

CVTR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, SEPTEMBER 2010

So as the year draws to a close we actually find ourselves getting busy after the summer holidays.

30th August Pershore Plum Festival

After an initial bit of hassle getting onto the green by the Abbey, we ended up with 19 cars on display. Well done everyone (it has to be said that not all 19 cars were from CVTR as we persuaded a very nice TR6 to line up with us as well.) The gazebo duly erected and Andy's patio table and umbrella along with our club stand - it all looked really great. AND - we had a sunny day as well. Record crowds attended this year and many thanks to Andy for persuading the organisers to let us have the same spot by the Abbey, it meant we were close to all the action.

PERSHORE PLUM FESTIVAL

16 Cotswold Vale cars and one guest lined up outside Pershore Abbey.



The stripped down red TR6 was the second car to arrive, and was still there when the gazebo was dismantled and we all left. As far as I am aware, the owner didn't make him/herself known!



Just as well presented under the bonnet as externally



“I get around...”

“So do I...”

Triumph motorcycles displayed by previous CVTR member.



September 1st Acorns Hospice Donation.

The two Andy's and Ian Brown visited Acorns Hospice to present them with the cheque from the balance of our raffle collections earlier in the summer, after the Dad's drive out.. The sum of £106-00 was presented in front of many of the photographs taken of our Dad's day out to The Hunters Inn.



The cheque was presented to Jayne Dustin and Julia Wooley, and the CVTR delegation were made very welcome with tea and cake, which was much appreciated:-



September 3rd /5th . The Lakes Tour

Cat TRunnadine in charge:- 5 CVTR cars travelled north to join the 47 TR's from other groups. Colin spent Sunday in bed (suffering withdrawal symptoms from no custard on Saturday night).

LAKES TOUR SEPTEMBER 2010

Cotswold Vale Group were represented by Colin and Leslie Boother (unfortunately absent for part of the tour as detailed above), Richard and Meg Durrant, Peter and Ann Massey, Alan and Val Wilding and Terry Smith and Jackie.

The Durrants experienced a bird strike at 80 mph on the M6



fricasseed pigeon smells for the rest of the weekend, accompanied by the odd feather appearing through the air vents! Surprisingly, no real damage and the blood and guts have now been removed! Paul Hogan booked all ten rooms for the weekend in the excellent Cavendish Inn in Cartmel, which has a historical association with the Priory.



Cotswold Vale joined Staffs and Warwick Group there for a splendid meal on Friday evening. Leslie couldn't decide which wine to sample first, so drank them all....maybe with some help from Mr. Wilding.....



....and Colin managed to get an individual jug of custard



Saturday morning 52 cars assembled at Lakeside on Windermere ready to depart on the first of organiser Cat Tunnadine's tours



The tour took us largely on B and C roads via Hawkshead, Grasmere, and Keswick, to the Fish Hotel at Buttermere for lunch. En route, Richard found that a hastily installed Kenlowe override switch wasn't heavy enough – it melted! Now installed correctly with a relay in circuit, and a larger capacity radiator being made up!

After returning via Honister Pass, a group of us called in at the Lakes Motor Museum at Backbarrow, which has been refurbished and is awaiting funds for further expansion. The tasty looking red TR5 wasn't for sale, and Colin took a fancy to the black MGA Police car (or was it the occupant!)



They even have Triumph motorcycles on display.

The Campbell Exhibition of Bluebird replicas is awesome



Cat organised Saturday evening entertainment at what we were informed is the roughest pub in Flookburgh, but, unsurprisingly, the only one which would consider taking on a crowd of TR Register hooligans dressed as Superheroes!! I forgot to take the camera, which is perhaps as well as pictures of three Bananamen/ladies along with assorted Batmen, Spidermen and Cat with an inner tube round his neck and carrying a bike pump and puncture repair outfit...?!!! would not have been suitable for publication!

Sunday morning saw the cars assembled for the second tour to Broughton – in – Furness. Richard and Meg didn't make the entire run, as yet another coil failed after driving at between 5 and 10 mph for 10 miles. Connections transferred to spare on inner wing – where they will stay in future – and continued on our own version of a Lakes tour.

Colin and Leslie unfortunately didn't make the Sunday tour either, as Colin ate something on Saturday evening which disagreed with him and spent Sunday in bed dreaming of chocolate cake and custard. Many thanks to Cat for organising a splendid weekend.

September 11th- Peopleton Autumn Show.

Organised by Richard Durrant --and a first for CVTR and what a splendid day out it was. CVTR entered 11 cars from the club and there were over 120 others with a good mixture of Vintage and Classic. The two steam engines together with the armoured scout car and warrior drew the crowds. Lots of craft displays in the main marquee and some super cakes to be purchased. many thanks to Colin for the great chocolate cake brought for Sue and Andrew. Very enjoyable event. Finally Richard must get the prize for the most changes of shirt at a TR event--3 times --yes 3 times in the space of 3 hours--and all because he was to hot--bless him.

PEOPLETON SHOW SEPTEMBER 2010

Cotswold Vale put on the largest single make display



Fortunately, someone noticed in time that the OSR leg was collapsing



I bet that Ian's death ray driving lamps and shiny mirrors aren't as pristine as this when they get back from the Round Britain Reliability Run...and I trust that more appropriate weather protection is available!



A light shower brought down Nigel “Poppins” Cluley



The Peugeot shouldn't have been left out in the sun – the roof has obviously melted! – and is that Sean Connery taking an interest?



Trials Beetle – alternative configuration as dragster!



Restored (60K+) MG J2

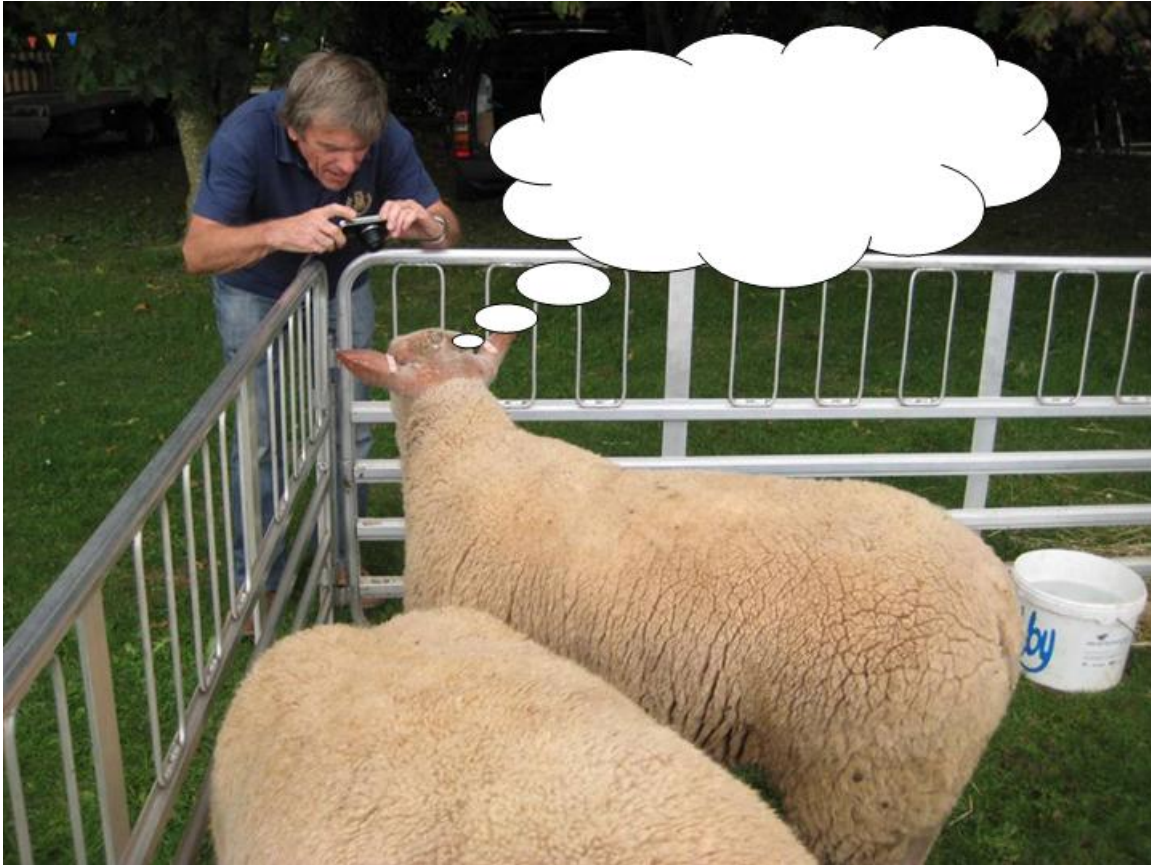


Andrew Racey is in there somewhere



And finally, the star attraction of the show, leading to.....

THIS MONTHS CAPTION COMPETITION



September 12th Sunday lunch

organised by Antony Bond at The Fish Inn at Wixford-- a great location by the river. 16 members attended lunch with 7 cars. Good venue and very reasonable prices--would use it again,and Colin would be very happy as the sweat came with a big jug of custard.

September 18/19--Goodwood Revival

As usual a few of our members attended this superbly run event. This event is one of the few in the country where you can get up close and personnel (with the cars) without Health and Safety crawling all over you.

September 23rd CVTR monthly meeting at The Fleece.

33 members attended with 4 cars. Andy welcomed Jules from the Wye Dean Group who ventured along in his TR3a. Apologies from a number of members who were either on holiday or away on business and from Phil Barnett who was on his way in his freshly rebuilt TR6 - which broke down with a knackered water pump!

So onto forthcoming events.

October 1st/2nd and 3rd sees the Club Triumph round Britain rally and CVTR are proud to have two cars entered. Tim Walkers TR6 with Martin Pugh as co-driver and Ian Brown's TR3a with his brother - in-law as co-driver. These crews have to drive round Britain virtually non-stop over two days. How's that for a test of endurance on both cars and drivers. We all wish them the best of luck.

October 2nd/3rd is also The Autumn Classic car show at Prescott

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October 10th is the Malvern Classic car show.

October 16th is CVTR'S 30th anniversary bash at The Wye Mill Club in Wyre Piddle. Terry Smith is the organiser, his phone numbers were published in last months newsletter --so if you haven't booked a place then please do so quickly. CVTR are helping to fund the event--so it will cost £5-00 per head--how's that for a night out with a buffet thrown in and some music and the chance to chat to old friends.

October 17th --We have been invited along with partners to attend afternoon tea at The Hunters Inn at Longdon by The Acorns Trust --grand parents --who would also like a drive in the cars as well. Please let Ian or Andrew know if you can make it. Times etc will be published nearer the date.

October 24th- Stoneleigh restoration show.

So the calendar is still busy -- although we are moving into Autumn - still a chance to get the wheels spinning and keep the cobwebs at bay.

Happy motoring.

Andrew Racey, Ian Brown, and Rowing Reporter/Photographer, Richard Durrant