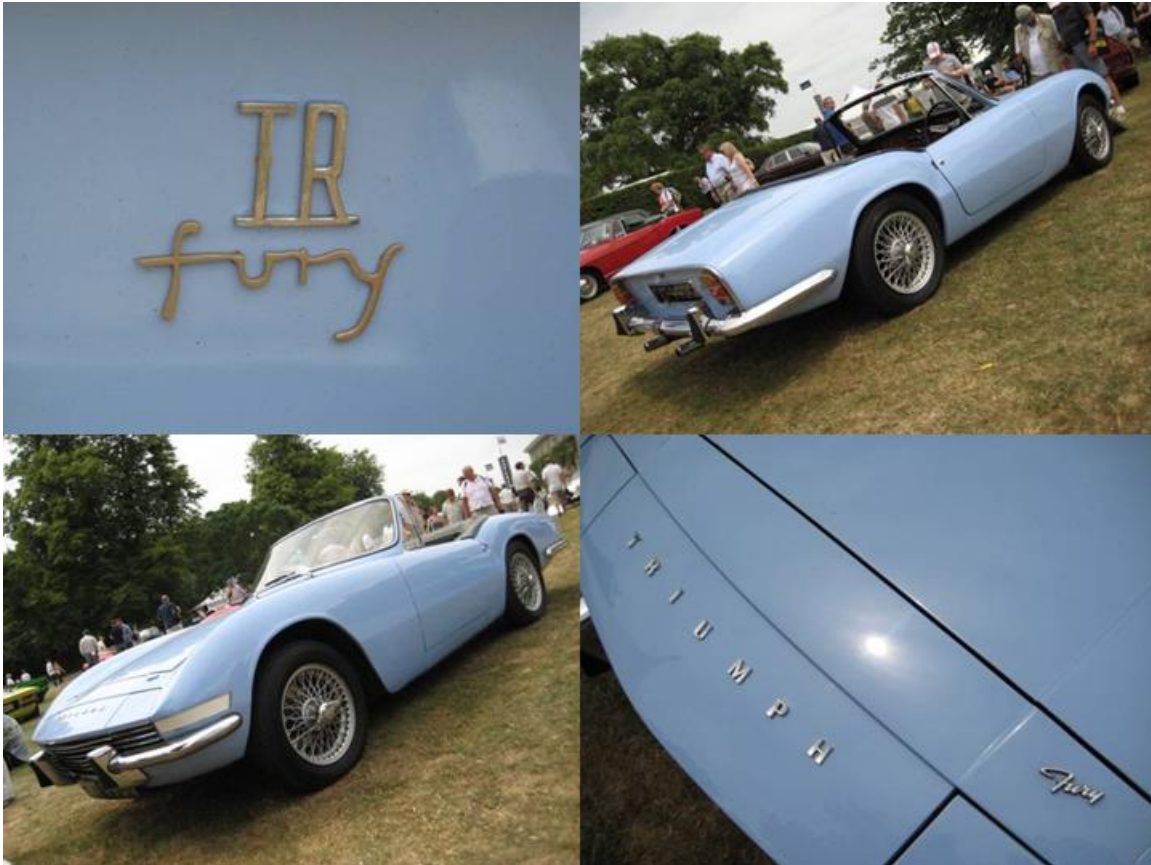


# COTSWOLD VALE TR NEWSLETTER JULY 2010

## EVENTS SINCE LAST MEETING

### July 2nd - 4th Goodwood Festival of Speed

and a number of CVTR members were in attendance. The weather was fantastic, the exhibits and displays magnificent, and the Triumph TR prototype, Fury, featured in the Cartier Style et Luxe:-



This is a unique, fully road legal prototype that was intended to fill a gap in the sports car market, however it was canned with the introduction of the GT6.

For those who are dubious about this event, I can only say that it was a great day out!

### July 4<sup>th</sup>, the long-awaited visit to Blists Hill Museum at Telford

It took 3 years to make it happen, but the 23 members who came along all agreed it was well worth the wait. We had 11 cars in convoy with a planned coffee stop en route, and all went well. We didn't lose any cars and the arrangements at Blists were great.

Thanks to Simon Beresford (Shropshire Group Leader) for greeting us with a friendly smile on arrival.

The shops, and the variety of businesses on display, were exactly as most of the more senior members of our party remembered.

# BLISTS HILL VICTORIAN TOWN JULY 2010

(Words and images courtesy of Richard Durrant)

Another well organised and executed Andrew Racey outing – constable Racey even went to the length of disciplining Phil Blake for speeding in the assembly area:-



Ten TRs and a star in a reasonably priced car



made the trip, which was uneventful, apart from Richard Durrant's car depositing most of its coolant on the coffee stop car park.

Arriving at Blists Hill, a fashion show was organised, with Martin Pemberton easily taking the award for best dressed gentlemen.



Not surprising that Martin was made to sit in the corner when he arrived late for school, then!

Blists Hill, which is part of the Ironbridge industrial area, is a recreated Victorian town which is populated by characters going about the daily life as it would have been in this era. Visitors are encouraged to take part using “period” money in the shops.



Suitable staff are sometimes difficult to find!



Commercial and light industrial businesses are operated as they would have been, so it is hardly surprising that Richard couldn't find a TR specialist to replace his head gasket



How would Colin cope with the plumbing materials of the day? No solvent joined plastic fittings here!



The site covers around 50 acres including heavy industry – how do you fancy adjusting these tappets



and a smallholding.



If you fancy a restoration project, how about “Spry”, which was rescued from Diglis Basin in Worcester



Entertainment is provided in the pub and fairground,



and spiritual needs catered for by a Methodist Chapel.



These Chapels were supplied as flatpicks and moved around as required!

Transport was either pedal power,



or horse drawn .



I trust that Casey's handler got paid danger money!



even Casey thought that was funny.....



### **July 9th /11th Classic Le Mans**

Don't talk about the loos!! Some of our members attended a very hot and crowded Le Mans- especially the camp site. Colin lived off steak and French pastries. Nothing new there then! If someone cares to supply words and pics, we can include this next month.....

### **July 18th Acorns "Dads" day out to The Hunters Inn at Longdon.**

17 cars arrived at Acorns Children's Hospice in Worcester, to take 14 Dads and staff on a drive in the cars and then to a very nice buffet lunch laid on by the pub. When one of the Dads said " he thought he had died and gone to heaven to see all these cars and then to get to ride in them ", it made all the hard work put in by Ian Brown worthwhile, so a big thank you to Ian and all CVTR members who turned up and Dave Newberry from Birmingham and Nigel Cluley with the Peerless. Well done everyone.



### **July 23rd – Birlingham Show**

a pleasant, tranquil evening around a village cricket green what more could one ask for.( poetic this isn't it ) Good company, lots of Vintage and Classic cars and motor bikes .Oh and a bar!! as well as a queue of about 50 people for the burger barbecue CVTR had about 16 cars on site which given the hectic day some of us had at Malvern -helping to set up the bring and buy was a good turnout.

# BIRLINGHAM SHOW

## JULY 2010

(words and pictures courtesy of Richard Durrant)

Direct to Birlingham after setting up the IWE Bring and Buy stall on Friday afternoon. This is one of the best of the local shows, and as usual was well attended with a wide variety of classic and vintage cars – the field was completely full by the evening. CVTRG presented a good turn out, although were unable to park all the cars together, including Nigel Cluley's Peerless back from Le Mans Classic, Martin Pugh's new TR4 – I think that Martin is a bit of a wheeler dealer with the frequency that he changes his cars! – and Richard and Meg arrived in Alfred Widmer's TR7, kindly loaned as Richard's 4A had blown its head gasket. Now returned to Alf complete as none of the parts were suitable for the 4A...!!

The queue for burgers and hot dogs went round the field twice, and Colin wore himself out looking for custard...!!





**July 25<sup>th</sup> to 27th July TR Register IWE**

CVTR members are working at full capacity with some 18 members manning the Bring and Buy stall over two days. The Friday afternoon set up was not without its small drama. Richards car (again) broke down only this time it had to be trailed away as the head gasket had gone.

Alf came to the rescue and loaned him his TR7 for Birlingham and the rest of the weekend. Many thanks to Alan Wilding, who yet again worked out the rota for CVTR volunteers, and ensured that all ran smoothly. This year we took £1103-00 towards the continued maintenance of TS2. A super effort by the 18 CVTR volunteers and a record sum!!!!



Martin Pemberton manned the PA system, Phil and Debs Barnet ran the crèche, and Colin and Alf organised the Fun Run.

However the long awaited return of Andy Canning's disco night with 40 air guitars on stage was worth waiting for. With a professional sound and lighting system it has gone down in the club history books as one of the best nights of the year. The air guitars attracted a wide range of budding Hank Marvin's with Martin Pemberton leading the way with his interpretation of an ageing rocker. However, the prize for "Best Air Guitarist" was eventually won by Glavon Group Leader, Andy Mad Dog Smith:-



Individual activities also featuring last month:-

**ANDREW RACEY PLAYS WITH HIS TONKA**



Andrew Racey ticked off one of his "must do this in my life time" ambitions. That was to drive a rather large Tonka toy in the form of a tank transporter courtesy of the British Army. 60 tonnes with a 650 BHP engine on a fully automatic gearbox with 4 (of the 6) steering rear axles. It Was Fantastic.....

**IAN BROWN & RICHARD DURRANT (& RATHER LARGE MODELS)!**

No, not Katie Price (or any other of that type of model), but a day out at RAF Cosford with flying displays courtesy of the Large Model Association.

Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> July, the weather was overcast and blustery, but that didn't stop the display pilots of the LMA putting on a fantastic show.

For those who have not heard of the LMA, this is a club whose members design, build and fly, by radio control, large scale models of aircraft:-



Highlight of the show was an Avro Vulcan, powered by four jet engines:-



not to mention a fantastic line up of WW1 machinery:-



and Richard was even offered a new job as a test pilot!!!!!!



## JULY 2010 MEETING REPORT

And so, onto our July meeting at The Fleece, Bretforton.

We had 35 members in attendance with 14 cars in the courtyard.

Andy Canning started with apologies from Andrew Racey who was on holiday, Mick Parry, and Paul Tunnadine,

A warm welcome was extended to Mark Hellings, Mary Hawkes and Robbie Battaglini.

Andy then covered the main activities as above which CVTR had been involved in over the past four weeks (see above)

Future events in our programme include:-

August 8<sup>th</sup> - Gloucester docks boat trip to Tewkesbury with lunch on board

August 28<sup>th</sup> - Great Comberton flower show, well worth a visit to this very nice village event.

August 30<sup>th</sup> - Knebworth Show

August 30<sup>th</sup> - Pershore Plum Festival--see Andy Canning for details etc.

September 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Lakes Tour, see Paul Tunnadine

September 11<sup>th</sup> - Peopleton village show and classic car event--Richard Durrant is taking the lead on this one.

September 12<sup>th</sup> - Sunday Lunch, The Fish at Wixford, contact Anthony Bond

October 10<sup>th</sup> - CVTR Anniversary meal at the Wyre Boat Club. More news later!

The raffle returned to the safe hands of our normal treasurer, Keith Brown

*Andrew Racey and Ian Brown*