

AREA OF THE YEAR 2021

TSSC Norfolk Organised Outings 2021

Drive It Day Scatter Treasure Hunt, Sunday 25th April 2021

For our first run out for 2021 was a Scatter Treasure Hunt for Drive It Day similar to last years. To help comply with the Covid restrictions we had a selection of six possible start points that, which combined with a variable start time, reduced the risk of any "bunching" up at the start. The rest of the venues could be done in any order chosen.

The venues included a ruined castle and church, craft centres and a country park. Three points were given for correct answers but most of the points were given for spotting other cars on the run – three points for spotting one at a location and five points if the navigator managed to snap one on the move. There were also two double pointer bonus cars this year just to add a bit of excitement.

We had 14 classics turn up including a hat-trick of big Triumphs, making them the most popular model on the run. Other Triumphs were two Spitfires, two Vitesses, two TR7s, and a TR4A. Non Triumphs attending were two MGBs, a Trans Am (the double pointers) and a VW camper.

The winner, with a total of 74 points, was the Rutter clan from the TSSC Cambridge area. Runners up were Andy and Gill followed closely by Steve and Delia.

It was great to be able to take part in this one and it was great to see so many Triumphs darting about Norfolk!









Fish and Chip Run to Cromer, Friday 21st May 2021

It's a pity that for once the sun did not shine on our annual Fish and Chip Run to Cromer but nevertheless a few hardy souls did manage to brave the elements and turn out on what was the worst of the weather that May had to offer.

Numbers were hit by a Covid outbreak amongst other things proving that it's still out there and we all need to take care over the coming months as a new normality returns to our daily lives. The weather was reasonable for the start and the pick up point at Dereham and even stayed relatively calm for a nice drive up to Cromer, although the convoy was a car short as Andy and Gill took the alternative route to Cromer from Dereham and had already purchased their fish and chips by the time we got to the cliff top Car Park.

After a dry stroll down to No1 Fish Restaurant 7 members decided to eat in the restaurant. Sue and I bought a takeaway as we had our dog Harry with us. Whilst eating our fish supper in he car with Harry's head resting on my shoulder the heavens opened and the wind picked up (outside of the car I hasten to add) and that was the end of the dry weather.

A huge thank you for those that turned out on what was correctly forecast as a awful nights weather but although the weather was damp it did not dampen spirits as everybody in true British fashion enjoyed themselves and the group who ate in the restaurant were full of smiles and laughter as they returned to their cars.

A lot of effort goes into organising these events so it's always gratifying to see people turn out whatever the weather but especially pleasing to see people enjoy themselves, it makes all the effort worthwhile. A special mention to Jim Biggie in his GT6 and Chris Spinks in his TR7 for also turning up in their Triumphs well done guys.



Run out to Peter Beales Roses, Sunday 27th June 2021

This repeat of our 2020 New Year run replaced our planned End of Lockdown which we had to cancel due to the lockdown being postphoned. With Christina giving out route maps in Swaffham and me doing the same at the Easton layby. Nick came along and hitched a lift in a very nice looking Spitfire mk2. Seven Triumphs and an Aston Martin attended. It was great to see some new faces and some youngsters joining in with the co-piloting.











Fish and Chip Run to Dunwich, Sunday 18th July 2021

9am saw us arrive at a Sainsbury's on the east side of Norwich wondering how the 50 mile run was going to take until the 1.30pm meet time.

Our first stop off was for a cuppa and a wander around the Sparrows Nest gardens in Lowestoft. Whilst not our first time here it is well worth the stop. It also managed to use up 45 minutes of our run time. Our next stop was at Ness Point, the Eastern most point of the United Kingdom. While there wasn't much there we did meet up with the owners of a Herald estate for chat. Another 30 minus off our run time.

Next up was Henstead Art and Craft Centre and another 30 minutes down but we still had time to spare. It was starting to look like our next stop was Dunwich and we were looking like we were going to be early.

But, on one of the back roads, we spotted an open garden, Henstead Exotic Garden, well worth a visit incidentally, and another 45 minutes was spent.

We finally reached a very packed beech car park at Dunwich, we were the last Triumph to turn up, bang on 1.30pm. With some skilful manoeuvring we managed to get most of the Triumphs parked together in-between the rows of moderns. After 4 1/2 hours of driving the fish n chips were well worth it. The best we've had in a long time.









End of Lockdown Tea and Cake Run, Sunday 22nd August 2021

Tulip route run from Wymondham to Paul and Christina's at Saham Toney for tea and cakes.

Nine turned up at Wymondham for a damp start to what turned out to be a somewhat wet run.

Wymondham Abbey, a windmill, a couple of churches and near the end the run split in two to take a clockwise and anti-clockwise circular route through Castle Acre enabling a bit of head on Triumph spotting.

A further seven classics joined the line up at the finish, making 14 in total or 16 if you count a Rover 75 and Honda S2000 as a classics?

Not for the first time the big Triumphs were the most popular with four lined up at the end. Three Spitfires, a couple of TR7s, a couple of Vitesses along with a TR6, Herald and a Ford Capri. And a showing of classic caravans.

We were joined at Saham Toney by a number of local residents who came along for the tea and cake a look at the cars.

The donations came to a quite respectable (for such a small gathering) £270 of which £200 will go to the East Anglian Air Ambulance and £70 will find its way into the club coffers. It was great to be involved in such a friendly gathering.







Broads Run to the Coast, Sunday 26th September 2021

All was set for another successful TSSC Norfolk run-out and then... the fuel shortage happened. All of the garages on Paul and Christina's journey from Watton to Norwich were dry and with only enough fuel to get back home they were forced to drop out. Even though the numbers had been reduced due t the shortage we still had a Stag, TR7, TR2 (with overheating problems) a big saloon from Cambridge area, a MX5 and modern Mini.

First stop was a coffee break at the quant and quirky Poppylands. End of the run was at Waxham beach for a walk and a bit of seal spotting.







TSSC/T2KR Christmas Meal, Monday 13th December 2021

Our December monthly meal was our Christmas dinner. In spite of Omicron, the latest varient, rearing it's ugly head we only had one couple drop out. Leaving 16 people to enjoy the hospitality of the Swan. This included two new TSSC members and two Triumph 2000 Register members which was great to see.

A picture Stars and their Cars quiz was organised by Paul with pictures hung around the walls, encouraging folks to mingle. Two rounds, British and of course Triumph. All you had to do was name the famous people in the photos standing along side their classic cars. Winner was newbies John and Jaynie who carried away the prize (or at least would have if we hadn't left it on the kitchen table). Winner of Colin's fund raising raffle was Steve and Delia.

The Triumph section of the quiz is available online here











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