

COTSWOLD VALE TR - NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2010.

Well it's the summer (????), and a lot of people are on holiday, so not as much activity this month as July, but here we go with what we have been involved in.

BOAT TRIP – SHARPNESS August 8th:-

34 intrepid land lubbers from CVTR enjoyed a river cruise and carvery meal on the River Severn. Thirteen TRs and Mike Hill's Vitesse didn't line up – (even with a straight white line to replace the blue rope!) – at Gloucester Docks before a four hour cruise up the river Severn, and Meg even found a new use for Richard's boot – a coffee table:-



This year the cruise was in the other direction- up the river- which was entered via a rather deep lock with a menacing looking bridge:-



We passed a number of interesting riverside pubs such as the Coal House at Apperley, (which we have used before as one of our Sunday lunch venues). During the 4 hour cruise far as Lower Lode near Tewkesbury, Dave Gillespie dressed for the occasion and wore a pirate hat with dreadlocks, and to complete the look, had a stuffed parrot on his shoulder in keeping with the occasion.



The meal was excellent,



the weather fine, and even a tap dancing demonstration from CVTR's resident "Strictly Come" dancer, Terry Smith:-



A good time was had by all – (Thanks to Keith Brown and Richard Durrant for the words and pics)

So onto the monthly meeting at the Fleece

WEDNESDAY 25th AUGUST

It has to be said that a turn out of 30 people on a wet, cold windy night was fantastic (this is summer remember! - the heaters were even on in the barn, and as in winter, my feet and backside were freezing when I got home!).

Andy reported on the above event then went through the dairy for the next few weeks where the activity is again picking up:-

August 28th -- Comberton flower and country show:-

A super event held in a village with atmosphere. We have supported this with many cars in the past .If you want to go then just turn up in the village after lunch.

August 29th -- Webbs of Wychbold --50th anniversary

Lots of things on, and a show of classic cars.

August 30th -- Pershore Plum Festival.

So far we have 14 cars booked in and we will be based next to the Abbey. A great day out, if the weather is good, with lots to do and see and listen to good varied music--i.e. jazz bands, pop groups and brass bands. Try to be on site before 12.00 noon please. If you are going and have yet to book, then talk to Andy Canning.

September 1st . Acorns Hospice Follow Up Visit

Ian Brown and the 2 X Andy's have arranged to visit Acorns Hospice to present them with a cheque of the balance of the money raised by our raffles-- £106-00, and also to view the montage of photographs taken of our event with them in July. Ian has a cd with high resolution images of the cars taken on the day, please let him know if you wish to borrow it to copy an image of your car.

September 4-5th - Lakes weekend

with a number of CVTR members going. If you have not arranged anything yet, you are probably too late!

September 11th - The Peopleton village show

19 cars so booked in. Officially opens at noon, but please try and be in place before then. Richard Durrant is the organiser .

September 12th - Sunday lunch at The Fish Inn at Wixford.

Anthony Bond has organised everything for 12-00 noon, eating at 12.30 please..

September 17-19- Goodwood Revival

which usually attracts a number of CVTR members

September 22nd – CVTR monthly meeting at The Fleece

October 10th - Malvern restoration show.

October 16th

CVTR'S 30th year buffet dinner celebration at The Mill Club at Wyre Piddle. Terry Smith and Jackie are organising this event which will be subsidised by CVTR. Please contact them on - 01386 832221 or 07973 289632 to book your place.

The meeting closed with Keith's fund raising raffle, no Del Boy seduction kits as prizes this time round!

Well that's it -we did say August was a bit slow but we are certainly making up for in in the next few weeks. We are still waiting for reports from the Le Mans Classic event last month, and if you have anything you wish to be included in the newsletter, please send your article and pictures to either Ian Brown or Andrew Racey.

We will close this edition with a **“caption competition”**



Please submit entries by bringing along to the September monthly meeting at the Fleece and handing them to Ian Brown or Andrew Racey for judging. No limit to number of entries, taste or decency..... A prize will be awarded to the funniest entry, and the judges' decision will be final.

Andrew Racey and Ian Brown