



# Brunel TRs

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## hello and welcome

What have I done? I'm not really sure that I'm cut out for this work malarkey. It's certainly been a bit of a shock to the system, not to mention all the upheaval of moving to village in the middle of Wiltshire to share a house with a bloke from the West Midlands and his dopey cat. Oh well, it's only for a while and I shall return to normality by the time the sun comes out again.

I'm afraid I can't tell you anything about what I'm doing, other than to say that it's all very hush, hush. I can tell you, however, that I have spent the best part of the last two weeks writing a submission on behalf on the TR Register for Classic & Sports Car magazine's Club Magazine of the Year Award. A decision was made to put *TR Action* forward and I pulled the short straw to write a submission in record time before the deadline. Anyway, by the time you read this, the submission will hopefully be winging its way to the judges at Classic & Sports Car.

Of course, all this employment has meant that classic car fettling has stop for the foreseeable future. I'm hoping a normal service will resume before too long, but I'm now finding my weekend taken up with shopping and ironing shirts, which is not good.

Take care.

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## group leader's ramblings

A somewhat brief report from me this month as usually befits the time of year, but we still have events and socials to look forward to and in particular our Quiz Night in November. It should be fun.

I was unable to get to the recent Dyrham Park event, but I understand from the members that attended that it was a very good day. Gerald Hamblin has passed on to me a flyer for a new Pageant of Motoring event in June of next year at Bath Racecourse and organised by the local Rotary Club. We will express our interest and provisionally put it on our 2012 Social Calendar.

The TR Register International Weekend returns to Malvern next year. The date for this has been set for Friday 11 to Sunday 12 August, to avoid a clash with the Silverstone Classic Meeting. I have a proposal regarding the TR Register stand for, so what this space!

Bill Adshead, Roddy and I recently spent a busy Sunday working on Dennis Harris's TR4, with the aim to get it ready for an MOT. A couple more days are needed, so any volunteers would be more than welcome. Dennis does not see himself driving the TR4 a great deal in the future and rather than see the car sit in the garage, he has very kindly offered Brunel the use of the car. The final details regarding the legalities of insurance have to be finalised, but we would expect any user to have their own appropriate insurance cover.

TR Register Annual General Meeting, Gaydon, Sunday 27th November. I will mention the TR Register Annual General Meeting at Gaydon again, which is worth attending just to get a free look around the British Motor Heritage Centre collection, if nothing else. Full details can be found in the latest issue of TR Action.

Our Local Group co-ordinator Kevin Jones will be standing down at the AGM and a new co-ordinator will be elected. The election of a local group co-ordinator was slightly controversial at last year's meeting, but if you want to have a say, the only way is to attend. On behalf of Brunel I would like to thank Kevin for the unstinting effort and the many hours he has put in during his term to make the West groups what they are today. His support and encouragement have been much appreciated and we'll do our best to maintain the relationship with his replacement.

Finally, a very warm welcome from Brunel to John Hancock from Nailsea, who came along to last month's monthly meeting. John is a long-standing member of the TR Register and owns a TR7.

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## social committee report

I trust that some of you were able to make the most of our heat wave in early October and take your TR for a spin in the country! At least it's broken up our autumn blues.

Yes it is a bit quiet this October, but I guess it enables the usual mechanical adjustments to be made before that 'big freeze' arrives as promised.

Don't forget our quiz Night at the Dovecote on November's monthly meeting night. We're planning to have a Raffle that night as well, to help with Christmas. So please have a look for some suitable prizes and bring them along to the meeting already wrapped, so that we don't know what they are. All the more fun!

Xmas Dinner at the Compass Inn Tormarton on Saturday 10 December.

The cost for the Christmas meal is £32.50 per person. This price includes an excellent meal and really good Disco for entertainment. We all enjoyed ourselves last year, so let's hope that we have as much fun this year.

Your menu choices need to be with me by our November meeting on 16 November by the latest. Payment will be made on the night. I will attach the menu to this newsletter for your reference.

I think we need to arrange a Ladies' Day fairly soon, so come on girls, get your thinking caps on!

We are to have a Social Committee Meeting on 13 October, so if you have any thoughts or suggestions which could be useful, please get in touch.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Meeting.

Elf

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## Brunel social calendar

### october

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup>

Dyrham Park Hill Climb

Wed 19<sup>th</sup>

Monthly meeting, the Dovecote, Long Ashton and walk

### november

Wed 16<sup>th</sup>

Quiz night and monthly meeting, the Dovecote, Long Ashton

\*Official TR Register event

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