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Photograph

Herald 1200 taken at South of England Meet May 1988

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

# **Triumph Mean Business**

Over the past 10 years, our cars have started to enjoy better times. Firstly, as the Club has grown, Press attention has turned from discounting Heraldchassised cars out-of-hand to warmly featuring and writing about them in all the major motoring magazines, often now in an endearing way. This is fairly logical since we are pitched in the same league as MG Midget/B, now an extention with the press having flogged MG to death turning to us as our membership increases. This can only benefit us as the more exposure our cars get the firmer base and following our cars will receive.

This month has seen the publication of a new restoration book, namely 'Spitfire/GT6/Vitesse/Herald Guide to Purchase and Restoration' by Lindsay Porter and Peter Williams (TSSC General Secretary), published by Haynes. A few years ago there would have been no possibility of this book being published. as it is only now that a sound restoration trend has been established to warrant it. I am so impressed by the standard of this book that my company, Triumph Bookshop, will be donating 50p per copy sold to the Children In Need Appeal until October 31st. Thanks must go to Lindsay and Peter for producing such a comprehensive book.

With The Club looking to the 1990's the combination of remanufactured spares, good technical publications and indepth Courier based articles, our cars stand a better chance than most of making the year 2000! Enjoy 100 pages this month!!!

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### **CLUB UPDATE**

It is over 6 months since we announced our recommendation to seek Charitable status for the TSSC. I am now able to tell you the latest position and the next stage in our communication programme.

As you remember, 90% of votes cast were in favour of the Club proceeding. There was also a very strong yes vote to two other proposals regarding the formation of a Trading Company (86% in favour) and a Financial Services Company (83% in favour).

During the six months one or two things has changed which has led us to amend our thinking. It has also given the Finance Committee and the Council of Management time to reflect on the proposals and make changes where appropriate.

The lastest position can be summarised as follows:

RESOLUTIONS	COMMENT	NEXT STAGE
NO. 1 Apply for Charity Status	Rationale for this proposal remains as previously stated.	Conduct a series of 3 Seminars for Area Organisers & Club Members (North, Midlands, South see below for details)
NO. 2 Form a Trading Company to service the TSSC	Rationale for this proposal remains as previously stated. However, we have decided to defer this action for the time being. (See note below on Jonty)	No action for the time being
NO. 3 Form a Financial Services Company to service the TSSC	Not proceeding. Our short contract with the Legal & General has finished. We have no early intention of developing a similar scheme and as such have no Financial Services Act requirements. The principal reason for this Company's formation is therefore removed.	No action
		Contd

### JONTY WILD:

I am very pleased to announce that Jonty Wild from the 1st July is providing a full time service to the TSSC. After 10 years as an engineer with the North Hertfordshire District Council, Jonty has made the break and will be providing a whole range of services to the TSSC on a similar basis as Bill Sunderland (i.e. Self Employed). Jonty will, amongst other things, be responsible for Special Offers, Indoor Classic Car Shows, the Club's International event, the Recruitment competition, Club equipment, and the Self Help Scheme. He will also deputise for Bill Sunderland (Club Manager) and Trudi (Membership Secretary) during the holidays and sickness.

We should all benefit from this much needed additional resource. Jonty has over the years built up considerable expertise in all the areas mentioned above and as a result we can expect real value in having him on board full time. Jonty will of course be operating under the tight control of the TSSC and has been set targets to ensure his operation is self financing.

May I on behalf of you all wish Jonty every success in his new life.

Jonty offering his services in this way, has removed some of the need for the Trading Company. In many ways this is good for us at the centre as it allows us breathing space and time to concentrate on the Chairty issue.

### THE SEMINARS:

### **OBJECTIVES**

- To discuss the Charity proposal with Area Organisers and Club Members.
- To provide advance notice of the changes to the Memorandum and Articles of Association which the Club will vote on formally at the January/February 1989 Annual General Meeting.

### SEMINAR ONE:

- THE MIDLANDS Yew Lodge Hotel, Kegworth (Ash Room) Situated near Junction 24 on the M1 (East Midlands Airport Junction)
  - Sunday 9th October
  - Starting 10.30 am

### **SEMINAR TWO:** THE SOUTH

### Oakfield School, Swindon, Wilts

- Sunday 30th October 1988 (provsionally)
- Starting 10.30 am

### SEMINAR THREE:

### THE NORTH

- Manchester Polytechnic (All Saints Building), Oxford Road, Manchester M15 6DH.
- Sunday 27th November
- Starting 10.30 am

As there will only be a limited number of seats at each venue, seats will have to be reserved in advance, on a first come first served basis. Please note that you should elect to attend only one Seminar and where possible, please ensure this is the appropriate one for your region. Complete the enclosed slip now to avoid disappointment.

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status will be discussed	TSSC Seminar, when issues concerning the p	proposed application for Charitable
SEMINAR	VENUE	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX
MIDLANDS	YEW LODGE HOTEL Kegworth 9th October 1989	
SOUTH	OAKFIELD SCHOOL Swindon 30th October 1988	
NORTH	MANCHESTER POLOYTECHNIC Oxford Road, Manchester 27th November, 1989	
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John Griffiths

### CHILDREN IN NEED APPEAL

I am pleased to report that contributions are starting to come in. As at the end of July we had about £200, so there's still a long way to go yet. Please see Steve Ash's update on the appeal in this issue.

### CORNEY CORNER (Courtesy of Triumph Sports Car Club of South Africa)

What did the bug have to say to the windscreen? "Well that's me all over!"

### PRACTICAL CLASSICS & CAR RESTORER

Make sure you get hold of the September issue of Practical Classics & Car Restorer which has a special Triumph Spitfire/GT6 Supplement.

### **EEC REGULATIONS ON OLDER CARS**

Some members will have seen recent Press comment to the effect that vehicles over 20 years of age could be banned from Britain's roads from 1992 under EEC Regulations, except on special occasions with a police permit!

The following Press Notice from The Department of Transport provides welcome reassurance.

### PETER BOTTOMLEY REASSURES VETERAN CAR OWNERS

European Community legislation on vehicle safety and environmental standards, and on roadworthiness testing, will not adversely affect historic vehicles. This message, a welcome reassurance for all historic vehicle enthusiasts, was given today in a Parliamentary Answer to a Question fromn Graham Riddick MP (Colne Valley) by Peter Bottomley, Minister for Roads and Traffic.

### Mr Bottomley said:

"Everyone with an interest can be assured that there are no plans to restrict the use of historic vehicles through the introduction of retrospective legislation.

"It would be unreasonable to require the original features of old vehicles to be adapted or replaced in order to comply with the various EC Directives which apply to new vehicles.

"Recent EC Directives on vehicle emissions will apply only to new vehicles. There is no question of their being made retrospective.

"We know of no European Commission plans to put forward proposals that would adversely affect vehicles owned by the many historic vehicle enthusiasts in Europe."

Vigilance on this issue remains essential and the TSSC has accordingly registered its interest with the Historic Vehicle Clubs Committee which will be co-ordinating opinion and action.



### AT LAST IN DEVON **SPITS & PIECES**

Triumph Spitfire used parts available for all models, including GT6's. Postal Service Available Tel Newton Abbot 51370 Unit 9 Bradley Lane Newton Abbot Devon

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

### A NOTE FROM ANDY BONNER -VITESSE MkII REGISTER SECRETARY

I am currently researching some articles for the Vitesse MkII Register and would welcome some input from other TSSC members on the following:

- 1. Register number/colour/any other details of cars used by B.L. for road tests/advertising.
- 2. Special tuning information available through B.L. for the Vitesse MkII (also for the 1600 engine, for another project).
- 3. Can anyone give details of commission numbers when the following were introduced:.
  - a) Rear hub carrier redesigned (1970?)
  - b) Steering column lock introduced (1971)
  - c) Change to plain headlight surrounds (1968)

And any other details of changes and when they occurred

(See Andy Bonner's address under Club Officers - Page 66)

### **CLUB ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP**

Those members currently renewing or who are in contact with their Area Organiser will be aware that a new class of Club membership has recently been introduced: that of Club Associate Member'. Following the popular request by a number of members. 'Club Associate Member' status has been introduced as an update and improvement on the old 'Associate Member'. In the past, although not receiving full benefits of TSSC membership, the husband, wife (or partner) of a Full Member would automatically be elected as an 'Associate Member' of the Club. For an additional fee of £5 payable for the new 'Club Associate Membership', the wife, husband or partner (residing at the same address) of the Full Club member will be

able to obtain full benefits of TSSC membership including Club discounts, special offers and access to the Club insurance scheme. Club Associate members will also receive a separate, individual copy of the Club handbook but not Courier and Turning Circle magazines.

### PETER WILLIAMS GENERAL SECRETARY INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND RAFFLE RESULTS

There were two raffles held during the weekend, one each day, Saturday Results:

The main prize on Saturday, a portable television, went to Shawn Ogborne from Swindon - much to his amazement! The other prizes and winners were as follows:-

- Chocolates to Nick Lord of Smeeton Westerby
- Personal Stereo to Jim Turner from Chelmsford
- Bottle of Frascati to Alec Dennis from Cheshunt
- Vintage Cider to Ken Robson of Triumph Scene

### Sunday Results:

Sunday's main prize went to Carl Heinlein who lives in Willingham. Cambridgeshire. This was a 'ghetto-blaster'. (I think you're living in the wrong place, Carl!).

The remaining winners received the following prizes:-

- · Car Ramps to Bill Perry from Northampton
- Cube Clock Radio to Alex Munro from Kibworth
- Crystal Vase, which was kindly donated by KLM Engraving, who produced the concours trophies, to Bevan Smylie of Spalding.
- · Chocolates to Adrian Bennett from Stone in Staffs
- Scrumpy to Mark Trister of Welwyn Garden City
- There was another prize, which was a bottle of wine, I think, but I'm afraid I haven't got a note of the winner

During the weekend, while I was on the Information Desk and P.A. system (don't you dare bring your ear-plugs next year!) we were handed a used Fujicolor film which had been found at the showground. If you lost your film, please contact me on Jonty Wild's number (see The Courier). If it is not claimed I will get it developed to see if this throws any light on the photographer concerned - I hope it's not a blue film!!

IRENE FUSSELL Steve Ash

### CHILDREN IN NEED APPEAL

Fund-raising has got off to a slow but steady start (£200 raised so far). However, we are still a fair way away from our target of £4,000. You will find that we have re-printed the Giro slip as a tear-out in the Area News section. Please make your contribution now, as we must have the greater part of our funds in by mid-October. Remember that although our prime aim is to help Children In Need, we are also trying to enhance the image of our Club and gain some much-valued publicity.

I would like to hear from some more Areas who are interested in organising their own, sponsored events. The Devon Area are entering a raft in the River Dart Run and other Areas are having small raffles at their meetings to raise money. Area Organisers organising their own events are encouraged to seek publicity from their local BBC TV/radio stations.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who have contributed to the Appeal so far. More news next month.



Avoncroft Museum of Buildings Stoke Heath Nr. Bromsgrove (off A38 Bromsgrove By-Pass Junction 5/M5 or 1/M42)



£2.00 per person

50p children

includes free programme



# 11th September 1988

Concours D'Elegance - Previous Event Winners - Best in Marque Peoples Choice - Dinky Car Concours (max 2 cars per entrant) Vistors Trophy - Open to all Cars

Food available on site - All day beer tent - Various side shows in marquee Entrance includes admission to Museum Souvenir Shop

Camping facilities available on site: Enquires to Bill & Bev Dixon Telephone (0905) 358781

Avoncroft Museum is well worth a look. Interesting buildings for all the family

# WHAT'S

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

### The TSSC'S own events this month include the following:-

The 7th North Yorkshire Concours & Moors Run, this long standing TSSC event takes place on the 3rd and 4th at The Blacksmiths Arms Hotel, Hartoft, Rosedale, Nr. Pickering, Yorks - contact Peter Johnston (0757-618787) for further details.

WAC (Worcester Area Concours) takes place on the 11th at Avoncroft Museum, Stoke Heath, Nr. Bromsgrove, Worcs - contact Bill or Bev Dixon (0905-358781).

The last of the TSSC'S own events is a more local affair that of the Hants & Berks Auto-jumble. It should be noted that the details of this event have changed since the TSSC Calendar of Events was published. It now takes place at The Hatch on the A30 (about 2 miles east of Basingstoke) on the 16th.

We are also taking a large number of members to the Dutch International Spitfire Weekend but by the time you read this you'll be too late to book - a must next year!

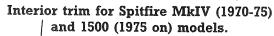
As a Club we have been invited to the TR Drivers Club International Rally at Billing Aquadrome, Nr. Northampton on the 10th and 11th - contact Terry Richardson for details 0604-30614. It would be nice to see a substantial number of members accepting their invitation and attending the event.

The shows which the TSSC will be attending this month include:-

The Scottish Classic Car Show, Ingliston, Nr.Edinburgh - 4th The Bluebell Railway Vintage Sunday, Sheffield Park, (between East Grinstead & Lewes) Sussex - 11th

### ALSO COMING FAST

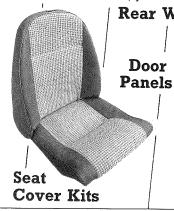
Malvern 88, 3 Counties Showground, Malvern, Hereford - 1st Oct The Rand Auto-jumble, Kempton Park - 2nd Oct

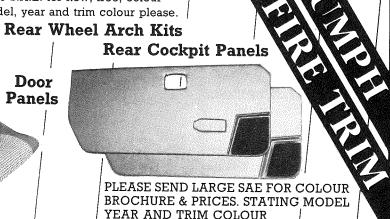


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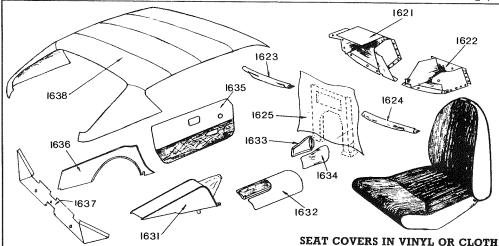
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# NEW ITEMS AVAILABLE FROM SPRING 1988

# TRIUMPH GT6 MkIII TRIM (Black only)



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This month I bring you some more bits and pieces of Construction and Use.

SUSPENSION: There is no specific Construction or Use offence regarding suspension. If it is fitted, then it should work as it was designed to. Virtually all cars on the road today (except Veterans) have suspension. If it is maintained and adjusted correctly, then there is no problem. If the vehicle has been neglected, as some of our cars have in the past, then the suspension may need attention. The suspension includes all springs, dampers and bushes.

The maintenance requirement is under Reg. 100 Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986. It states: A motor vehicle, every trailer drawn thereby and all parts and accessories of such vehicle and trailer shall at all times be in such condition that no danger is caused or is likely to be caused to any person in or on the vehicle or trailer or on a road.

(Construction and Use) Regulations 1986: every part of every braking system and of the means of operation thereof fitted to a motor vehicle or trailer shall at all times while the vehicle or trailer is used on a road be maintained in good and efficient working order and be properly adjusted.

It matters not how many braking systems are fitted, each one has to work correctly and be correctly adjusted. This includes brake fluid. Due to the attraction brake fluid has for moisture your brake fluid may not do the job properly. If it is two years old there may be so much moisture in the fluid that when it is heated by the brakes it boils and you end up with no brakes. Most motor manufacturers recommend a complete fluid change after 18 months. Fluid seals also perish and should be changed regularly. It is too late to change fluid or seals once the brakes have failed.

One final thought on brake fluid. Always use a new can of fluid for every change. The moisture in the air space inside the can will contaminate the fluid. Why put in fluid which may contain more moisture than that which was taken out? Fluid does not mix in the system so that the oldest fluid is always nearest the brake cylinders.

STEERING: Reg. 29 Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986 states: All steering gear fitted to a motor vehicle shall at all times while the vehicle is used on

BRAKES: Under Reg. 18 Road Vehicle a road be maintained in good and efficient working order and be properly adjusted.

> This means no play anywhere and no stiffness either. Our cars are prone to perishing of the rack clamp bushes. Check these regularly. Engine oil assists the perishing action and guess where they are fitted? Yes, you got it, on the front crossmember under the engine. Rack movement sideways can easily be seen if someone moves the steering wheel from side to side. Keep trunnions well oiled as well.

> On a lighter note regarding the hood folding article by Peter Williams in Courier 97: if you wish to prolong the life of the windows in your hood. keep a clean cloth in the car. I used to use the cloth to wipe the OUTSIDE of the windows before folding. This removes all the dust. The dust will act like sandpaper if folded with the hood, this makes the windows very opaque. You will find that it will more than double the life of your rear windows. Just a tip.

If you have any queries or topics on Road Traffic Law why not contact me. Mike Crewes, Otterburn Gardens. 24 Isleworth, Middlesex TW7 5JJ with an S.A.E. Remember, help is only 26 pence away.

# AMBRIDGE TRIUMPH SPARES

Next to SHORTS COTTAGES MOUNT PLEASENT FARM CHATTERIS CAMBS PE16 6XN

### WE'VE MOVED !!

Hopefully by the time you read this we will have moved to our new premises next to Shorts Cottages, Mount Pleasant Farm, 16 FT. BANK, CHATTERIS. The new phone numbers are 0345-34140 and 34144.

DIRECTIONS: Take the A141 from Huntingdon to Chatteris. From Chatteris take the B1098 (signposted Downham Market) and drive along the 16 FT Drain. Take the second white bridge on the left across the drain and drive straight ahead on the un-made track. Shorts Cottages are dead ahead at the end of the track. Cambridge Triumph Spares are located to the right of the second cottage. Please do not call at any of the residential properties, our premises will be clearly marked.

### SEE YOU THERE!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our existing customers and welcome all new ones to our larger premises where we hope to provide a fuller service, especially for second hand spares as well as the sale of complete vehicles.

### This months Special Offers for TSSC Members

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Our telephone number is TEL: (0354) 34140/34144



Jonty Wild

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT A WINTER HOLIDAY - SKI-ING? If so then you will be interested in a new venture for the TSSC - HOLIDAYS. These holidays are for TSSC members and their friends - parties are welcomed.

Recently we have been LOOK AT WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE PRICES:offered a very interesting proposition, namely a selection of holidays, some winter, some summer and some activity holidays.

You won't find details of the latter two in this Courier (too soon yet!), but we can give you details of the winter holidays. I think that they will prove very popular, especially when you in mind bear comprehensive package being offered the holidays are very good value for money. In fact comparing holidays 'like for like' there are savings of up to £100.00.

Ski-ing holidays traditionally riddled with hidden extras like ski passes, lessons or equipment. The package being offered here has NO HIDDEN EXTRAS there is even a maximum surcharge guarantee of £10.00 (protects you against surcharges due to fuel or currency rate changes). So you know exactly where you stand cost wise.

- Return coach travel to 'Luton or Gatwick (subject to confirmation
- Return flight arrangements and resort transfers
- A main meal, usually hot, provided on the flight
- Good half board hotel accommodation
- Use of top quality skis, boots & safety bindings
- Six 2 hour lessons (based on a ratio of 1:12)
- Ski lift pass
- Airport taxes, security charges & Eurocrat fees
- Comprehensive insurance for both delay and redundancy cover
- Ski breakage insurance and cover for loss of ski-ing time through injury or illness
- Snow guarantee i.e., if you are not able to ski at your resort as a result of insufficient snow up to £15 per person per day will be paid for transport to an alternative resort and for extra ski passes.

### THE RESORTS & THE COSTS

Resort SERRE CHAVALIER (FRANCE) Date: 9th January 1989 £298 based on a minimum of three people to a room £328 based on two people in a room

are Resort CHANTEL (FRANCE) Date: 9th January 1989

Price £313 based on a minimum of three people to a room £343 based on two people to a room

Date: 20th March 1989

Price £383 based on a minimum of three people to a room

£413 based on two people to a room

Resort FOLGARIDA (ITALY) Date: 19th January 1989

Price £299 based on a minimum of three people to a room £329 based on two people in a room

Resort GOTZENS (AUSTRIA) Date: 24 February 1989

Price £327 based on a minimum of three people to a room

£347 based on two people to a room

Obviously we can't cover all the details here so if you are interested in further details, write to: TSSC TRAVEL, 13 COMMON RISE, HITCHIN, HERTS SG4 0HN. Enclose a large, stamped, self-addressed envelope and state the resort(s) that you are interested in you will be sent full details with a colour brochure(s). Don't leave it too long as these holidays are very popular and soon get booked up. Also the numbers of double rooms are limited.

### Jonty Wild

Although only introduced last year in its present form I am sure all members are now familiar with the TSSC Members Handbook. I hope everybody has found it to be a useful and informative addition to the TSSC'S services. It is now time to start working on the next edition and I hope to improve and expand it yet again.

### SELF HELP SCHEME

Perhaps the main part of the book remains the TSSC'S Self Help Scheme, so I will deal with this first. Elsewhere in this Courier you will find the appropriate form to fill in, please complete it and return it as soon as possible if you would like to participate. An important note here is that I am going to assume that all those who were in the scheme last year wish to remain in it for 1989 (assuming that they hold current membership), so if you wish to withdraw from the scheme you must tell me. If your details/circumstances have changed please complete a new form.

To those who are not in the scheme already I would be grateful if you would consider joining it. It is indeed very unlikely that you would be contacted so it's very little trouble and remember you may wish to use it yourself one day so it is only fair that you should offer your help in return. You definitely do not have to be an 'ace' mechanic, we only ask that you offer what help that you can. A cup of tea and somewhere to wash hands after making the repair may be all that is required.

It is probably a good idea to give guidance on the headings we are using they are:-

Basic Tools - ie loan of common tools whilst the repair is made.

Transport - ie local transport to obtain parts etc, to make the repair, any further is at your own discretion.

Assist with repair - an extra pair of hands to help with repair.

Parking - a reasonably safe place to park to do the repair or to leave the car for a short length of time.

Towing - tow the vehicle (if safe to do so) to a local place where the car can be repaired or left temporarily.

Bed for the night - somewhere to sleep (bed or sleeping bag on the floor) overnight if repairs cannot be done and the driver can't get to his/her destination.

### **OVERSEAS MEMBERS**

I would like to make a special request to Overseas members to join the scheme. It is pleasing to see this side of the Self Help expand, but I do know that in the past some overseas members, particulary those furthest away have hesitated about joining. I think some of you are missing the point the idea is not just to help us Brits' when we are abroad but to help you when you are touring and most importantly to give you contacts in your own country. So it doesn't matter if you live in Australia, the USA, Norfolk or somewhere even more exotic, get those pens out and fill in the forms.

Incidentally I am working on a new idea for improving this scheme which I will not say much about until I know whether or not it is feasible, but if it works it should prove beneficial to Triumph enthusiasts all over the world.

### \*FILL IN YOUR FORM\*FILL IN YOUR FORM\*FILL IN YOUR FORM\*

### TRADE DIRECTORY

The other important part of the existing Handbook's format is the Trade Directory and Specialist Services sections. I will be contacting all the trade firms that I know about shortly, so look out for the forms and please fill them in promptly. I am interested in expanding this section even more, so if you know of any specialist firms that might be interested in appearing in the next book write and give me their name and address. They do not have to be Triumph Specialists as long as their work is of help and interest to members. The categories that were used last time and are likely to be repeated are the following:-

PARTS SUPPLIERS(NEW), PARTS SUPPLIERS SECONDHAND, TRIM SUPPLIERS, RESTORATION AND WORKSHOP SERVICES, CAR SALES AND SPECIALIST SUPPLIERS

Last time the latter ranged from paintings to books so if you know of a company which should be included contact me at the address below.

### **MEMBERS BUSINESS**

This is a new section which I am hoping to include. The intention is to allow members to advertise their businesses to other members for the mutual benefit of both. It doesn't matter whether you are an accountant, run a sports shop, have a restaurant or do bed & breakfast, as long as you are a member you can advertise in this section. I hope that you would consider offering a discount to your fellow members who use your services. There will be a minimal charge for advertising in this section (say £5) and I would like to think that this section can grow to offer as wide a range of services as possible, the stranger the better, though I do reserve the right to edit the entries (and to omit the rude ones!), write or 'phone for an advertising form (details below).

Please complete your Self Help forms, if you know of any specialist companies that might like to be included or any members who should advertise their services, or if you wish to advertise your own business, contact:-

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Release bearing for above	261

Pressure plate (diaphragm) Herald, Spitfire	£12.0
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Steering column light switch Herald, Vitesse	
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Metal stud for above goes on body	8p e
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Door trim steel sprig clip top of door	12p e
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lisc to hub bolt all models	30p
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plit pin for front stub axle all	40
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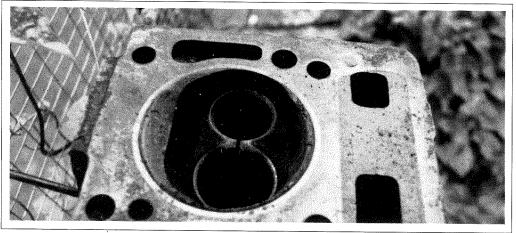
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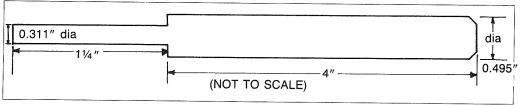
### **Andy Bonner**

 $m{\digamma}$  ollowing on from last month with reference to cylinder head removal, the reason that I had to remove mine was lack of compression on number one cylinder. The photograph reveals the ghastly truth, a very bad crack between the valve seats.

This is a fairly common occurance on the Vitesse MkII cylinder head and, unfortunately, I don't know how one can prevent it from happening. However, if in its early stages, it shows as a hairline crack between the valve seats, another head can sometimes be saved by fitting new valve seat inserts as these overlap one another and remove the crack (mine was too far gone for this to work).



Once you have removed the head, it is worthwhile checking for wear in the valve guides as per the Workshop Manual and if they need replacing, it is a fairly simple job with the correct tool. One of our local members, Graham Sturgess, has a lathe and made up a tool to the following dimensions:



We have tested it and it works! Afterwards you will have to get your valve seats recut. You can either hire a tool to do this or get your local engine reconditioners to do it for you. Our local firm charges £1.50 per valve seat.





The two-seater beater TRIUMPH VITESSE 2LITRE MK2

On a different note, I am currently compiling a list of all MkIIs used by B.L. as road test/advertising cars etc., and would appreciate any information that fellow MkII enthusiasts could give (registration/chassis numbers, copies of road tests etc.).

I'd just like to mention here the recent International Weekend at Peterborough. The venue and organisation etc., were excellent. If your car is off the road now and you missed this year, make yourself a promise to be there in 1989.

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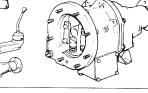




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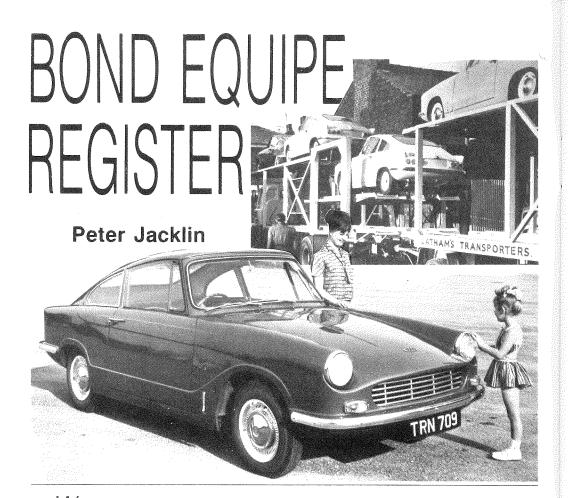
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It is worth noting that Classicar Automotive (see adverts) do a comprehensive front suspension (both axles) 'nut and bolt' kit which includes many of the above nuts and bolts, plus others not listed above. The kit I saw was very impressive, with nuts, bolts etc. in separately labelled polythene bags for their various applications. Many of the advertisers in The Courier can also supply bushes etc. at prices substantially below "Leyland (or whatever they are calling themselves this month!) dealer prices".

### **TECHNICAL QUESTION:**

The rear transverse leaf spring on club cars has to be fitted with the arrow or label "FRONT" towards the front of the car. Do any of you technical expert out there know why? The spring looks symetrical to me! What would be the effect of fitting the spring "back-to-front"?



With summer (!) nearly finished autumn and winter will soon be with us, now is the time to start planning for the long dark nights. How about a winter project? I know of several Equipes 'ripe for restoration' in scrap yards around the country and several more for sale privately - so come on, save a Bond and become the owner of something a bit different! Who knows perhaps Nick Lord could have a genuine entry for the 'Choice Bond' Competition if he gets started soon!!

Now for the promised spares/originality guide for each model, starting this month with the 2 + 2. I have also included some technical information which might be of interest to owners.

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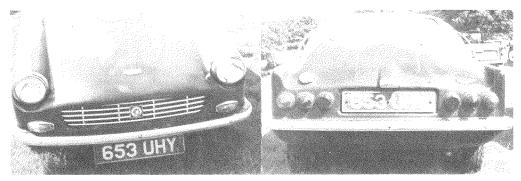
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Obviously no new Bond manufactured parts are available so these are only available through salvage.

Any comments, corrections or additions to the above are most welcome, please drop me a line and share your knowledge with others. BADGES - the supply of reproduction 'Equipe' script badges hit a snag some time ago when the manufacturer to whom I supplied the pattern went broke, but hopefully now another source has been located and I hope to have good news in the near future.



Next month the 4S and 1300 will be featured.



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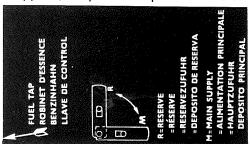
### Tanks For The Memory .....

 ${m W}$ hilst driving around the Peterborough Showground in July, I had the misfortune to run out of petrol. Never mind, good old Triumph anticipated the needs of people like me. Open the boot, flick the lever, and away we go again.

This incident reminded me of an instance a few years ago. Having merrily painted over the sticker on the tank and upon running out of fuel, I climbed out with a smug grin on my face only to find it was already set on reserve!

With this in mind I had a walk round the carpark during the weekend and was surprised how many people, like me, had painted their tanks, covering the information on how the reserve facility works.

For those of you to whom this applies, the panel is reproduced here.



Finally, the photo in Courier 97. Lots of you have asked what it is. The answer - I don't know. Suggestions please.

P.S. The above sticker is available from Classic Car Reproductions in wolverhampton





After 50 years in the number plate trade, I am very conscious of the number of fine veteran, vintage and classic cars which display number plates not in keeping with the vehicles' year of manufacture.

Assuming you are fortunate enough to have retained the original registration number, availability may be your only problem but with a little searching it is possible to locate plates to suit most vehicles. In fact, one small company is still producing diepressed aluminium plates utilising the original pre-war dies and presses - and you can't get more original than that! The good old pressed aluminium plate spans nearly 60 years and was popular for the basic production line cars.

More up-market vehicles carried a fair range from Ace Silver Peak, Ace White Peak, translucents illuminated boxes) Bluemel Bluemel White Peak. translucents, Hills Silverdome, Hills Ivorite, Hills Puraloy, Hills Flexwyt and many others.

Some letters and numbers are still available - you may be lucky, it is certainly worth a try. Small caches of these original components are in halfforgotten stocks up and down the country. Some letters in



Manchester, some figures in a cellar in Birmingham, a small quantity in a garage loft in Southend. It may well be possible to gather together your registration .....

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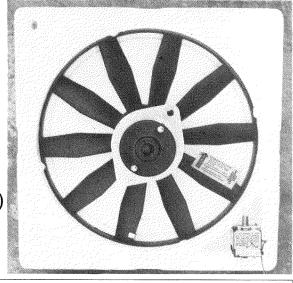
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(or.. Fitting a Kenlowe Fan)



### Peter Williams

As the sales literature goes, constantly turning mechanical cooling fans (even late Spitfire ones) lead to a loss of available power from the engine resulting in some reduction in the car's potential performance and or fuel economy. Electric fans are now fitted as standard to the majority of modern cars for these very reasons so it can make sense to think about fitting an aftermarket unit to your car. However, the original cooling system can sometimes be marginal due to its age and condition (is the radiator core or engine block choked with hardened deposits?) and/or its basic design and installation and that taking the mechanical fan off and swopping it for an electric unit can lead to overheating so check the system over critically first. Overheating occurred in this way on fitting an electric fan to my GT6 Mk1 though shamefacedly I've yet to sort out the cause of the problem but simply put the mechanical fan back on. In direct contrast, friends with other GT6s and other Club cars certainly don't share the problem and are nothing but enthusiastic about using an electric fan. I'm pleased to say that though replacing the mechanical unit on my car, I left the electric fan in place and it has since proved useful as a manually switched booster to the normal system under fast and hot driving conditions - such as powering up steep hills in sunny Germany following the Spitfire Weekend in Holland last year. A similar potential advantage can be gained by fitting an electric cooling fan to supplement the standard system on cars well used to towing caravans and the like or on all cars in extreme climates.

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same for both kit types.

Fig.1

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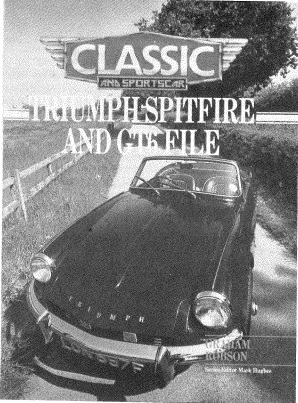
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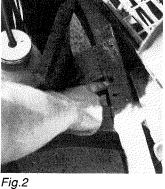


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Fig.3 As required, the front wiring loom may be gently unclipped and moved out of the way to be resecured afterwards.

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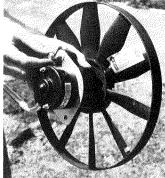
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Offer up the motor/fan unit and secure loosely in place. Make sure that the fan is set the correct way round as clearly shown in the instruction manual else it'll suck hot air from the engine towards the front of the car rather than blow cold air from the front through the radiator.



Fig.6 Next, offer up the fan unit complete with roughly positioned brackets onto the car. Feed the mounting bolts through the chassis or other chosen sites sliding the clamps along the alloy bars to suit. Make sure that the fan sits snuggly against the front of the radiator sweeping over the largest core area possible. Depending on the car, check that the bonnet shuts without catching on the fan motor. On GT6s, the front return lip of the bonnet may have to be bent up slightly to clear - no problem. When all's well, tighten up the clamp locking screws near each mounting point...

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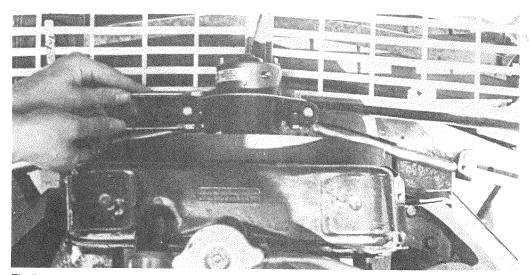


Fig.7 ...and secure the motor/bracket fixing bolts.

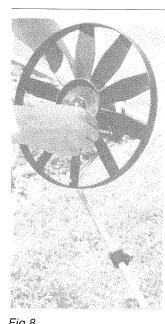




Fig.9 The fan motor is set to go into action at a preset temperature as indicated on the remote control unit...



Fig. 10

...which receives information on the water temperature from With the clamp positions fixed, lift a temperature sender which sits inside the top of the the whole system out of the car and radiator. Use the special seal provided to give a water tight tighten the clamp securing screws at join between the radiator pipe, capillary and top hose. A the motor support plate. Fix the smear of copaslip or similar on the seal may help initial assembly back into the car and fit seating. Alternatively, feed the capillary through the other and secure the chassis mounting end of the top hose, sealing it in a similar way against the bolts and nuts. As applicable, double hose and the alloy thermostat housing pipe. Ensure that check that the bonnet shuts without the trailing capillary is well secured and that it can't foul the fan belt, dynamo etc.

Fig.11 With the hose in place, tighten up the jubilee clip. Once in use. check carefully for leaks. If fitting the sender unit through the front end of the top hose. pay particular attention to the positioning of the worm drive of the clip on GT6s. Litle dents in the bonnet bulge above the radiator are often due to wrongly positioned clips as the clearance above the radiator is minimal.



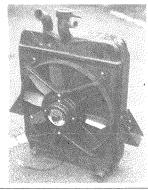
Fig.12 With the mechanical bits largely done, wire the system up in accordance to the instructions supplied. If at all possible, use soldered joints where required as they'll be more reliable than simply crimping. Never just twist wires together as they'll be unreliable and can form a fire hazzard.

The thermostat controller, seen

centre left in this shot, can be

fitted in a number of convenient

positons but must be earthed.



left. Once everthing is in place, double check all the wiring and reconnect the battery. Start up the engine and set to idle. Check that the fan rotates in the correct direction as the thermostat controller cuts in or as switched in by the manual overide. If the fan rotates in the wrong direction, swop over the motor power leads. Check the cooling system for leaks. As discussed in the instructions, to gain the greatest benefits of an electric, temperature controlled fan system, the temperature controller should be set to cut the fan in with the temperature gauge reading a little higher than normal ie. about half way betweeen normal

and hot. Set the final cut-in temperature by road testing the car

Similarly, the manual overide switch can be located in any

convenient place eq. underneath the dashboard -shown bottom



adjusting as necessary.

Fig. 15

As mentioned above, the fan mounting details for Vitesse models are different to other club cars. As shown here, Vitesse motor/fan units are mounted directly onto the engine side of the radiator by means of four small brackets and 'flat' bolts which should be carefully threaded through the radiator core in between the vertical cooling pipes and the horizontal cooling vanes. This is certainly no problem

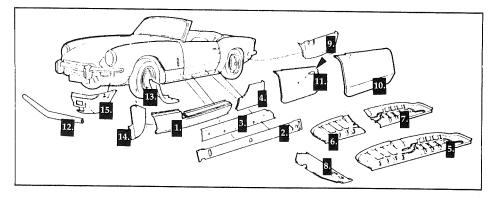
on original type radiators. However, I recall being told that some recored radiaors may be fitted with the vertical cooling pipes staggered therefore not presenting a straight path from front to back (whether this is true or not I don't know). Presumably if this is the case then the bolts wouldn't pass through. So, check that your Vitesse radiator core is indeed suitable - I checked my recored Vitesse rad and it's certainly OK so perhaps my memory or the unidentified sage are playing tricks with me. Stay cool. \*

Original figures first produced for the 'Guide to Purchase and DIY Restoration of the Triumph Spitfire, GT6, Vitesse and Herald' by Lindsay Porter and Peter Williams, now in print by Haynes.

Fig.13

# SPITFIRE/GT6 PANELWORK----

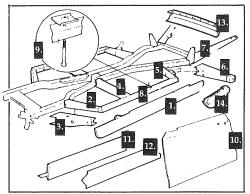
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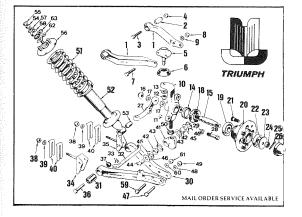


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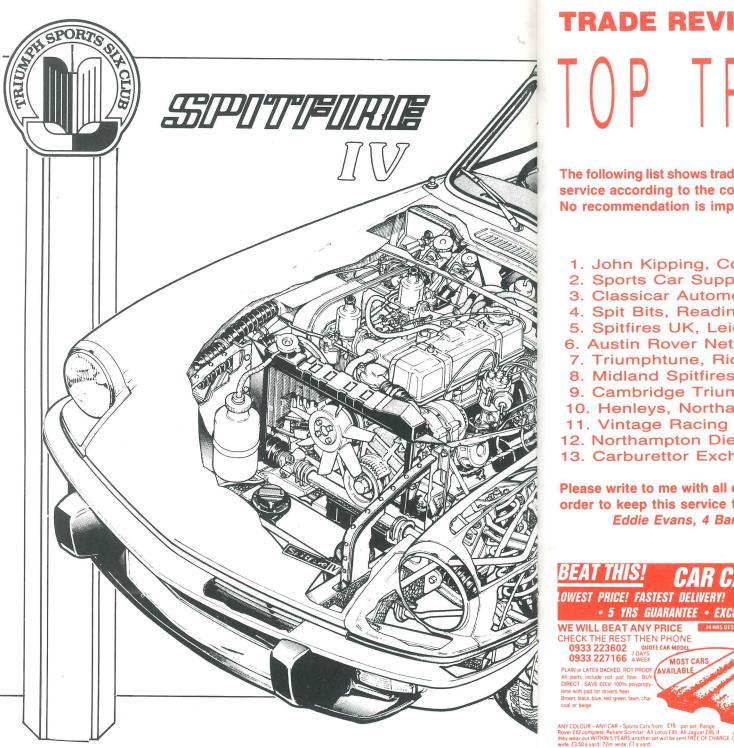
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By the time you read this I will be working out the 'End of Season' prizes (the season ends 31/8/88), so you will see who's won the major prizes in next months Courier. This of course does not mean that 'recruitment' stops, in fact the monthly prizes continue now month in month out (raffle style).

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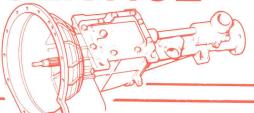
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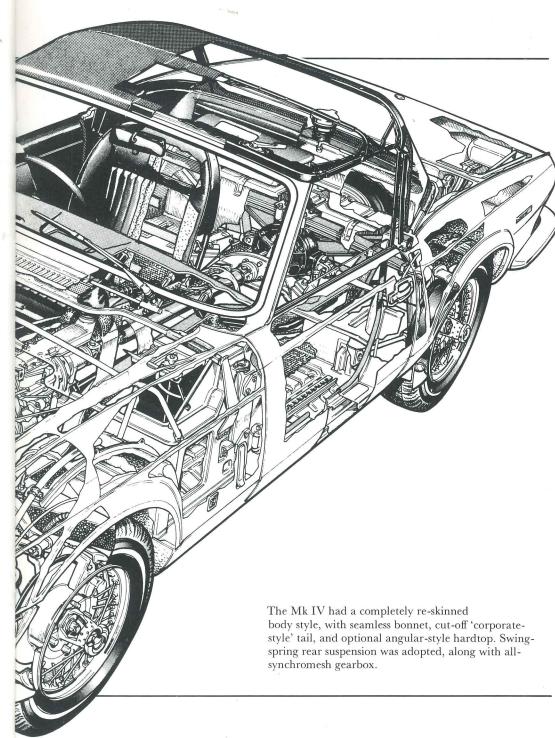
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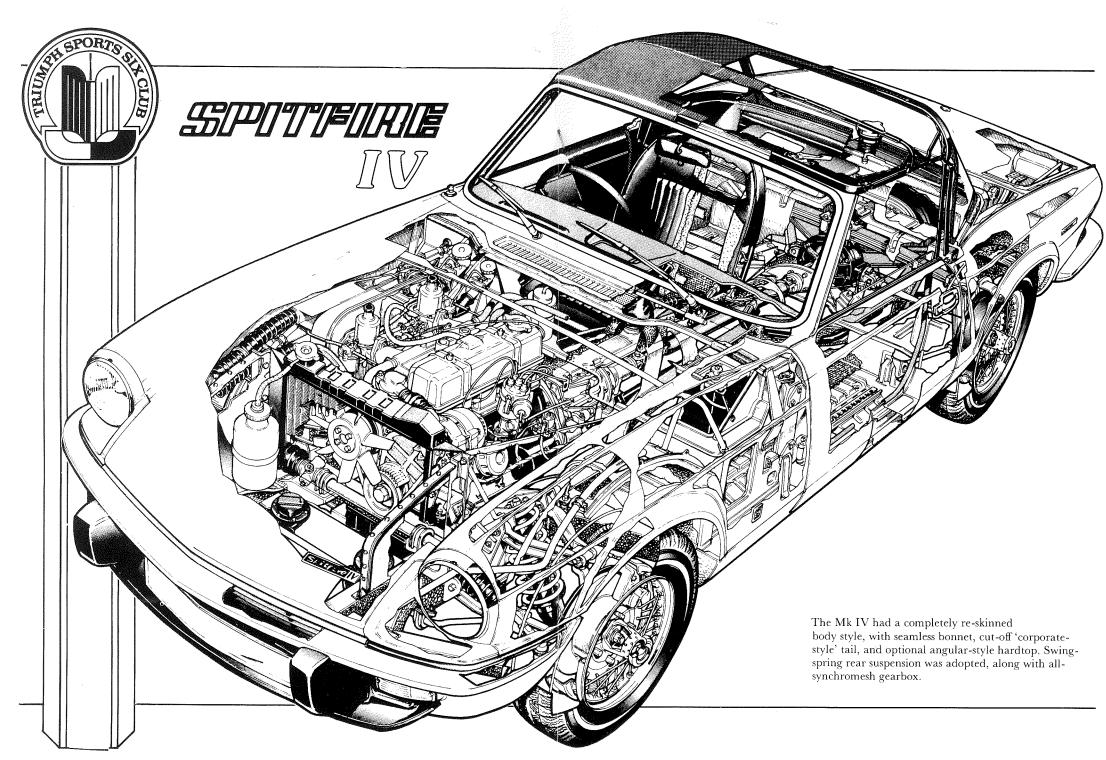


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his month I would like to start by answering a few questions that have arisen as a result of telephone enquiries and orders:

ORDERS: Although we say up to 28 days to complete orders, this is really to cover ourselves against unforeseen occurrences. Orders are normally completed much sooner. Of course, we live and learn and the large numbers of orders now being received have meant that I have had to change systems and buy computer software in order to cope efficiently. These are all now (just about!) installed, which should improve delivery times and (I hope!) save me time.

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### CAR COVERS:

I must admit I have a vested interest in aranging this offer - I want one! Those of us who put their cars away in the garage for fairly long lengths of time are probably (like me!) fed up with having to wash the dust off the car in order to make it look respectable again for using it.

I have tried using the 'Halfords' type nylon car cover with disastrous results, a combination of slight dampness and heat cause the cover to eat into and stick to the paintwork. The resulting damage to an excellent paint finish was heartbreaking (and very expensive to put right). Actually having told a few people about this problem, everybody seemed to know somebody who'd had a good/expensive paint finish ruined in a similar way - why didn't they tell me before it happened?!

Another problem which can occur if the car is laid up for very long lengths of time in a garage which has a lot of sunlight entering, is that paintwork can still fade just as if it were standing outside in the sun. Worse still, if the car sits next to a window, fading can take place on just part of the car.

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### CLUTCH AND FUEL LINES IN COPPER:

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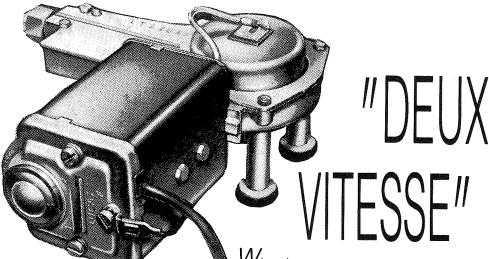
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by Graham Mountford

This article should be of interest to owners of Heralds. Vitesses, Spitfires (MkI,II,III), and Bond Equipes and has been in the pipeline since 1981. That is to say that its seed was first sown in 1981 at an auto-jumble stall at STIR when one stallholder had two very grubby looking early twin speed wiper motors of the sort fitted to the TR4A (optional fitment) / TR5 / GT6 Mkl (the sort with the squared off motor body as opposed to the modern round body variety). Unfortunately I did not buy them as I thought that anything that was mucky outside would probably be completely knackered inside and I'd be better off with a new

When I came to try and buy a new motor a few years later from my local Lucas Main Agent I discovered that it had been obsolete for quite a long time but Lucas would overhaul my existing unit if I sent it away to them. All well and good but for the fact that I didn't have a motor to send away and now deeply regretted not buying those 'grubby' motors at STIR. So began a good few years of hunting at auto-jumbles all to no avail. As you may gather by now it is quite an elusive little item which is a fact hit home when any GT6 Mkl's being broken seem to have had a replacement single speed unit fitted at some time in their past (and so this article may be of interest to owners of GT6 Mkl's as well). At this time it looked like I would have to settle for the modern two speed motor with the round motor as fitted to later Spitfires and GT6's which although easy to do, to my mind wouldn't look right under the bonnet of my Vitesse and using the original switch position in the dash would not be feasible as the later type of switch would be needed.

In 1987 fate smiled on me. At the Enfield Pageant after frantically searching all the auto-jumble stalls I came to the last stall and although I didn't find an original unit I did find a Lucas squared-motor which was twin speed (recognizable by not having Lucas terminals on the top but having three wires coming out from under the top cover) allegedly from a Rover P6, which, as it looked brand new and was cheap I decided to buy with the intention of mating it with a Vitesse unit and breeding a hybrid.

The Making of the Two-Speed Wiper Motor (Numbers in brackets refer to exploded diagram of Wiper Motor)

The following is how I have performed the conversion which was with the sole intention of making the car's wiper system look completely original with all switches where the switches should be etc. although my car is anything but original.

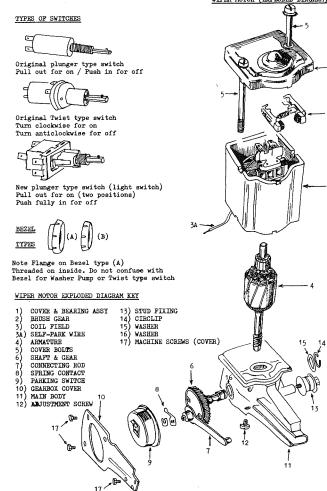
Armed with the 'new' P6 wiper the making of a replica of the GT6 I unit was simplicity itself. A secondhand Vitesse wiper was thoroughly cleaned up and was destined to become the basis of the new

Operations described below refer to both wiper motors (Triumph and Rover) although they differ in the form some items take.

With the aid of a soldering iron the solder attaching the red 'self park' wire (3A) to the terminal on the Parking Switch Assy. (9) was melted, enabling both motors to be completely dismantled. Then the circlip (14) and Washer (15) securing the Gear Shaft (6) to the main body (11) was removed. Next the small Bolts (17) securing the Cover (10) to the main body were removed and the Cover (10), Parking Switch (9), Gear and Shaft (6) including the Connecting rod (7) on the Triumph unit only and the washer (16) were all taken off. Then the removed and the Motor Coil Field (3) was lifted off the main body along with the Armature (4), and then was further separated into its component parts of Cover & Bearing (1), Brush Gear (2), Field Coil (3) and Armature (4). DO NOT break the Field Coil (3) further - i.e. unbolt the coil from the body as a loss of magnetism

assembled. Needless to say use emery paper) and clean out (1-R) and secure to the Main

may result.



motor fixing Bolts (5) were any worn or damaged items should be replaced (see chart for relevant part numbers) and the best parts from both motors should be used except where non-swapable - here the number in bracket referring to exploded wiper diagram will either have an R or a T after it referring to Rover or Triumph.

If using one of the Armatures (4) then take time to clean the Commutator (grooved part) Now the Hybrid could be with fine glass paper (DO NOT

the Commutator segment channels and wipe clean with a rag soaked in meths. The Armature can now be lowered into the Main Body (11-T) and the Field Coil (3-R) is positioned over this making sure that the Red wire (3A-R) is passed through the hole in the base of the Body. Locate the Brush Gear (2) in place with the brushes located on the Armature Commutator, and push home the Cover & Bearing

unit anyway.

Body with Bolts (5). Next, set the Armature end float to between 0.008" and 0.012" (0.203 to 0.305mm) with the aid of a have to be changed or else an Feeler Gauge by adjusting the Screw (12) (sometimes a stud and locknut) in the base of the through the bulkhead wiper main body.

From now on some operations are best performed while the motor is in place on the car as the Wiper Rack Cable can be placed in the motor channel with little effort (I don't remove the Rack Cable with the Motor).

The Gear & Shaft Assy (6-T) with the Connecting Rod (7-T) and Contact Spring (8-T) attached and Washer (16) are put in the main body making sure that the pin in the end of the Con Rod (7-T) locates into the hole in the Rack Cables end. The Gear Shaft is secured with the washer (15) and circlip (14-T). Then the Parking Switch (9-T) is placed in position (this is turned to adjust the parking position of the wipers on the windscreen) and the Cover (10-T) is attached with the Bolts (17). The Red wire (3A-R) can be soldered back on to the terminal on the Parking Switch (9-T).

The Earth Wire Terminal from the Triumph unit (which was attached under one of the Bolts (5) can be screwed in place under the screw on the top of the Cover (1-R).

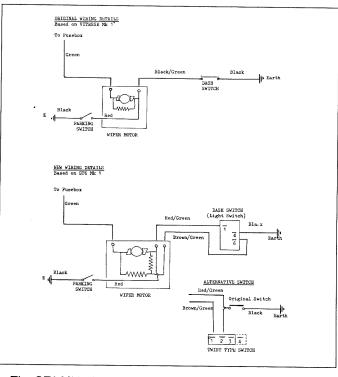
The end product is a Wiper Motor which apart from a slight variation in the wire colour coding and a part number stamped on the Cover (10-T) is identical to the original GT6 MkI unit.

### Wiring Up

The connections for the Two wires which come out from under the Top Cover (1-R) and

existing Triumph Single speed wiring is with Lucas connectors and thus one or the other will adaptor wire made up. A new wire needs to be passed rack grommet and taped up to the existing wiring loom.

but the size of the hole depends on the type of Bezel you use. Try to obtain the Bezel with a flange at its rear (see sketch) as this can grip more of the switch and also fits the general size and shape of the switch better (although a larger hole is required - 11/16"th/



The GT6 MkI wiper switch is 18mm - it does not require the a three position tumbler type depth of the dash to be reducand thus not suitable for me as ed as a non-flanged Bezel I required a plunger type switch, but with three positions instead of the existing switches two. The ideal switch to use is running backwards and these already in use on your car - the light switch (this does not apply to the Herald 13/60 or the rear of the dash hole (in the Vitesse Mk2 and possibly the right positions - found out by Bond Equipe 2 Litre Mk 2 - for checking the position of the these types see later wiper knob when put on the paragraph). Unfortunately it is switches plunger rod where the speed motor are via Three not a direct replacement and needs adapting. Firstly the hole locating hole of the knob). in the dashboard for the wiper Once in place the wires can be

would). The new switch has on its face that fits against the rear of the dash three projections require to be filed back and/or some slots need to be filed in securing pin connects in the end in bullet connectors. The switch needs to be enlarged connected. Firstly the Earth

switch Terminal Number Four (T4). On the Wiper Motor, its plain Green wire is connected (white on cars with no one original wire (Black and Green) and your new wire. Use one of these to connect the Wiper Motor to the switch T1/7 and the other to connect the from the Motor to the switch T6. Pull the switch to its first posifully out for high speed.

be to keep the existing switch and use in conjunction with the Herald 13/60/Vitesse Mk2 wash/wipe switch (replacing the existing washer switch). Here the wire from the Wipers Red/Green wire is run to the original wiper switch and with the aid of a 'piggy back' connector is run on T1 of the wash/wipe switch. The other terminal of the original switch has its original earth wire connected. The wire coloured Brown/Green of the Wiper Motor is run to the combined wash/wipe switch T2. Here pulling the original switch out will operate the wipers and the wash/wipe switch will adjust the speed (fully anti-clockwise for slow speed and fully clockwise for high speed) and washers are operated as usual by pushing the plunger.

Herald 13/60, Vitesse Mk2 (and Bond Equipe 2 Litre Mk2 ?)

Here if you wish to retain the original look then you have a problem. You can retain the dash appearance and fit the Mk2 GT6 wiper switch which is a three position switch very similar in external appearance

wire (Black) is connected to with the original two position switch, but you will need to fit the Mk2/Mk3 GT6 wiper motor (round body type) and follow their wiring details.

If you want the square bodied twin speed wiper then you will to the existing plain Green wire need an extra switch. Here you will have to leave Terminal 1 of the original switch free, fit both wires from the motor to Terminal Fusebox). Now you have left 2 and the earth wire to Terminal 3. This will give a slow speed operation. To gain the fast operation an extra switch is required to interrupt the Brown/Green wire, which when switched OFF will break the current along the wire and thus leave only the Red and Green wire of the Red/Green wire connected to the original switch and thus to Earth when switched on.

It may be of interest to note that Swedish market Herald 13/60s Brown/Yellow and Green wire and Spitfire Mk IIIs (and presumably Vitesse 2 Litres, although nothing is mentioned in the parts catalogues) had Two Speed Wipers fitted (part numbers given in list) and the 1970 USA Spittion for slow speed wiping and fire MkIII had the Two Speed Round bodied Wiper Motor fitted. From the list you may note that the early Heralds (and Spit-An alternative system would fires/Vitesse in all most probability) had the same Cover 8 Bearing part number as the Two speed Wiper - this being possible as the older units Lucas connectors projected vertically through the slit in the top of the cover through which on the two speed unit the securer for the brush assembly projects. However, I don't believe the slot for three wires is machined in the base of the earlier part.

### \*\*\*IMPORTANT CORRECTION\*\*\*

Since writing this article it has come to my notice that some motors with the three wires coming out of the top are not two speed. These appear to be bodge-up jobs to me, as when wired for fast speed the wipers do one sweep of the screen at normal speed and stop (there is no intermittent control) so one can only assume that it is in some way wired into a 'flasher' type switch which doesn't make sense as the other wire could be wired in just as easily. So you are best off checking inside the top of the motor for two bindings on the coil. If you find one of the 'Fake' Two speed units with the three wires then I think that they could be converted quite easily - but that's another story for another

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### Very Impressed!

I have read the advertisement in The Courier for obtaining spares, etc. for the 'old Bond' and recently had three items from Cambridge Triumph Spares - one of which would not suit.

It was a pleasure to receive a refund (by return of post) - something very unusual in today's high-tech systems procedure where a customer is just a digit on a V.D.U. I am very impressed.

Peter Pepper - Nottingham

### A short story from my diary:

March 1988: Bought a Vitesse MkI convertible from St. Albans for £850.00: no MOT, owner says just needs a new hood, a spot of welding and respray. Cor, I thought, a real bargain and an easy car to restore. On our way back from St. Albans we break down. We called the AA. 'Carbs are well out of line, mate' the man says. We get the Vitesse home, call our welder and he takes it away to weld the floor. We take it to the MOT station and the brakes don't work at all! £550.00 later it finally passes the MOT after various new parts which were required. I await the hood and carpets from a supplier and for the respray.

June 11th: the car is ready. We drive up the road and the radiator springs an untimely leak. We put Radwell in and continue.

June 12th: Take it to work where everybody loves it. Sprayed a beautiful red with white hood, wire wheels - a good cert, to pull the crowds at Peterborough on July 10th.

June 13th: (yes, 13th!) I take a friend to his driving test, (he passed). On the way back a pushbike decided to remodel my nearside after coming out from behind a coach. He is sorry and will pay cash for the repairs - 'Just get an estimate'. Could still be going to Peterborough.

June 14th: Nothing new happens on either this day or June 15th. And then .....

June 16th: Going down the high street, the car in front brakes to a stand-still, so do I but, yes, you've guessed it, the driver behind doesn't. As the sound of grating metal and breaking reaches my ears, a tear enters my eye and a rage in my heart - no not again! My car must have really upset people around here. 'Gosh', she says 'That's a nice car'. Well, it was a nice car! Goodbye Peterborough - my car was not to be there after all to swoop all the prizes because the repairs were classed as a write-off. BRING BACK HANGING FOR VITESSE BASHERS!

Malcolm Oakley - Rushden, Northants

### Dual Brakes

I have noticed a slight discrepancy that occurred in David Herriman's excellent article in the June Courier 'Triumph Spitfire Brake Pipes'.

From the article, he gives the impression that all late Spitfires should have dual circuit brakes. My Spitfire 1500, chassis nos. FH 12699, which was registered on the 25/01/80, has only single circuit brakes. I would doubt if they have been altered because I am only the second owner and I bought the car from a Leyland main dealer on the 01/09/83. Apart from this, the article was very good.

I have uprated my brakes on the Spitfire since I bought it by using a Lockhead servo, 3/4" bore single circuit master cylinder, Vitesse discs and calipers, copper brake pipes and silicon fluid.

Martin Marrison - Gravesend, Kent

### LADY IN DISTRESS!!

Please can anybody help diagnose 'Edith's problem!!!'. Local garages have failed to find the cause or cure!

Edith (EAD 765T) was purchased by me in November 1987, after months of searching for a Spitfire in really good condition. Edith seemed perfect: 48,000 registered miles (all logged with full garage history); only two minor bits of surface rust; bodywork totally original; interior beautifully maintained; and after a full garage inspection, told was that she was totally sound underneath.

Fantastic!! I finallay owned a Spitfire again (I once had a new one - KHN 255D years ago, but we had to part and I promised myself, one day I would own another).

I then decided to bring Edith up to mint condition with a total engine rebuild, professional respray, Waxoyl and underseal and I completed the job with a new set of seat covers - great!

However ..... Edith has a 'rattle' and I have now spent over £130 in garage bills trying to find the cause. It is NOT mechanical, but only occurs on uneven roads during normal driving. The front suspension has now been totally taken apart and nothing was found (a worn bush seemed to be the favourite suggestion but nothing was found). The exhaust pipe knocking up on the body (this is what it sounds like) but the garage said 'No' - absolutely solid. Then I realised that I could almost induce theis weird noise by lightly applying the brake pedal - just 'tickle the pedal' but not enough to cause the car to actually brake. A loose brake caliper perhaps? 'No' said the garage who then tried fitting two new joints to the front wheels and also tightened the body mountings. It still rattled (I can even hear it above the radio).

Desperation set in. I rang the previous owner, who promptly said that he knew only too well the rattle to which I was referring - the one on the brake pedal etc. He had suffered this rattle for four years, had had the car checked a few times and decided to live with it.

I asked the garage boss what he would do if it was his car and he said that in all honesty, he would have to find the cause because it was very noisy. He has assured me that the car has now been checked so many times for this fault and nothing can be found. He reiterated that I have a really solid little car, a beauty, but it is almost unbearable to drive her. He said whatever it is, it certainly isn't anything major, just very noisy but the problem is tracing it because 'noise travels'. We think it is in the front but sometimes it sounds like the back!

I love my car and will keep her forever, so I am appealing to all Spitfire owners/enthusiasts for help in diagnosis. It is a loud noise, almost metallic, just as if the exhaust pipe is hitting the body at random. Engine speed is irrelevant. You can switch off the engine and 'glide' and still it rattles at will. Please assist!!!

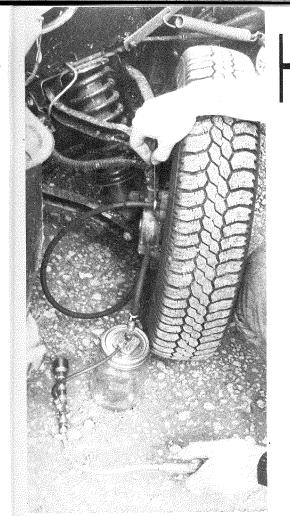
Angie Ingles - Abbeydale, Gloucester

### Thank you

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to the guys from Basingstoke who meet at The Hatch.

I went to their meeting at the end of June in Harriet, my trusty Herald, with a friend and her puppy, and as pups were not allowed in the pub, they all came outside and held the meeting there, despite the cold!! My friend, she is borrowing Harriet while I'm in New York, will be down to see you all again - without Jowler the puppy! Thanks for a nice evening Basingstoke!

Sharon Robinson (Alias 'Sprout') - Reading, Berks



o enable one man brake bleeding, in the past I have fitted those automatic bleed nipples with the internal spring-loaded valves. These automatic bleed nipples normally work quite well, however, extracting large amounts of air past the valve can sometimes be a problem. This occurred after servicing the calipers on my Herald. After repeated bleeding operations, a spongy pedal persisted. Shutting off the front brake pipes with hose clamps confirmed that air was trapped inside the fluid passages of the calipers.

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# The Ultimate in Brake Bleeding

By Tim Woodthorpe

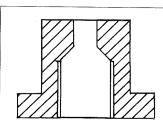
better way of bleeding the brakes was required. Devices to pressurise fluid, operating from air from a spare wheel, can be purchased at D.I.Y. prices. These devices, however, tend to spill fluid on the bulkhead paintwork when removed.

In an attempt to overcome my dislike of these type of devices, I constructed the brake bleeder shown in the photograph. The only problem with the brake bleeder shown is that it requires a compressed air supply at about 100 psi.

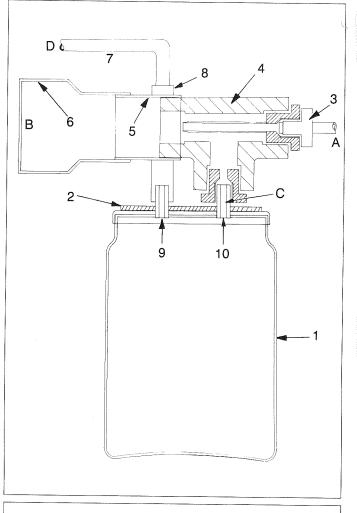
The principle of operation can be seen in Fig. 1. Compressed air is fed into the device at point (A) from a blow gun when the control lever/button is depressed. Air passes through the venturi system formed by the small diameter tube (13) inside the tee-piece (4), and exhausts into the atmosphere via the larger diameter copper pipe

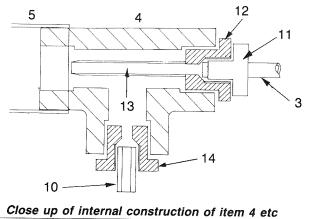
- (6) at point (B). This action creates a vacuum at point (C) and hence in the large preserve jar. The bleed nipple being serviced is connected at point (D) to the jar via the rubber tube (7); the fluid being sucked out into the jar by the vacuum. The unit has the following advantages:-
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- 4. The device is safe to use as the jar and fluid are not pressurised.
- 5. The bleed nipple can be undone several turns to assist the removal of large amounts of air. Any air leaking past the threads is sucked straight into the device.

The disadvantages are the need for a compressed air supply and the time and cost of fittings required construction. Mine was constructed using some secondhand tube fittings given to me.



1/8 to 1/4 adapter item 12

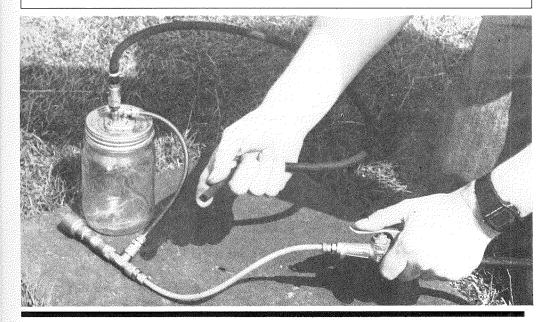




### PARTS LIST: For guidance only

- 1. Pressure jar (check lid gasket is ok).
- 2. 1/8 Steel Pate. Screw or pop-rivet to jar lid and use gasket compound to ensure good seal.
- 3. Nylon tube (far end fitted tubing nut for connection to flow gun with nozzle removed) - not shown.
- 4. 1/4 BSP tee fitting.
- 5. 15mm domestic water fitting.
- 6. Domestic water fitting exhaust silencer!
- 7. Rubber tube to suit vehicle bleed nipple and item 8.

- 8. Stem adapter to suit item 7, fitted into straight connector.
- 9. 1/8 BSP nipple.
- 10. 1/8 BSP nipple.
- 11. 1/8 BSP tubing nut.
- 12. 1/8 to 1/4 BSP adapter.
- 13. Length of steel or copper brake pipe, solder one end into item 12. Other end outside to be filed down with taper as shown.
- 14. 1/8 to 1/4 BSP adapter.



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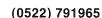






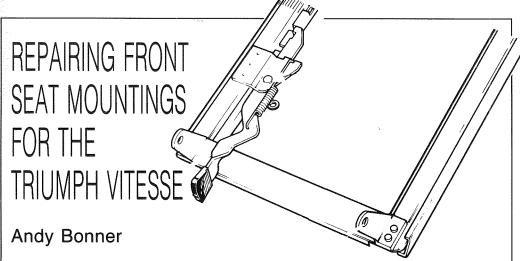






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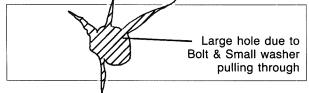


A common problem on the Triumph Vitesse is the front seat forward mounting which has a tendancy for the bolts to pull straight through the floor, with interesting results.

The first course of action for most people is to use a large \( \frac{3}{4}'' \) washer under the floor and try again. Sometimes this will work but in my experience, unless the damage is properly repaired, the washer itself may pull through in time, causing even more damage.

This is what has happened on my Vitesse and I repaired it in the following way:

- 1. Remove front seats and runners and the full extent of the damage can now be seen. Mine looks something like this.
- 2. Hammer and dolly the damaged area flat (an assistant may be required for the innermost holes).
- 3. Weld up the splits and grind that with an angle grinder.



- 4. Offer up seat runner to check position and weld up 11/2" washers under floor.
- 5. Remove runner and weld 11/2" washers on top of floor pan, grind excess weld and paint all bare metal surfaces.
- 6. You can now replace your seats and runners using nut and bolt to secure (hopefully for a long time).

NOTES: Special Tools Required:

Mig Welder

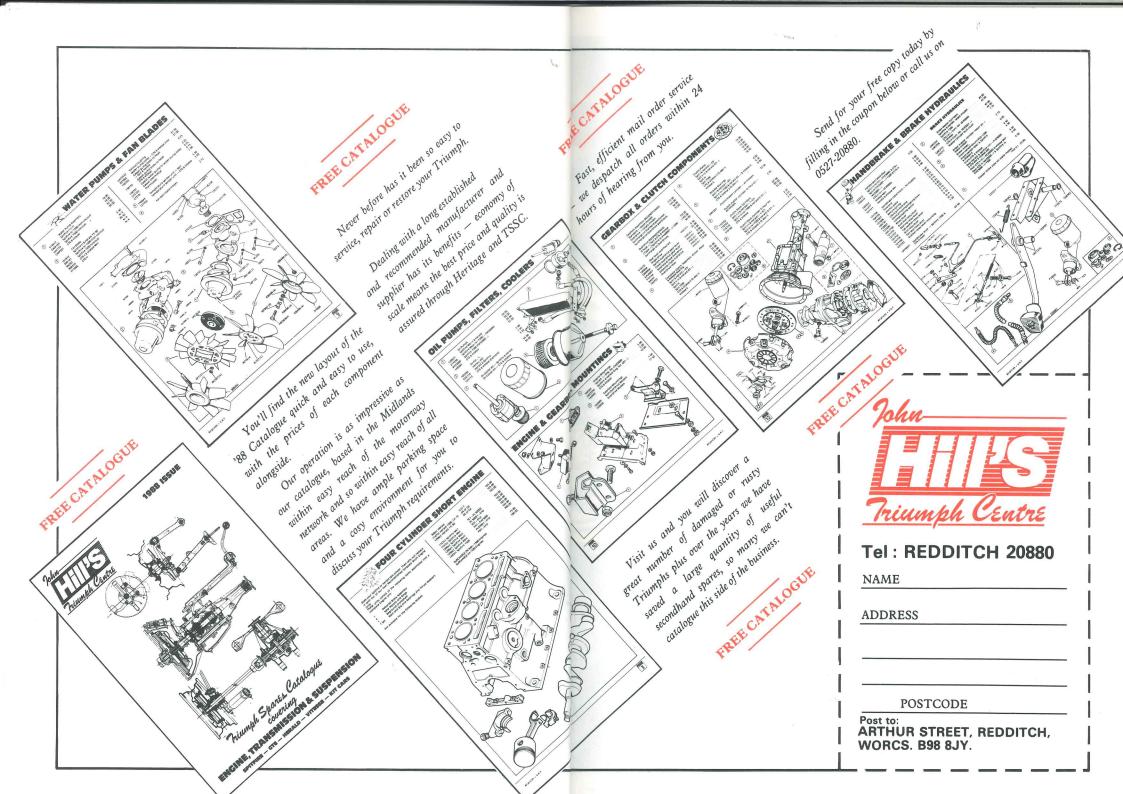
Angle Grinder

Hammer and Dolly

- (A) When mig-welding, cleaning back to bright metal will always give best results.
- (B) Angle-grinders are very useful tools but they can cause a lot of unwarrented damage with the shower of sparks that they throw up, i.e. the glass on your instruments (always wear goggles).

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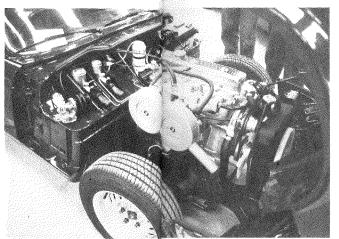














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by Pete Bugg of the T.R.Register and thanks to T.R. Action

All the following statements were taken from the classic press over a one month period. The tongue in cheek descriptions have more than a slight ring of truth as many of you will know after scouring the country for the car of your dreams.

"MUST BE SEEN" Too horrible to describe on the 'phone

MINE" So you thought the others were bad! don Mews Showroom!

1000s and MGBs have made it so I'm in the inflated price in print! with a chance!

pounds now and the scrap value's bound pounds cheaper!! to go up!

"WILL SURELY APPRECIATE" The bloke bump start it! I bought it from said it would!

"LOVINGLY RESTORED" I don't know what I was doing but I loved sawing bits off!

"PRIVATELY RESTORED" Buy a blindfold gorilla with a pop rivet gun, several copies of the "SUN" and a large tub of "NOW BECOMING RARE"Thankfully isopon!

"PROFESSIONALLY RESTORED" Buy two blindfolded gorillas with pop rivet guns, the Sunday Times, plus supplements and "SEE THE OTHERS FIRST THEN SEE 2 large tubs of isopon. But sold from a Lon-

"FUTURE CLASSIC" Well A30's, Morris "P.O.A." I have not got the nerve to put

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"OWNER DECEASED" Died trying to

"NUMEROUS BILLS" Are what you will be paying after you have bought it!

"USED DAILY" Knackered!

"CALL AFTER 10PM" Its pitch black then!

most of them are now scrapped!

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them when they were new

"SUIT ENTHUSIAST" Or certifiable idiot!

"THIS IS NOT A BOY RACER'S CAR" Well I haven't raced it but I can't swear for the previous 17 owners!

"RE-OFFERED DUE TO TIME WASTER" Last potential buyer came to his senses!

"INTERESTING HISTORY" Written off in a bank raid getaway!

"RUST FREE" No metal left, just newspaper and fibre glass!

"LOW RECORDED MILEAGE" I've clocked it! and don't ask to see any old MOT Certificates else says their is, I thought I would give it a try! cause I've burned them!

"MUST SELL DUE TO COMPANY CAR" I had 3 owners ago! to find a job with a car just to get mobile!

"BEAUTIFUL CONDITION" Well them do say its in the eye of the beholder!

"SAME FAMILY FROM NEW" 93 different drivers, and not one knew who last put any oil in!

end I wondered why I bothered!

"INTERESTING EXAMPLE" Its 6 inches shorter than it should be due to slight error when welding in sills and floor!

"ORIGINAL CONDITION" The same condition as a 20 year old clapped out Cortina

"STORED THE LAST 10 YEARS" Stolen 10 years ago and I hope the owner has now forgotten about it!

"BEEN OFF THE ROAD LAST 10 YEARS" It wasn't any good then and is even worse now!

"SOUND INVESTMENT" A bit like investing in a diamond mine in Bognor!

"SUMMER USE ONLY" Driven in the foulest weather Britain has to offer but only between May and October!

"SUMMER USE ONLY ABROAD" Used by Zulu Tribesmen to run down Rhino's in the Bush! No rust but just look at the rippled panels!

"NOT MANY LEFT AROUND" No one wanted "MOT'D AND RUNNING" Don't come round until after I've got it started and stolen an MOT Certificate!

> "GOOD BASIS FOR RENOVATION" A few nuts and bolts and greasy bits in a box, and a body shell half submerged in a slurry pit!

> "NEEDS RENOVATING" As above but slightly more honest!

> "SPARES FOR REPAIRS" A candidate for the crusher!

"POSSIBLY THE BEST EXAMPLE FOR SALE" In a 10 yard radius!

"CONCOURS" I wish it was, but as everyone

"EX CONCOURS WINNER" 87,000 miles and

"GREAT FUN TO DRIVE" Wanders all over the road with bits falling off, and the brakes only work if you give them 10 minutes notice!

"AIR CONDITIONING" Holes in the floor and sills, no window rubbers and a ripped soft top.

"FOUR YEARS SPENT RENOVATING" At the "NEEDS MINOR ATTENTION" Nothing a total rebuild won't put right!

> "MUCH MONEY SPENT" I can't see an end to spending money on it, and it's no better than when I started!

> "A FORTUNE SPENT" Seller now in a mental hospital!

> "COSMETIC WORK NEEDED" Only needs 10 litres of paint and 25 lbs. of body filler plus a new interior!

> "LOADS OF EXTRAS" A hundred miles of loose cable hanging behind dashboard and the generator won't cope!

"POSSIBLE PART EXCHANGE" I've advertised it 38 times and now I'm desperate!

"GENUINE REASON FOR SALE" Horrible clonking from the bottom end and the MOT's



UUX 873J "JENNY L"

By Jim Lavey

The first time I drove a Triumph Herald was way back in 1964 when I had my first driving lesson and the love of these cars has stayed with me through the vears.

To rebuild one had been an ideal that had been in my mind for quite some time, and with the purchase of a new house, which included a double garage, the idea was now a real possibility.

A chap at work who knew I was looking for a Triumph Estate, pointed out an advert in the Auto Mart. A garage in Bolton was selling four Heralds and one was a 13/60 Estate.

A telephone call told me it had not yet been sold, but interest had been shown. At 2 p.m. when I finished my shift at work, I 'hot footed' for the M63 Motorway and, after fighting my way through numerous contraflows and traffic jams at Barton Bridge (Manchester people will understand!), I arrived at Bolton.

Inspection of "Jenny L", as she has come to be known, seemed to suggest she was not in 'bad nick' and most definitely restorable. After some hard bargaining with the garage owner I parted with the £60.00 purchase price and made arrangements to pick the car up in two weeks, as I was going on holiday the following day.

On my return from holiday I hired a trailer for £10.00 from Reddish Trailers, very reasonable I thought, and press-ganged my brother-in-law's Cortina, along with my nephew, and off we went to pick up "Jenny L".

Returning to Stockport the car was taken to my sisters garage. Comments varied from "rust bucket" to "rolling wreck", and a great deal of unconcealed laughter. My wife, Susan, at this time was still undecided whether or not to file for divorce. "Jenny L" stayed at my sisters from August to December, owing to the fact that a promise had been made to my better half that the new house decoration and alterations would be done first. To emphasize this point, there was always wallpaper or paint on hand.

During the Christmas break I brought "Jenny L" home and started with an inventory of what was missing before any work was undertaken.

Work started, with much trepidation, on January 4th. The bonnet, tailgate and doors were removed and taken round to my mother-in-laws garage to be stored. Next the engine and gearbox were removed along with the seats. There were no carpets to be removed, as there were none - period! According to the Coventry workshop manual, before removing the body you must first clamp together the bulkhead and rear body sections with 1" angle irons drilled to pick up the sill fixing

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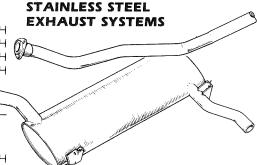
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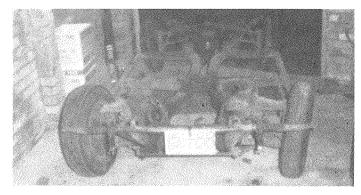
holes. However, on removing the sills, I found nothing left of the steps to fix the bracket to. Being a fitter, and owning a small portable gas-welding set, allowed me to weld in some temporary plates and the clamps were then fitted.

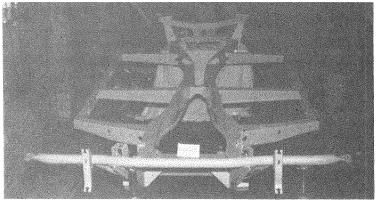
I was amazed that all the body fixing bolts came free with no problems at all and after removing them I hooked up the body ready to lift it off the chassis.

Once again I enlisted the help of my nephew and his father to clear the back section from the chassis, as I lifted the front on the hoist, (I'm not daft!). I am not by nature a religious person, but as I started to hoist the body away, a few silent prayers were sent up. I think God must have

been a Triumph owner because the body came away without a hitch and within ten minutes body and chassis were side by side on the garage floor.

The next few days were spent stripping every component from the chassis and all parts were recorded, tagged and Each boxed. component was checked and if any doubt was apparent it was listed for renewal. This done I was now left with a chassis skeleton and set to determine what would have to be replaced. All the outriggers and both siderails needed replacing but the main chassis was in exceptional condition.





I would just like to take time out at this point to mention the man who has given me a great deal of help in the location and purchase of parts and has encouraged and advised on many aspects of this project. My very grateful thanks go to Dave Hall for all his help and to his wife. Irene, for all the cups of coffee.

Dave found all the chassis outriggers and these were all original makes. The side-rails however had to be reproduced. Having the chassis plans and measurements in the Manual allowed me to make a jig at work, this made the lining up and welding on of the outriggers much easier.

I have forgotten to mention that many hours were spent with wire brush and goggles cleaning up the chassis before any welding was undertaken. For the weight they carry, I thought that the two rear side outriggers needed some extra strength, and to this end, plates were made at work and welded into the corners on both sides where the outriggers meet the chassis. Allowance was made of course to allow for the pipework to pass through.

All welding completed, the chassis was then given three coats of heavy zinc oxide primer followed by three coats of black chassis paint. This done, I then started to overhaul or replace the chassis components. All parts were either 'Aquablasted' or 'Sandblasted' and then primed and painted black. The operations are too numerous to go into detail, but suffice to say that each part was looked at cynically and even if in slightest doubt, was replaced.

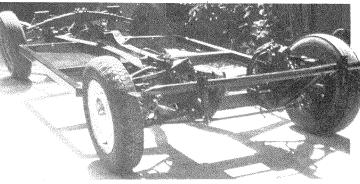
Of course all bearings, seals, shockers and brakes have been given new parts. Steering gear and differential unit did not need replacing but were overhauled.

Brake pipes - these I made up myself and, again, I have to thank my employers for the loan of their flaring tool.

At this moment in time the position is that the chassis is now back on its four wheels and I am about to start on the bodywork. In the family we have a conflict of opinions, my son Paul,

wants the car left as any Estate, while my daughter. Julie, would like to see it as a convertible. I'm beginning to wonder who owns the car. and even worse, who will be driving it when it's completed!

I hope to send a further article when the car is finished and would say to anyone contemplating this venture to go ahead, it's not easy, but its fun.



Finally, I would like to give a word of thanks to my employers, Delta Enfield Cables of Stalybridge, and to David Fleming my Chief Engineer, for their help so far.



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# T.S.S.C. 2ND NATIONAL OLYMPIAD

(otherwise known as the Somerset Area Beach Party)

irst of all, apologies were accepted from Nigel Mansell as he was unable to attend this year. The truth of the matter is that he is having such a diabolical season that we didn't want him anyway! In his place we were pleased that Prince Charles and Princess Di were able to make it at such short notice. They said they had a great time. Its a pity that (for obvious security reasons) they were so heavily disquised that nobody even realised that they were there! Well, that is enough mumbo jumbo for the time being - now the results you have all been waiting for:-

### 1988 T.S.S.C. OFFICIAL ALTERNATIVE CONCOURS

The title of filthiest heap was and his MK4 Spitfire (or what being kept down.

hulk went to Dave Robinson contest.

successfully defended for the was left of it). We were sorry second year running by Simon that Ken's Vitesse was not Goult with his beautifully really in contention for the unmaintained Herald Estate (I second year due to a marked think that was what it was). Not improvement of the quality of even the downpour on Sunday the car - you have to abandon managed to dislodge any of the all ideas of any kind of really "ground in, ground up restoration or cleaning to win muck". Well done Simon - it is this concours! Sorry Ken, but good to see the standards congratulations to Dave, who was also the winner of the tent The honours for the rustiest erection without any tent pegs

The "posh" concours consisted of the Organisers Choice Cup, chosen and presented by Rod Warren. His choice was Chris Allen's Herald. A very nice car indeed. but in the context of the weekend - definitely a booby prize. Joking apart Chris, it really is a nice car - well done.

The Bev Dixon Cup for the sandcastle competition went to Liz Goldsmith, probably because it was the only entry

that actually looked like a castle. Well done Liz. There was also a booby prize of a bucket and spade which went to Simon and Dave as their entry was in Bev's own fair words "the most pathetic and boring sand castle I have ever seen!" In my opinion the finest erection was carried out by

the Hants & Berks contingent who constructed an enormous Vitesse, complete with chrome bumpers! It is a pity that they decided to do it at the farthest end of the beach away from the official competition and the judges couldn't find them!

The Tug-0-War was much more competitive this year as the rope managed to hold together throughout. Somebody must have won that contest, but I couldn't tell you who - was it Worcester area maybe? Mention



must go again to Liz Goldsmith for being dragged a full 20 yards face down through the mud with the rope round her neck. I began to suspect the marital bliss in the Goldsmith household when I saw Mike Goldsmith tying the knot!!??!

The low-speed driving test proved to be very popular this year and was won by Derek Hunt from the Somerset Area who proved that a low-speed test could be driven at an alarmingly high speed! Anyway it worked this time - well done Derek. Congratulations must also go to

Carl ... who was third in the driving test as he had only passed his driving test (the M.O.T. one that is) the previous

The rounders contest was won by the West Midlands area but not without some controversy. The bat (supplied by them) smacked a bit of "giggerypokery" - for some reason they could hit the ball with it, but nobody else could. However, close inspection could not reveal the trickery, but I know it was there somewhere.

I could not tell you who won the cider swilling/relay races does it really matter anyway, and



everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. I think the "fuzzy duck" contest must have been won by Bev Dixon - she was certainly the loudest if not the most coherent.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the convoy on Sunday morning was split up due to a crashed bus and diversion en route but we were all still in convoy for the descent of Cheddar Gorge, which I think everyone enjoyed and we even had a few waves from the locals on our wav down.

Special thanks to Rod Warren and Sarah Kerswill for all their hard work in setting up a great weekend and also particular thanks to all those who attended and made the weekend the success it was. Everyone who came seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves despite the chaos at times and a quick note to those who did not come - you'll never know what you missed as this report has been heavily censored - but you may find out next year. Steve Love

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