring cake - we like cake ha ha. Anyway - toodle pip and all that.... John.

March events -

Thursday 21st - Sunday 24th - Liverpool Trip

Sunday 31st - Tinkering Day/Club Meeting

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Hi everybody. In January we arranged our New Years run out, thanks to all who attended even though it was a really cold and windy day. We had our starting point at Marbury Country Park near Knutsford and had a nice drive along the country lanes to our destination point which was Norton Priory Museum & Gardens in Runcorn. Norton Priory is the most excavated monastic site in Europe with 900 years of history. Its museum opened in August 2016 following a major HLF funded redevelopment project and displays thousands of objects from Tudor shoes to the incredible medieval statue of St Christopher. Visitors can explore the 12th century undercroft building and priory ruins, or venture further into the surrounding woodland to discover secret summer houses and stream glades. So would recommend everybody to visit the place as it's really interesting, we are planning on going back in the summer to enjoy the woodlands and gardens when the weather improves.



We would like to wish one of our members Frank whom became ill after the January meeting and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Just a reminder anyone still wishing to display on our stand at the **Chipping Steam Fair** need to get there applications sent in asap, you can download it from www.chipping-steamfair.com

Bolton College are running a classic car restoration course one evening a week over three months commencing in **March**, a couple of our members have signed up for this so if you want to join them then please contact the college www.boltoncollege.ac.uk/courses/adult-motor/classic-car/

We have decided to change a few things for this year, firstly as requested by our members it seems that they want more single day runs out to various points of interest, ie museums etc rather than booking on at car shows where applications have to be submitted months in advance where its difficult to get names put forward to who is attended, so we will concentrate this year on mostly single day drive outs and to car shows where you can just turn up on the day. So keep an eye out on our facebook page and on here for details of what we are up to.

Following on from this, we have decided to change our Manchester Area Weekend to a **BBQ weekend** with onsite accommodation to suit members who don't have caravans or camp, date and venue TBA.

Paul has been very busy again welding up and fitting new panels to his Spitfire see photos.

Please check the website news for updates on our forthcoming events on

www.tssc.org.uk/tssc/areanews.asp

Also please look at our Facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/tsscmanchesterarea

Well that's all from me for this month Cheers



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As I write this on the 2nd February the sun is gleaming on the pure white snow, a pretty picture but the roads are treacherous. I built a snow woman modelled on my wife Josie and got a picture of her waiting for a ride in the TR7. After that I was locked out of the house so I built an Igloo which I sat in to read the Courier.



Our first meeting of the year took place at the Berkshire Arms on the 9th January, this used to be our old meeting place. We could not meet at the Cottage Inn as they were holding a quiz night. In attendance were Ian, Dave and Mary, Roy, Eric, Malcolm and Josie. We were all in modern cars as the weather is getting in. It was good to see Roy again having recovered from his operation. Roy brought along some Triumph & Heritage books that Eric and Dave shared between them. There were some interesting conversations going on such as the effect of Brexit on taxation and other tax topics on Diesel emissions. Dave mentioned that to be MoT exempt the owner should acquire a form from the DVLA. Apparently the police are stopping cars over forty years old and serving notice on the owners for having no valid MoT certificate. A lot of our owners are getting their cars MoT'd anyway as it is a good safety check and it keeps you within the law. I was not aware of the need for an exemption certificate.

Mary held a raffle and all four of Eric's tickets came up, I hope he did the lottery. Eric being the gentleman he is he declined the other prizes which were won by Mary, Dave, Ian



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and Josie. Ian mentioned that he may organise a trip to the 'Milestones museum' in Basingstoke and reminded us that there will be a quiz at the next meet on the 23rd January 2019. Josie and I could make this meet so over to you Dave.

Newbury TSSC Meeting At The Downgate 23/01/2019.
The 2nd meeting of the month was at The Downgate in Hungerford. It was very much an inter-area meeting with members from Swindon and Andover areas as well as Newbury area.

Those present were Ian, Nigel and Helen, Dave and Mary, Guy and Suzie, Tim and Helen, Rob and finally Graham who lives locally and braved the icy conditions and walked to the pub.

Ian had compiled an excellent quiz and as promised there were no Sci-Fi questions, not even about Star Trek. We had to match well-known people against the location and date they were born plus their early profession. It made you think as there were a number of the answers that could apply to the same person. Shades of the multi-choice exams. Dave, Mary and Rob had 18 out of 20 points. Everybody else had 16 points. Thanks, go to Ian for getting our grey matter going on a cold winter evening. On 27th Feb at The Downgate we will have a picture quiz compiled by Mary, as we are a car club this will include car-related photos.

During the meeting, we discussed the coming season and local shows which we are all looking forward to. Info on local shows will be included in this monthly news. Also please check our Facebook page regularly for the latest information.

The Downgate made us very welcome with an area reserved for us. This made a big difference from the pub we moved from which has become very popular and there is now no room to sit. So it is a good move.

26th January 2019 Our last meeting of the month was the casual classic car meet at the Cottage Inn, Bucklebury which has managed to keep going throughout the winter months. Josie and I took the TR7 for a spin as it was dry and I tried to avoid the salt on the road. We enjoyed the warmth of the pub and a chat to Mary and Dave. Mary had slipped on the stairs and was nursing a painful ankle so we wish her a speedy recovering. It was good to see Derek and Lorraine again and a good few from the West Berks car club. Thanks to Ray for keeping us all informed.

Our next meetings are
2nd Wednesday in the month 13th March 2019
at 07.30 pm. Cottage Inn, Bucklebury.

Look out for facetime confirmation.

4th Wednesday in the month 27th March 2019 at 07.30 pm. The Downgate, Hungerford. Picture quiz.

Look out for facetime confirmation.

4th Saturday in the month 23rd March 2019 at 12.00 pm onwards, open to all at the Cottage Inn, Bucklebury.

Look out for Ray's e mail.

First local show of the year is on Easter Monday 22nd April 2019. Spring vehicle meet at the Newbury showground 10am to 4 pm.

That's all for this month so keep warm and stop your classics freezing up.

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Hi guys and girls, the joys of being an AO, up at five today to catch the train to London for a day of boring meetings and you suddenly realise that the Norfolk TSSC monthly notes have not been sent – talk about last minute. So here I am with my laptop on my lap with a coffee in my hand staring out into the darkness looking for inspiration to fill a few lines.

For me the season starts this weekend with a trip to the Triumph and MG spares day at Stonleigh where I hope to pick up a few spares to use in the repair of the accident damaged Vitesse that I bought last October. If all goes well and I manage to find all the spares the Vitesse will be used at my daughter's wedding in May – no pressure there then. When she saw the car she immediately asked if it could be used on

her wedding day. Proof enough that our great little cars still have some pulling power with the younger generations.

On the Monday following the Spares Day my TR7 is booked in to have the rebuilt LT77 gearbox installed along with any MOT work needed. If all goes well that will be no 1 Triumph on the road and with a bit of luck it might even have made it to the Breakfast Run. Once the TR7 is back on the road and the garage space is cleared then the Vitesse will take its place and repairs will begin. Normally I would undertake the work myself but my Triumphs in my collection need a bit of fettling and I am aiming to spend my time finishing off the Vitesse that failed on the Five Point Tour and then enjoy driving them all over the summer months.

It has been a while since we all got together so future reports will hopefully be filled with information regarding other member's cars. I am looking forward to an update from Mark Crane a local Triumph enthusiast who has used his Spitfire as his daily driver throughout the winter months. It's not been uneventful as you can imagine.

One way valve failure (unusual carburettor set-up), starter motor failure, petrol leaks – repaired by replacing all the flexible rubber components with Ethanol proof hose and coolant leaks to name just a few of the gremlins that needed sorting. I am sure that there were a few more to add to the list and as far as I am aware there was also a large outlay for tools that needed to be bought to effect the repairs. The Spitfire is currently purring and trouble free and Mark is wearing a huge grin on a daily basis.

Looking forward to a busy Triumph filled year. Hopefully I will see you all soon at one of the meets or events that we have during the year.

Regards.

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Not a great deal of news this month as there was only 8 of us at our February meeting, possibly because of all the poor weather we had that week, the main roads were clear, but it was cold, and the side roads were a bit icy, so thank to those that made the effort to get there. don't worry Spring is just around the corner, we really must start on the jobs that need doing, I keep looking at my car and then decide its to cold to go out into the garage, perhaps this week i will get motivated to started on some of the jobs !!!

The only event that we have agreed on at the moment is **Drive it day, on the 28th April**, we will be doing the Bobby Shaftoe run, organised by the MG Durham club, entrance fee for this is £20 per car which includes refreshment's at the start/finish, rally plaque and route card, those that took part last year had a great time, and we even a rosette for best non MG.

Other item discussed was the Silverstone classic, which is on the last weekend of July. a quick count of those that have expressed interest takes our numbers up to possible 16, so it should be a good weekend this year, if you have a fancy for this let me know, as i will book all the tickets at once that way we only pay 1x transaction / delivery fee.

If you are not on my E mail list and want to be added just contact me and I will add you to the list, and if you are on the list and want to be removed just drop me a line and i will delete your info.

Geoff

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Last month you may have noticed that there was no Northants Area report, mainly because I had little to write about but within a week that all changed.

Our camping weekend is now sorted and we are returning to **Top End Farm**, although a little later in the year, **12 - 14 July**. The theme this year is TV cops and robbers. New for this year is a meal package which gives Friday night Chilli, Saturday Breakfast and BBQ Saturday evening all for £10 (must be booked in advance) and all thanks to Jonathan who proposed the idea let's hope he doesn't regret it later. Bookings should be made through me although extra nights should be booked direct with the campsite.

We are currently looking at the possibility of driving down the road to Kimbolton Fayre which is always popular with the Classic car community. See our advert in this magazine for booking information.

Janice and Mick are organising a run out to **The Bell at Odell for Sunday lunch on March 10th**, if you would like to join us please contact me so we know numbers for the meal.

If your Triumph is not available don't worry you will still be welcome.

Our meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month at 8.30 pm, Overstone Manor, Sywell.

Cheers

Nigel

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By the time you read this report the first two months of the year will be over and so will our Annual Dinner and Awards Night. Hopefully all went well at the Templeton Hotel and the food was good and we had a good turnout, after all the work Alan (H) put into it, and that you all agreed with the award winners – always a difficult task. This month's report will be shorter than usual as there isn't much going on other than making plans for the year ahead and ensuring that the events are well supported and someone has been allocated to take the lead on the day.

Our Feb monthly meeting was reasonably well attended considering a number of members had other meetings to go to whilst a few others were sick due to a bug that seems to be going around everywhere, smiting both young and old and, the not so old. Naturally we discussed the dinner and at the time of the meeting we had twenty-five plus names with over two weeks still to go – a good effort by Alan and the members.

Plans for the 2nd bank holiday in May weekend at the Woodenbridge Hotel were on the agenda as well with us having eleven cars and rooms already booked at the time of writing this report. Alan (F) is taking the lead on the Sat and I will be looking after the Sun and Mon. Alan has already intimated that the run down to the hotel will be speedy and not a slow dander. All will be given a route planner with meeting points in case we miss each other. I can assure you that the Sun and Mon will be more leisurely as we take in the sights and views in the area and, of course, on the way home. Naturally there will be a little time for some retail therapy for the ladies – and the men. But more later nearer the time of the run.

A number of the members at the meeting gave an update on their cars with Brian (S) putting us all to shame with the amount of work he has done over this last while but alas, not

on a Triumph. Perhaps he will get started again during 2019 season. By the way congrats to Ciara on passing her driving test first time - Nathan are you reading this! For some reason near the end we got on the subject of Inheritance Tax and what to do about it and when it applies. Alan (For) took the lead on this and a number at the meeting took too much interest for my liking – clearly, we have a number in the club who have too much salted away under the mattress.

Due to pending elections in May I had it confirmed by Lisburn Council that the **Mayors Fun Day will be on Sat 6th April to coincide with our Totally Triumph Show**. So, if your car isn't ready yet or off the road get the work started so that you will have it ready for the

6th April. All being well Chic and Iain from Scotland will also be with us so keep your parts cost down and order in plenty of time before the show and have them brought over on the day. I will post an entry form for the show on the internet to members at the beginning of March with the completed entries being forwarded to Alan (H).

Before that though there will be a **North Antrim Run on Sat 23rd Mar**, our first run of the year, with the final details nearer the time. Should you still be considering going on the May weekend run here are a few details for your information.

As has been previously mentioned we are going on our **Bank Holiday Weekend Run to Co Wicklow on 25/27th May** and staying at the Wooden Bridge Hotel and Lodge, Vale of Avoca, Arklow. We have stayed here a number of years ago and several members have sweet memories of the area. Alan (H) has negotiated a price of Euro 330 for two (2) Nights Bed and Breakfast with one (1) Evening Meal per room. This will give us the opportunity to either buy our second evening meal, large or small, in the hotel, or elsewhere. Due to high initial interest within the club ten (ten)

rooms have been booked on a first come, first served, basis and they will be held by the hotel for a period of time although remember that this is the Northern Ireland Bank Holiday Weekend. Booking has already commenced by members and, we are already past our booking numbers, but the hotel will accept from us further bookings if they are given reasonable notice. (wood bridgePhoto 2 here)

As is the norm within the club it is up to each member to book their own room for the weekend and I would ask that if you do book that you would let Alan (H) and I know when you have booked. When booking at the hotel please mention the car club, and TSSC, to obtain the negotiated rate. You will NOT need to pay up front but just give details of your payment card.

Contact details for the hotel are Woodenbridge Hotel & Lodge Vale of Avoca, Arklow, Co. Wicklow Tel: +353 (0402) 35146 E-mail: reservations@woodenbridgehotel.com Web: www.woodenbridgehotel.com

Douglas.

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Oxford Area Group February meeting. We met as usual in the Duke of Cumberland's Head and considering it was a winter evening we had 11 members turn up (12 including the dog!) in a variety of vehicles. There were no Triumphs in the car park but there was one Toyota MR2, one Citroen XM (1997?), one Mercedes E240 estate (2000) and one Alfa Guilletta plus a couple of Skodas and a VW so an interesting collection all the same. The food was as good as usual and it was a convivial atmosphere.

Discussions ranged far and wide from old cars we knew and the joys of getting these sometimes badly made cars home to modern cars and commercial vehicles and the problems they have as well.

An interesting evening which I enjoyed very much and learned yet more.

Chris again brought 5kg (10lb) weight of old car magazines and newspapers. So some good bedtime reading for me!

We finally broke up at 10pm and the threatened rain did not make an appearance.

Tom & Nick

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February might be a dreary month for classic car owners in general, but there was nothing remotely dreary about our Peterborough Area February meet. Why, well because tonight was our Scalextric night!

Doug Kendall was on hand to give us a most fascinating insight into the history of Scalextric slot cars from the 1950s to the present day. Even better than that, Doug also brought around 150 of his 200 slot cars of all eras and set up a working figure eight circuit using mainly modern track and trackside accessories, a typical section of 1960s track with pits, grandstands etc with all period accessories, and even a short section of the very early rubber type track from the 1950s. There was a fine selection of vehicles that included vintage Bentleys and Bugattis, motorcycle sidecar combinations, truck tractor units, as well as the more usual rally and Formula 1 cars. Some of these were quite rare, but even the not so rare have a decent price tag these days as they have become quite collectable. Quote of the night from Doug - 'I don't know if having 200 plus slot cars makes me a collector or not.' Hmm, let me think now.....

Of course, we have a few budding slot car champions within our group, and it wasn't long before Tina was up racing against Steph, whilst it was left to 11-year old Toby Howson to put us all to shame with his racing skills. I think Toby and his Dad, Gary, had put in a few practice laps at home before coming out to this meeting!

What a great evening and huge thanks to Doug K for taking the time to set up such a fabulous display of his collection.

Spring is now just around the corner and we are already planning some group activities for our area. First of these is actually coming up very soon. **On Sunday March 3rd**, Ken and Tina have very kindly offered to open up **AK Sportscars** for a quick guided tour of the factory. For those who are not aware, AK are one of the UK's leading manufacturers of replica AC Cobra sportscars and Ken is the 'K' in 'AK', so a founder of the business. After the tour on Sunday morning we will all take the short drive out to Warrington for lunch at the Red Lion. If you would like to join us, you will have to act very quickly because the chances are you will only see this report



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a day or two before the outing.

We will however send out an email to those in the group who are on our circulation in the next week or so. It promises to be a really interesting tour with a nice lunch to finish - what better way to spend a Sunday?

The following month, on **Sunday May 7th**, Doug K is again planning a trip out to **Arbuckles Diner in Downham Market** for a morning breakfast/brunch whilst listening to live jazz. This will be our third Sunday morning visit and it is always very popular. Please let Doug B or I know if you would like to join the group as places are always limited.

There are lots of other events, both local and national, coming as spring turns to summer. It is a major part of what owning a classic car is all about - getting out and about and enjoying driving our cars. With this in mind, Doug B has compiled an events info sheet. These can be emailed, or you can pick up a copy at the next meeting.

Which brings me nicely to our next area meeting which will be at the **Five Horseshoes, Barholm near Stamford on Monday 11th March**. A warm welcome awaits all, plus good banter, food and our excellent raffle. We look forward to seeing you and your car.

All the best for now

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January Events flowed on from our club meet night in the form of our Christmas night out on the 19th January, now outsiders looking in think that we are too mean to pay the Christmas prices in December, albeit that may partly be true it is not the sole reason. Christmas menu choice can be pretty limited as many establishments are trying to flog a portion of Bernard Matthews favourite burd at top dollar prices. The second reason is due to the festive period being chock-a-block with work nights out and we would struggle to get near the bar and I know that would make for some grumpy Triumphers. The final reason is that January can be a nice way to slowly step back from a hectic festive period, allowing us plenty access to the many bars in Glasgow along with a less frantic environment offering a more normal selection of food. The meeting place in Central station ended up being split across 3 venues and I have no idea how that came about, however once we congregated in the Drum & Monkey we settled for a refreshment or two. We made tracks to The Auchtermurden for our meal and everyone agreed this was a very good choice, the atmosphere, food and company made for a pleasant evening. There were a few leavers after the meal and the remainder moved to a well known Irish pub called Molly Malone's, several more refreshments were consumed while listening to the live music, in some cases a few had their jiggling shoes on and enjoyed some snazzy feet movement. By midnight most had left for home and I believe one or 2 strays from the group ended up in a karaoke bar.

February Meet Night saw 13 of us participate in our annual bowling event at Hollywood Bowl in the Quay, more people

Scotland Central Continues

attended but opted to be spectators and join in on the laughter as we made an ass of ourselves. The format was one game as this allowed us to have fun, chat and cake, cake I hear you say!!! Ken and Alyson managed to persuade (or maybe drag) young Alan Chappell along to the bowling despite him needing to be at the airport the next morning at 5am. My sister in law is not too bad at baking and with the help of my wife's delivery skills on the night the table was furnished with a 2-tier cake to help celebrate Alan's 80th. We all managed to have a slice of the cake and very little was left come the end of the night. See the photo below of Alan and his car themed birthday cake. I know Alan's birthday was made extra special with a visit to his family in Stuttgart and while there he took in a visit to the Porsche and Mercedes car museum. Now the bowling never ended in a double celebration for Alan with a win, however his aim was to end on 80 to match his age, it was a fair target and he was only shy of 2 points. Now what was the scores on the doors? There was a fair range from 23 to 116 and the high score on the night was achieved by yours truly, sorry Alyson I know you were trying hard to beat me, but I was just that one step in front! The final scores were as follows: Michael 116, Alyson 114, Graeme 106, Dave 104, Ken 93, Young Alan 78, Gordon 67, Colin 66, Alan W 61, Mark 59, Iain 58, Jackie 49, Jack 48.5. Many of you had the opportunity to meet my wife for the first time and I am glad that you witnessed this and this proves she was not a figment of my imagination, Allison enjoyed meeting everyone and she might make it a double by coming to the quiz night in March. Alan JPG



March Events will kick off with the meeting night on the 7th, Brian please put this one in your diary as the 7th is the first Thursday in March! The main event of the evening will be the annual quiz night hosted by JGH and his lovely wife and assistant Linda. I know the format and the questions have been under lock and key since the tail end of last year. We look forward to the challenge John.

The second event for March is the breakfast meet at The Harvester on the 17th at 10:30am.

The Meeting Venue is giving us some food for thought, it appears that it is closing earlier every month, we were notified at the last meet that the venue would be closing at 9:30, now despite us being early bedders I think 9:30 is a bit tight. We are open to suggestions but we must take into account the distance some people travel to get to the meets therefore we need to keep it central.

Upcoming Events are not as far away as we think, drive it day is still up for grabs and for me a Drive to ST Andrews would be welcomed as suggested by Jackie, it is always a pleasure to find an excuse to visit my birth town. Keep your eye open for the events invitation on our Facebook page and get your name down as early as possible, if you do not use social media give one of the AO's a call.

Monte Carlo Adventure looked an absolutely enthralling adventure for Brian and Colin who took part in one of the stages in such a snowy and cold January. The guys successfully com-



pleted the leg in Brian's Magenta Spitfire and I am sure given the conditions the auxiliary heating in the car in the form of the gearbox tunnel would have come in handy. The guys were interviewed and this was captured on video as well as making the Aberdeen press and journal. Well done guys and we hope this may set the precedence for next years event.

As usual any items or suggestions for the Area Report then please let me know.
All the best -

Michael

February Items:

The Next club meet of 2019 will be at 7:30 on Thursday
7th March at The Harvester, The Springfield Quay,
Glasgow, G5 8NP

East Club Meet is at The Hawes Inn South Queensferry
EH30 9TA on Monday 11th March at 8pm

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Hi All. The start of the classic season is getting close, infact at the time of writing there are several classic cars leaving Aberdeen and heading for the start of the of the Monte Carlo Rally at Clydebank. There was a good collection of Triumphs that set off from Aberdeen, they included a Spitfire, TR7, TR4A, GT6 & a Swallow Doretti.

Hopefully the better weather will be just around the corner and the council roads department will put their gritting fleet into summer hibernation and then we can get our cars back out on salt free roads again.

Did anyone manage to get a photo of their Triumph and send it to Rye Livingstone of the Triumph Travellers Sports Car Club in Northern California who were trying to arrange for all Triumph owners to get their cars out on the 10th February and photograph them to celebrate Sir John Black's birthday.

Our next Club night will be held at the Garlogie Inn where we will be having a meal night, be there for 7pm but you will need to book via Mike Hedges if you are eating. On occasions we do have to change the meeting venue so before travelling do check out the "Stop Press" page of the website for up to date information

<http://www.brmmbrmm.com/club/grampiantr/6.htm>

Have a look at the Grampian Triumphs Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GrampianTriumph/> and the TSSC Scotland page at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TSSCScotland/>

Updates/new additions to our Events notification flyer will be posted on the Grampian Triumphs Facebook page.

By now you should have received by email our Triumph Clubs Events flyer if you have not got them please let me know and I will send you copy. The first event in our flyer is this year's auction of vehicle spares organised by the Strathmore Vintage Vehicle Club and will be held on the 16th March at Bridge View House Glamis.

We are always looking for ideas for runs and get-togethers, if anyone has any ideas please let me know. That's all for this month, hope to see you at some of our meetings.

Danny

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January Meet - Our discussions were mainly concentrated on our plans for the coming season, potential continental drives were proposed that included:

*Germany and Poland to include Peenemunde, Auschwitz etc

*To South Western France visiting classic car museums

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and race tracks

Further route details to follow, proposed time frame of June or mid September.

It was agreed that 'Drive It Day' on 28th April would be a Drive through North Wales to Caernarvon Castle.

Contact would be made with Phil Taberner concerning the possibility of a Triumph area at Cosford Air Show Sunday 9th June, last year our attendance was a great success for the 100 RAF anniversary.

James Dennison stated he had booked through the Club the visit to Spa, stating if other members were interested and booked, arrangements could be made to travel together.

The Shropshire Spitfire is currently having its Body braced for replacement of the floor, panels and sills. Simon reported that Central Classics, a local business, were ready to complete the body rebuild, using panels donated by Fitchetts. James Dennison stated he would examine the current 'just giving' status for the TSSC Shropshire web site.

Dates of the UK shows will be incorporated into our web site. Any further suggestions and details of the meeting references can be supplied through WhatsApp our agreed (at the November meeting) mode of communication for conversations and proposals. Agreed routes, trips, will be incorporated into our Web Site.

Post meeting note taken from the Web Site of near future activities:

22 April Motorfest, Chetwynd Deer Park, Newport, Shrops, TF10 8EU

28 April National Drive It Day

19 May Eaton Manor Classic Car Show, nr Church Stretton.

26 May Bruntingthorpe Cold War Jets, LE17 5QS

01 June The Warfe Classic, The Warfe Tavern Cheswardine, TF9 2LP

Simon, David & Bill

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Hi all, I'm glad to say the refurbishment of The Apple Tree Inn where we meet each month has been completed, so hopefully at the next meet we should have some heating and be able order some food!

It's been a bit of a quiet month here in Somerset. A few of us have been preparing our motors for the upcoming season. Stephen Hopkins has a substantial amount of work carried out on his GT6 including a new aluminium radiator with electric fan, a new tubular manifold and twin silencers to go with it and it sounds mean! He's also had a new clutch fitted and has put some effort into insulating his gearbox tunnel after slow roasting his left foot on the way to Le Mans.

On the one weekend it decided to snow, I thought it would be appropriate to try and start the Spitfire after a number of months. As you can imagine with the low temperature and the time period it had been sitting for, it took quite a while! I ended up having to adjust the mixture to get it to idle. I did however manage to run it around the village a few times.

I have emailed out our events list for the year and have also put a copy of it on our Facebook page. If you didn't get my email, please get in touch and I will add you to the mailing list. All the best,

Harry

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Hi Folks. Sorry for no January news in the club mag. I did send the copy to Bernie but forgot to look for his acknowledgement. So here it is.

We certainly packed the Seven Stars out for our Christmas dinner. There were a few absentees and for them I can tell you there are club calendars waiting for you in the New Year. As per the norm Neil F had done a great job organising the



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event. The secret Santa gave us all a few laughs especially mine " the Haynes manual on retirement " and what I had to look forward to.

As usual Mike G. has been given the dubious honour of being our AO. A job like leprosy, no one wants and you can't get rid of, but he has done a sterling job over the years.

I would like to thank those who have sent me photos for the calendar, but please, don't stop sending them and also to Vanessa for passing on Mike's witterings.

In February we will be deciding which pubs we will be using for our **roaming meetings on the third Thursdays of the month**, so if you have any suggestions for this, please let us know.

Also ideas for the front cover of the 2020 Southern calendar. I know there's not much that could top the back drop of HMS Queen Elizabeth, unless we were all lined up on the flight deck.

Mark

I was suddenly reminded on Tuesday the 5th at the club meet that I was supposed to be doing a few words about our New Year's Day come club meet at the Elsted Inn. We ended up with 11 triumphs in the car park, a good show boys and girls, it was a very nice day which no doubt helped. I am now going to bore you all by making a list of all attendees and their cars as follows in no particular order as they say. David H TR6, Gill and Pauline Stag, Peter H TR7, Wendy Spitfire MK3, Neil and Maxeen GT6 MK1, Mike and Barb Stag, Tim and Paul Stag, Mark and Brian TR6, Dick TR6, Clint Giffire and David B GT6.

We had an excellent turnout at February's club night with 18 cars and not a Triumph amongst. It was a dirty night indeed, a big thank you to you all for making the effort.

The show dates and venues have started rolling in. Watch Paul's site for more information. Well folks this is all I have time for at the moment as it is now 4.30pm and I have to talk to Vanessa very nicely to get this in for the deadline. Did I hear somebody say thank heavens for that!

Mike.

Mike has come up with the first suggestion for a roaming meet in June. As you know we always invite the MG's over to us in August, this time we could visit them at their base in Chichester.

The roaming meeting at the Golden Lion, Winchester was well attended and nice to see Suzie and Guy, AO's for Andover Area. This is the second time we have used this pub and have enjoyed their fayre.

Up and coming events

March 5th, Regular meeting.

The Seven Stars GU32 3PG

17th Sunday lunch meet. Hen and Chicken Inn Upper

Froyle Alton, Hants GU34 4JH

April

2nd Regular meet. The Seven Stars GU32 3PG

14th Farnham Central car park show

18th Roaming meet. TBC

22nd Spring Vehicle Meet. Newbury Show ground

Thatcham, Berkshire, RG18 9QZ

28th Drive it day. TBC

May

6th Popham Show. Popham Airfield, Coxford

Down, SO21 3BD

7th Regular meet. The Seven stars GU32 3PG

11th Awbridge Show

12th. The New Forest Run

12th The South of England Meet. Leatherhead Leisure centre, Guildford Road, Surrey, KT22 9BL.

That'll do for now.

Take care

Mark

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Oops Time Marches On, and it's a last minute report to meet the deadline for March so it will be short.

I posted a list of events on the website and handed some out at the last meeting however I'm still waiting to see which events members want to attend so please send your suggestions along with any other shows you know of.

As yet I'm undecided if I attend the MG & Triumph spares day as I really should spend the time in the garage working on the cars, but at the last minute could change my mind, but then again this month sees the **Practical Classics Restoration show 22 - 24th March**, decisions decisions.

April should bring us some warmer weather and the start of the show season so remember to get those suggestions back to me.

Chetwynd Deer Park Motorfest kicks off in April on Sunday 21st, Gemini has dropped Weston Park and moved to this new venue, Weston has had some mixed weather in the past resulting in poor turnouts or cancellations so the new venue might revive the show.

The following weekend is **Drive it Day 28th** still, no firm plan on this yet and also depends on the weather forecast nearer the time as my first choice is a longer run than normal.

I hope to have some photo of Andrews Spitfire for next months Courier after its big makeover, so "Andy" don't forget to get your camera ready for when the sun shines.

That's it for now **next meeting 24th April**

Cheers

Dave

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What a turnout for our February meeting, 15 people huddled round the tables in the pub and 5 Triumphs in the carpark. Vitesse, GT4, Dolomite, Herald and Mk3 Spitfire. That must be a record for a winter meeting in recent times, well done everyone.

As it was Stoneleigh the following Sunday, there was much talk about what hard-to-find parts people were looking for, with a lot of winter restorations well underway. Colin has his regular stall, so Chris was touting to dispose of a few sets of unwanted 48 spoke wire-wheels to make a bit of room in his parts store.

Glyn has had his Mk4 Spitfire head rebuilt and engine put back together by Crescent Motors in Dales Road Ipswich. He's certainly pleased with the results with the car running better than ever and the owner of the garage was revelling in being able to work on a 'proper' motor car, that didn't need a laptop connecting to it.

There was a lot of front suspension talk. Steve has fitted his new front springs to his Spitfire, but was concerned about the placement of the spacer and whether it was pushing the shock off-centre. Mike chipped in, as just that morning he'd been fitting a set to his current Spitfire project, but had discovered the shock washers were too big to go through the chassis turret. Thankfully, with the wonder of Smartphone pictures, they were able to compare set-ups.

Jacob has had driveshaft issues with his new Mk3 Spitfire. Leaving college this week, he was confronted with an awful graunch from the rear. Turns out his half-shaft was only held onto the diff by 2 bolts and these had sheared! Thankfully new bolts fixed the problem, but just a warning to everyone to check for those dreaded previous owner boggles.

Mike turned up in his new Dolomite 1500 automatic, recently purchased from the Anglia Car Auctions January sale with a pre-set bid. Chris, Colin and I went up to the auction and

had a good look over the car, without knowing Mike was interested in it. It's a lovely car and certainly a great choice for a daily driver. He's had it MoTd since purchase and it passed with only a few minor advisories.

Just a quick reminder of 3 local shows for this year.

Ipswich to Felixstowe Historic Vehicle Road Run - 5th May 2019

10th Classics on the Green, Friston, Saxmundham, - 11th July 2019 3pm - 9pm

Helmingham Festival of Classic & Sports Cars - 4th August 2019

Next meeting is the 5th of March, as usual at Barham Sorrel Horse.

See you next month.

Russell

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Hi all. Well tonight was a pleasant surprise, for our first meeting at our new venue, The Lamb at Piltdown, we had 15 members turn up and it was a terrible evening weather wise, really wet, so thank you everyone who came along, a very enjoyable evening, so I take from that the members must be happy with the change.

Also I would like to welcome new member Pete, he owns a nice red convertible Vitesse and is going through the car sorting out several mechanical issues, he plans to have it on the road by spring, look forward to seeing it, good luck Pete.

Geoff is taking his Herald for its M O T tomorrow so hope that went ok and he will soon be back on the road.

Three of us are going to Stoneleigh to sell and buy a few bits and bobs this weekend, been doing this for many years now, always a good weekend, with good company.

Started getting application forms coming in for this years shows which is very nice, makes you think summer is on its way, lets hope the weather is kind to us.

I think that's all from me so hopefully see you all at the **next meeting which is on Wednesday 6th March.**

Cheers

Ian

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Hi All, Now the lighter evenings are coming back, our Triumphs are stirring from their slumbers. We are also getting ready to the start of the show season. If you have any shows that you knew we can support let me know and we will spread the word.

SOCIAL EVENINGS - 6th JANUARY. NEW YEARS MEAL AT THE THAMES COURT, SHEPPERTON.

We had a lovely welcome from the bar staff. We had two rows of tables placed by an open fire (although Julie & I blocked most of the heat). We had the fantastic company of Martin, Caroline, Eddie & Mary. Jay & Sam. Tony & Penny. Martin & Cynthia. Graeme. George B. Julie's Mum Mary. Joining us from Southern Area were Mike, Barbara & Val. This year (and past years) the raffle prizes were wrapped up and everyone got a ticket (thank you to everyone that donated prizes) the draw was pulled between meals and we hope you enjoy what you picked a lucky few got 2 wins as we had so many gifts. On the Triumph front we had Two Vitesse's and a 2000 Mk2 saloon. Thank you very much for your company 17th JANUARY AT THE GEORGE INN, WRAYSBUURY.

It's a cold evening in the Vitesse as Julie & I head off to the meeting. Also braving the cold were Graeme, George B, Richard E, Eric, Bob R. & John P. We had three Vitesse's in the carpark belonging Bob, George & Me. On going work on our Triumph's has been, George has a new battery on his Vitesse. Richard needs to investigate the whys of his oil light

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staying on a little to long. Eric is now enjoying the use of his Spitfire and can't wait for the warmer weather. John has now got hazard lights fitted to his Vitesse. A great start to the new year.

Our next meetings are now: -

1st Thursday of the month at The Fairmile Inn Cobham.

3rd Thursday of the month at The George Inn Wraybury.

If in doubt or more info please call me on 07773623807

UPCOMING SHOWS

March

22nd Practical Classic's Restoration show NEC

April

14th Central carpark classic show Farnham

22nd Easter fayre Shalford

28th Drive it Day UK wide

28th Sunday Scramble Bicester

28th British Marques day Brooklands

Mickey & Julie

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Hello, folks. January started off with our monthly meeting on Tuesday 8th at The Trevor Arms, and this was well attended. Dates for up and coming events were given out, as the season will soon be upon us before we all have time to turn around. Richard had announced at the December meeting that he would be stepping down as the M.G. secretary:- he has done a marvellous job. He agreed to take over some years ago when Stuart passed away, so he and Sam ran the show for the M.G.'s before the loss of Sam. Since then Richard has managed to keep everything in order, but he now feels that he would like to give it up, and understandably so. It was the general agreement that Pete would be a very good replacement as he has filled in when Richard has been away, etc., so he will now be taking over the roll. After the business had been discussed the raffle was drawn, and once again there were some really good prizes. Another smashing evening.

Tuesday 29th January was the OFFAL run, and this was organised by M.G. Chris and John. Twenty-nine of our Chester & Wrexham group met at Okell's Garden Centre near Tarvin for the usual morning refreshments and the collection of our route plans. The run was short, but absolutely spot-on for January, sticking to main roads for most of the time, and the weather was quite mixed with rain and sleet thrown in, as can be expected for this time of year, but the route was good in every way, and no-one went wrong! We arrived at the Royal Oak, Tarporley, for our pre-booked lunches, and these were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Another great day in great company.

Because of the weather forecast we had decided to take our Discovery, and it was a good job we had:- no problem on the roads generally until we reached the lane that goes to our house. That was sort of o.k., but when Roger drove down our drive to park the Disco in the barn it got a bit hairy:- low ratio, bottom gear and very gently on the brakes is the correct way, but even though traction control kept kicking in he found that he was sliding towards the chalet, so had to take his foot off the brake in order to regain the steering and aim where he wanted to go. However, all was well, and our faithful Disco got parked up under cover safe and sound.

There is not a lot going on in January events wise, but during these winter months our wonderful classics are undergoing checking and servicing ready for the coming season. A further check under the bonnet on our Stag showed that the jubilee clips on the fuel pipes were loose. Roger checked the rubber pipes and although they had only been renewed approx. two years ago they had hardened:- the ethanol that is now present in petrol had destroyed them. A length of ethanol-proof pipe purchased from the Club shop has now

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been cut to size and fitted. So, keep checking your vehicles inside and out!

Well, that's all for now, and remember that our meetings are held at **The Trevor Arms in Marford on the first Tuesday of the month at 8.00 p.m.** Hope to see you there.

Forthcoming events:-

March

5th March:- Monthly meeting at the Trevor Arms, Marford.

17th March:- Wheels of Wem, Horseshoes Inn, Tilstock.

22nd - 24th March:- Practical Classic Car & Restoration Show, N.E.C., B'ham.

26th March:- OFFAL.

April

2nd April:- Monthly meeting at the Trevor Arms, Marford.

13th - 14th April:- Sandbach Festival of Transport. 14th April:- Foxfield Railway, ST11 9BG:- Entries on-line. Contact 01782-396210.

21st April:- Wheels of Wem, Horseshoes Inn, Tilstock.

21st - 22nd April:- Motorfest, Chetwynd Deer Park:- (Formerly Weston Park) 10-4.

27th April:- Classic Wings & Wheels, Sleaf Airfield.

28th April:- Drive-It Day.

There is no OFFAL in April.

Regards,

Helena and Roger.

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Run to Malvern Classic Auto Jumble Sun 27th Jan 2019

South Wales in January is usually a bleak time of year for Classic Car interest so we are always grateful for an excuse for a day out at some auto jumble or other. Malvern in this case. It makes a change from staring out of the window and waiting for the good weather to return or getting frost bite at Bern's Garage at Walnut Tree Farm where my current work in progress is in residence rusting faster than I am restoring it. At home my dear wife is always turning down the heating in my garage and stealing the duvet off the Spit when I am being perfectly reasonable and staying out of her way for weeks on end during the cold winter months while fiddling with some Triumph related resto project or other.

I didn't realise how dark and cold it was these mornings at 6.15am as I got the Autobahn muncher loaded up and fired up much to the annoyance of my neighbours. I gave the engine an extra rip or two as I pulled away to make sure they were all up! The car soon warmed up and I was heading towards the rendezvous on the other side of Cardiff. I pulled up to see Rob was all alone in his modern and he suggested he would park it at Bern's house and go to Malvern in my modern as the Department of Rust Promotion had covered the roads in salt which is a cruel insult to our old cars.

We were soon on our way to the Monmouth North services for breakfast rolls and a progress report from the AA as to the location of Bern, Jack and Crazy George who were taking a load of Triumph Spares to the auto jumble in Georges Camper Van which had been elevated to Club mobile support vehicle. By a stroke of luck and a drop in the high winds they were already at Malvern and in prime position to provide the unsuspecting auto jumbler's with the bargains of their lives. Rob and I decided to get a move on and headed towards the





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ever louder sound of rusting classic auto jumble to the north. We soon arrived at the Three Counties Showground at Malvern to be greeted with a car park which resembled a Tank Testing Track after a landslide. As I know to my cost Beemer's and mud do not mix and I tried to avoid the slime bath but got trapped and had to be rescued and lead to a dry parking area with four wheel arches full of brown countryside. We dug our way to the exhibition area to find that George was in the middle of a gas evacuation of the camper as he had switched all the appliances on in an attempt to light the heater.

Fortunately someone had stood on the lighter he was using and the unfolding explosive incident failed to ignite and the general public were safe again. George had packed what looked like a complete Herald in kit form spares into the camper and now had arranged them for sale around the van and was offering his wares to classic owners regardless of their make or mark. One classic owner being encouraged to buy a herald bonnet for his MkII Jaguar.

The show was quite well attended although it was obvious that some of the trade stalls had decided to spend Sunday at home in the warm on ebay. There were some real bargains to be had if you were prepared to root around the stalls "£120 for a working type D overdrive gearbox is simply daft!" I thought as I hauled it back to my car. Jack, Bern's son, was doing well with his selection of collector's knives and personal protection weapons he had for sale from his private armoury. We thought it strange the number of interested wives and partners he had in his queue to be served. Well done to Jack for finding the gap in the market for wives at wits end of oil stains and the constant reek of eau de stale fuel, gearbox oil and WD40 from their other half who only appears in the house when he smells bacon cooking. After all that rooting it was time to get Georges industrial tea making facilities up and running so we all retired to a safe distance as the countdown began and he lit the stove. Instead of a loud bang we heard the whistle of the kettle boiling which meant it was safe to return for tea and coffee. We had time for another lap of the show and soon realised that we had probably brought more nuts with us than we could find on the trade stands. Time marched on and we decided to beat the rush and get on the road back to Cardiff. We bade our farewells and plodded through the mud back to the car park. We left George, Bern and Jack to pack up and headed back to Cardiff to drop Rob off to pick his car up, "Well what we lacked in numbers was certainly made up with the quality of members that attended" I said to Rob.

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The January meeting sort of happened! I understand six braved the yellow warning! You might of gathered, I was not one of them! As it turned out the weather was not as bad as forecast, although Hurn Airport (Sorry! Bournemouth International!) was closed until 8.00 am the next morning. There was also a yellow warning for the weekend of Stoneleigh, though we had already decided that like last year, we could not face the trip there and back! So instead decided to possibly go to the Shepton Mallet auto-jumble, weather permitting.

As of this moment, we are not quite sure what is planned for this season. Keith from the TR Drivers is trying to put together a run, sometime in June, depending on the response that he gets from the rest of us! It will finish at the Museum of Army

Flying, at Middle Wallop. Definitely a case of watch this space (or check your emails!).

The New forest Run will be the 12th May, this is later than normal, due to Easter and the school holidays. This year we will be tweaking the format to fit the changing times. It will start as always from Ringwood car park. The change will be, we will finish at the Tank Museum, Bovington. As they say, "we are a causality of our own success", in that due to the numbers that we now attract (200 cars, PLUS!) we have outgrown our usual venues. Also the amount of visitors to the New Forest & surrounding areas has now made it not quite that relaxing, enjoyable experience it used to be. So this year, we will be including some of the New Forest and then spreading out to the wider Dorset countryside. You will see in our advertising, that we are sorry to say, that dogs will not be allowed on Tank Museum property, this is out of our hands and is a problem we have had to overcome in previous years, with most of the village halls that we have relied on with playing fields, now starting to ban dogs, especially if children use the same facilities.

Beaulieu Spring Auto-jumble, 17th - 19th May, normally we do the three days, teaming up with Suzie & Guy who now run the Andover area. **20th Hardy Country Classic Tour, Sunday 2nd June**. Always a good day out, starting at Hampton Farm, Bockhampton, lunch stop Melbury House and finishing up at The Riviera Hotel, overlooking Weymouth. **Silverstone Classic**, the last deadline is the end of this month, if you want to make use of the code for discounted tickets.

The dates being **26th - 28th July**. It has been left up to individuals to make their own arrangements about getting tickets and which days they wish to attend. We are planning to go on the Thursday and come back on the Sunday.

Next meeting will be at the Tyrrells Ford, Thursday 28th March.

Martin

WEST MIDLANDS

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West Midlands have had a good couple of meetings, well attended although some were missing due to health problems, hope you are all fit and well now.

Preparations are afoot for the Restoration show, where group members are going to be renewing the brakes on an early 1200 saloon and renewing the trim on a late spitfire.

Drive it day is ongoing with our team of Chris and Dave route planners extraordinary, this event is always well attended by West Mids members, contact me if you would like to join us, I believe the finish is near Oxford, unfortunately I have commitments elsewhere on the **28th April**, so this year I'm a no show.

Sadly We laid to rest one of our members yesterday one Norman Clarence who had a great send off from his ex army colleagues, Norman was 78, his Triumph Vitesse Mk1 2ltr saloon graced many meetings and concours events of the club and was a car he restored himself over a period, the car was in poor condition, Norman did a great job. Tony Jones (Member 67) attended with me and our presence was appreciated.

I'm looking forward to the MG & Triumph show at Stoneleigh in the morning, I expect I'll have seen lots of you there. Regards

Chris

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Hi All. Planning for the **Dales run weekend** is going to plan, our next job is going to be the Saturday run out in a new area with a lunch stop that we have not been to for a few years

If any one wants B&Bs Stone close Tea Room 015396 25231 / The Sun Inn 015396 25208 /George and Dragon 015396 25256 / Dent Stores 015396 25209

Drive IT Day is on 28th April 2019 To Eden Camp North Yorkshire YO17 6RT this is a open invite to all, Good Food served all day long in the officers mess

5th Fathers Day Classic Car Show Sunday 16th June

AT Keighley Rugby Union Football Club /Skipton Road / Keighley / West Yorkshire BD 20 6 DT

This is a open invite to all Classic Cars and this has grown over the last few years as it is one of the best around.

If you want any more info for any of the events please ring me on 07944909823

Drive IT Day West Yorkshire will be meeting at the Old Red Lion on the A64 AT Seacroft Leeds LS 14-2 AD From 9.00 to set off around 10.00 Am This Pub now serves Full Breakfast & Butties, Tea & Coffee from 9.00am

Alan



30th Isle Of Wight Triumph Weekend

May Bank Holiday 2019

Friday May 3rd to Monday May 6th

Appuldurcombe Gardens Holiday Park, Wroxall

www.appuldurcombegardens.co.uk

Call **01983 852597** to book camping, touring or static caravans and reduced ferry crossings.

This is a great family friendly weekend with a chance to enjoy our beautiful island. There will be lots to do including, convoys, a visit to a place of interest, live music, a games evening and weather permitting a day on the beach.

More details and booking forms will be available soon.
Meanwhile if you have any enquiries please email us at:

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SOUTH OF ENGLAND MEET

11TH & 12TH MAY 2018

Sat 11th

Free Chill out day

Sunday 12th

**ALL Triumph Car Show
& Concours**

Autojumble & Stalls

50th Anniversary TR6

60th Anniversary Herald

Camping from

Friday 10th afternoon

£5.00 Per Night TBC

Entry - Pay on the Gate

£5.00 Per Person TBC

FREE Entry for children under 16.

FREE Autojumble pitches.

FREE Concours - All Triumph cars

TSSC Club Shop

**Insurance Valuations
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WFSSEX AREA PRESENTS



27TH ALL TRIUMPH RUN

Sunday 12th May 2019

All Triumph Cars and their owners are invited to join us again for what has become a must do event in the Triumph calendar.

The Run will start from the Ringwood Long Stay/Lorry Park at approximately 10.30am on Sunday 12th May 2019. It will be the usual leisurely drive through part of the New Forest and Dorset countryside in the company of other Triumph cars and their owners.

As last year there will not be a halfway halt. Instead there will be a Run of approximately 2 hours length which will end at Bovington Tank Museum.

(sorry, dogs not allowed on Tank Museum premises!)

We hope this new format will provide everyone more time to enjoy your picnics and socialise with other Triumph enthusiasts at the end of the Run.

Also discounted entry to the museum available.

If you would like to enter, for more details, please contact Trevor on 01425 475376 or go to our Facebook page or go to www.triumphnewforestrun.co.uk where you will find an entry form to download.

The closing date for entries is 22nd April 2019 or could be sooner, if oversubscribed.

Entries received at this date are not guaranteed and will be at the discretion of the organisers.

We look forward to seeing you and your Triumph on the day.

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PICNIC & HOG ROAST 2019

Sun 19th May - **Wroxall Abbey, Warwick.**

Hosted by the **Pre-1940 Triumph Motor Club**

FREE ENTRY - ALL Triumphs & Clubs Welcome

The format is simple - turn up in your Triumph (10am to 4pm) with a picnic and marvel at the range of Standard and Triumph cars assembled on the lawns of this historic venue. Dating back to the 12th Century and once the country seat of Sir Christopher Wren, Wroxall Abbey is not only a beautiful country house hotel in Warwickshire, but one of the most historic. For those without a picnic there will be food available including a hog roast.

Wroxall Abbey Hotel & Estate

Birmingham Road, Wroxall, Warwickshire. CV35 7NB



New Dalesrun 2019

21st, 22nd & 23rd June

The 2018 Dalesrun will be based at High Laning Camping and Caravan site,
Dent, Near Sedburgh, Cumbria, LA10 5QJ.

We will be taking you through some of the most wild and scenic areas of the Yorkshire Dales.

Eligible cars – you are welcome to take part in any vehicle, as long as it is capable of keeping up with a Triumph from the 1960's. The run will be segregated into Triumphs, then other classics with the more modern cars at the rear.

Anyone is welcome - the event is primarily to raise money for our chosen Charity which for 2018 is the Yorkshire Cancer Centre (Bexley Wing) at Leeds General Infirmary.

Saturday evening entertainment has once again been organised in the Village Hall, so come along and enjoy yourselves and help us raise some funds for the Yorkshire Cancer Centre.

This year we have the following:

Arrival from Noon on Friday 8th June.

Check in will not be open before this time.

A scenic Saturday run through the Yorkshire Dales which includes a leisurely lunch stop with pubs, picnic areas and café facilities.

Saturday evening raffle (Donations welcome) including superb entertainment with our very own Alan!

Wind down Sunday including a treasure hunt (on foot!)

Discounted rates. (Only if booked through us)

Completely separate area on the campsite.

Complimentary tea/coffee/squash all weekend.

Dog friendly site. (Must be kept on leads)

The site accepts tents, caravans and motorhomes.

AS ALWAYS, PLEASE ARRIVE WITH A FULL TANK OF FUEL! WE WILL NOT MAKE A STOP FOR REFUELLING

Please note: If you are bed and breakfasting there is a £5 per day charge for parking on the camp site. We recommend you park in the free parking organised by your B&B.

Any other general queries regarding the weekend, please **contact Richard on 0776 635 4449**
Our preferred method of payment is BACS to Miss C J Allen, 53-50-52, 13057022.

Please add your Vehicle Registration Number as a reference.

Paypal payments:- Please add your Vehicle Registration Number as a note and send as "friends and family" to: callencj@btinternet.com or

Tel Candi on 0781 046 1252 for alternative methods of payment or any booking queries.

Name(s) : Address.....

Tel:

e-mail: Club Area

Car: Reg No.:

2018 Camping Prices

Tent or caravan (inc 2 adults and 1 car) - £21 per night

Motorhome (inc 2 adults) - £18 per night

Small Hiking tent (single occupant) - £9 per night

Extra adults - £2 per night

Extra children - £1 per night

Dogs - £1 per night

Extra cars - £3 per night (First car free per pitch)

Electric hook up - £4 per night

Are you staying in a Tent/Caravan/Motorhome? (please circle)

Camping Friday__ Camping Saturday__

(Please tick for night/s you are staying)

Total per night for camping

£____ - ____ x ____ nights = £____ - ____

Weekend price PER CAR taking part in the run is £10

Grand Total £____ - ____

TSSC Cornwall Weekend Event

2019



FRIDAY 28TH TO SUNDAY 30TH JUNE

PENTIRE COASTAL HOLIDAY PARK

KILKHAMPTON, BUDE



Come and join us on a Triumphant Weekend in North Cornwall

Friday night- meet and mingle

Saturday- Car run though the Cornish lanes, lunch & a BBQ in the evening, bring own food, table etc followed by a quiz too.

Sunday- drive out for a roast dinner.

Standard electric pitch tent/caravan £21 per night

Caravans- hire for 2 nights- 6 berth £200, 8 berth £300

To book your pitch please phone Carol after 6pm on
07979464643 or 01726 824 523



Derwent Valley TSSC

present

The Sea

Keep Calm and Carry On
Over, Under, In and Beside the Sea

The dates for this year's Peak Run Weekend are
27th June to 1st July 2019
with the actual
Peak Run on Sunday 30th June 2019.



Friday Night - a warm welcome at the campsite with a noggin and a natter
Saturday Daytime - Campsite and local area based activities.
Saturday Night - Derwent Valley Party Night at the campsite.
Sunday - The 31st Peak Run - a scenic drive through the breath-taking Derbyshire Peak District which finishes at a Derbyshire attraction.

Camping available from 3pm Thursday 27th June until noon Monday 1st July 2019 at the Peak Gateway Campsite near Ashbourne.

Prices:

The weekend with up to 4 nights camping and entry to the 31st Peak Run - £50.00 per pitch and 1 car
The weekend with 1 nights camping and entry to the 31st Peak Run - £30.00 per pitch and 1 car.
The weekend and entry to the 31st Peak Run (no accommodation) - £20.00 per car.
The Sunday Peak Run only - £10.00 per car

Limited electric hook-up available at an additional £15.00 per night. Must be booked in advance.

Booking forms are available on our website:
www.peakrun.weebly.com

For more information you can:
visit our website: www.peakrun.weebly.com
or check out our Facebook Page 'Derwent Valley TSSC'
or telephone Kim and Pail on 01335 345 784





TSSC Northants Area



are proud to present our...

“TV COPS & ROBBERS” CAMPING WEEKEND



Friday 12th July – Sunday 14th July 2019

**At Top End Farm Campsite,
Colmworth Road, Little Staughton MK44 2BY**

Friday – Welcome, Chat & Chill

Saturday – Run Out, BBQ and Evening Quiz & Games

Sunday – Raffle and Park ‘n’ Pose People’s Choice Awards

Camping from £17 per night

“All in!” or “Just BBQ” food options available.

Fancy Dress Optional—Go on, you know you want to!

**For all booking enquiries please email
nigeljohnhawes@gmail.com**



No classic? No worries. All welcome.





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Leicestershire and Rutland Area

You are cordially invited to the

34th SUNSHINE RALLY

2nd – 4th August 2019

We will be at our VENUE
GREETHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE
Great lane, Greetham, LE15 7NG.

An immaculate community centre with very comfy lounge and full bar. Flat very sheltered pitches (no electric hook ups) less than a 5 minute walk to Greetham village with 2 pub restaurants

Camping Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd with option for additional nights

Friday night

Warm welcome, meet old friends and make new ones.

Have a go at our light hearted quiz. Bar 6-11.

Saturday

Optional planned casual drive around stunning Rutland and Rutland waters. Places of interest to visit inc shopping eat/drink. Launde Abbey coffee stop.

Saturday night

Fun & games, BBQ, quiz, sing-along, raffle and more. Bar 6-11.

Sunday

Coach trip to medieval market town for short treasure hunt and lunch or shopping. Back to site for park & pose car show. Raffle prizes.

2 nights inclusive £35 per pitch.

Extra nights Thursday or Sunday £12. FULL BBQ £6.50

(spuds, burgers, sausages, salad, chilli, cheese, trout etc.)

All profits to be donated to charity.

For more details & booking form contact:

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