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hello and welcome

I hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year. Apologies to anyone who got the wrong end of the stick from my comments in last month's newsletter. I was all said in jest and not designed to cause offence.

I know that I've mentioned a trip to this year's Historic Grand Prix in Monaco to some of you. I plan to sort out a couple of things over the next month, including a potential route and interesting stopovers etc. The intention is for a touring holiday, rather than a blast across the channel and back again, taking around a week to ten days to travel down to the south of France for a weekend of motor racing and returning home. I have mentioned the trip to some other likeminded people, so this is not a Brunel event, but if you are interested, please let me know. More information is available on the website: www.grand-prix-monaco.com/formula1monaco/grand-prix-historic/. It's considerably cheaper than a weekend at the Monaco Grand Prix with grandstand prices from £46 for the weekend!

I might bump into one or two of you at the Auto Jumble at Shepton Mallet next month, as I will no doubt go along to see what's what.

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group leader's ramblings

I hope that you all had a good Christmas and still have a few New Year Resolutions intact.

I sat in on a Social Committee Meeting recently and what Elf and her team have in store for you looks very exciting indeed. I will save it for Elf to put these to you at our forthcoming Annual General Meeting. There are quite a few new suggestions for 2012, which I hope that you will find interesting.

Website: I have put all the dates that we are aware of onto our website, together with the relevant website link where we have one. Hopefully you all know that Brunel has some pages on the TR Register's website, which you can find by clicking on this [link](#). My intention is for this to give you all the up to date information on events, meeting places and times etc. The Photo Gallery has also been updated, so if you have any interesting and good quality digital photos, please email them to me. We also require photos for our TR Action Social Scene report and this newsletter, so the more the merrier.

Annual General Meeting, the Newman Hall, Westbury-on-Trym 15 February: The Agenda and last year's minutes will be included in next month's newsletter, together with details of the location and direction for those of you who have not been to one of our AGMs before. Please arrive by 7.30 for an 8pm start and don't forget that as it's the AGM, there will be no monthly meeting at the Dovecote in February!

Kevin Warrington, our new Local Group Coordinator, has very kindly agreed to be our chairman for the evening. I am very pleased about with this, as it not only gives Kevin the opportunity to introduce himself, but it also you the chance to put forward any questions to the Committee that you may have. Hopefully we will have a good attendance as in previous years. There is a bar available and a small buffet will follow the meeting.

Don't forget that we have another Nostalgia Evening in February. Elf's report will have more details. I thought last year's evening was great fun, so I expect this one to be the same and of course, it gives everyone a chance to dress up!

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social committee report

A Happy New Year to one and all!

I hope Christmas has been full of fun food and cheer as planned, and that coughs colds and sneezes were not part of it. The sun is shining as I type, so I'm hoping that this indicates a really good start to 2012.

The Social Committee and Andy put our heads together last night to construct this year's diary of events, and hope that we have a good package to offer. For some events, we plan to get your input, but will explain that in due course. The idea is to give all members a copy of the year's events by the AGM on 15 Feb. This will then be updated on a monthly basis with each newsletter, since of course things can change.

However we already have some events that need your consideration for January and February, including the proposed visit to the Brooklyn model car factory at Bath, which will be confirmed in due course, and a repeat of last year's Nostalgia Evening for Friday 3 February, 7.30 for 8pm.

Once again we plan to hold the Nostalgia Evening at the Newman Hall in Westbury-on-Trym. It was a really good event last year and there's no reason why this year won't be the same. Derek Lee will be overseeing the evening, looking nostalgically at old films and slides of the Scottish trip and hopefully the 2010 Le Mans trip. We're also planning to have about an hour of 'Reindeer Racing' on the night, which sounds great fun and is being organised by Rigby Allen, so I shall say no more!

Ladies, can I ask if you could possibly provide a plate of nostalgic-type food, so we can indulge ourselves? As last year, don't forget you can wear a garment (or two) of nostalgic clothing to add to the atmosphere and I shall bring along the updated version of the Club Photo album to flick through on the night.

Also in February is the Great Western Auto Jumble at the Bath and West Showground, Shepton Mallett, along with a showing of Ford cars. Tickets are available on the door at £8 or £7 in advance and £14 for both days. More info is available on the website: www.bccsl.co.uk.

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Brunel social calendar

january

Wed 18th Monthly meeting, the Dovecote, Long Ashton
Sat 28th Brooklyn model car factory, Bath. TBC

february

Fri 3rd Nostalgia Evening, Newman Hall Westbury on Trym. 7.30pm
Sat 11th – Sun 12th Great Western Auto Jumble, Bath & West Showground
Wed 15th AGM, Newman Hall Westbury on Trym. 7.30 for 8pm

march

Wed 21st Monthly meeting, the Dovecote, Long Ashton

april

Wed 18th Monthly meeting, the Dovecote, Long Ashton

*Official TR Register event

Contact Andy Spencer or Elf Harris for further details of group events