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hello and welcome

I'm afraid it all been a bit fraught here. Not necessarily to do with my new job, but because I've been busy helping out the TR Register for the Classic Motor Show at the NEC this coming weekend.

Despite my best intentions and meeting up in August to come up with a plan of action for the Register's stand at the show, circumstances have meant that it has all been a bit last minute. Anyway, with a bit of luck everything will work out okay and I shall be enjoying a couple of days in Birmingham!

So, if any of you are going to the NEC for the Classic Motor show, why not come over to stand 5C04 and say hello. There will be four TR4 variants, including Neil Revington's TR4 Police car that was at the International, along with a 1955 TR2 and a very impressive TR7 Le Mans replica.

It's a bit of a short update from this month, but hopefully I'll have a bit more to tell you next time. Enjoy the quiz and see you soon.

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group leader's ramblings

Well, here we are then, the clocks have gone back, the nights and mornings have got darker. Must be winter and time to get back to the garage and do those jobs that we all put off when it was a lot warmer. Nevertheless, Brunel remains active with a couple of events prior to Christmas. Our November meeting will feature our Quiz Night. And having been delayed at work last year, only to arrive in time for the prize giving, I intend to take a full part this year, which should at least ruin one team's chances of winning.

Elf has circulated the details of our Christmas Dinner at The Compass Inn at Tormarton on Saturday 10th December. If you need any further details or a menu, please contact Elf or me as soon as possible. The evening, if anything like last year's is to go by, will be a lot of fun and as the now official Brunel motto goes "Great atmosphere, great company and a good time guaranteed." (*You've just made that up! Ed.*) If you wish to bring friends along I am sure that we can accommodate them. On similar note the Compass may also have rooms available if you wish to avoid driving.

Before I go on further I would just like to mention a couple of important items. The first is the TR Register survey. You will have hopefully seen this mentioned in TR Action and on the website and you'll find full details of the Club's press release later in the newsletter. Please take the time to complete it if you can.

The second point is the TR Register Annual General Meeting, which will be held at the British Motor Heritage Museum at Gaydon on Sunday 27th November. It promises to be an eventful meeting and it would be fantastic to see as many Brunel members attending as possible. The meeting itself is usually entertaining and informative and an opportunity to meet the 'top table' and have a say in the running of our club. Always a good day out with the opportunity to look around the museum for free. Please try and make it and we will arrange a meeting point on the day.

Our group effort in getting Dennis Harris' TR4 back on the road continues with considerable progress. We now have the engine running, albeit with a couple of minor oil and water leaks, but with the car back on its wheels. There are a couple of questions to be answered such as, "How many people does it take to bleed the clutch and brakes?" In Brunel's case this totalled four.

Rigby assisting yours truly to avoid my last mishap of knocking the fluid container over the garage floor, with Roger topping up and a nameless person doing the pedal work. Now there is an award at the TR Register AGM for "Pratt of the Year".



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Unfortunately nominations have already been received. Far being from me to name names, but when three out of the four of us are trying to bleed the clutch the other is pumping the brake pedal a nomination springs to mind. I will mention no names, but should this person be left to handle our finances I ask? A good and enjoyable day's work and Dennis' car takes a step closer to getting back on the road.

I anticipate that we will have another couple of days work to getting the car ready for an MOT, so any volunteers will be more than welcome.

It's actually an enjoyable day and the Harris hospitality is second to none. Hopefully we can get the necessary work done before Christmas and aim to get an MOT around March if possible.

For those of you unaware, Dennis has very kindly offered the use of his TR4 to any Brunel member subject to the



necessary legal insurance requirements. It also goes without saying that I am sure that he would not object to sitting in the passenger seat for the odd trip.

Looking forward to next year, Elf and her Social Committee have started in earnest to put next year's calendar together and already it is looking pretty damn good. They will publish the known dates that we have shortly, so look on our website as I will enter these as soon as I have them. If you have an event that you would like considered please let Elf know.

Plans for Brunel's trip to Classic Le Mans in 2012 are moving on rapidly, so if you want to join us please let me know as soon as possible, as we have to confirm campsite etc. very soon. Full details of our plans should be known by our next monthly meeting.

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Dear TR Register member

As you will hopefully have seen in TR Action the TR Register is conducting a survey of all members to help ensure that the club delivers the services that you want. This is a chance to have a real and direct influence on what the TR Register does in the future, to identify what the club should do more of, and what it should do less of. Please take this opportunity to direct your club by completing the survey on-line. The survey can be accessed through the TR Register home page at www.tr-register.co.uk and should take 10 minutes to complete.

All TR Register full members can complete the survey but please make sure that you have your membership number to hand so that you can log in. If you do not have your membership number to hand please call the office on 01235 818866 or e-mail membership@tr-register.co.uk

None of the information will be passed on to any third party. Please note only members can participate and you will use your membership number and surname to login. For example member "John Smith" with a membership number of "1234" would have a password of "1234-smith" all in lower case.

Yours sincerely,

Allen Forster, General Manager



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social committee report

I feel a little sad to think that the season's motoring is almost at an end, and we now have to be content with the cold and the rain!

Dennis, however, is happy enough with the thought that next year his TR4 should be on the road. Yes 'the lads' were here last weekend fettling away in our minute garage and by the end of the day, the engine started! It just shows what hard work and teamwork can do for you.

Club Quiz Night and Raffle Weds 16 November at The Dovecote, 8.30 start. I hope for a good turnout and I would be most grateful for any contributions towards the Raffle table and if you can please remember to wrap them up, that would great. Remember to 'brush up your Shakespeare too!

Brunel Christmas Dinner. On the Quiz Night, Roddy will be collecting your full payments and I will collect in your food choices, if not already given. So can you please come early enough to attend to the group admin! Thanks.

Those still to make food choices are Bob & Ginny; Angela & Bob; Carole & Gerald; Derek & Margaret; Ian & Chris and Clare. There are 25 attending but would like to think we can make 30 this time. So come and join us and have some fun.

Derbyshire Trip. The Social Committee hope to complete the 2012 Diary in January. The Derbyshire weekend trip could be included, but we need to see if there is a demand for this event. Please let me know your thoughts. We'll be working out a possible date as soon as possible but it will probably be either May or June

Other forthcoming trips to consider are a trip to the Brooklyn Model Car Factory in Bath for February of next year, and ladies, please bring your diaries to the Quiz Night so we can organize a Ladies' Day Out!

See you Wednesday

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Wed 16th Quiz night and monthly meeting, the Dovecote, Long Ashton

december

Sat 10th Brunel Christmas Meal

Wed 21st Monthly meeting, the Dovecote, Long Ashton

*Official TR Register event

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