



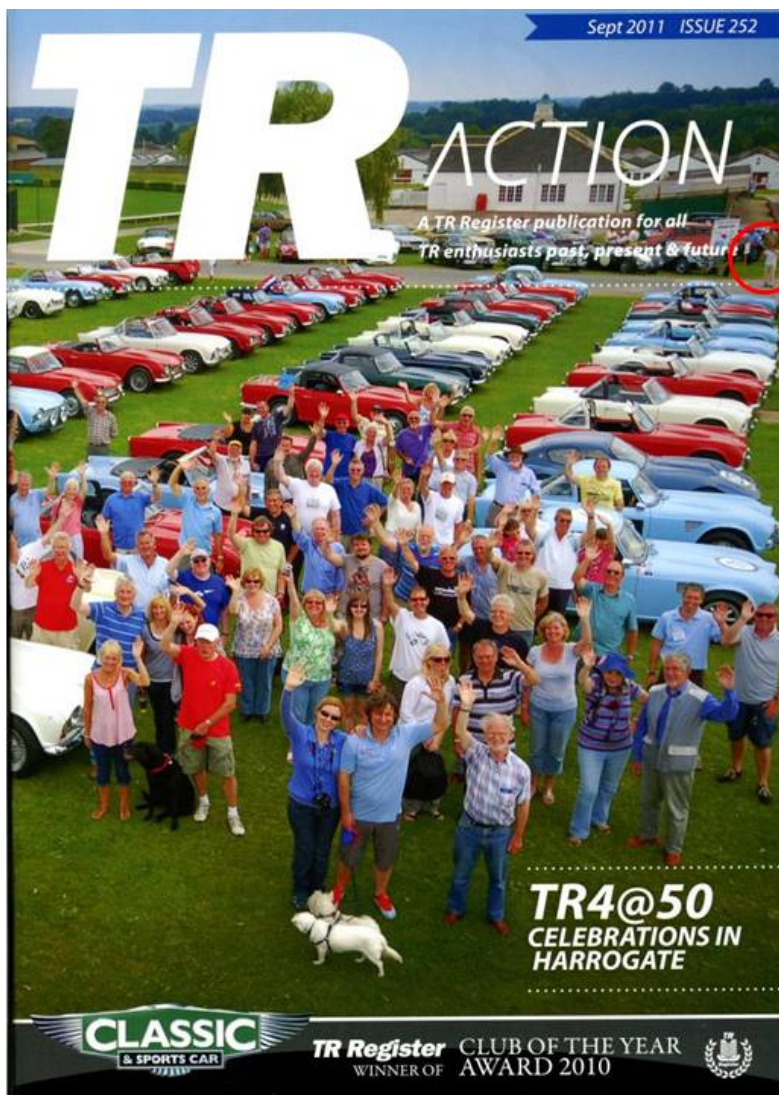
COTSWOLD VALE TR NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2012

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS

Well, we have quite a few bits to report, and as we haven't had a formal meeting since November, and the next one is due after our awards dinner later in January, we thought we would update you as much as possible.....

Let's start with the end of 2011.

At the last CVTR meeting in November, Richard Durrant awarded the prize for spotting his photograph on the front cover of TR Action, so for those of you who missed him, you can check out the evidence here:-



Just in case you wondered
Where Richard Durrant appeared
On the front cover of TR Action 252
He is here!!!!

And, if one CVTR member in national print circulation wasn't enough, Andrew Racey is featured in the current edition (Feb/March 2012) of Triumph world, with his Dove, meeting Clive Harrington. The feature was shot at Gaydon, and thankfully the weather did its best for everyone.

"Fame" for a CVTR Member

**Andrew Racey meets Clive Harrington
To discuss the Dove with journalist Mike
Taylor at the Triumph World photo
shoot last April 2011**



Once again, the observant amongst you would have noticed that the photo shoot was almost 12 months ago!!!! (And where have we seen that Twin Turbo TR7V8 previously, one of our own newsletters and in TR Action.....) Also in this edition of Triumph World, you will find a great article about Phil Tucker's TR3S tribute car. Although this publication has gone bimonthly, it's still a worthwhile read. Its turning into the "spotters" corner and Andrew Racey feature edition of this newsletter, but I can assure everyone that the photograph of Andrew shaking Clive Harrington's hand was not taken at Gaydon, rather we were at the pub down the road where journalist Mike Taylor provided the "fee" for our time in the shape of a drink and a sandwich – at least he did the honours there!

December 5th 2011 Air Ambulance, (Strensham) meeting. Presentation by our Group Leader (with Messrs Racey and 2 x Browns) to the Air Ambulance of a cheque for £306-00 as a result of your efforts last year - Well done to everyone. The photographs show Keith's car beside the helicopter (ready for take off-the helicopter not Keith's car) with the cheque being presented to the crew and Annie Newell from the charity.



We also took the opportunity to have a "tour" round the helicopter:-



If we ever needed this service, the facilities are excellent, and Andrew even tried to sneak a lift to get his bad back fixed.....



December 11th Sunday lunch at the Fleece

with 21 members attending, Richard Durrant reporting:-

A splendid Christmas lunch – in the barn with ALL the heaters working – was enjoyed by 21 CVTR members, including new members Peter and Maureen Shaw who came up from rural Gloucestershire (wisely preferring CVTR to Glavon!!). They run a TR6, which Maureen has owned from new, so we look forward to seeing the car.



Phil Barnett and Phil Daniels are missing from the picture as they are, of course, in the bar!!

Keith Brown and Dave Roberts turned up in their TRs, Dave's car now straightened after arguing with the Armco at Prescott, and Phils Barnett and Daniels came in Phil B's shiny TR6 – with a flat tyre. Inflated by ever resourceful Cat Tunnadine's electric pump, and hadn't deflated by Birmingham Group's Quiz Evening the following Tuesday! Some cynics suggested a slight touch of kerb contact...!! Inspection of the car's bonnet louvres initiated a debate whether Colin Boothe's new TR3A had more. Load of hot air, I'd say!

December 13th Birmingham's Group Quiz

Phil Daniels and colleagues organised an enjoyable Classic Car themed quiz evening at the Somers Club, where the excellent selection of cask ales possibly explains the regular attendance of Dave(s) Gillespie and Roberts! Cotswold Vale had an overwhelming turnout of fifteen members and partners competing in three teams out of a total of eight, but still didn't manage to take the trophy. Cat's team, including Dave(s) G and R came second, Phil and Sandie, Alf and Pat, Peter and Ann and Dave Lees came fourth, but only because Dave Anorak Lees recognised most of the out of focus pictures of bits of "classic" cars! Andy and Jane, Colin and Lesley and Richard and Meg were in attendance – didn't come last, but whoever chose the team's name of 'Dipsticks'.....!! However, CVTR went home with lots of raffle prizes, some of which will no doubt be re-cycled by Keith Brown at forthcoming meetings!

Phil Daniels announced a new venue for the next Birmingham versus Cotswold Vale Skittles Evening, to be held in March, hopefully recovering the trophy....?!

Congratulations to Birmingham Group for a splendid evening – we will return.

Future Events

January 10th, Flacons Bar at The Northwick Arms, Evesham

Committee meeting 7.30pm (for the word "committee", there isn't one, it's anyone who wants to come along to input into this years CVTR diary of events, and those who propose ideas that get adopted usually make the necessary arrangements)

January 21st Annual dinner at Kings Court Hotel, Alcester.

Andrew Racey is organising our annual awards dinner, with 50+ people already confirmed and paid, should be another great evening!

January 25th Monthly meeting at The Fleece.

Andrew Racey, Ian Brown and Richard Durrant