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hello and welcome

This is the time of year that I would look forward to with much excitement. As it would be only a matter of days before I pulled off the dustsheet, started up the glorious V8 and brought my Triumph out into the light. It was an annual ritual that I would wait for all winter and in for me, in my own little way, it was the start of summer.

Alas, this year will once again be a year without my Triumph, unless I win the lottery of course. I have too many other things to do and currently lack the funds to tax, MoT and insure three cars, let alone put fuel in them. I'm afraid the old Triumph will just have to wait for another year, when circumstances are different or BP strike oil in the middle of Birmingham.

It was mentioned by Kevin Jones at the AGM that he'd be interested to have a look in my shed, as it were. There are a couple of cars tucked away in there from different eras and all in various states of repair, but all quite interesting if you like that sort of thing. I might be willing to open the shed doors to a select few to come and visit one evening or afternoon. And if you're lucky, I might also provide some crisps and lemonade. Let me know what you think.

But before any of that, I might just give the TR Register office a ring...

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group leader's ramblings

Just for a change I didn't review Brunel's year in last month's newsletter, so for those of you that could not get to our AGM, I have summarised my report from the evening. I'm sure that we all have our favourite moments of last year, but these are my personal highlights.

- Winscombe and Sudeley Castle visit: A rather poor turnout, but nevertheless a wonderful day.
- Le Mans Classic: Our second trip abroad and one that would appear to have set a precedence of things to come.
- Blagdon Pumping Station and picnic: A simple but delightful afternoon.
- Stock Car Racing on the Mendips: Different and very entertaining.
- Our Christmas meal: Just a superb evening.

2010 was another varied and entertaining year for Brunel and I'm happy to say that we have continued to build on previous years and that we show no signs of interest diminishing. Saying that, we should not sit on our laurels.



All dressed up for the Nostalgia evening!

Over this coming year it is my intention that we draw in some new members. They are out there; we just need to get them to a meeting! I have some ideas to achieve this, which I will expand upon during the course of the year and I am sure that I can rely on your support with this.

I would like to thank the group officers in their un-stinted support and efforts in keeping Brunel where we are and especially to our Social Committee for coming up with some new ideas for events.

I look forward to the coming year, albeit in this very difficult economic climate, and I'm confident that I shall be able to again comment on another successful year for Brunel in twelve months' time.



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I was extremely pleased to see that once again the AGM was very well attended and professionally chaired by Kevin Jones, our Local Group Coordinator. Thanks Kevin.

All standing committee members were re-elected and the accounts presented and accepted, so Brunel has a good stable base to go into the coming social year and one that I look forward to very much.

I'd also like to pass on my thanks to the Brunel ladies for putting on some food. Thanks ladies!

Newsletter Subscriptions: Subscriptions will remain at £10 per year, so expect Roddy to come amongst you at our next meeting. If you can't get to the next couple of meetings, then please send a cheque, payable to Brunel TR's and pop it in the post to me at: 18 Hawthorn Close, Pucklechurch, Bristol, BS16 9TA.

Bristol Classic Car Show - Sat 16th to Sun 17th April: I have volunteered the services of Brunel to Apple County should anyone wish to offer assistance and spend some time on the TR Register stand. If you are willing to spare a couple of hours please let me know.

Brunel Spares: Listed below are the remaining spares held. I will bring them to the next couple of meetings if you wish to purchase any items.

| Qty | Part No. | Car | Description | Price |
|-----|----------|-------|--------------------|-------|
| 5 | GFE227 | TR2-6 | Spin-on filter | £3.63 |
| 3 | GFE131 | TR5-6 | Oil filter element | £2.42 |
| 2 | GFE147 | TR7 | Oil filter element | £3.38 |
| 8 | BP6ES | n/a | Spark Plugs | £1.47 |
| 2 | BP5ES | n/a | Spark Plugs | £1.83 |
| 1 | GFE1048 | TR5-6 | Air filter element | £4.64 |

And finally, I'd like to welcome Paul Jones from Bishopsworth, who attended the AGM in his Dark Racing Green TR4. We look forward to seeing you again!

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social committee report

Unfortunately Derek R has been ill, so we've had to rearrange our social committee meeting to organise our Tyntesfield trip. I'm planning to visit next week when I can get full details, so I'll hopefully have more details at the meeting. In the meantime...

Blaise Castle Walk - Sunday 20th March: Meet here at 5 Rectory Gardens at 11.30am for a coffee before we set off for our walk. We'll go to Toby Carvery for lunch. That time is flexible so if you wish to make it earlier or later that's ok with me. It might be good not to eat exactly at lunchtime anyway, to avoid queuing. Don't forget to bring the appropriate walking/weather gear.

Wessex and New Forest Triumph Run - Sunday 17th April: Entries are now open for this very popular run, so hopefully Brunel will have a few entrants.

Cotswold Air Show, Kemble - Sat 18th to Sun 19th June: We hope to have a few cars on display at this extremely enjoyable event. Last year we had three cars on both days and were joined by Glavon and Cotswold Vale cars on the Sunday. The entry fee is just £10 for both days, which represents a massive saving on the general public admission fee. You do not have to display for both days and this year there is a camping option available, but I don't have details about this at the moment.

Chipping Sodbury Run - Sunday 26th June: The route for this year will be approximately 80 miles long, starting as usual in Chipping Sodbury's Broad Street and then taking participants into Gloucestershire and the surrounding countryside. There is a planned coffee stop in Churchdown and the event will finish at Castle Combe Racing Circuit for a pre-ordered ploughman's lunch. The end of the run at Castle Combe will coincide with an event organised by the Bristol Motor Club, who are celebrating their Centenary Year. There will be various vehicle displays and parades as well as a large allocated area for parking. Sounds like a good day.

If you're interested in taking part in any of the above events, please see Andy or me for an entry form.

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Brunel social calendar

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- Sun 6th International Triumph Show & Spares day, Stoneleigh Park. Full details:
www.triumph-show.co.uk
- Wed 16th Monthly meeting, the Dovecote, Long Ashton
- Thur 24th Dorset Vintage & Classic Auctions, the Gartell Light Railway
- Sun 20th Blaise Castle Walk and Cavery lunch

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- Sun 10th Tyntesfield visit
- Sat 16th - Sun 17th Bristol Classic Car Show, Shepton Mallet
- Sun 17th FBHVC Drive-it Day
- Sun 17th Wessex & New Forest Triumph Run
- Wed 20th Monthly meeting, the Dovecote, Long Ashton
- Sat 23rd – Sun 24th Weston Lawns' Car Show, Weston-Super-Mare sea front

Contact Andy Spencer or Elf Harris for details on any of the above events

Fancy a job in PR?

TR Register Press Officer – job advertisement

The TR Register is keen to ensure it gets the club to the fore in every persons mind and has discussed the appointment of a PR and Press Officer at recent Committee Meetings. A job description for the role has been included with this newsletter and the Register asks that the job advert is promoted around local groups and to members.

The role is voluntary, but does offer the post-holder the opportunity to be involved at all levels of the motor industry and specifically the Classic Car media. This opportunity would suit somebody who operates (or has operated) at all levels within the PR industry and is looking to drive the name "TR Register" to be the first choice for the future Classic Car owner.

If anyone is interested please contact Kevin Jones or Allen Forster. Contact details in TR Action.