



# Brunel TRs

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## hello and welcome

September already. Once again I sit here asking myself where the summer has gone, or did I just miss it? Amazing to think that in April of this year the country was bracing itself for a draught to match that of 1976.

Anyway, the leaves are beginning to fall and once again we all start thinking about tucking our cars away for the winter. For me, the last hurrah of the season is the Goodwood Revival, which takes place this coming weekend. As many of you know, it's a great weekend, although now rather crowded, and for me it's a splendid way to end the classic car season.

September may be the end of the classic car season for me, but this year it is also the start of another chapter, as I've been offered a job. Unfortunately this means a temporary relocation to Salisbury for nine months. So, I'm afraid to say that I won't be seeing you at the monthly meetings until July of next year. I will, however, continue to edit the newsletter and support the Register with its PR activities, including publicity for the forthcoming Classic Car Show at the NEC in November.

As for other things, I hope that those of you who travelled up to Hobson's microbrewery enjoyed yourselves. I thought it was rather a long way to drive for half a pint of beer, so I gave it a miss. I did make an appearance at the Brunel barbeque though, which was very good, despite the lack of bread for the burgers.

Anyway, that's it for me this month. If I don't see you at the Dovecote next Wednesday, I'll hopefully see you over Christmas, but otherwise it won't be until July of next year, unless of course I decide to come home early!

Take care.

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## group leader's ramblings

The past month seems to have been a rather busy time for Brunel, at one time having events on three consecutive weekends. Unfortunately I missed the brewery trip, but look forward to sampling some of what I missed shortly!

Our barbeque was a great success and a lovely day, although I wasn't quite prepared for the rush for food, despite it being lunchtime. It reminded me of the dinner bell at school. Next time I will enlist a helper.



The Summer Classics event at Easter Compton (see picture) was very enjoyable and well attended by a number of Brunel members over the two-day show.

The event itself is in its infancy and this was obvious from some of the organisation, but hopefully lessons will have been learnt and it will return next year, as will Brunel.

Despite things calming down as we approach the winter, we still have a couple of runs planned. I would like to visit the Bristol Aero Collection at Kemble and I also have a couple of others thoughts for possible runs, which I shall speak to Elf about.

Due to problems obtaining a licence, the Dyrham Park Hill Climb on Sunday 2 October, will now be a non-competitive runs up the hill with various static club displays. The TR Register has been invited and it would be good to have a nice selection of TR's on display. Hopefully we can get half a dozen cars to attend. I will attach/include the event flyer with this month's newsletter and if you're interested in coming along with your car, please let me know.

This year's TR Register Annual General Meeting will once again to be held at the Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon on Sunday 27 November. Roddy has finally embraced modern-day communications and now has an email address: [crhalliwell@aol.co.uk](mailto:crhalliwell@aol.co.uk)

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## social committee report

The assumption that September could well be an 'Indian summer' has now gone by the board as I hear the wind and rain lash against the window. How we have successfully managed to bring out the sunshine for our recent TR events baffles me, but we have.

The Club Evening Walk last month proved to be idyllic. It was calm, warm and rain free. So together with Ian's dog was perfect for walking in the beautiful countryside and of course, we were back at the Dovecote in good time for the meeting and a pint! We must do it again sometime and many thanks to all those who attended.

The Club BBQ was amazing and the sun came out just for us. By the time Dennis and I arrived at Bishopsworth Manor, the gazebo was already up, Roddy was drinking his beer, tables and chairs were set out and (most impressive) Andy was looking very much at home cooking the food. We had a lovely time and thanks must go to Les Weeks for organizing it and Royston and his wife for hosting the event and giving us all a most interesting and informative tour of the house. There were about 22 of us (plus Sheila and Mike's dog this time) so with a highly skilled competition of 'boules' on the grass we had a really full afternoon. Thanks for all the food contributions; they were scummy!



Taking it easy at Bishopsworth Manor



What a load of boules...

The Hobson's Brewery Trip at Cleobury Mortimer was another good day out. An enthusiastic crowd of ten travelled up country via the Malverns at the beginning of September. The run was lovely and once again we beat the weather and kept dry in our cars. We made an improvised stop at a pub just north of the Malverns to find that as we approached the bar an array of beautiful homemade cakes had been put out for us. They must have known we were coming!



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We arrived at the Brewery smack on time to find my nephew, Timmy, just skimming another brew. We started in the cellars, sampled some beers and then had about an hour of learning all about the brewing process. Now I know why it is so expensive!



Hobson's is a microbrewery whereby no corners are cut and standards are at their highest. I thought my nephew was brilliant (although I am biased). Later we enjoyed some of the local festivities with a brass band and more beer at a Fair in Cleobury. Altogether a lovely day with the added bonus of seeing my family too!

I feel it would be good for you to know that Dennis' TR4, which hasn't been used for a number of years, is now up for restoration. Dennis has been doing quite a bit of work on it already, but Andy and one or two other members of the club are planning to assist and help get it back on the road. I must say I was very touched by this. Dennis intends to let members of the Club who wish to drive the car, do so, depending on the formalities such as appropriate insurance etc.

And finally a few dates for your diary; the club night on 16 November will also be a Quiz Night and the Brunel Christmas Dinner is booked for 10 December and will again be at the Compass Inn, Tormarton.

Sorry, but I won't be at the next meeting.

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## Classic Le Mans (7-8 July) & Spa Classic (25-27 May) 2012

Brunel members and cars have attended both events in recent years, which have proved to be very enjoyable. In 2008 & 2010 we opted for the TSSC organised facilities at the Tertre Rouge Le Mans campsite. In 2010 the TR register also organised a trip using a different location at Maison Blanche.

Those of us who have experience both, regard Tertre Rouge as the preferred option because of the superior location, toilet/shower facilities, security and shade. The TSSC also have a marquee with a small bar selling cheapish beer etc. Tertre Rouge is exclusively used by TSSC, so it's virtually wall-to-wall Triumphs.

Classic Le Mans has become extremely popular and tickets for Tertre Rouge sell out very quickly. The TSSC have indicated that tickets will go on sale in October and initially restricted to TSSC members and then opened up to other Triumph clubs. **To have of any chance of securing a place at Tertre Rouge, we'll need to book individually at the first available opportunity in October.**



If we have sufficient interest in travelling as a group, the format is likely be overnight Portsmouth/Caen or Poole/Cherbourg on 5 July returning in the evening on 9 July.

The return journey is about 600 miles. The costs, based on 2010 prices are likely to be around £150 per car for the ferry and £65 per person for the basic three day circuit entry and camping package.

The Spa Classic in Belgium is a much smaller and informal event, but equally enjoyable and takes place at the spectacular Spa Francorchamps circuit. There isn't likely to be the same scramble for tickets as Le Mans. The motorway route via Dover to Dunkerque and Brussels is the quickest, but not the most enjoyable in a TR. We could add a day to the proceedings by approaching from the south, via Le Havre through quieter and more scenic routes. Which ever route, the return journey is about 1,000 miles.

I'm happy to coordinate things, so if you're interested in attending one or both events please let me know as soon as possible via email: [badshhead@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:badshhead@blueyonder.co.uk).

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## Brunel social calendar

### september

Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hobson's Brewery Visit
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	Thornfalcon Classic Meeting
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	Aces Classic Run
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Social Committee Meeting, Toby Inn, Henbury
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	Classic & Sports Car Action Day at Castle Combe
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly meeting, the Dovecote, Long Ashton
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	Goodwood Revival

### october

Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dyrham Park Hill Climb
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly meeting, the Dovecote, Long Ashton and walk

\*Official TR Register event

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