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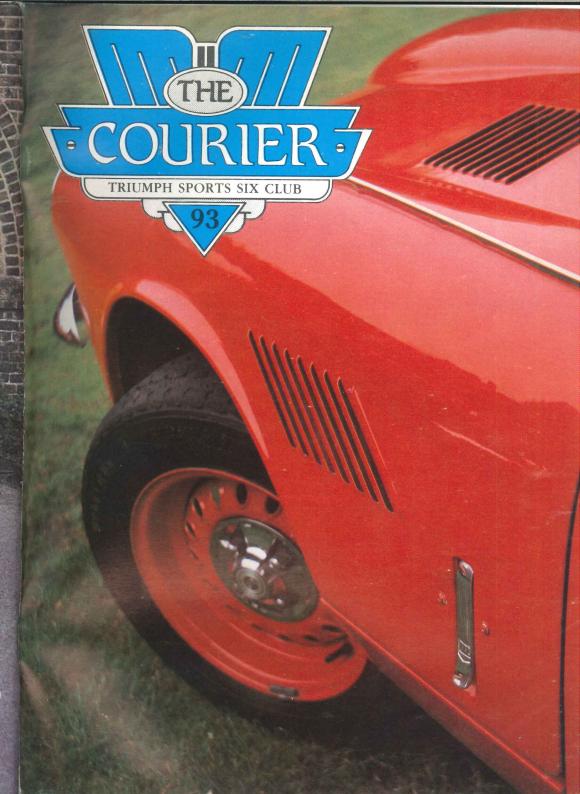




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GT6 MkII taken at Arcen Holland September 1987

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### For a full list of TSSC Officials see page 66

### Bristol here we come

The Triumph Sports Six Club takes its annual trip to the Bristol Classic Car Show, known by many as the official start to the 'events season'. We hope to meet many of you there at this friendly show.

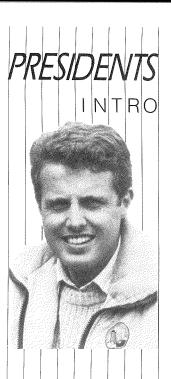
Once again, The Courier has grown in size. In this issue there are no less than 92 pages and the two main reasons for this is firstly, continued support from your good selves and secondly the ever increasing amount of Trade Advertisers who wish to be incorporated in the magazine - these cover every aspect of sales and service to keep our cars going. In addition to this you will also be receiving the new 1988 TSSC Members Handbook which includes the 1988 TSSC Self Help Scheme. This much improved publication has been made possible mainly due to the hard work of Jonty Wild and his lady, Irene Fussell. The service offered has, in the past, been the envy of many car clubs and now, in its present form, should become an invaluable guide for those in trouble, not to mention those of us who wish to know where to locate many parts and services.

Please also find enclosed a Top Traders Form. This questionnaire is fully explained inside but is your way of giving us the information to keep our Trade Suppliers up to the standards required by all.

Once again a comprehensive package, put together by a Club which knows the way forward.

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As some of you will know, my wife, Pam has got her own 32,000 mile GT6 MkIII. Occasionally I'm allowed to drive it! What a pleasure it is.

Each of the Club cars are quite different in their own way, vet undeniably linked by some common 'feel', a common identity which probably is in the chassis, the suspension and ride. The GT6 has always been a good looker, but even more so today during an era of wedges and boxes!

Car and Driver, the American magazine, back in 1967 described the GT6 as faster, smoother and quieter than the TR4. Against the MGB GT, they identified the massive advantage of two more cylinders and a lot more horsepower.

When Road and Track, another American magazine looked at the GT6 Mkl back in 1967, they recognised that the most charming kind of sports car is always the little 'un that really goes. They found that the GT6 did just that, but also in comfort and with reliability.

Yet another American magazine, Sports Car Graphic in March 1969 carried an interesting article on the GT6+. In their summing up, the four testers gave it three thumbs up versus one thumbs down. The thumbs down tester drove a Porsche.

Motor Trend in 1967 had this to say ..... "You're in, and her shoulder rubs yours erotically, but you both know that it's going to be something more than purisi claustrophobia or domestic agoraphobia, something more than grand touring on a small scale. It's class, It's, well, kinetic escape, and it's pizazz for \$3000". Thank goodness for straightforward Practical Classics!

One particular quote from Road and Track back in 1967 sums up the spirit of our cars very nicely:

"When it was introduced in late 1962, the Triumph Spitfire impressed enthusiasts with its performance and ride, as both qualities were superior to those of the competitively priced cars. Many sports car aficionados were exposed to the delights of this type of motoring for the first time and then moved on to more sophisticated and more expensive cars. In today's world where many of us are going back to basics in our life style, the Spitfire serves as a reminder of why we became enthusiasts in the first place and driving one again after a several year interval is a refreshing experience. With present day sports cars becoming increasingly more expensive and the number of true convertible sports cars dwindling, the Spitfire offers an inexpensive alternative capable of delivering ample driving fun. And the GT6, in a different vein, can provide an equal amount of driving pleasure for the sports/GT car buyer. Where else can you get a 6-cylinder 100+mph coupe with a proper chassis, good finish and jazzy looks for \$3000? Nowhere we know of".

### THE CLUB AGREED VALUATION SERVICE

As we mentioned a few months ago, we have installed a computer to record all Club valuations. Whilst in the long run this will keep the paper load down and stop our house turning into a fully fledged office, it will also enable us to provide an even better service to you the members. Once all existing 3,100 valuations are on the computer, we will have a very comprehensive record of Club cars. For example, if you buy a Club car and submit a valuation request to us, we will

know if the car in question has ever been in the Club before. In these instances, we will provide you with a copy of the previous valuation free of charge. Over a number of years, this will provide a wonderful data base and historical record of TSSC cars. Since the Valuation Service started we have processed over 3.000 valuations and continue to receive approx. 6 new ones every day 6 days a week. To process all this work and put the existing 3,100 valuations onto the computer is no small task, as you can imagine and will take many months to complete. It's not the most interesting of jobs either!

But we are committed to complete it as soon as possible as we believe it will be worth it in the long run for the Club and you the members. One day we hope that ALL Club members will have had their car valued and insured through the scheme. This is the only way that the register will be complete.

As there is a lot of work associated with processing the Valuations, we would ask you to make sure your applications are submitted as per the instructions. You may be surprised but nearly 50% of all Valuations received have to be returned to Club members for one of the following reasons:

- No photograph (N.B. required both Valuation Re-Valuation).
- 2. No cheque.
- 3. No membership number.
- 4. Lack of detail (e.g. condition not stated etc.).

Please do ensure that everything is present and correct before sending your certificate to us ..... it will save us both time and

Some of you may recall that

back in November 1987, I suggested that an increase in the cost of Valuations was called for, due to the need for a computer system and sizeable demands on staff time. We had expected to bring that increase in from January 1st but have managed to delay it until now. Please note that Valuations now cost £10 including VAT and Re-Valuations £6 including VAT. Whilst price increases are never welcomed. am pleased that we have managed to keep the price fixed until now since we started this service three years ago. Whilst the increase may seem sizeable, it does reflect the above issues (computer, staff costs, printing

costs, no increase for 3 years etc.) and should enable us to hold the price steady for a further similar period.

Those of you who have had the unfortunate reason to claim, will no doubt feel that your Valuation fee was very well spent. New Valuation and Re-Valuation forms have been printed and are available from the Club Office. All members will receive a copy of the new form with the April Courier. We are also in the process of up dating the free insurance Guide booklet and this will have new adjusted values to reflect price rises over the last two vears. I will let you know when this is available.



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# NEWS REVIFW

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

### Triumph Herald

Remember the Triumph Herald, one of the smart little dream cars

One of the first of them has just been bought by the National Motor Museum at Beaulieu for its permanent collection.

The museum says it is in a very reasonable condition and has done no more than 33.000 miles from new in the hands of one owner, a woman from Woodford London. (Sunday Times - January 1988)

### **Triumph Badges**

Mr Richard Neale of the Austin Atlantic Club has written in with a small number of TRIUMPH SPORTS OWNERS ASSOCIATION BADGES, diecast and chrome plated - if any members would like one the cost is £7.00 and Mr Neale can be contacted on Hartlebury 250227 (Worcs)

### Collectable Art for the **Triumph Collector**

Triumph - a proud marque which has carved an everlasting niche in automotive history and the hearts of British Sports Car fans everywhere! Now, Flashback Racing has at last preserved Triumph's exciting history in a museum-quality plaque of handcast, hand coloured cultured marble called "The History of Triumph Sports Cars, 1953-1981". Destined to become a collector's item, this limited-edition, 24" x 291/2" work of art comes completely matted, framed, numbered and ready for hanging in your office, den or living room. For years, we at Flashback Racing have had a close association with British Sports Cars - particularly Triumphs. It's a relationship that goes beyond mere appreciation, it's a relationship (probably like yours!) based on admiration and a deep respect of what the Triumph margue meant for nearly three decades. As a result, in "The History of Triumph Sports Cars, 1953-1981", you'll find every model faithfully represented with the highest standards of detail and accuracy.

### SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE .....

What's your favorite Triumph? You'll find it in "The History of Triumph Sports Cars, 1953-1981". We've covered the complete Triumph evolution, beginning with the very first TR1 prototype and continuing through the very last Triumph, the TR8. Along the way, you'll see the TR2, TR3, TR3A, TR3B, TR4, TR4A, TR5,

TR250, TR6 and TR7. But don't forget those other great Triumphs! The Spitfire Mk1, Mk2, Mk3, Mk4 and 1500 are part of "The History of Triumph Sports Cars, 1953-1981", as are the GT6 Mk1, Mk2/GT6+, and GT6 Mk3, all shown in standard factory trim. And, in keeping with Triumph's racing heritage, 13 competition cars are featured, including Ken Richardson's famous Jabekke TR2; the TR3S and TRS Le Mans cars; and Bob Tullius's SCCA trans-am TR8.

### A TOTAL PACKAGE .....

"The History of Triumph Sports Cars. 1953-1981" is a welcome addition to any decor. Each sequentially numbered plaque features the one-of-a-kind texture and colouring available only in hand-cast, hand-coloured cultured marble. The plaque itself measures approximately 20" x 143/4", a high-quality brown velour mat and rich walnut frame bring the work's total dimensions to 30" x 243/4". Included with each plaque is a 20" x 16" technical data sheet which provides background information on each car illustrated via a numbered key. The data sheet is a collector's item in itself, printed in dark brown ink on heavy-weight parchment stock. It's suitable for framing - hang it alongside your plaque for a truly professional display! As a bonus each plaque is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity bearing the owner's name and plaque number. This, too, is printed on heavy-weight parchment and is suitable for framing.

A SPECIAL SERVICE FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE .....

At Flashback Racing, we believe Triumph owners/enthusiasts are very

special people. That's why we're offering a way to personalize your copy of "The History of Triumph Sports Cars, 1953-1981". For a limited time, on a firstcome, first served basis, you can custom order - from our limited-edition run of 5.000 plagues - the production number of your choice. This will allow you to match your car's commission number. model number or model year. For example: was your Triumph manufactured in 1961? Plaque number 1,961 is yours - if you order quickly! Further details are included in the ordering instructions.

### JUST THE BEGINNING .....

Since Triumphs are special to us at Flashback Racing, it seemed only natural to showcase the Triumph marque in our first collector plaque. But there's more on the horizon - we're also planning to develop similar plaques depicting other great automotive margues of Europe, creating a collectors series! Prior to the release of subsequent plaques, owners History of Triumph Sports Cars, 16th)? 1953-1981" will be notified. Following notification, we'll hold the new plaque with your corresponding production number for 30 days before releasing it to general sales. Thus as an initial customer, you'll have the oportunity to collect a complete, identically numbered CALLING ALL AREAS series, should you wish to do so.

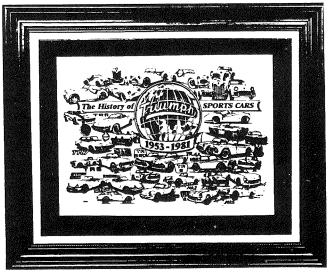
### TO ORDER .....

'If you're a Triumph collector or enthusiast "The History of Triumph Sports Cars, 1953-1981" is for you. They're bound to sell briskly and will no doubt appreciate in value - order yours before they're all gone! For more detail and costs send to: FLASHBACK RACING 116 WOODS MILL ROAD

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### LE MANS - NORTH LONDON AREA

Yes, 1988 is the year to head for 'The Circuit'!. For my sins, the of our initial limited-edition run of "the North London Area is putting together a package - Le Mans (June

> What you have to do is make your interest known to me and if you have been before, write and let me know your route, toll charges, how much you spent etc. All information will be gratefully received

Peter Gould, 18 Strafford Gate Potters Bar Herts EN6 1PN

### Tel: 0707-53136

Now's your chance to boost your Area funds. Organising the Triumph Sports Six Club International Weekend on the 9th and 10th July 1988 is now in full swing (see elsewhere in this Courier). Local Areas are invited to provide members with extra attractions in the form of slide shows. These might include things like 'Feel The Part', 'Timed Brake Pad Change Competition', 'Slot or Radio Control Car Test/Racing', or even 'Milk The Cow' - those at Arcen '86 will know what this is. No doubt you'd like to provide a suitable prize but all proceeds will go direct to YOUR Area funds. What better opportunity for subsidising some future local event etc.?

Whatever you'd like to do, please contact Peter Williams (address on inside Courier cover) as soon as possible. Hope to see you there.

### Win a Herald for restoration or Herald-AID! John Schofield - 86/13225

"There is no way all these cars are going with us!" - so quoth 'She In the last three months of 1987 i have Who Must Be Obeyed' and I was forced to agree. Moving house been looking into remaking front is the perfect time to clear away some of those parts which "will valances for the above cars. I have found come in handy one day" and, in this case, a whole car whose a company that will remanufacture them restoration had been taking third place. Break it? ..... Never! Sell but need 200 orders to make the project it? ..... A member of the family! "Then give it away!", said viable, at present I have 50 orders. If you S.W.M.B.O. So just before Christmas I had a chat with my local are intrested contact me £20.00 depoist Oxfam Area Office and the 'Great Herald Draw' was born. Now you required. Bob Rowland 22 Glenwood can win 'Douglas', a partially restored Herald for yourself.

She is a 1965 Herald 12/50, mechanically sound and driveable.

The engine is in good condition having been overhauled a couple of thousand miles back and the gearbox and drivetrain is all sound and serviced. The main chassis is very solid though the outriggers are going in the usual places. The body too suffers the usual Herald 'Tin Worm' infestation. On the plus side, it comes complete with two refurbished and primed doors (for which I've been offered £100 alone!) and some brand new chromework - all original Stanpart - as well as a complete set of Cunifer brake pipes and some odds and ends.

cheques/POs etc., made payable to 'OXFAM HERALD DRAW' to: Oxfam Herald Draw, 32 Well Road. Maidstone ME14 1XL. £1.00 buys you one number. Buy as many numbers as you can but they are limited to not more than 1,000 per household.

is earmarked for vehicle Denise Comer on the 14th maintenance in the famine areas of Ethiopia, (a nice touch I hope you'll all who know them.

agree), which means for every £1.00 sent in, £1.00 will be spent in Africa, all outside administration costs being met from general funds. To keep these costs down, please enclose a stamped addressed envelope if you require a formal receipt.

With the fund-raising for the British Heart Foundation recently, TSSC members have shown how generous they can be. I hope you can support this one too. If you don't want to win the Herald but still wish to support the Vehicle Maintenance work, then donations can be sent to the same address. To enter the draw, send your The winner will be drawn by Peter Simpson of 'Practical Classics' fame at the end of this month in Rochester. The winner will be notified by post and the result will be published in The Courier.

### Wedding Bells

Ivan Kirk Swindon AO Blue GT6 The money raised by this draw MkIII webered was married to February 1988. Best wishes from

### RECRUITMENT DRIVE

Jonty Wild

I am afraid that I have several apologies to make. The main Recruitment prizes were delayed, the December monthly prize was delayed and no report appeared in the last Courier. To anyone affected, I do apologise. My excuse is quite a good one (I think); I have been so inundated with Self Help Forms that trying to prepare the Scheme for publication has taken virtually all my spare time (and a lot of my

Anyway, to catch up, the monthly winner for January was: Ian Wheater - 83/5210. And the prize is a portable black and white television.

As I didn't advertise what the prize would be for February, I've decided that it will also be a black and white television and the winner of this is: Peter Read - 86/13419.

This months prize is a 111 piece socket/tool set from the current Club Tool Offers (you remember the colour offer you received some time ago). The RRP of this kit is £103.50 and is offered by the Club for £59.95. This months winner is: Marion Firman - 86/15758.

Watch out for the new Recruitment Drive starting in the April Courier. Keep up the good work. More windscreen leaflets will be in the next Courier or will be available from me and if you have any ideas or suggestions for prizes or ways of improving the forthcoming Recruitment Drive, do drop

# THAMES ARFA

PRESENTS

# South of England Meet 1988

After a years break, we're back with a vengeance at,

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# This is the South of England's biggest meet MISS IT IF YOU DARE!!!

FURTHER DETAILS FROM MIKE CREWES, 24 OTTERBURN GARDENS, ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX TW7 5, LI

The COURIER

If you have any event news it must be sent to Jonty Wild for future publication in The Courier

Before drawing your attention to the forthcoming events, I would like to ask that all Area Organisers and all Event Organisers make sure that they have a copy of the Triumph Sports Six Club Events Booklet, which was issued last year. It is full of guidance, help and advice on running all kinds of Club events. New Area Organisers should have received a copy from the previous Organiser, but of course, this may not have happened or copies may have got lost, so please contact me and I will send you and copy.

Jonty Wild, 13 Common Rise, Hitchin, Herts SG4 OHN - 0462-56315

There are only four forthcoming events which require mentioning, two are repeats of last months Courier. The new ones are:-

THE 2ND SPORTS & KIT CAR SHOW: this takes Normal Price place on the 12th and 13th of March at Bingley Hall, Adults £5.00 Stafford Show Ground and for further information Children (5-14 yrs) £2.00 contact Alan Mosedale on 0782-394301.

AND

THE COLLECTORS CAR SPECTACULAR: taking place on the 9th and 10th of April, at the same venue and with the same contact.

The events listed last month which need mentioning again are the two forthcoming major indoor shows. THE 9TH BRISTOL CLASSIC CAR SHOW, which takes place on Saturday and Sunday 19th and 20th March at the Bristol Exhibition Centre. Cheap entry tickets are as follows:-

Adults	Normal Price £3.50	Special Price £2.50
Childrens		
(5-14 yrs)	£2.00	£1.00 (with adult only)
O.A.P.s	£2.00	£1.00

Send your cheques/Postal Orders made payable to TSSC Events, together with a stamped, addressed envelope (preferable first class) and with details of your order to: Jonty Wild, 13 Common Rise, Hitchin, Herts SG4 0HN, as soon as possible. Your order MUST reach me by 29th February.

The other is the brand new indoor event called THE LONDON INTERNATIONAL CLASSIC CAR SHOW and this takes place in Alexandra Palace on the Saturday and Sunday 9th and 10th April. The special price tickets details are as follows:-

Special Price £3.00 £1.25 (with adult only) O.A.P.s £2.00 £1.25 Children (under 5) FREE

Send your cheques/Postal Orders, made payable to TSSC Events, together with a stamped addressed envelope (preferable first class) and with details of your order to me, Jonty Wild, as soon as possible. Your order MUST reach me by 18th March - ORDER EARLY.

### **AGM 1988**

May I remind members that admission to the AGM will be strictly by current individual membership cards only.

Disappointingly, very few members have confirmed their attendance as requested in both January's and February's Couriers. We can only hope that the numbers confirmed are correct.

Peter Williams - General Secretary

# THE TRIUMPH SPORTS SIX CLUB INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND 1988

East of England Showground, Peterborough

9th & 10th July, 1988 (plus the evening of Friday 8th)

More details will follow in future Couriers but put this event in your diaries NOW - IT MUST NOT BE MISSED!

This Event will be:-

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North Yorkshire Triumph weekend

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area.
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Date: Friday 27 May to Monday 30 May 1988 inclusive.

Events: Friday evening: pub meeting at The Royal public house (bottom of Runswick Bay bank).

Saturday 11 am: leave for convoy run and pub lunch. Route details will be given on the day.

Saturday evening: beach barbecue - sand castle competition.

Sunday II am: informal concours on the campsite.

 $Monday\ 11\ am; trip\ to\ Whitby\ for\ lunch\ etc.$ 

Campsite details:

Venue:

The campsite is well organised with metalled roads. We have been asked to give numbers in advance so please could you forward details along with £1.50p registration fee (to cover trophies, administration) to: Kathy Sleightholme, 12 Strait Lane, Stainton, Middlesbrough Cleveland TS8 9BB.

If further details are required contact David Ferguson (0642) 700107 (office hours)

Phone number.

### Clues

### **ACROSS**

2 & 10 MkII Vitesse made its first appearance here in 1968 (5,5). 6., 9. & 12. Recovery service organised by 4, 24 & 27 Jonty Wild (4,4,6) See 6 Across See 2 Across. See 6. Across. 13. Cog (4). Gear change effected with worn synchromesh (5). 15 Austin Rover Triumph (1,1). See 30 Across Car found in Wild West (6) 26. & 15. 20.,21. & 33. Vitesse 1600 featured in this BBC seriel (3,2,3) See 20 Across Dawn Storton's prize-winning 22. Vitesse - see 20. Across (7). 23. Area Liaison Officer (1.). 25 Suspension joint (4). The forty that lubricates and pro-26. tects (1,1). 27. Vitesse 2-litre instrumentation (6).

Compiled by Kevin Bloor - Stoke on Trent ANSWERS TO

North Midlands - 15 venue (5.6)

JANUARYS CROSSWORD:

Eccentric fool (5).

See 20. Across.

30 & 17

### **DOWN**

Avon Area Organiser (1,1)

3. Annual Spitfire event in Holland (5).
27 One-time owner of Triumph company (3,4,5)
5 'Speciallity' courageous (7)
7. See 9. Down
8. Important sensory tool? (6,5).
7. National Concours '85 location (4,5).
11. Rear spring arrangement on our cars (10).
14. Important angle in front suspension geometry (6).
16. Cover up? (7).
18. Heads bend to do this when overheated (4).
24. See 4. Down.

15. This suspension definitely brings you good luck! (4,4)
27. See 4. Down.
28. Automotive component used for torture? (4).

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CROSSWORD WINNERS — DECEMBER Mr H. A. Lockwood - Kings Lyne
— JANUARY Mr Pat Burns - Northern Ireland

Both months we had record entries and most people with correct entries both winners were picked from a hat.

# MPETITION NEWS

Tony Lindsey-Dean

After some negotiations with Terry Hurrel of TRIUMPH TUNE, I am delighted to announced that Terry has agreed to support the Race Championship. There will be small, cash prizes at each round and a trophy for the overall winner. There will also be class awards to be won. The classes break down into two groups, dependent on the number of cylinders and whether the engine is modified or not, i.e. (A) Standard & Modified - 4-cylinder and (B) Standard & Modified - 6-cylinder.

This, in theory, gives four classes but as yet there are no confirmed entries for the standard 6-cylinder class. Because of the difficulty in accessing internaal modifications of engines, I have adopted the ruling that a standard engine will have to have the original carburettors and exhaust manifold. Changing make of carbs is OK providing they are the same size, e.g. 11/2" SU replacing 11/2" Stromberg. Internal mods are free. Any engine with freeflow exhaust manifold will be deemed as modified. Use of modified springs/shockers and wider wheels will be allowed in standard classes. Tyres this year must conform to Blue Book roadgoing types only.

All cars must carry a 1.5kg fire extinguisher, plumbed-in systems are not mandatory. All cars must have roll-bars. Front roll-cages are not mandatory for Spitfires but I would strongly recommend that one is fitted. The regulations are otherwise the same as for sprinting.

The points scoring will be winner 5, 2nd. 4, 3rd. 3, 4th. 2, 5th. 1, +

Plus 1 point for fastest lap or equalling fastest lap

Plus 1 point for all grid starters

The scores will be the best eight rounds to count. The overall winner to receive TRIUMPH TUNE TROPHY + £200.00 cash

Each of the Class winners ..... Small Trophy + £100.00 cash (minimum 3 per class)

The TRIUMPH TUNE TROPHY will be a pertetual award. The winner will be given a replica to keep after 10 months. There will be further awards for the best novice driver.

Small cash prizes will be made at each of the ten rounds: 1st

in each class - £20.00. 2nd in each class - £10.00 (minimum 3 per class).

May I take this opportunity to thank Terry for his very generous support. Terry has also agreed

to give special discounts to registered contenders requiring parts.

I have recently taken over the organisation of the racing for the TR Drivers Club and, as a result, we may have a further race to ourselves. If this can be arranged, I will drop one of the rounds where we would race with 750MG road sports. All registered contenders will be notified. I am also keen for members of the TR Drivers Club to race with us on three or four occasions when events coincide. This would make a historic event, for as far as I know, there has never been a full racing grid of all Triumph sports cars. This could happen at the Mallory event on 22nd May and should be well worth watching. If a number of joint races can be arranged, Kingston



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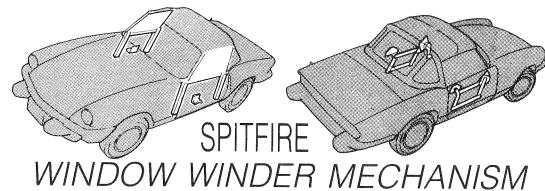
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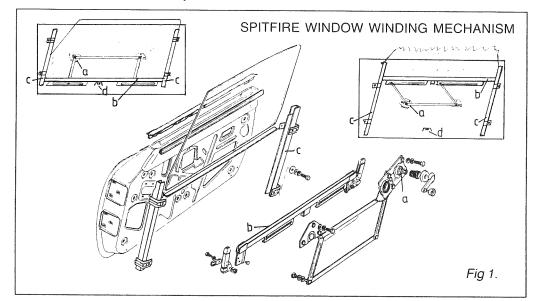
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Many a Spitfire is driving around with loose and rattly side windows because the owner doesn't know how to rectify it. Admittedly, when you first remove the side panels you can't see a lot and what you see seems terribly complicated. There is really not a lot which can go wrong with the mechanism and I will try to describe it here.



Look at Fig. 1. When you turn the handle (a), the bar which actually holds the glass (b) gets pushed up in the two guides (c). It stops at the top because the guide rails get smaller and at the bottom there is a small bracket fixed to the door (d).

The bar holding the glass slides in the guides with the help Now let's consider what can go of two plastic pieces which also wrong.

act as stops, preventing the window from being taken out (Fig. 2). Now look at Fig 2. The winder mechanism is fastened to this bar with two clips (e) and the sliding action here is made easier with the two leather washers (f).

If the whole window tips, it is normally one of the fasteners at Fig. 2 (g) which has come undone or is broken. If the window is floppy sideways, it is mostly the plastic pieces at Fig. 2 which are worn and allow the window to move. If the whole thing is just generally stiff, the guide rails are probably rusty and don't let the plastic pieces glide smoothly.

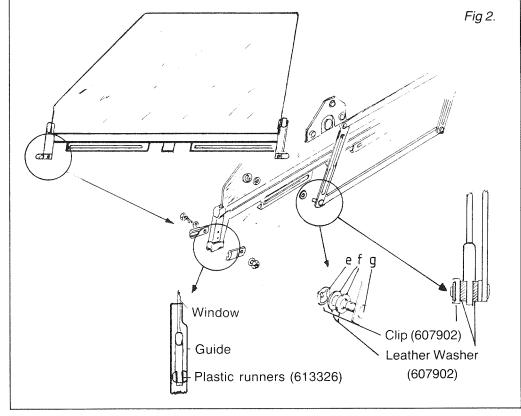
Also the arms of the winder mechanism can get bent by people using force. The guide rails are also adjustable, which might just get rid of a tight spot.

To remove the window, first wind the window down. Undo the plastic guides (Fig. 2) one the guides with the help of a

fasteners can't be bought the clips. separately.

The side guides can now be removed by undoing the bolts (two per side). This is only necessary if the guides are rusty. If this is the case, clean out

Back to the winder mechanism: you should now be in a position to see exactly what was amiss. Refitting is easier if you don't tighten the guide bolts until last. This way you can adjust until running is at its



bolt per side. You can now see if these are worn. They should be rounded as in Fig. 2. Next undo the two spring clips (e) in Fig. 2. Take off the washers. Now pull the window out from the top. If you want to take out the winder mechanism, undo the six bolts and pull it out.

The fasteners should be fixed as in Fig. 2 (g). If one should be missing, you will have to get someone to make a new one on a small lathe or get hold of a new mechanism. The abent piece of metal to pull up

rotating wire brush on an elec tric drill. When they are clean, grease the part where the plastic guides run.

You might now take the opportunity to renew the side rubbers (or weather strips to give them their correct name). I have found when fitting the outer strip it is better to use a long piece of wood or metal to push the clips upwards from inside the door. The inner strips I found easier from the top with

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# THE TALE OF THREE SPITFIRES

By Christopher Shortand Samantha Blake - Flitwick, Beds

Since going out with each other for nearly two years, my girlfriend and I have acquired a family of Spitfires.

It all began in June 1986. With nothing better to spend my hard earned cash on, I thought it was high time I started an interesting spare time hobby. Having already had a years experience working as a mechanic. I had a great interest in cars (preferably of the 'sporty type'). I mentioned this to my girlfriend's mother who, after only a day or so, came up with a friend's son wanting to sell his car. This, she informed us, was a 'Sprite'! Not knowing an awful lot about these things, at the time, we excitedly went to investigate. It turned out that the car was a 1971 MkIV Spitfire in white and rust and after two seconds of no thought at all and an exhilerating 'spin' up the road - the deal was done. £350 later and a huge Cheshire cat grin all over my face. I took the car home - upon which nobody believed it was mine.

Summer months followed and the car proved to be extremely reliable, travelling as far afield as two trips to Weymouth and one to Brighton.

Sadly Autumn was approaching and I had to admit to myself that it was high time this car had a complete overhaul. Firstly (to cut a long story short) new body panels were fitted where needed (virtually everywhere) and the body was subsequently removed from it's chassis. The chassis was completely stripped and painted and new suspension parts were fitted. along with up-rated springs, shox and anti-roll bars. The underside of the body was also painted and a copper brake pipe set completed the picture. Months later the body was re-fitted and rubbed down prior to spraying. Meanwhile, I decided that a new bonnet was essential and so I took an advert in a local paper requesting cheap Spitfires. This resulted in my buying two Spitfires in one week



(beat that!) one for myself and one for Samantha. So began restoration number two.

Week nights were spent in the 'great outdoors' under a tarpaulin tent!!! Sam's 1500 Spitfire was given a three month cosmetic face-lift, this included several new panels, re-spray and a complete re-trim throughout - all for just £1,200 (including the car) ..... can't be bad!!

The second Spitfire of the week (our third baby) was the 'donor' car for the bonnet, Wolfrace wheels and a new, white hood (for Sam's car). My old bonnet was fitted to this car and I dumped it on my driveway (until a later date). A few panels had to be replaced on the 'new' bonnet and it was fitted to my car, to be re-sprayed Brilliant White.



On it's return home, I fitted a re-built 1300 engine with Stage 3 head, fast road camshaft, twin weber carbs, plus various other new parts - too numerous to mention. That really brings us up to date on HYR 306K, but Sam's car, HPW 861N, is still going strong - despite the cold weather - and has just received a hard top. Sadly TFM 639K will probably be sold by the time this goes to print but our love for Triumph Spitfires still grows stronger every day and if we had our own way, we'd be owning far more than three by now. If anyone reading this knows of, or has ever owned one of these cars, we'd be glad to hear from you.

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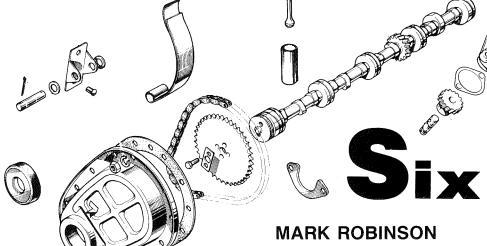
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# The Purrfect



I hope I didn't frighten too many people with last months article

PART FIVE: TIME IN YOUR HANDS

on cylinder heads but if you can find yourself a decent machine shop, they should be able to sort the major headaches out for you.

stages of this engine build; this is driven off the cam. firstly cam. fitting. Before fitting the cam., check it out for wear: shiny high spots and scoring on the cam, lobes and bearing faces will show up visually at this stage and it is as well to look for damage to the distributor drive gear at the same time. We fitted a new cam using the exchange scheme most spares dealers require.

With plenty of oil on the bearing surfaces, slide the cam home and please don't rattle it about too much - we don't want to put burrs on it do we? Next. fit the cam keeper plate and check the end float of the cam. If you have excessive end float, it could ultimately effect the

So here we go with the final ignition timing, as you know see that they turn and move

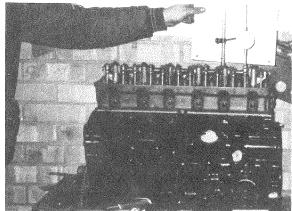
This done, you can now refit vour head studs and clean off the face of the block. With your oil can armed and ready, squirt oil all over the bore and don't be frightened, the oil will help prevent rust whilst the engine is standing. Fit the head gasket and check for the last time in the bores, as we don't want to leave anything in there before we fit the head. Lower the head slowly and carefully into place and with oil on the threads, fit the head nuts and tighten down in the sequence shown in the manual. Of course, to the right torque pressures. Don't forget to first fit the tappets; these should be fitted with again plenty of oil and also check to

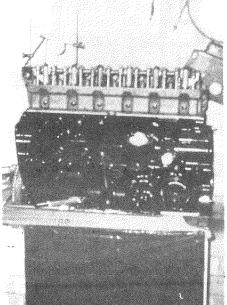
freely. We, yet again, fitted new tappets (also known as cam followers) being careful to check for damage. Just because they are new, it does not automatically follow that they are perfect - you should always check the new items just as carefully as the old

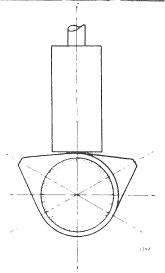
Before we fit the pushrods. check that they are not bent. this is easily done by rolling the rods on a flat surface, any irregularities are easily seen. Then check the ball and cups for wear. Using new rods (the case hardening was shot on our old ones) fit these again with plenty of oil, making sure they seat properly in the tappets. With the adjuster on the rocker arm backed off fully to avoid bending the push rods, lower the rocker shaft assembly down the studs. Fit the washers and nuts and tighten down. Tighten each nut an equal amount at a time until they are fully home, this avoids bending the shaft. Whilst you are doing this, check that the rods are located on the adjusters as well (I sometimes wonder if having two hands is enough as you invariably need three!).

Now the fun begins - cam timing. Because we fitted new sprockets and chain, we had to start from scratch but if you are using the old timing gear, it's quite easy to re-assemble using the scored timing mark and your manual, so I won't explain this. First thing because they were new gears, we had to align them, which can easily be done with shims and a straight edge but for some reason our gear was longer than standard so I machined off the right amount to align the gears, being careful to use a mandrel to keep the gear bore square to the rear face and thus, do away with the shims which I don't like anyway. As I said, alignment is usually checked with a straight edge across the two gears but I used a depth micrometer and measured from the gears to the front engine bearer plate. With the camshaft and crankshaft end-floats taken into account, I worked out how much to remove from the crank gear. This took a long time and a lot of headscratching to work out, so I suggest you stick to the straight edge and shims method. Gears aligned, we can now proceed with the cam timing.

Turn the camshaft and usually it's easier to fit the gear temporarily to do this. When No. 12 push-rod has reached its highest point, I established this using a clock, adjusting No. 1 rocker to .0+0" clearance. Then with No. 11 at this highest point, adjust No. 2 rocker clearance to .040". Then turn the camshaft until No. 1 and No. 2 valves are rocking, that is when one is about to open and the other is about to close. This time I used two clocks (PICTURE 2), then turned the engine to top dead centre with No. 1 and 6 pistons

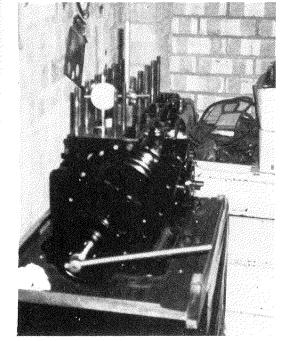






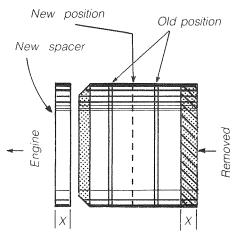
Position of cams at point of balance





at top. I cheated and did this earlier with the head off (PICTURE 3), making sure that the timing marks on the pulley align with the pointer at T.D.C. (PICTURE 4). Now remove the camshaft gear being careful not to disturb the cam. itself. Fit the timing chain (yes, new!) and then offer the gear up to the camshaft. After lining up the gear, making sure you have the slack side of the chain on the same side as the chain tensioner will be, secure the gear. Then, to check the timing, the rocker clearance should not have altered. Finally, adjust the remaining rockers to their correct clearances.

With the engine back at top dead centre, the rocker clearance on Nos. 1 and 2 should still be .040" and that means your timing is correct. Remember to only turn the engine in that direction of rotation. Then adjust the rocker clearance to standard and check over again. After fitting a new timing chain cover seal and chain tensioner, refit the cover using a piece of wire wrapped around the tensioner to pull it back - this enables you to slide the tensioner over the chain. Don't forget the gasket or the oil thrower, which fits on the crank with its dished side towards the oil seal. In our case the seal track was badly worn, so I thought to turn it around but someone had beaten me to it, so I had an oil seal spacer with two worn tracks. I decided to machine off enough material to



Dimension X the same



move the seal spacer away from the engine, which moves the seal position in between the two worn tracks. Next I made up an extension piece spacer of my own, so I did not alter the overall length which would mess up the pulley position. The seal spacer is hardened, so it is easier to make up a seal extension spacer which does not need hardening than a complete new seal spacer.

The next thing to deal with is the distributor. Firstly, the drive gear end-float. Determining the amount of packing under the pedestal as shown in the manual, which I thought was was not too accurate, I decided to use a depth micrometer instead. I measured first from the flange of the pedestal to the end of the pedestal. Then from the block surface where the pedestal mounts, down to the drive gear, which I made sure was properly located, in mesh with the cam and locked onto the oil pump. With these two figures, it was easy to calculate the amount needed in packing under the pedestal. I did try the manual's method several times but never really got two answers the same and also the example of dimensions in my manual is hog-wash - I think there must have been a printing error. So, don't take for granted that what you read is true, keep your wits about you (this includes me) - doing it is one thing, getting it down on paper is another!

Now to time the drive gear and distributor. The engine with No. 1 piston at the top of its compression stroke. Fit the drive gear into position so that the offset distributor drive is at the top and if you imagine the hands of a clock set at one o'clock, the off-set drive is the small hand. The tooth of the drive gear is under the small hand and is engaged in the cam. gear and just to the right (SEE PICTURE FIG. 63). When you are sure of this position, fit the distributor pedestal. Please don't forget when you lower the drive gear into the bush, it needs to locate in the oil pump as well, also it will turn as it meshes with the cam. gear. A bit of a juggling act but not too bad. Fit the clamp plate to the pedestal and set the points, making sure that the vernier adjuster is at its midposition. Lower the distributor making sure the driving dogs engage. Turning the

engine in the direction

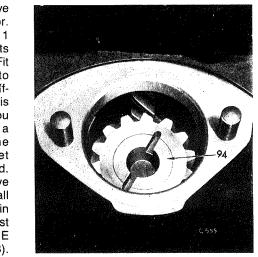


Fig 63. Position of slot in distributor drive gear with No. 1 piston at T.D.C. on compression stroke

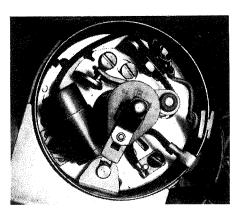


Fig 66. Distributor rotor arm position at T.D.C. use a timing light and firing on No. 1 cylinder

of rotation until it reaches 13 degrees before T.D.C., firing on No. 1 with the mark showing on the crankshaft pulley. Now the rotor arm should be fitted as shown (FIG 66), using a 'test lamp' to tell you when the points are opening and closing. The rest is simple: turn the body of the distributor until the points are just opening. then clamp up the distributor body. Turn the engine over (remember rotation) until No. 6 cylinder fires and the lamp goes out. At this point the crank pulley marker should reading 13° B.T.D.C. continue turning until No. 1 fires with the points open and the pulley marker should again be at 13° B.T.D.C. The distributor is now timed and you can also now fit your distributor cap. Obviously the timing figure will change from model to model, but the principle will be the same. This method is static timing and I shall dwell meter when the

on. Alternatively you could try better) and that worn carbs. one of those home-tune guys to waste fuel/money, not to do it for you and he could set mention that all your previous up your carbs with a C.O. meter work will be wasted with duff at the same time.

that's left to refit are the all you have to do now is plonk ancillaries (water/fuel pumps, manifolds etc.) but I'm sure you fire it up. Providing you have don't need me to tell you how to handle this. I would be interested in hearing from anyone who could explain the but I've seen it done during the mysteries of carburettor overhauling and setting up (we only use injection at work). We burst into life ..... Ahhh! what a had our carb completely sweet feeling! On finishing. overhauled by a professional hope I haven't frightened or carb centre for around fifty misled anybody with wrong pounds. this machining the faces, fitting new spindles, bushes, needles etc. Expensive? Not if you consider that the finished carb. was as good as the new one we

engine is running to get it spot- managed to acquire (if not remember - take it easy. carbs., then I consider this Well, that's about it and all option worth every penny. So, everything back in the car and everything set right, you should have no problems. Don't forget to fill up with oil! Sounds silly excitement of wanting to see and hear all your hard work included information but, as I said before, doing it is one thing writing and getting it right is another. In general though I hope I've been some help, so happy engine building and

MARK

Footnote: Well, with Mark's contribution over the next job is to prepare the engine bay to receive his hard work. More on this at a later date ..... Working on these cars must be infectious as Mark is now the proud owner of a GT6 MkII himself (DFX powered maybe?! - time will tell). Anyway, thanks Mark for clueing us in on some of the behind the scenes side of engine building, and some of the tricks of the trade.

BEGGING LETTER: I am at present trying to build up a new bonnet for the MkII GT6 and, of course, am finding it impossible to locate any wings (due to the side louvres). Can anyone help? A phone call would be greatfly appreciated (0604) 767965 cheers! - Bernard.

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Whilst working through the International Vehicle Register Forms, it occured to me that some information on the numbering system used by Bonds on the Equipes might be of interest to newer members.

Your Equipe should have a plate fitted to the left hand side of the bulkhead (just above the bonnet catch), which displays two sets of figures (see picture).

The first alpha/numeric sequence starts with a 'B' - for Bond - clever eh! This is followed by two more letters denoting the source of the engine fitted, e.g. FC/FD for Spitfire and HC for Vitesse; the following numerals being the original engine number.



If this does not match your engine, you haven't got the original one - just like me! The second sequence is more interesting. From these you can tell the date of manufacture, the car number and from that, the model type. The first letter is the year identification, which as far as we are concerned, starts at 'O' for 1963 through to 'V' for 1970. The first numbers, 1 to 12, represent the month of production. The second set of numbers are the Bond car number, starting at 101 for the first 2+2 and finishing at 5431 for the final 2-litre. There are some gaps in this sequence to tie up with the total production of 4480 vehicles.

Now, wasn't that interesting!? Seriously, please supply the Bond number on your I.V.R.s as this is more useful to me in compiling a record system.

I have had a number of owners contact me regarding spares and I am starting a list of parts available or wanted. If you have any information/requirements, please get in touch - you might be lucky! Badges appear to be in demand and I am looking into the reproduction of these. Please let me know if you are interested, as numbers may influence price.

Now some advance notice of a date for your diaries: the Bond Weekend (The Friendly One!) is being held again this year on 11th/12th June. So come on you Equipe owners, get them out and show them off!! You don't need a concours car, as long as it will get you there, it's good enough. Let's celebrate the Equipe's twenty-fifth anniversary in style.

Incidentally, despite the rumours, the person featured with the 2 + 2s in the photograph at the head of the February Register News was not me - I don't have that much hair!



**Dennis Graves** 



# Have you ever thought of building a kit car?

Then you will be well aware of the vast choice available. There are some 50 manufacturers producing in the region of 90 different kits. It is now possible to have parked in your driveway anything from a small, inexpensive kit to build, say a 1930's replica, to a copy of a Lamborghini Countach which is certainly not small and is definitely expensive. Having said all this, the choice of kits available for our cars is slightly more restricted and a lot less exotic.

Before you hand over your hard-earned cash to a manufacturer, you must decide two things: firstly if you will be using a plywood, aluminium or fibreglass (GRP) body and secondly, if the car will be of classic or modern styling.

A kit with GRP structure is, in theory, easier to build than one where marine ply and thin gauge aluminium have to be used to construct the body. As most GRP bodies come in a gelcoat colour of your choice, great care must be taken to avoid damaging the external surface. A face-mask must be worn when working with GRP and accuracy is of the utmost importance when cutting any openings. Remember the old engineering adage: "Measure twice, cut once". The advantage of using marine ply and aluminium is its relative cheapness. If a panel is incorrectly cut or damaged, just remove it, throw it away and start again. The penalty you pay is in build time and in some cases, style. There is no doubt that constructing a kit of this nature takes a long time and build times of up to two years are not uncommon with kits produced from a set of plans - so beware!

Styling is a matter of individual choice and really what you choose is up to you. However, I would suggest some consideration is given to practicality. An open-top car that does not have wet weather gear is not very useful during our wet and miserable winters. Of course, if you live in Southern California or somewhere similar, this will not be a problem (I should be so lucky!). Now on to the kits that are available.

I recently contacted all manufacturers known to produce kits for which 'our cars' would make suitable donors (please note that in many cases the Spitfire chassis is too short, so a replacement will have to be found. This is not really a problem and the manufacturer will be glad to advise you). Those that replied I have listed below, with a few comments. Those that didn't, well you will just have to form your own opinions. I will say, however, that SPARTAN and AUTO FORGE AUTOMOBILES are missing because they no longer produce a Triumph option and BURLINGTON MOTOR COMPANY, suppliers of the Baretta and Arrow, recently had a fire and their whereabouts at the moment are a bit vague.

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RMB produce the Gentry, a traditional roadster based on, probably, the most popular MG of all times. Similar to the Dorian in construction, the Gentry has been in production for twelve years. The kit can be purchased at various stages of build and I would estimate an on the road price to be in the region of £3000. A truly traditional shape and probably the type of car that most people associate with the 'classic' British sports car.

### STANTONBURY DESIGN SERVICES - 35 OAKFIELD ROAD, FROME, SOMERSET BA11 4JE. TEL: (0373) 72425

The only company that produce plans, as opposed to a kit, to reply to my request for information were Stantonbury. Their vehicle, when built, is known as the TT Prototype Replica. Plans cost £9.50 and a completed car could be on the road for well under £1000. As with any vehicle of this nature, what you make of it is up to you. Money can be spent heavily or not - the choice is yours. (see picture start of report)

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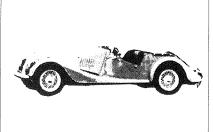
CSA produce the Mamba Phoenix (formerly the Moss Mamba), a sixties-style, two-seater sports car. A hardtop is available as an optional extra, as is the choice of finish. either grey primer or gelcoat self-colour. CSA estimate the total build cost being between £2750 and £3000.

In addition to the Mamba Phoenix, they deal with the Moss Malvern/Roadster kits and stock over £50,000 of Triumph spares. Most important of all, they will give a 10% discount to all Club members.



### DORIAN MOTORS LTD. - WATTONS LANE, SOUTHAM, WARWICKSHIRE CV33 0XX. TEL: (092681) 7372

If you have ever fancied a Morgan replica, the Dorian SS is the car to go for. The kit is constructed from plywood and aluminium (body tub) and fibreglass (wings). The tub is supplied ready-constructed and the cost of a good quality paint job has to be allowed for in your final calculation. However, you should be able to build a nice example for about £2500. One point to remember is that the Dorian SS is available with a 2+2 option, which will give you a bit of extra room in the back. A 5% discount is offered to all Club members.



### MARLIN ENGINEERING - UNIT 5, HAXTER CLOSE, BELLIVER INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, PLYMOUTH PL6 7DD. TEL: (0752) 781302

Marlin produce the Roadster and Berlinetta (2 + 2) but, unfortunatley, neither are wholly Triumphbased. The Berlinetta using the Cortina III, IV or V as a donor and the Roadster is now based around the Marina. However, it will accept Triumph 4 or 6-cylinder engines. They are both really out of the scope of this article but I included the Roadster purely because of the engine options. Build costs are difficult to define precisely because of the long list of options but I would estimate £2500 for the Roadster and £3500 for the Berlinetta.

### MOSS CARS (BATH) LTD. - UNIT 43, HAYDON INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, RADSTOCK, BATH BA3 3RD. TEL: (0225) 331509 or (0761) 36862.

Moss cars have three kits in their range: Malvern, Roadster and Monaco. All three are supplied in gelcoat finish and all three are well established kits with sales in large numbers proving their popularity.

From a cost point of view, the cheapest to get on the road must be the Monaco. The basic kit costs £795 and the very nature of the vehicle demands the finish to be as spartan as possible. I would suggest £1400 should see you mobile.





The Malvern is a 2+2 version of the Roadster and kit prices are £1295 and £1195 respectively. Another £1000 to £1500 should see you on the road with a nice example of one of these cars.

All of these kits have their good and bad points and you should always DRIVE BEFORE YOU BUY. It is a good idea to contact the relevant Owners Club and talk to people who have built or are building an example of the car that you would like. Gather as much information as you can and remember, build times are not as quick as you would like to think.

Building a kit can be great fun and I seem to remember my two years in the garage being reasonably divided between periods of great elation and spanner throwing frustration. Good luck and don't say I didn't warn you!



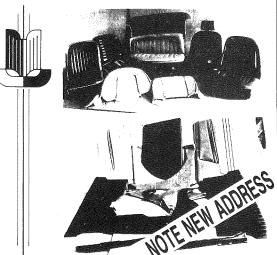
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The fan belt fitted to the engine is longer, the Unipart number is GFB 11026. The GK engine is also found, under a different prefix in Toledos and 1300cc Dolomites. If an alternator is fitted, the fan belt will not be the same as on dynamo cars.

The existance of the GK engined 13/60s is not acknowledged in many Leyland Parts Manuals and microfiches or in catalogues in High Street stores, so be prepared for a few arguments with "they never made them, sir" storepersons! (see also 13/60 Turning Circle p. 32 for information on other differences between 'early' and 'late' 13/60s).



TABLE 1 **GE AND GK PREFIXED 13/60 ENGINES** 

	PART NUMBER*		
PART	GE PREFIXED	GK PREFIXED	
Engine (8.5:1 CR)	516388, 517717	519219, 519220 (UKC 8632)	
Decoke set (gaskets)	(GEC 182)	(GEC 116)	
Full gasket set	516389	514898 ´	
Crankshaft	307422	308737	
Main bearing	140111	149082	
Thrust washer	144781	144192	
Thurst washer shim (.006)	27138	145276	
Thrust washer shim (.004)	27110	145275	
Con rod and bearing cap	146543	146454	
Big end bearing	138211	149081	
Crankshaft chain wheel	100431	119389	
Crank end oil deflector	100447	119390	
Pulley wheel	202465	217108	
Crank nut	128058	155357	
Timing cover	201311	217308	
Oil seal	100499	155695	

<sup>\*</sup>supercession numbers in brackets

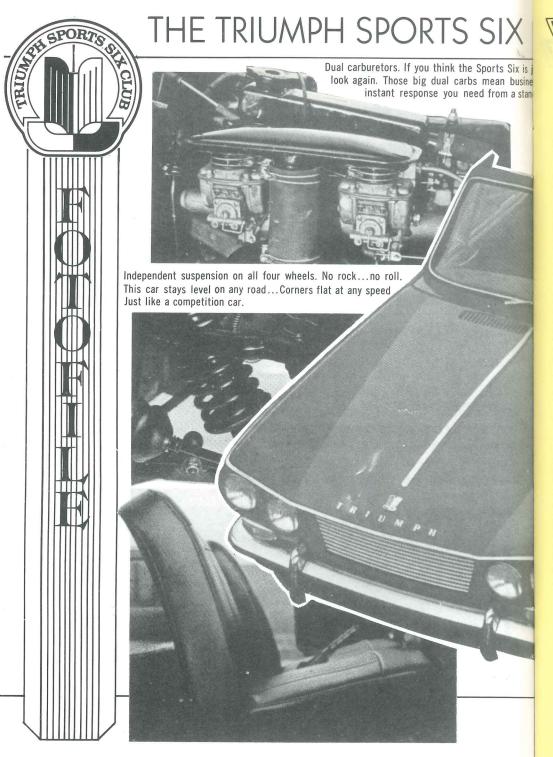
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TO THE AREA IT CONCERNS: the following Areas have failed to elect an Area Organiser and, unless they do as soon as possible, they will be excluded at the A.G.M. on March 6th. The Areas are:

10 Gloucester and Hereford - 18 Milton Keynes -19 Norfolk -27 Rugby 36 Trent - 44 West Yorkshire - 51 Dorset - 53 City & East London DAVE BAYLISS - AREA LIAISON OFFICER EVENT, this years' version of our evening and well worth driving through Annual Barbecue, will be held at The the wind and rain for. Our first event Shelford Rugby Club sports ground of the year is the Bristol Classic Car from Friday 3rd June at 7 o'clock 'till Show on 19th and 20th March. We will Sunday 5th June at 2 o'clock - yes need volunteers to man the stand as that's right, all weekend!

or £3.00 on the day per person over past experience, the more people who sixteen. Camping charges are £3.00 help out for just a few hours at a time, extra per person for both nights. As a the better it is. So come and find out brief idea of what is in store, we expect more at your local meetings: The several major traders to appear; there Travellers Rest, Filton on Monday is a free boot sale so clear your garage 7th March and The Talbot, horrific crash whilst circit racing his out; the usual games and competitions Keynsham on Wednesday 16th TR4. The car was totally wrecked but including a driving test and Haul A March. Herald etc. The only big difference from previous years is that no food is included in the ticket price, although a large, hot food vendor will be on site both Saturday and Sunday (I hope). Remember, a licensed bar is on site as well as plenty of parking and resting areas. We are aiming at three hundred people attending, so if you want to be sure of tickets, please send your money as soon as possible by cheques to me at: 78 Victoria Avenue, Saffron Walden, Essex CB11 3AE, made payable to the TSSC Anglia Area. Five advance tickets purchasers will receive their tickets FREE!

Back to normal Club meetings and the monthly meetings continue to grow with new members appearing all the time, my apologies if I didn't get to you all. Our thanks to Neil who arranged a fabulous Triumph Trivia Quiz which kept most people quiet for ages. The highest score was 72 from 100 from Keith Bennett, the lowest 26 from John Gladman. I came third from last and lost most points on the Parts Recognition section and I own a GT6!

Finally, before I absorb all the yellow pages, please, please, please remember to bring a copy of your local free newspaper to the next meeting. Also bring your most photogenic photo of your car so I can do some PR.

Gary Morton places.

### Avon

First, I must thank John for and for taking the time and trouble to The good news is that the ANGLIA do the Quiz as well. It was a great it is an ideal opportunity to inform local Ticket prices are £2.50 in advance Triumph owners about the Club. From

June Wrighton

### Avlesbury Vale

A.V.A. persists with their small and friendly meetings every fourth Tuesday in the month.

Garage Spring Cleaning starts soon with perhaps many spares going soon - in fact all are welcome.

Bill Gregory

### Canterbury

The last meeting was a classic Noggin n' Natter session. The predominant topics being potential events for the forthcoming year and in what sort of activities would members this

Area wish to participate.

Some ideas forthcoming were Brands Hatch, meeting other Areas, Skid Pan visit, The Summer Treasure Hunt/BBQ (in fancy dress!!) and a convoy to Bromley Pageant. Of course, anything is possible and I can you wish to join in, you had better should thrive. contact me and I will get straight back to you and then, like the rest of the

By the way, you won't find my Herald outside The Barton since have to get the bus!

### **Diary Dates:**

8th March - Abbots Barton for 8pm. 20th March - Slippery Sam's at lunchtime.

Andrew Mason

### Cleveland

Last month we had a great video evening with the TR Register. We borrowed some films from the TSSC video library. This is an event we intend to repeat later in the year. We also enjoyed watching Mike Walker's Mike escaped absolutely unhurt!

Next pub meeting is at The Ladle on Wednesday 30th March. Hope to see you all there. February's meeting was positively overcrowded!

Kathu

### Cornwall

The meeting held at The cheap. Ladies from Oving do join us Sportsman's Arms at Launceston went well. My apologies for not being able to be there and my grateful thanks to Jack and Jean Hart for presiding in my absence. There was a good show of new Cornish faces and a large contingent of Devon members attending - thanks.

The next monthly meet will be held at The Fox & Hounds at Comford on Friday 25th March, to which everyone is welcome and the calendar of events of the rest of 1988 will be discussed at that time.

David Buston

### Coventry

The launch of our Area News Sheet get the thing organised but only if I went down well, all reactions were have a list of people. Unfortunately my favourable. Thanks to Mike for putting membership list is incomplete, so if it together - with all our support it

The quiz kindly presented by Kipping's, caused some head TSSC, we can be the Club that's going scratching but congratulations to Andy Winterton for winning (your turn to do

### **DEVON...ESSEX...GATWICK...HANTS & BERKS**

AREA NEWS

the next one!).

Ken Mulhall has, on behalf of Worcester West, challenged us to a Sunday March 27th - Evening game of skittles, so if we can't beat meeting at The Dart Bridge Inn. them on skill alone, let's swamp them with numbers (more details next month).

7 REVIE

In the face of stiff competition, I am now officially the Area Organiser (again). Mrs N/A who is listed in the Area Directory was narrowly defeated.

This years National Kitcars and all be able to read this report. Specials Show at the Royal Showground National Agricultural Centre, Kenilworth, is on the 1st and as usual with some new members: 2nd May. Arrangements are still to be Stuart, Sue and Bernie as well as the made but the TSSC stand will require return of some old ones. Eddie's display cars and inter-Club Spitfire is receiving a new 'rear end' competition cars, so if you would like after a rather nasty poke in the back. to enter your car, please get in touch with me.

Karen

### Devon

I'll start by thanking those who turned up to the Devon AGM on 31st January at the Dart Bridge Inn - 16 at one point. The Area Committee for this vear was elected as follows: Area Organiser - Richard Bruford, tel: Christow (0647) 52363; Chairman -Graham Hill, tel: weekends Torquay (0803) 64088; Secretary - Gareth Beeching, tel: Ottery St. Mary (040481) 4875; Treasurer - Mike Atkinson, tel: Newton Abbot (0626) 55931: Asst. Area Organisers - Paul Johns & Nigel Whittaker, tel: Kingskerswell (08047) 2384. A big thank you ws given to Julian Clutterbuck who retired as Area Organiser.

Two new people were appointed to act as contacts so that all of Devon can be covered. These people are: Plymouth Area Rep. - Steven Ash, tel: Plymouth 403948; North Devon Rep. - Ron Dark, tel: Hartland (02374) 573. Julian will still lend a hand by updating the membership lists for a forthcoming mail shot and Elaine Gammon will be providing secretarial support.

Don't forget our March meetings which are as follows:

meeting at The Stable Club.

Gareth Beechina

### Essex

Sorry there was no Area News for the last two months. Unfortunately, No new faces this month, so let's they both missed the deadline and I get out recruiting and see what we can have now brought forward my posting date to the 8th, to be sure that you will

> The December, January and February meetings were well attended

On Saturday the 9th January, Sylvia

and I, dressed in our fancy dress costumes, set off for the Bell for the fabulous Dinner and Disco. We joined the other 38 members, which included John and Pam Griffiths, in the restaurant, where we enjoyed an excellent meal. All the costumes were very good and I noticed that there were no German Officers this year; perhaps they have gone out of fashion. I sometimes wonder if the at our bi-monthly meetings on 1st and costume reflects some aspect of the 3rd Monday. The venue is advertised wearer's peronality which is not in the local Area Directory. normally seen - this is only a thought so don't take it seriously lan. During who are prepared to offer discounts to the disco, which judging by the Club members is currently being number of people dancing and prepared and will be made available comments afterwards, was enjoyed by at our meetings. To obtain a discount, everyone. Kevin and Jackie were you will be required to show a current presented with the Treasure Hunt Club membership card. trophy and Stuart won the prize for the best fancy dress.

On behalf of all who attended, I would like to thank lan and Jerry for organising the Dinner and Disco, which was not without its problems and to also thank everyone who attended for their support. See you at the next meeting.

### Gatwick

the last two Couriers with our usual

Sunday March 13th - Evening monthly report. This was entirely my

It was nice to see a few new faces at our meeting on 1st February. One member who attended, currently lives in Oxton, Wirral, although I understand he will be moving down south shortly. This must surely rank as our furthest travelled visitor!

Events which will be attended by Gatwick Area members are as

The London Classic Car Show 9/10 April - 10am - 6pm held at Alexandra Palace, Wood Green, London N22 2AY. Cost £5 (£4 for advance booking). If you wish to travel as a group, please contact Chris Childs or myself at one of our local meetings.

24th April - 10 Pin Bowling has been provisionally arranged at the Crawley Bowl. More details will be provided nearer the time.

South of England Meet, Svon Park 7/8th May - Gatwick Area members are arranging an Autotest so if you are interested in helping, please contact Chris Childs or myself.

Now the weather is starting to get better (?), let's see a few more faces

Incidentally, a list of local suppliers

Dave Loveridge

### Hants & Berks

Don't forget that the Tuesday 1st March meeting is being held at The Hatch (on the A30 about 2 miles east of Basingstoke), not at The Round Oak. The meeting on Thursday 17th March will be at The Round Oak as usual.

### **Future Events:**

Firstly, I must apologise for missing Tuesday 15th March - Skittles against Hants & Surrey, at The Jolly Miller,

HANTS & SURREY...SOUTH HERTS...HULL...MERSEY...NORTHANTS

North Warnborough (near Odiham). Let Dave know as soon as possible if you want to come. Cost will be about £3.75 each including food. 7.30 start. Ring Dave (0256) 464428 or me (0256) 780100 if you need directions.

Match, this time against The Invaders cheer at The Coach & Horses, just Motor Club. Venue etc. to be waiting for you to talk about your latest announced at the meeting.

Hants & Berks have yet to be beaten at a proper skittles match so let's have a good turnout for both of the above.

Sunday 18th September (provisional date). Hants & Berks Auto Jumble.

### Hants & Surrey

Two months of '88 have already slipped by with very little happening in the Area, so it's time to bring all those Triumphs out of hibernation for an action-packed March (well, perhaps a bit more exciting!). Dates to note are:

Tuesday 15th March: the longawaited return Skittles March against Hants & Berks, 7.30 pm at The Jolly Miller, North Warnborough near Odiham, just off junction 5 on the M3. Cost will be £3.75 per person, to cover hire of the alley and a slap-up bar meal. Anybody interested who didn't get caught at the February meeting, should phone myself (or Martin) on (0252) 874283 before the 12th. If all our new members turn up as well as hibernation. The conversation flowed those who took part last year, we're easily and the topics were wide and bound to end H & B's 'unbeaten' varied. The Humber Bridge Hotel has claim

Monday 28th March: an extra Area meeting at The Fox in Bisley, next to Fox's garage on the A322. We are considering ideas for an alternative venue, either instead of The Royal Oak or for a second meeting towards the end of the month. So, here's your chance to comment on the current

Well, I hope to see more of everyone in the coming months, starting at the London Orbital Meeting, which should have been as successful as last year.

OK, so I'll admit it - me and my "Agreed Murray, then the straight and

### South Herts

By the time you read this, our highly successful Dinner will have vanished into the distance, and the cold will be upon us. However, don't let that get Thursday 31st March - another Skittles you down, as we've still got lots of rebuild, or how your treasured possession is being kept warm in it's garage, (not, that's not the way to talk about your boyfriend, April). So, come on down and talk to us. If your car doesn't start first thing in the morning, or, when it does, doesn't want to go Graham Sturgess anywhere, we have the ideal answer. WALK! No, seriously, talk to any one of us, and you'll still have the same problem. Of course, this isn't true. Come and find out what a friendly bunch we all are, and what we're beginning to cook up for the rest of the year. We're sorry to have lost Dave Ridge to the West Kent Area, but wish him all the best in his new job and in getting his Bond back together. If you have any ideas for events, please come and see us soon. See you at the

Sheridan Earl Russell

### Hull

A surprisingly good turn out this month, considering the hurricane force winds and rain - although most Club cars it appears are still in certainly proved to be a first class venue in the six months we have been using it. Things to look forward to in the coming, hopefully, warmer months are our display of cars at the popular Kirmington Air Display, a drive in the Lincolnshire Wolds stopping at a pub for Sunday lunch and further events with our friends from the Stag Club, which proved popular last year.

### Mersey

Mark Herald have been through a bad into a sharp right, left zig-zag".

patch. First the Herald fails the MOT and then I miss the Club night, thanks to a honey of a cold, kindly passed on to me by my 2 year old son.

All change for March though! Both car and driver have valid MOTs and we are back to blow your minds with a new conception in TSSC Quiz Nights, the like of which has never been seen in any local Area before.

Don't miss this new experience Quiz in March and don't forget to keep the ideas flowing for our Mersey Area Top Traders list. We've had an offer to computerise the lot but we still need more recommendations of any services that you have used and been pleased with, so that your experience can become a valuable reference source for other members.

Finally, thanks to Graeme for organising February's meeting.

Jone Whither

### Northants

Cue: Theme Music (Fleetwood Mac Rumours)

Roll: Film Cue: Commentary

"Well Murray, here we are at the end of the Maidwell Grand Prix, an exciting programme of racing with some spectacular times and even more spectacular crashes."

Agreed Raymond and wasn't it telling the way the first timed session was one of the fastest of the evening and clocked by the eventual Grand Prix champion. Will you just run through the high points of the evening, Raymond"

"Ok Murray, but first I would like to run over the course again. It started with a tight turn left immediately followed by a tight right. A lethal combination which caused accidents as the drivers accelerated rapidly away from the grid and were unable to make the corner. This was followed by a high banking turn to the right".

John Binnington "At this point, I must say the surface on that bank was not the best and this was another of those places where drivers lost control"

### NORTH EAST...NORTH LONDON...NORTH MIDLANDS...NORTHERN IRELAND

AREA NEWS

"Some almost uncontrollable side-on Unfortunately, Brian and Julie months (who are going to become enough control to continue driving, with most members, their feelings on The Area That's Going Places. This was also where most of the what is happening within the Club are accidents were, with drivers swopping very strong. lanes and cart-wheeling off the barriers".

"Thank you Murray, down the back straight then into a tight banking righthand curve and along the home straight to the flag. Well, that was the course and the highlights so here are the results".

Cue: Banner Page of Results Grand Prix Champion -

Bill Sunderland 2nd Place - Bernie Robinson

3rd Place - Alan Window

The 4th to 8th places were taken by Frank Teeboom, Mark Teeboom, Squibbs. The prizes were: .-

Grand Prix Champion - Pontiac to our meetings. Firebird and a bottle of bubbly (shared amongst all)

300ZX Turbo won by Trudi Squibbs LR won by Bernie Robinson

Night was a great success and display at the Radio Forest Car Show, Very welcome also was Daniel, a Quiz to pick your knowledge of our from England to Le Mans for the 24 was much admired. cars - so be there.

Alan Window

### North East

Edinburgh Area coming down to meet members, which will later lead to more possibility of a change of venue for

the most important to be discussed at And now all you non-attending the AGM. I will inform you all of how members can feel obliged to turn up included the use of modern gas struts it went at our next meeting on as we've got lots for you to do! Monady 7th March, As promised, I the next meeting. I am happy to know that whatever happens. I have the full backing of the North East Area.

Don't forget your 20p's for the quiz.

Judith Atkinson

### North London

Firstly, our Xmas Meal was a great success even though the 'Black Forest Gateau' reached my backside before anticipated, thanks to Steve Phillips putting the plate on my chair.

The January 11th meet had a mega big turnout which was just as well as we held our Area Agenda for the year to come. We will be producing a list of all Area meets and events for the year Dave Crozier, Paul Jennings and Trudi when all the dates are confirmed and this will be available to all who come

A few of the highlights 'Coming Your Way Soon' are, 1) a Treasure As seen above, the Grand Prix Enfield Pageant 28-30.5.88 and 5) a a lot nearer can't attend. Hour Race, held this year 11-12.6.88.

lots of important issues being raised, organising something themselves. as we are.

have been in touch with all A.O.s - March at The Old Hall Tavern, from a Charade and Renault SS (but again I will tell you what happened at Chingford, London E4 and on the Ford Fiesta ones do not fit). These 28th March at The Rising Sun, Mill make lifting the bootlid a one finger job Hill. London NW9 and meet all the old and don't rattle. regulars, the new faces of the last few

skids at this point and a truly handed in their resignation as regulars aren't you!) and get the spectacular 360° spin whilst retaining Treasurers at last months meeting as latest SP on the North London Area -

Graham Mountford

### North Midlands

Just a brief note this month welcoming three new members to the Sunday meet, namely Noel Bosson with a Vitesse based Moss, Simon Ballance with a very tastefully modified Mk3 GT6 and Malcolm Morton, whom I'm afraid I didn't find time to introduce, my apologies.

With the arrival of three new faces, it was the largest Sunday meet to date with around 14 in attendance - let's keep it up.

Alan Mosedale

### Northern Ireland

Our February meeting was Fastest Woman's Time - Nissan Hunt for Easter Monday (4.4.88 1pm), reasonably well attended, despite the 2) we hope as an Area to help and very bad weather. All the more credit Slowest Time of the Night - Skoda 130 display at the Ally Pally Car Show to Tom Monon who came from 9+10.4.88, 3) a Barbecue at Pete's Donegal again - his Spitfire covered in Gaff on 2.5.88. 4) a display at the snow, It's a pity that members who live

enjoyed by all. Now to the future, the Epping 5.6.88 (both subject to new member, whose brown 1500 March (16th) meeting will include a confirmation) and a National Convoy Spitfire is in very sound condition and

During the meeting, dates and Quite a lot eh! Well the reason for venues for Club runs during the this is quite simple: at long last we summer (whatever that is) were have kept up a steady turnout of discussed with Pete Waller making members through the vital winter some excellent suggestions. At months, which is when we can present it looks like we will try to attend We had a good turn out at the contemplete events, knowing that we a Cavalcade in Waringstorm on the February meeting, with 8 new have support. Organisation of things 24th June - more details will follow in members turning up and David from can initially be deligated to individual my next report. We also discussed the support from other members who will meetings but no decision was made We had a very roudy meeting with have experienced the hassles of and most seemed happy to continue

> Technical tips from our members for the bootlids of MkIV/1500 Spitfires So feel obliged to turn up on 14th - to date members have used struts

> > Jack Kelly, another Spitfire owner,

### NOTTINGHAM...OXFORD...PETERBOROUGH...RIBBLE...SCOTLAND WEST

joined in with the meeting and left with on Sunday 22nd May. More details to Courier, promising to join the Club! For so let's show them a good turnout. my part, I hope to have my Club car fully operational soon but I am still looking for a suitable Herald.

Paul Robinson

### Nottingham

There was a very good turnout for

will be two films about Pirelli tyres March. (production of) and another on Pirelli I hope to see you there.

as soon as possible.

magazine.

David Mannina

### Oxford

Very well attended meetings recently, with special thanks to Jimmy Carter once again for his movie film of events. He and Val attended in 1987 at the February meeting.

A date for your diary - Saturday 28th May. Geoff Timm's Barbecue in the Avon Dassett Park, starting from The Grapes at 9.30am with a pub lunch at Edge Hill. Tickets cost £2.50 and this will be a 'ticket only' event with more details to follow.

Another date: Sunday 26th June. Visit to the Shuttleworth Collection at Old Warden Airfield near Biggleswade, Bedford, again starting from The Grapes at 9.30am.

Before either of the above, perhaps we can join the East Berks M40 meet

a recruitment form and copy of The follow. We have been invited officially,

### Peterborough

There were 8 members at support their group for the rest of the several regular faces, through job same information. year. We have several things planned moves and people not renewing their for the years events and I would like membership. Perhaps it is just the name under which Stags, TRs and to get some form of diary of because it is the winter months when 2000s meet with the TSSC under the happenings drawn up at the next nobody likes to turn out. Anyway, same roof, have now produced their We have been invited to a Pirelli new member, Mark Coles with a very comprehensive list of events in evening by the SAAB Owners Club on Spitfire 1500 from Ramsey. Next Scotland which also covers the parent Wednesday 30th March at The Flying month we shall be at The Plough, clubs' main national events down Horse, Kegworth at 8.00 pm. There Deeping St. Nicholas on 14th south. There is a wide variety of things

tyres in racing, plus technical chat, so the 11th. We shall be leaving the car sending a stamped, self-addressed it should be an interesting evening and park at 8.00 pm to drive in convoy to envelope to: STA Calendar, 4 Has anyone any more events they where Peter has kindly arranged for KA6 6EJ. There are events all over would like to arrange? Please ring me his boss to attend and watch the Scotland, from Dumfries, Perth. Fintry Next meeting is Wednesday 9th boardroom (not really bribery!). So calendar now and participate in the fun Marth NOT 19th as in last month's please, let's see if we can go into this summer. double figures - it should be an When you send for this calendar. interesting evening.

### Ribble

Hello from your new Area Organiser! I think you'll all agree that Bill Coulshed has done a stirling job over the last few years as Area Organiser. So, cheers Bill and Carol and thanks again for the bed.

For anyone who has tried to contact me at the Garstang address, sorry but I've been a bit nomadic lately. By the time this is in print, I should be living in Poulton-le-Fylde, 67 Breck Road to be precise but alas no phone number

I look forward to seeing you all at the meetings when I'll try to organise the Treasure Hunt I've had planned for months. See you at the next meeting.

### Scotland West

There hasn't been much happening John Cudmore recently other than the Club meetings every second Monday of the month. which now see a very good turnout even on the worst nights.

My apologies for the absence of February's meeting, which makes you news last month. I waited until after wonder why bother when the Yaxley the meeting to write and obviously meeting place is a round trip of 40 didn't allow enough time for the our first meeting of 1988, so let's keep miles for Paul and myself. It seems postman to do a first class job, so I'll it up and hopefully everyone will over the last few months we have lost just have to repeat and update the

The 'Scottish Triumph Association'. enough moans, we did manage one events calendar for 1988. This is a to do which should suit every member. Do not be late for April's meeting on Copies are available free of charge by the Eastern Electricity Board's offices Barbieston Courtyard, Dalrymple, Avr. Club's videos, to be shown in their to Durris, so send for your free

> please could I ask you to sort through Sharon Eskin those spares that clutter your garage, shed or attic and forward a list to me along with your telephone number, so that I can begin to compile a new booklet. You might well be on the receiving end one day, phoning me for an elusive part to get you back on the road. This also helps the 'Self Help Scheme' to operate efficiently. Twice I have been unable to locate parts to enable members to complete their Scottish holiday unhindered. I know exactly what it's like: I broke down in the Vitesse in Southern Germany prior to the 'Self Help Scheme'. I was forced to spend the next ten days in a German tin-top VW Golf. Now I read there is somebody willing to help in that very spot!

There is a convoy to 'Biggar Autojumble' leaving 'Bothwell' services on the M74 on Sunday 20th Peter Oldcorn March at 11.15 am. We will have a bar

### CENTRAL SOMERSET...SWINDON...WEST SUSSEX...THAMES

AREA NEWS

lunch in the village (the food is Newsletter is available, so come along one of the TSSC SPRINT excellent and cheap) and visit the to pick up your copy. seeing you there, and at the next who turn up. meeting at 'Glasgow Flying Club' at beforehand.

### **Central Somerset**

Although the January meeting was held at the temporary venue of the Bathpool Inn at Bathpool, the number of members attending was very Future Programme: encouraging. There was a total of 12 members attending including two new faces - hope to see you again in the future, James and Derek, I hope the January meeting is a good sign as generally the winter meetings are not well attended, and hopefully more of you will come out of hibernation as the warmer weather approaches.

The March meeting will again be at The Bathpool Inn at Bathpool, but the Creech Castle is likely to be the venue for the April meeting. The management at the Creech Castle have shown me their proposals for refurbishment and they have indicated that we may be able to reserve a small, family room for our monthly meetings, which does sound promising. I will keep you posted as our exact plans ring me (0278) 424234.

### Swindon

good turnout at the February meeting page 7 of Feb's Courier. on an awful night, blowing a gale and throwing it down. Jimmy came with some original parts lists and repair manuals, which were rapidly snapped up - even ones for TRs.

to keep her happy. I look forward to Treasure Hunt, points awarded to all evenings.

The Swindon Area challenge all 8.30 pm on Monday 14th March comers for their Skittles Evening on 23rd April, so make a date to beat us.

John Malcolm Please note the media as the 1st May are a week later as the 1st Monday is Bank Holiday, April is on the 11th and May the 9th. Also note my change of address and phone number: 89 Merlin Way, Covingham, Swindon 613922.

### March 7th - Meet at The White Hart.

March 19th - Convoy to Bristol Classic Show. Leaving White Hart 10.30 am. numbers attending the meetings March 20th - 1st Competition for the continue to increase and surely the Area Trophy. Treasure Hunt. 10.30 am at The White Hart.

> April 11th - Meet at The White Hart -Technical Evening.

### West Sussex

and if you have any queries please although I have not had any word from and hopefullly vote it in. Club members with exhibitable cars! Someone out there must have a car Sunday 6th - AGM, Buckhirst Hill. Rob Warren which does not resemble my own.

I am trying to organise a trip to the London International Classic Car Show on the 9th or 10th April. Well, Winter seems to have passed depending on numbers whether we go

> Next meeting is Thursday 3rd April Meetings:-March at The Coach & Horses, A27, Thursday 7th - Social at The New Inn. Worthing at 7,30 pm.

This months Sunday meeting is on Saturday 26th March and this is The February, March and April Area a convoy to Goodwood to watch round

CHAMPIONSHIPS. Should be a good Autojumble in the town hall. There is Events are starting to happen now day out for all. Convoy starting out an Autojumble in 'Portobello' town hall so do your utmost to support the Club from The Coach & Horses, Worthing, on the 27th March but no convoy is and your Area, Talking of the Area, the approx 10.30 am - hope to see you organised. Take the wife shopping for first part of our four point competition there. Any enquiries, then why not old car bits, then give her a bar lunch starts on the 20th March with an easy phone me on (0903) 203959 in the

Mark Bickerdike

### Thames

Well, what a turn out! New members galore. Quite an enthusiastic bunch by the look of them, mostly mad I think but that means they'll fit in well.

The Film Night went well - nearly made me cry though when I saw a Spitfire being crash-tested but I cheered up when I saw a TR6 going the same way. We'll have had our second film night by the time you read this. We'll also have passed the Orbital Meet complete with dutch and Isle of Wight contingents. Looks like a busy year this year, time to look over the camping gear, plenty of shows to visit; which brings me nicely on to the International Meet at Peterborough. Volunteers required as car park Juan Kirk marshalls on the Saturday and Sunday mornings - have a feeling of power for a couple of hours. Don't forget the Classic Car Show at Ally Pally next month. London's very own Turnout at this meeting was a little classic car show - about time too! Mike down on last months. However, and I will probably be on the Club several ideas were tendered and stand again (thanks Mike!) so brighten received a nodding of approval. So our day and come and see us. Those there should be a Treasure Hunt in the of you at the AGM will see a big near future. No word yet from any of change as outlined in the February the car shows mentioned last month. Courier. Come along and see it work.

March Hare Meetings:-

Thursday 10th - Social at The New

Thursday 24th - Easter Bonnet Competition at The New Inn. Clean without too much snow as of yet. A by car or coach. For more details, see up your bonnets and let's have a look at them.

Sat/Sun 9/10th - London International Car Show.

Tracy

# AREA NEWS

### WESSEX...W. MIDLANDS...WOLVERHAMPTON...WORCESTER W...N. YORKS...S. YORKS

### Wessex

Starting at the New Year, a group of us attended the New Years Eve function at The Belvedere Hotel in Bournemouth. Neil 'Gordon' Williamson provided the entertainment and a good time was had by all.

France and Heralds crossing the Sahara! In view of its popularity, we

February was a tremendous month. For the first time ever we won a probably won't be there. Skittles Match! The A35 Owners promised that it was not a fix, so now we are ready for allcomers. Congratulations to Kevin Williamson. who won the man of the match award.

Coming soon, the A.G.M. In view of the far-reaching proposals suggested by the National Committee, we would strongly recommend attendance. Transport can be arranged - contact me for details. For those who cannot attend, I would suggest that a 'no' vote is appropriate.

Next Tues: Photo Competition Club and non-Club classes.

starting at The Pure Drop, Ferndown at 10.00 a.m.

### West Midlands

Tuesday's meeting was very encouraging with a lot of new members. It was good to see so many GT6s in the car park and a Vitesse being in last ever made, still in pristine

to attend the AGM on the 6th March. Anyone who didn't attend Tuesdays meeting and wishes to come, please phone us.

Once again we are organising the Club Stand for the National Classic Car Show at the N.E.C. on 30th April - 2nd May. This show is easily one of the best inside shows of the year. We will need volunteers to man the stand and they will get free entry. So if you fancy it, see me at the next meeting on 8th March and Sunday lunchtime 27th March.

### Wolverhampton

Not such a full meeting early on. people arrived later. New-comers included Cliff with a Spitfire. Nobody Further details will, hopefully, be seemed to have much to sell but Roy available at the next meeting. may have found the elusive brakedrum for his MkIII GT6; brakes For the January meeting, we held a seemed to be the theme of the video evening. A splendid turnout evening. Dennis, National Show Car watched Spitfires in the Tour de Register Sec., visited us and proceeded to win the Quiz, which Steve had set (highly technical as will hold another video evening soon. always, a good challenge). Roger will set next months' Quiz as Dennis

**Future Events:** 

4th March - 7.45 pm Indoor Cricket (probably fully booked by now but we can always go again). NO JEANS, shorts and tracksuits please, and

14th March - Next meeting, upstairs Merry Hill pub, 8ish onwards.

Sarah Whitley

### **Worcester West**

With 39 members turning up to the Sunday 27th March - Treasure Hunt Club night in such awful weather conditions, we must have one of the fastest growing Areas in the TSSC Jonathan Longhurst we may even become 'the Area'. Anyhow, it was great to see so many faces on the night, let's keep it up. We had the usual Quiz, won by Fiona and the booby was won by Tim on Karrenza. We had three Club cars for sale. As for the events calendar, May 15th the Black Country Museum, cost £2.50 plus £1.35 for the Canal Trip. Full details at the March meeting where numbers and a deposit will be taken. There are no details for the River Boat Trip yet. June 26th is the Treasure Hunt, the Skittles Night has We are planning to hire a Mini-Bus not been finalized yet - I will let you all have the details as soon as I know. The next meeting will be on March 7th at 8.00 pm at The Anchor Inn. Kempsey, nr. Worcester.

Chris Chauro

### North Yorkshire

February's meeting was relatively quiet, however, it gave us a chance to discuss the forthcoming events, namely the N. Y. Triumph Weekend on 27th - 30th May and the 7th Concours and Moors Run on 4th Tony Spicer September. Put these dates in your

We are trying to arrange a visit to the Army Transporter Museum at Beverley on a Saturday or Sunday.

Duncan has started a 'Spares Book', so if you want to sell any spares or you are looking for any, then Duncan is the man to see

In the early summer we hope to arrange a Treasure Hunt, finishing with a Barbecue at a local hostelry. Anyone skilled in writing cryptic clues please present themselves at the next

News of the Brewery Trip will soon be announced - watch this space. See you all next month.

Judy Teesdale

### South Yorkshire

The first meeting at The Sitwell Arms was a big success. Thanks to everyone who came and a warm welcome to Vic and Helen, Peter, David, Dave and lan - do come again.

Mick is organising a Bowling Night with the TSOC, for 15th March. Further details at February's Thursday meet. Mick will also be organising a Quiz Night with the TSOC sometime during April. We have five volunteers but more are welcome, as are spectators. Unfortunatley, there was no raffle in January - by the time you read this, someone should have won the February raffle!

Short items: Sunday meetings continue as advertised, but will stop for a Winter's break after October. Don't forget to give spare petrol coupons to John. The Barnsley Vintage Vehicle Rally is on Sunday 10th July.

Following the January meet, the Committee met at the Earl of Strafford in Hooton Roberts, and made a provisional booking for 35 places for an Xmas meal, with disco, on Saturday 10th December (price around £12). First come, first served! is handling detailed arrangements.

We also discussed the Club's proposed restructuring. Anyone with strong views should phone me before March 5th, as I intend to go to the AGM (weather permitting)

Colin Troise

With this issue of The Courier, you will have received a Top Trader form. Please complete with details of any traders you have used in the last four weeks and post it off to me. If you have had no recent dealings, then please hang on to the form for future use and if you require more forms, they are available from the Club Office or just send your comments to me in a letter.

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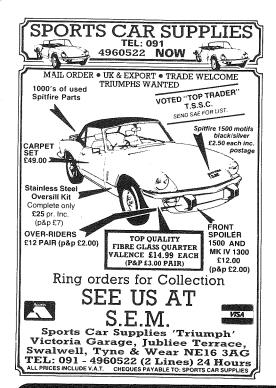
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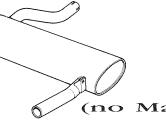
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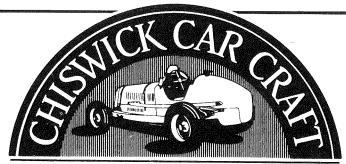
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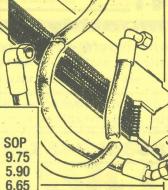
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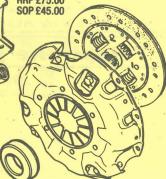
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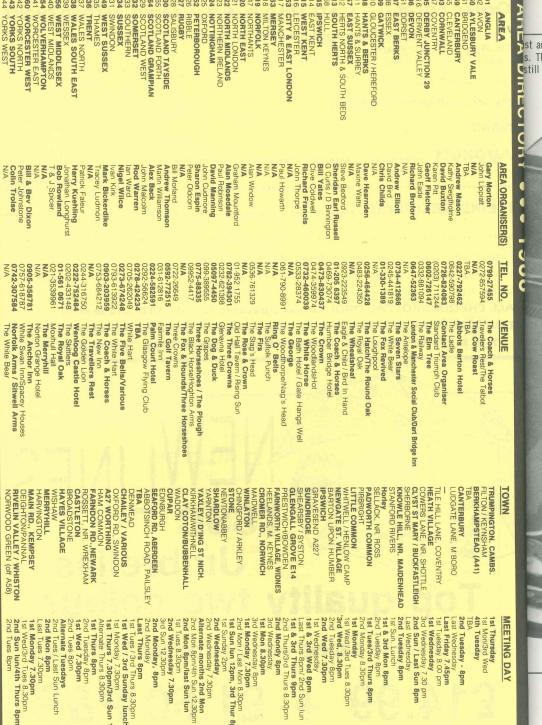
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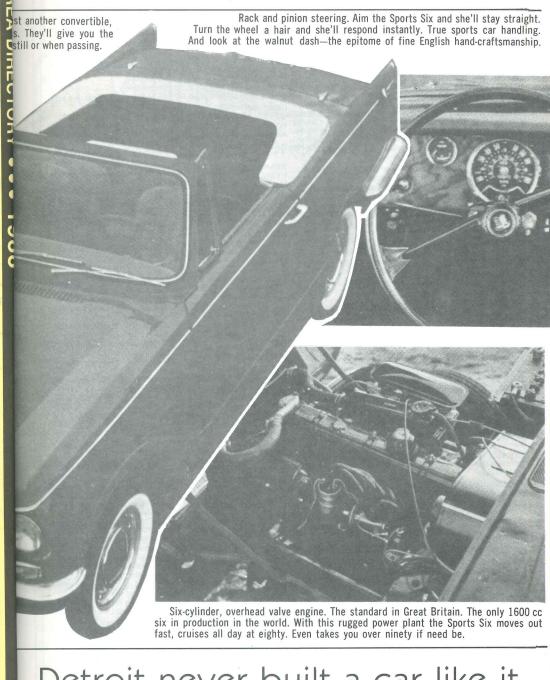
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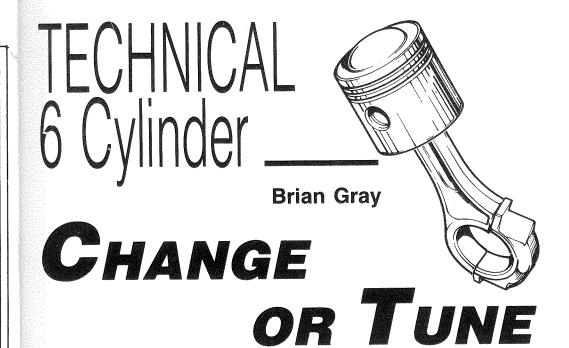
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Looking for power increases is quite common to all makes of car but with all vehicles. there are two possible paths to take. No. 1 is TUNE EXISTING ENGINE. No. 2 is CHANGE THE ENGINE FOR A LARGER CAPACITY UNIT. I am going to try to list the merits and pitfalls of both options, in connection with the 6-cylinder Triumph motor.

The Triumph Six comes as the 1998cc 2-litre, (as fitted to the GT6 Vitesse range) with various model modifications. The 2498cc 2.5-litre (as fitted to the 2500 range, TR5, TR6 range) in various stages of tune, i.e. twin carb., petrol-injected etc.

Let's look at the Vitesse fitted with the 2-litre engine. We can increase the capacity by:

- 1. Changing the engine for a 2.5 unit?? Could be cheap if a secondhand unit is purchased but beware as engine mountings differ; cast on the block on the Vitesse 2-litre, Herald-type mounting plate on 2.5. Also engines from the 2500 saloon range are angled 6° from the vertical and therefore, the manifold is not suitable if the engine is mounted upright.
- 2. The other method of raising the capacity is to 'stroke' the engine. This means putting the longerstroke 2500 crankshaft in place of the short-stroke 2000 unit, which means that the piston travels further up and down the bore; more 'swept volume'. Bore of the cylinder x swept volume = capacity of the cylinder. Therefore, more swept volume = more capacity.

The pistons must also be changed for the 2500 type. They have a different gudgeon pin position to stop the longer-stroke 'smashing' the piston into the cylinder head.

We next come to the head. More capacity into the 2000cc combustion chamber means higher compression pressures. The later GT6 engine with domed pistons has a deep chamber cylinder head. This would suit 'stroking' and only crankshaft and pistons need to be changed. The MkII Vitesse engine would need the cylinder head chambers 'worked' to lower the compression ratio, but it would be difficult to get it below 10:1. This needs to be lower as this is 5-star petrol ratio which is no longer available. The MkI Vitesse engine has shallow combustion chambers and this would give an unacceptably high compression ratio. Also this head is fitted with 3/8" diameter head study and not the more robust 7/16" studs.

The oil sump would need to be modified (at the front) with the aid of a 'hammer' to enable the longer-throw crankshaft to clear.

The 150 CD carburettors can be retained but to benefit the new capacity, the better-breathing 175 CD should be used, 150 CDs have a two-bolt mounting flange, 175 CDs have a fourbolt flange. An adaptor plate would need to be purchased or made. IT IS IMPORTANT when assembling the engine to check that the conrod on the longer-throw crankshaft does NOT foul the bottom of the cylinder liner, as it swings from downward to upward motion. If it does foul, then the casting must be modified.

Having got this far, just what would we get for our troubles?

There would not be much increase in BHP but there would be a substantial increase in torque resulting in good

'bottom end' to mid-range pulling power. top gear would be very flexible indeed. Fuel consumption may improve slightly because of the greater flexibility of the engine. Top speed would probably be slightly LESS! Because the 2000 can obtain higher revs than the 2500.

'Long-stroke' engine performance and 'short-stroke' performance can be likened to the pedal cranks on a bicycle.

'Short' pedal cranks enable you to turn the chainwheel quickly because of the short distance involved pushing the crank top to bottom. You can accelerate quickly, for the same reason. The problem comes if you reach a gradient, the short crank will not give you enough leverage to make the climb easy without effort. With 'long' pedal cranks, the chainwheel is slower to turn because of the greater distance from top to bottom. but climbing a gradient, or just simply keeping the wheel turning is much easier due to the greater leverage.

To sum up: if you want a smooth, low revving, 'torquey' engine, that will cruise effortlessly, with good fuel consumption that will tow without effort (caravan etc.), then the 2500 is for you.

### So, for the merits:-

- 1. Good, useable engine power effortless cruising.
- 2. Good fuel consumption for the size of engine.
- 3. Can be reasonable in cost if some secondhand units are used.
- 4. Insurance? Could be fair depending on company.
- 5. Engine weight the same, suspension etc. does not need altering.

### AND now the pitfalls:-

- 1. Once committed, could be no return. If it goes wrong, replacement engine needed.
- 2. May make the car move difficult to sell (not original).
- 3. Used parts may be 'duff'. Difficult to check if buying secondhand engine.
- 4. If you are not used to engine work of this calibre, could be tricky.

The alternative is to tune the 2-litre six. I will cover this at a later stage.

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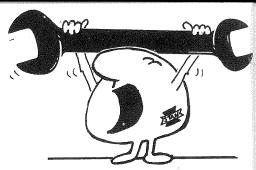


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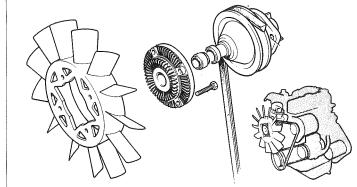
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I recently purchased my second Triumph Spitfire, this one being a 1500 of 1980 vintage. The car had been standing for a few months, gathering rust which I duly had seen to the day after collection. A week or so later a nasty, loud, metallic grinding noise could be heard from under the bonnet.

At first this seemed to come and go with no apparent reason. The car started OK, had no loss in power and did not overheat. On close inspection, I found that there was a lot of play in the fan. I then discovered that the engine is fitted with a disengaging fan on which the bearings had seized. The part which had to be replaced was the viscous coupling. For those who have not come across this baby before, it works as follows: as the engine speed increases past a certain, frictional threshold in the coupling, the fan slips still turning to cool the engine but not as fast as if it were directly coupled. The reason for this (I'm told!) is to reduce the loss in BHP lost through

driving the fan. Enquiries into finding a new replacement for the expired item pointed me at the local main dealers. They auoted me £61 + VAT. Triumphtune offered me an electric Kenlowe fan for about the same price. So off I went to the local breakers vard to find a 1500 Dolomite or Spitfire which might have the required part. To cut a long story short, I did not find the part on one of the above.



but on a Rover SD1 (the part is slightly bigger but all the mounting holes are identical). After considering for a couple of minutes whether it would do the job, I bought it for £6.90. The car has now been running on this part for two months with no problems. So if your viscous coupling seizes, try a trip to the local breakers yard.

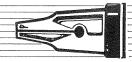
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### **NEEDLES?**

In the January issue of The Courier, Jez Phillips asked for more details on the needles fitted to the SU H1 carbs on the Herald 948cc coupe.

The original needle used was size G.V. Burlen Fuel Systems, Spitfire House, Castle Road, Salisbury, Wilts., tel: (0722) 412500 should be able to supply these, together with carb overhaul kits.

Regarding Brian Pearson's comments on his Herald tonneau cover, I cannot explain why his hood bag has no fasteners, as these were supplied as part of the standard equipment, ready fitted with fasteners. The dashboard fittings for the full tonneau, however, were not fitted as standard but were supplied as a fitting kit with the tonneau. I enclose a copy of the fitting instructions, which show the general shape of the brackets, which are very easy to make.

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### TONNEAU COVER

A tonneau cover kit is available in black or white for Herald Convertible models. Fasteners are supplied loosely so that they can be fitted to suit individual cars, as follows:

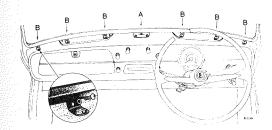


Fig. 133. Location of lower screen rail bracket

- Remove the P.K. screw securing the centre of the forward edge of the facia panel assembly to the lower screw rail, and fit the double bracket (A), (See Fig. 133.)
- Remove the remaining screws and fit the six single brackets (B).
- 3. With the zip fastener closed, place the tonneau cover in position and centralize it in relation to the body.
- 4. Mark the positions for fasteners Nos. 1 and 2 (see Fig. 134), with a pencil and, using a 1" wad punch, pierce two corresponding holes through the fabric-
- 5. Insert the stems of the buttons through the fabric, and attach the sockets to the underside. Rivet them together with the tool shown in Fig. 135. (This tool should be obtainable from any reputable saddler's or hardware stores.)

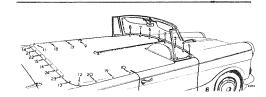


Fig. 134. Showing the sequence for fitting the fasteners.

- 6. Attach the assembled press-studs to the double bracket "A" and, pulling the front edge of the cover towards the side of the car, mark the positions for fasteners
- 7. Repeat with the opposite side and mark the fastener positions 6 to 8. Pierce the holes and rivet the buttons and sockets together.
- 8. Fit the front end of the tonneau cover to the car and, with the aid of an assistant, pull the cover over the
- 9. Mark the positions, pierce the holes for fasteners Nos. 9 and 10 and finally rivet the fasteners together.
- 10. Using a similar procedure, fit the remaining fasteners, Nos. 11 to 24, in the sequence shown on Fig. 134.

Note that when correctly fitted the tonneau cover should be free from creases or wrinkles

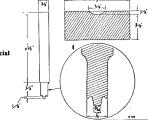


Fig. 135. Dimension of special

### Graham Jones Vitesse

I recently read the article in the October Courier about Graham Jones' Vitesse and found it very interesting, not to mention that the car looked very familiar.

I have enclosed with this letter a newspaper article from the Everett Herald (yes, this is a real name) newspaper, from Everett, Washington. This was taken from about 1974 - 75 (I can't really remember precisely) but if they are one in the same Vitesse, the car was campaigned quite extensively up and down the west coast of the United States and was also raced in the Sports Car Club of America's national run-offs a couple of times in Atlanta Georgia. The racing organisation that ran the car was Tyco Inc., a local business that specialised in Triumph aftermarket parts, as well as being members of Tyee Triumph Club, a local Triumph Club that helped to sponsor the car and also supply crew members during the races. I had just joined the Tyee Triumph Club when all this was taking place, so I don't know a lot about the car's total history. The last I heard was that the car was still racing in Vancouver B.C. Canada. I hope that can shed some light on this noble Club car's history.

### Edmond's Rockett launches bid to surprise race champions By CRAIG WECKESSER

Staff Sports Writer

"We won't be one of the favourites but I think we might be a surprise".

With the objective appraisal, Mike Rockett is starting a feverish grind towards one of the nation's premier sports car racing showdowns.

Rockett and his crew's aim is the annual American Road Race of Cahmpions billed for Atlanta, Ga., on Nov 2-3.

The workload between now and then will be geared towards making Rockett's Triumph Vitesse as razor-sharp as it has been all summer.

The Edmonds driver assured a trip to the deep South - his second straight - last weekend at the

PHOTO CAPTION: In a familiar position, Edmonds' Mike Rockett leads the opposition through the curves in a recent B sedan sports car race at Seattle Sports Car Club of America road race in Portland. International Raceway. Rockett has been a multi-event winner this season.

A second place finish, executed by Rockett when another trip to the victory circle became unnecessary, earned a pair of titles - and the trip.

With the runnerup effort, the Oklahoma native logged his second straight SCCA Northern Pacific and Gold Rush series titles.

"We backed off when Norman went out", explained Rockett of his decision not to go for the Portland win. "We knew all we had to do was finish to win the titles. And we had already beaten McFarlin three times this year". Jon Norman, from Oakland, was Rockett's biggest rival for the series titles while fellow Californian Rob McFarlin emerged as the Portland winner.

Titles and trip firmly secured, Rockett figures to also back off from a hectic schedule that's found him racing and winning - from Canada to California since mid-Spring, (Going into Portland, Rockett had won four straight.)

"We'll work on rebuilding the engine we've run most of the season and building a new one. We'll need them both." "We should be competitive this year; the car is much faster than a year ago," assessed Rocket

A year ago, at Road Atlanta, the Rockett team settled for sixth place among 28 B sedan competitors. Transmission and shifting woes negated a higher finnish.

This season, obviously, has provided one impressive finish after another.

"It's been a little bit of luck and a lot of preparation," says Rockett, tipping his hat in appreciation to a hardworking crew. The group has helped Rockett earn track records at a couple of tracks this summer.

The 30-year-old spent most of his life in Hawaii. It proved the launching pad for his surge in sports car racing By 1968, he was seriously involved with racing while working full time in the foreign car repair trade. A move to California helped advance his racing hopes and his recruitment by Tyco of Edmonds proved the catapult to current successes

But it also took hard work to develop the rarely raced Triumph Vitesse, a passenger car more commonly seen in Canada and Europe.

Credit for much of the transformation into a racing vehicle goes to a trio of area residents, Jim Taylor and Steve Merrill of Edmonds and Dick Krueger from Bothell.

"They've made it possible for me to relax and just worry about the racing," muses Rockett.

It's obvious the combination has proved successfull. Rocket is hopeful the ultimate success - a national campionship can be obtained before the year is out. Don't bet against it.

In Novembers Courier, there is an article by Dennis Benson on Club Cars In A Box, where he mentions in the segment on Spitfires and the colours that they came in, that there is one colour available but he didn't know what it was. I may have an answer to that as I have a metallic grey or silver one with red interior.

David Eaton - Olympia, Washington USA

### A FEW REMINDERS .....

Not only is good, thorough maintenance required to prolong the lives of our Club cars, but a defensive driving attitude is essential.

It is a crude and over-simplified mental view to driving to consider that all other road-users are fools. A more rewarding approach is to develop refined powers of anticipation and observation and practice denfensive driving; the art of keeping out of other people's accidents as well as vour own.

Defensive driving means being alert to every potential situation. For example, meeting a stream of traffic following a slow-moving lorry should alert you to the probability that somewhere in the queue is a driver frustrated enough (or bad enough) to pull out of line into your path in an attempt to overtake. Protect yourself by keeping well into the left (conditions permitting) and perhaps easing the accelerator and anticipating the need to brake.

Get to know your local accident 'black spots' and cut them out of your regular routes. Slow right down if a ball suddenly bounces into the road; it's likely that a child will dash out to retrieve it. Try to position your car so that it will not be the target for a driver who loses control or makes a mistake.

Defensive driving is largely an attitude of mind. It is really common sense and is a matter of being in the right position, at the right speed, in the right gear. Decide the correct 'position' for your car in relation to everything else on the road, whether it is moving or stationary. Your position is basically dictated by the course you are taking, but amend it to allow for the extra room a large vehicle requires to turn a corner, or to give a wide berth to a wobbling cyclist.

The correct 'speed' to suit any situation or manoevre is decided by what you can see, by what you cannot see but which might be there, and by the condition of the road surface. You should be able to stop within the limit of your vision.

The right 'gear' is the one that always allows effective acceleration or engine braking during the next manoeuvre, and it should be selected before any change of course begins.

There is less insistence on hand signals in modern driving than was once the case, but hand signals are often of great value, particularly to reinforce any warning that your indicators may be giving. Turning right out of a busy and fast road, a hand signal may catch the attention of drivers who are concentrating on other hazards. If you are turning into a partly-hidden entrance on a country road, give a hand signal to emphasize to other drivers that you are not merely overtaking or passing an obstruction.

There is no validity to a hand signal suggesting 'overtake me now'. It is for the following driver to decide whether it is safe to overtake. A valid motoring principle is 'you drive your car and let other motorists drive theirs'.

Mr R J Madge - Exmouth, Devon

### I refer to Hairy Chest, Courier No. 91. Yes, he is being unduly sensitive.

Arnold doesn't have to call his vehicle anything if he doesn't want to, except for make, margue and reg. no. I bet he's really got a pet-name for his 'Spitty' even perhaps if it isn't printable.

I think life would be rather dull if we only used the manufacturer's names for cars, televisions etc. A friend of mine with a Big Healey and a Hairy Chest has got a pet name for his car!

Roy Richards & 'Midge' - Bournemouth

### MANY THANKS!

Thank you all very much in the TSSC who have helped me with my Triumph history project. It is going very well and without your help, I would not have been able to do the project.

Thank you all again for your help.

Giles Halliwell - Dilwyn, Herefordshire

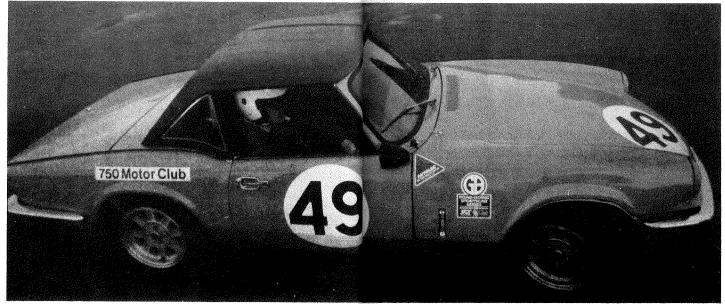
# SO YOU WANT TO GO MOTOR RACING

By Graham Jenkins — BIRMINGHAM

Having reached the ripe old age of 49. I thought that if I was going to have a go at motor racing, I'd better get cracking as 'time and tide waits for no man'.

l've always been interested in motor sport, since my automotive apprenticeship with Humber Cars of Coventry, who gave me a taste for it. It was working on the Sunbeam Talbot cars which were highly successfull in rallys throughout the '50s in the hands of Peter Colllins. Peter Harper and Sheila

Exactly 20 years later, after getting married, bringing up two daughters, furthering my career etc., I actually took to the track. During 1985 at a 750 Motor Club race meeting at Mallory Park I saw Paul I made up my mind to organisation, immediately joined.



Van Damm which triggered calculations, I estimated that I could prepare a car for about £1,400. How low that figure proved to be.

On reading Auto Mart one Friday, I spotted a 1974 MkIV Spitfire for sale for £180, which I duly bought. It was at about this time that I joined the TSSC which proved to be one of my better moves. The car was totally stripped to bare chassis, the body tub went to a local body shop where numerous new panels and repairs, together with a respray were carried out at a cost of £400. A fibreglass bonnet and a pair of front valances bought from Honeybourne Lucas racing his Spitfire and Mouldings completed the bodywork.

A fireproof bulkhead (RAC REGS) was built between the prepare a car and 'HAVE A passenger compartment and the boot, and a full race roll GO!' The 750 MC seemed bar fitted. I was lucky and picked up a tatty hard top for to offer the atmosphere and £20, which was sprayed black with 'stonechip' paint.

I'd already decided that if the car was going to go fairly quickly, that a great deal of time, thought and effort would Having already rebuilt a go into the chassis, suspension and brakes. After 1962 Spitfire and armed discussions with various people, it was decided to fit the with the knowledge I had GT6 MkII rotoflex rear suspension and the front gained from that rebuild, I suspension from the same model. We tackled the front decided to go racing in a suspension first by removing all the rubber bushes and Spitfire. After some rough replaced them with 'Nylatron' and also clamped the

steering rack solidly to the chassis. This was a good move as the steering is precise and positive. Nylatron bushes were fitted on the rear suspension with the exception of was run-in and de-bugged the spring eyes. Gas Spax dampers were fitted front and for about 1,000 miles before rear and the whole car lowered to give a ground clearance a full rolling road tune-up. of three inches (RAC REGS).

The braking system was overhauled and new Kunifer wheels was lower than I pipes fitted throughout, with Aeroquip hoses replacing the rubber flexible ones. The drums were skimmed and new discs fitted.

I picked up a tatty set of alloy wheels for £30 and had them refurbished and painted to match the bodywork. These were fitted with Yokohama 185-60 x 13" HFR tyres.

After six months we had a rolling chassis to (hopefully) a full race spec. It was about now that the promises I had made my wife about refurbishing the kitchen were being broken and would continue to be so for the next six months whilst I was building the car, and the following eight one year after we started the months whilst I was racing it.

With the bodywork and chassis out of the way, we could at least concentrate on the engine and gearbox. Again, through talking to people, it became apparent that to keep th engine 'on cam', we would need a close ratio gearbox.

This can be achieved by using GT6 ratios and modifying the GT6 input shaft to take the Spitfire clutch.

Finally the engine - and this is where I made my first mistake. I used as a base the big crank MkIV 1300 engine instead of the small crank MkIII 1300. Be that as it may, the engine was rebored, the crank tuftrided and reground and the whole lot lightened and balanced. To this was fitted a big valve Stage IV cylinder head, a supposedly full race cam and twin DHLA 40 DELLORTO carbs. The car The BHP output at the rear would have thought but the car drove beautifully and handled really well.

After two practice sessions at Mallory Park, where we played around with shock absorber settings, we were ready for the first race at Oulton Park on March 28th 1987, exactly rebuild. Oulton Park is a marvellous circuit because, not only is it fairly twisty but it also has some very fast downhill sections. My times

slower. The front rows were pouring from under the bontempt to squeeze more rev counter. power but to no avail.

So to the race itself. I was built, using Audi pistons and Iy was a joy to drive. The on the last but one rows of it is true what they say: the grid, so there were at "This engine really revs". A motor racing is to be taking least four cars which were full race camshaft was fitted part at last and to be a for the last race of the member of what I thought made up of Porsche 911s, season at Snetterton, where was an exlusive fraternity. In Lotus Sevens and Morgan to my surprise and great fact, everyone I met and V8s. My efforts ended up, pleasure, the car and I after six laps, with smoke made the front cover of the very friendly and helpful. programme. We had net. No, I had not blown the mistakenly 'timed in' the you to son-in-law, Paul engine, it was oil surging up camshaft to give a good bot- Sheridan and Richard Flynn the dipstick tube onto a hot tom to middle power band for all their help and support exhaust when cornering on and found the car lacking and to John Kipping of full power. I persevered with down the long straight but Coventry and Andy Parthe big crank engine, trying still pulled 100 MPH plus in tridge of Midland Spitfires various camshafts in an at-third with 8,000 RPM on the for the assistance and

However, I still enjoyed Goodwood in November need in motor racing is a some great racing at Mallory was my last opportunity to Park (where I got a second try anything new. So we fit- now has her extended and class trophy), Donington ted electronic ignition, re-Park, Cadwell Park and Lyd- timed the camshaft for full caravanette is being checkden Hill. The final race for race conditions with the ed over but most importantthe big crank engine was at power band at 4,500 - 9,000 ly, the Spitfire is 95% ready Lydden in my only outing in RPM. Despite the awful for the 1988 season. See the Triumph Championship. weather, the car performed

how inexperienced I was test run up the M6 on the vant Straight. So, after my following day, we knocked first season, we had at last got a car which was quite A small crank engine was fast, handled well and realbonus of my first season in spoke with proved to be

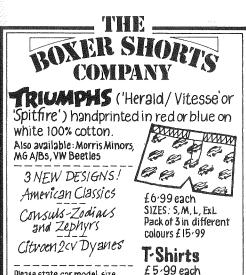
I must say a special thank freely-given advice. The The Club test day at most important person you wife: suffice to say that she fully-fitted kitchen, the you all at the Hill Climb and The engine would not go well and was doing in ex Sprint and the Circuit Championship!



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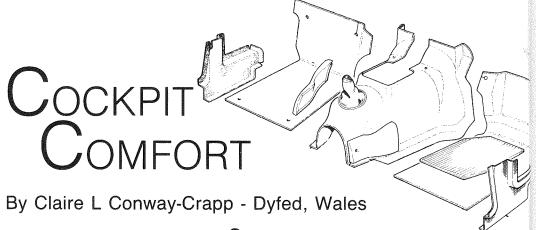
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Naturally, I wanted my car to look presentable, and thus I made some temporary carpets out of household ones, but these frayed and dropped bits everywhere and, being lowered, were not exactly very appropriate.

So I thought I would buy a set of professionally made Spitfire carpets and inquired after several advertisements. Being on a limited budget, I was horrified by even the cheapest price, which was nigh-on thirty pounds. The car kept her floral carpets and I went to the "Sunshine Rally".

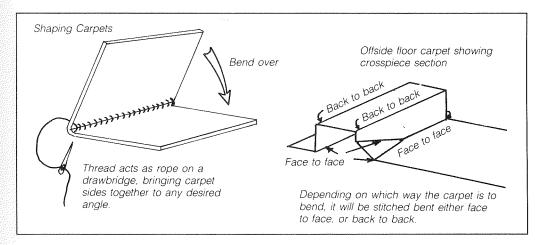
Once there, and heavily in debt due to reconditioning her engine, I begged four pounds to buy a 6' x 4' piece of anthracite carpet from Autotrim Ltd. for my car. If anyone there saw a girl in a mini-skirt wandering around with a giant roll of carpet underneath her arm, it was me!

Once back home, everything came out of the car. The seats were a piece of cake to remove, since only four bolts needed to be removed, and the whole lot came out. I used newspaper as a template, and cut this to shape to do each floor of the car. I also Hammerited the entire floor to inhibit any rust and to protect it from any water that might leak in through the soft top during violent rain.

The carpet was of looped pile type, and was backed by resin or glue, so it would not fray. It had a "grain" to it, so every piece had to be cut in the right direction. I cut it with the faithful old Stanley knife, which did the job quite adequately.

With professionally made carpets, I believe they are either sewn or steam mounted. Because I was doing the floor down each side of the driveshaft cover. I had the two crosspieces in front of the seats to contend with. The carpet had to be shaped to fit here.

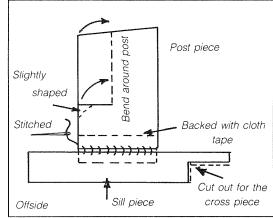
I discovered that, if the carpet was folded right over at the point at which a right-angled change of direction was required, it could be sewn in with black thread (or whatever colour) by looping the thread around the fold each time. This keeps the carpet in shape when finished, since the thread acts like the ropes on a drawbridge, drawing the carpet sides together. The size of angle depends on the tightness of the stitch.

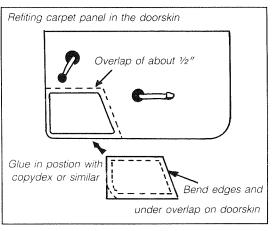


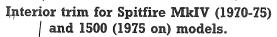
This method was also practised to a lesser degree at points on the front crosspieces where the angles were not quite right angles. The results were very pleasing; two sides of the car recarpeted with carpet that retained the correct shape even when removed.

The sill area immediately in front of the doors and the upright pieces were also lacking and I decided to do these in two parts, to use up scraps and thus save wastage. The sill area was made from a long strip, and the carpet for the posts was cut from the other scraps, ensuring the grain ran in the same direction as the strip. These were then laid edge to edge, the post piece above the sill piece, and were joined pre-sewing with cloth tape on the back. They were then sewn with black thread, passing through the tape and thus adding strength.

The carpet panels on the door were all motheaten and faded almost cream, so they were removed. I took one doorskin off, to facilitate the measuring and shaping of the new panel, and cut two out of carpet placed back to back, so that both sides could be done. The offside piece was coaxed into place and stuck with Copydex, while the nearside doorskin had lost some wooden backing and also the lower section of carpet retainer, so I bound the carpet panel with the black cloth tape, and utilised some cardboard for the backing, and glued it all into place. Unfortunately, the cardboard sometimes gets wet, so it will be replaced with hardboard again soon

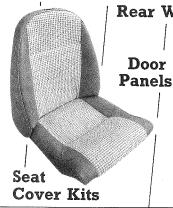






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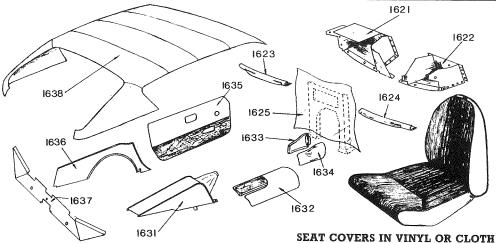




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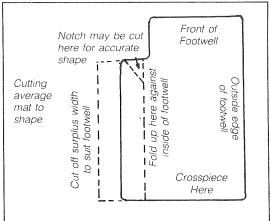
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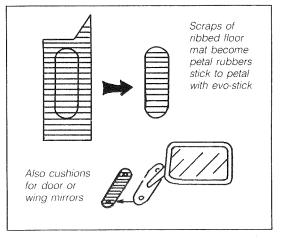
I thought that carpet would be wasted in the footwells, since they would always be dirty from feet etc., and if they are to be covered up by mats, what is the point of having them there at all. Two General Motors, heavy duty floor mats (courtesy of a Cavalier) were measured and cut to shape with the Stanley knife. They fill the entire footwell, and rise up on the transmission tunnel side to meet the carpet there. They can be removed for washing and are even the right colour. They are of the ribbed variety, and from a scrap I cut an accelerator pedal rubber. Now my foot does not slip off! Another piece also was made

I have yet to make the driveshaft cover carpet because I did not have the time, but I have enough carpet left to do so. Although I had some carpet pieces to begin with, if I had bought another piece of carpet for the same price as the first. I would have had more than enough to trim every part of the car.

into a cushion for a new door mirror!

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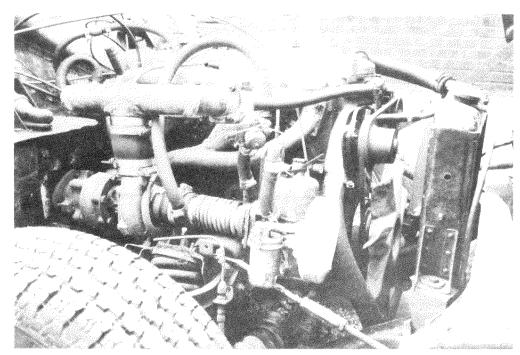
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Spitfire MkIV: 75% restored shell and chassis. Bonnet new panels. Many other parts. Contact: Nigel, tel: Shrewsbury 246446 - 86/16093

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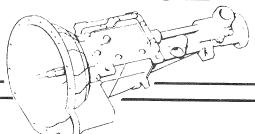
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Spitfire f/glass bonnet and bootlid MkI/II Vitesse/GT6 rotoflex rear end set-up. Pair Weber 40 DCOEs and if possible limited slip diff. Contact: Jon, tel: Chatham (0634) 62659 - 85/10558

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Wanted 13/60 chassis: must be in good cond. Contact: Shephard, tel: Telford (0952) 595211 after 6pm - 86/13301

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