

CVTR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER APRIL 2010

Review of Activities since Last Meeting

Sunday 11th April - Lunch at “The Green Dragon”, Sambourne.

A super lunch enjoyed by 25 CVTR members, and 12 cars making an appearance. A really good turn out and well organised by Linda and David Gillespie who managed to make the shortest drive of the day (or could this be ever when not on home premises?)



If we didn't know who the “Dragon” was before the visit, we were in no doubt whatsoever who it referred to after some interesting experiences in customer service. It all added to the overall enjoyment of the occasion! Thank you Dave and Linda!

Sunday 25th April - National Drive it day and Cotswold Vale were out in force at Hody's Place, Wickhamford, in aid of the Chernobyl Children's appeal. Eleven cars were on duty, three of which offered rides for anyone that wanted one, including Nigel's Peerless. Other cars available for rides included TR3A, TR4a and an E type convertible. However the highlight of the day was undoubtedly rides in a garden shed, yes that's right a fully licensed, with lights and seat belts etc, garden shed. It's a pity our official photographer wasn't with us to record the event, but ably assisted by Mick Parry we can bring you a picture of Ed China and the fastest potting shed in the world.





Local Residents and our own Cotswold Vale members were rather surprised when confronted with a shed driving around the vicinity of the event! Ed China turned out to be a really good bloke and a true motoring enthusiast.

Tea and cakes went down well, as Colin can vouch as he was seen at least twice knocking back some low calorie cake with cream! (Mind you, our erstwhile group leader did his best to demolish the chocolate cake in lieu of his lunch!). Thanks to all who attended and contributed towards this very worthwhile cause, which raised £1500 on the day, bringing the total to £4500 so far this year, helping towards their target of £5000 to enable them to bring 5 families to the UK for a holiday.

We also had our new support vehicle for its first outing, "The Wentworth", which Andy recently acquired and may well form the backbone of the CVTR support fleet, (well at least until the Escort van gets another MOT?).



And so, onto our April monthly meeting - 10 TRs and 40 people attendance.

Andy welcomed two new members, Bill and Pam Waterhouse from Astwood Bank, following up with feedback on the group leaders meeting which he attended, along with Keith Brown and Tim Walker, with Tim giving a most useful presentation on TR Register Local Group Websites.

The TR Register membership is still falling but the decline has slowed down.

It was confirmed that the club has entered the round Britain rally in October with TS2 and the TR7 coke car. Particularly appropriate in the 40th anniversary year of the TR Register, as it was actually the register that conceived and started the event prior to it being taken over by Club Triumph.

Ian Brown has also entered his TR3a (which he is busily preparing for comfort and safety), and Tim Walker has entered one of his cars, either the TR6 or GT6, whichever he fancies nearer the time.

“Stuff” To Diarise/Look Forward To:- (not exclusive or exhaustive)

May 9th -Sunday lunch - Pat and Alf Widmer are hosting this event at Flyford Flavel- they have 20 people booked in so far, so if you wish to go please contact them as soon as possible a.widmer@virgin.net

May 14th/16th - Is the Glavon camping weekend for anyone who feels like sleeping on the ground in a field! Details are available from Andy Canning.

May 22nd/23rd Prescott weekend with the Standard Triumph Marque Day.

This is the getting together of Standard Triumph car clubs across the UK at one of the leading venues for hill climbing. We, CVTR as the local group, are asked to help. So far we have a full team working on checking in for the hill climbs but still need one/two more volunteers for the marshalling and gate control. An email will be sent to those volunteering with details of location and timings. There are always spaces for more volunteers, so don't be shy if you want to help out, the bonus is a free ticket to the event. Please contact Merv Parkes at the office if you can help.

May 26th - Monthly CVTR meeting at The Fleece.

May 29th - Acorns Trust visit (see note on July 18th), a show of six or seven cars would be ideal, please contact Ian Brown if you can make it, ianbrown11252@googlemail.com

June 9th - Birmingham concourse evening at The Moat House at Alcester. If interested, please let Andy Canning know

June 12th - Offenham Village Wake and Classic Car Show. (Wake? I thought that took place after a funeral!)

June 13th - Churchill Show. The biennial show in this great location, please let Andy Canning know if you are interested.

June 20th - The Warwick Castle Classic Car Show. Arrive before 10.00am and your car and 2 passengers get entrance into the castle for free. Forms were handed out at the meeting. Alternatively, contact Andrew Racey, andrew@aracey.orangehome.co.uk

July 4th - The long awaited Blist Hill trip to see the Victorian town near Telford following its £12m refurbishment. A group of cars will leave Ombersley slip road off the A449 at 9.00am, stop for coffee on route before taking advantage of the group entrance fee. Please contact Andrew on andrew@aracey.orangehome.co.uk if you wish to go.

July 18th - This year CVTR have decided to get involved with a local charity to see if we can help. Acorns -The children's hospice in Worcester is the venue where we need at least 20 cars to take the Dads and anyone else who would like a trip out in a classic car. Please, please try and help with this. More details, and to offer your services, from Ian Brown at ianbrown11252@googlemail.com

July 23rd - Burlingham car show on the Friday evening at the cricket pitch. This is a super event with lots of vintage and classic cars/motor bikes. If you like olde worlde eclectic car displays in a small village with a truly vintage atmosphere, this is it.... Contact Andy Canning.

August 8th - River trip on the Seven out of Gloucester--See Keith Brown if not already booked. The trip comprises a four hour cruise with two course meal for £25 and is a follow on from the highly successful trip taken in 2009.

Finally (sorry it's been a lengthy newsletter this month) **This year, 2010, is CVTR's 30th anniversary year and we need ideas at the next meeting on what to do to mark the occasion!** We all agreed that we should have an event of some sort. An evening with a buffet and music has been suggested, but we need any other ideas from you please. Please submit your suggestions to Andy Canning, bearing in mind that if you suggest it, you must be prepared to organise the event in its entirety, venue and collecting monies included.

RAFFLE

As part of our 30th anniversary, and our support this year to the Acorns Trust, CVTR have agreed to donate/use the proceeds from the next three group meeting raffles towards this charity. Keith Brown, wishing to keep the "CVTR" finances separate from this initiative, stepped aside from his traditional raffle role, and was ably replaced by Colin Boother. In anticipation of this arduous and thankless task, Colin had requested donations from members to provide the raffle prizes for the coming months. In true CVTR style, some great prizes were forthcoming, (and if you have yet to donate, remember you can do so next month) resulting in the best array of prizes witnessed in the last 15 years! Colin sold the tickets at £1 each or 7 for £5, raising over £100 from this meeting alone.... I'm sure there must be some sore heads out there as Glenfiddich whisky, and Cranberry flavoured Vodka supplemented a gallon of cider and several bottles of wine, not all won by the same person I should add. Well done Colin, and a big thank you to those who contributed the prizes and bought tickets. I'm sure we are all looking forward to the next raffle. (I can't believe I have just written something constructive and positive about the raffle, rather than the customary mirth!)

No excuses now, lots to do, places to go and people to see. So get the cars out and actively join **YOUR CLUB** in some of these events, we would love to see you. The more you put in, the more that comes out.....

Andrew Racey and Ian Brown