

An aerial photograph of a large stone castle with a courtyard. The courtyard is filled with numerous classic cars of various colors (red, blue, yellow, green, white) and many people walking around. A central circular garden with a fountain is visible. The castle has a flag flying from a tower on the right side.

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All diary dates for Area events, other than N&Ns, to the Club Secretary (address opposite). Events must be recorded for insurance purposes.

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All copy for the magazine must be with the Editor by the 10th of the month. Send by email or upload from the member's area on the club website.

Your magazine didn't arrive

Contact the Membership Secretaries, Marilyn & Peter Robinson.

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Please send all advertisements to the Editor. Advertisements can be sent by Email and payment, where necessary, by the 10th of the month.

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A limited number of back issues of the Magazine are obtainable, at £2.50 each incl p&p, from the Membership Secretaries, Marilyn & Peter Robinson.

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Members are invited to contact the Technical Advice Co-ordinator, Mike Allen (details opposite), with their technical questions and with experiences of how they may have overcome their problems.

Area Co-ordinators

If you would like to start up a group in your area, give your Regional Co-ordinator a ring.

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Rod Scholey organises storage and collection of show equipment.

FORUM

We have a very active forum for discussing technical and Club matters. This is open for all to view but only paid up Club members may post and reply. Access via the Club website.

INSURANCE Valuation Service

The Club provides Stag valuations (for a nominal fee) for the sole purpose of insuring under one of the schemes supported by the Club. Valuation Application Forms are available from the insurance section in the members area on the Club Website www.stag.org.uk

Insurance Scheme

The official Club insurance scheme for Members' Stags & other specialist vehicles is underwritten by ERS. Standard benefits include Breakdown and Recovery (including home service) for UK and European Union countries and unlimited Windscreen Cover. Zero administration fees. Complimentary return of cherished salvage (applies to all vehicles over 20 years of age). The scheme is administered for the Club by RH Specialist vehicle insurance. Tel: 0330 912 0018 Email: rh@ers.com
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EDITORIAL

The coordinators meeting at Gaydon followed on from the SOCTFL AGM and was very successful. There is a short report about this in the magazine.

Normally this is organised by the co-ordinators liaison officer. Since Lesley resigned from this role earlier this year, no one has yet stepped forward to take her place. Therefore there will be no more co-ordinators meetings until someone takes on this role.

Drive it Day proved very successful and also, and very popular. There is a big feature on this in this magazine.

We still need volunteers to step forward for various national roles, the club does rely on volunteers and unless more members step forward to help out with these roles. The situation is not going to be sustainable.

However, some good news, we now have an insurance officer. Anthony Monaghan has now taken on this role and has provided an introduction to himself in this magazine.

Carl Fuss

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DIARY DATES 2024

- **The Lucas Classic is on Saturday 22nd June 2024 at Shelsley Walsh Hillclimb, Worcester, WR6 6RP.**
Free entry for classic cars and all marques are welcome, but the organisers ask that we let them know roughly how many are coming for catering and parking. Look out for more details. More info at www.thelucasclassic.com
For those travelling to the Midlands it provides a full weekend of classic fun because the **Standard Triumph Picnic is scheduled on 23rd June near Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.** Free entry for club members.
The Chairman of the host club the Triumph Pre 1940 Club tells me he will be sending out details shortly.

- **Inter Club International 28-30 June 2024 at Three Counties Showground, Malvern, Worcestershire.**
More details next year and further info at www.interclubweekend.com

- **CLASSIC NOSTALGIA Sunday 21st July 2024**
Celebrating the Glory Days of Motorsport. Shelsley's Classic Nostalgia weekend is a highlight in the UK's motorsport calendar with the very best racing cars, vintage specials, garden party atmosphere with live music, trade stands and track action with Rally cars and... just cool cars from all eras as anything goes !



South Birmingham Area have organised an SOC club stand for Sunday 21st July.
Tickets for the day are discounted to £15 per person but must be booked by 30th April.

To buy your tickets at the discounted price:

- Go to www.shelsleywalsh.com/events-1/classic-nostalgia-car-clubs-2024
 - Click on the 'Buy Tickets' button at the top of the page.
 - Scroll down to the page to the Early Bird Car Club Sunday and enter the number of tickets you require. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on Checkout.
 - On the next page it is important that you complete all the boxes that are starred and in the choose your club box, select 'Stag Owners Club' from the drop-down menu.
 - Click on 'Continue and complete the form.'
 - Once you have completed the purchase you will receive an email from Shelsley Walsh confirming your purchase and including your ticket(s).
 - Once you have booked, please send an email to James Scott - scottysxr@gmail.com to enable me to keep a total of how many cars are attending to ensure sufficient parking spaces etc.
- **8th September 2024 Standard Triumph Gathering at the Great British Car Journey, Ambergate Derbyshire.**
Further details will follow.

SOC NATIONAL DAY 2024

BRANDS HATCH • SUNDAY 14 JULY 2024

WHEN AND WHERE

The Stag Owners Club 2024 National Day will be held at the famous Brands Hatch Race Circuit in Kent, on Sunday 14 July 2024. This is the weekend of the Historic Sports Car Club Legends of Brands Hatch Superprix race meeting, providing an exciting backdrop for our event.

The venue provides the perfect backdrop for this event, with ample facilities and infrastructure to accommodate the estimated 100-140 Stags expected to attend. The event will feature a range of activities and events, including a Parade Lap of Stags, a Best Stag at the Event competition as organised by the Kent Area, Stags on display for public viewing, and access to track side viewing areas.

Admission for SOC members is at a discounted rate when booked in advance. There are two methods.

Both are Direct from the links on the National Day Page on our website

1. Members can book directly by clicking here. Just to stress, you will only need the code 4424 if you open the above link and choose 'with a club' without using the Direct link.

2. Direct from this link to the Display Application Page You do not need the code for this method

You must create an account and send a picture of your Stag before you can make a purchase for the event. Follow the stages to add additional passengers. **Effectively the driver gets a half price entry all other tickets are at full price.** Please check on our club website for the latest news as it comes.

ACCOMMODATION

The Holiday Inn, London Road, Wrotham Heath, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 7RS

They still have some executive rooms available, these are priced at £105.00 for B&B these can be booked directly with the same code Z06

Call 01732 781582 to book directly with the hotel.

As an alternative a local Premier Inn is only a few minutes away on London Road Wrotham Heath TN157RX

EVENTS AT THE HOLIDAY INN

As we hope many members will make a weekend of it, especially members coming from afar we have two evening events arranged that require advanced booking.

Friday 12/07/2024 Meet & Greet Finger Buffet. (Limited Numbers so book early to avoid disappointment)

Saturday 13/07/2024 Two Course Dinner and Disco (Limited Numbers)

Booking and prices for these two options are on the SOC Club website www.stag.org.uk. To book please login to the members area and go to National Day in the drop down menu.

The Weald of Kent Stag run also takes place on Saturday 13 July from 10.00–12.00, departing from the Holiday Inn TN15 7RS.

Starting from the Holiday Inn Car Park, just show the Kent team your Brands Hatch Booking to collect a free SOC National Day Rally Plaque. Then pick up a free Tulip route card, and away you go. Burble through picturesque villages and pass historic castles, plus there are lots of Weald locations to admire. Also, stop for a coffee or lunch in your own pace. Before returning in time to relax and get ready for Saturday's Dinner & Disco.

SOC NATIONAL DAY 2024 RALLY PLAQUE

These will be free to every member who books a ticket through Brands Hatch. They can be collected from Friday 12th July at the Holiday Inn or on the day at the club stand at Brands Hatch.



Check the SOC Club website www.stag.org.uk for the latest information



WANTED ... WANTED

REGIONAL CO-ORDINATORS ARE NEEDED FOR THE SOUTH CENTRAL AND SOUTH WEST ENGLAND AND WALES REGIONS

Regional and Area Co-ordinators assist the Committee in the running of the Club by overseeing events in their locality and generally furthering the Club's aims and objectives. They provide the vital link between the membership and the National Committee.

The role of the Regional Co-ordinator is to:

- 1) Support the Area Co-ordinators in the achievement of their role expectations.
- 2) Act as a point of reference and assistance for Area Co-ordinators.
- 3) Arbitrate in disputes at an Area level.
- 4) Act as a liaison point between Area Co-ordinators within the Region and the National Committee via the Co-ordinators' Liaison Officer.
- 5) Keep the Area Co-ordinators within the Region informed on Club matters.

Extract of Regional Co-ordinator Conditions

- 1) All Regional Co-ordinators to have been members of the Club for at least 5 years and to have held a previous position as a Club Official, e.g. Area Co-ordinator, Club Officer, National Committee member.
- 2) Regional Co-ordinators to be appointed by the National Committee.
- 3) Regional Co-ordinators to seek a vote of confidence from their Region's Area Co-ordinators at the beginning of each year with the result of the vote being advised to the National Committee via the Liaison Officer. The outcome of such a vote shall not be binding on the National Committee as far as continuation of the Regional Co-ordinator in the role is concerned.

Contact the Club Secretary secretary@stag.org.uk

NEW CO-ORDINATORS' LIAISON OFFICER REQUIRED

THE ROLE OF THE CO-ORDINATORS' LIAISON OFFICER

1. Working with other Club officers:
 - To circulate as necessary information for the Club's Areas.
 - To ensure the Co-ordinators' Advice is always up to date on the website
 - To ensure the Co-ordinators' Area on the website is up to date
2. To refer any disputes or suggestions to the Regional Co-ordinators.
3. To consider the suggestion of a new Area being formed with the relevant Regional Co-ordinator/s.
4. To remind and ensure that the Area Officers are in support annually of the Regional Co-ordinators.
5. To remind and ensure that the annual elections for Co-ordinators and Deputies are carried out appropriately through the Regional Co-ordinators.
6. To report to and liaise with the National Committee and with Regional and Area Co-ordinators.
7. To circulate the monthly membership lists to Co-ordinators.
8. To run the two Co-ordinators meeting (Spring and Winter) each year, drawing assistance and suggestions from the Co-ordinators themselves..

If you are interested or for any further information. Contact the Club Secretary: secretary@stag.org.uk

A JOINT EVENT FOR CLUBS – WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER!



THE INTER-CLUB INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND

28 - 30 JUNE, 2024
Three Counties Showground, Malvern

FEATURING A TRADE, CLUB AND MOTORSPORT ZONE
WITH PRECISION DRIVING DISPLAYS!

- CELEBRITY GUESTS
- SPECIALIST TRADE & AUTOJUMBLE
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- CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE
- SHOW & SHINE
- AUTOTEST & DRIVING DISPLAYS
- LOCAL ROAD TOURS
- MORGAN FACTORY TOUR
- COACH TRIPS TO WORCESTER
- EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

– A NOT-FOR-PROFIT EVENT –

Meet our guest, Sarah Crabtree :
"Supporting our car clubs is something the Evoke Classics team feel very strongly about. We are excited to be part of the Inter-club Weekend!"



MONEY OFF ALL PRE-BOOKED ENTRY TICKETS WITH OUR CLUB CODE:

TRSOC24



Book online now:
WWW.INTERCLUBWEEKEND.COM

We look forward to hearing back from you, a reminder for you and your members, tickets purchased by your members still enjoy a club discount when used with your club code to the value of £10.00 reduction per entry & camping tickets, also please check out the ticketing site as there are now more attractions over the weekend that can be booked such as (discount not applicable on the following):

- Camping Electric Hook Up.
- Auto-Jumble Pitches.
- Coach trip to Worcester.
- Visit to Morgan Factory Friday £32.00. (Only 4 left)
- Three Counties Road Run (SAT).
- Three Counties Road Run (SUN).
- Malvern Inter-Club International AutoTEST (SAT)
- Malvern Inter-Club International AutoSOLO (SUN)
- Gin Tasting Experience (Saturday 29th 3.00pm).
- Gin Tasting Experience (Saturday 29th 4.30pm).

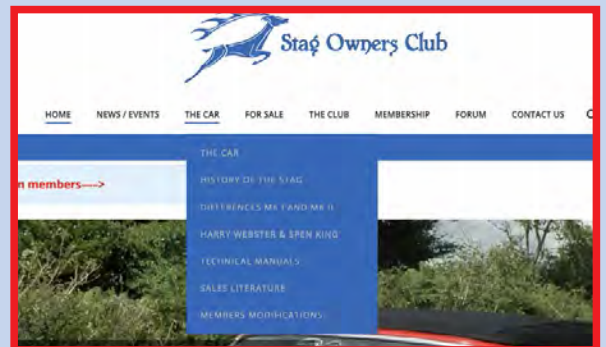
Watch out for further updates from the Inter-Club International Team as we lead up to this great weekend together.

A QUICK GUIDE TO THE WEBSITE PART 5

TECHNICAL MANUALS AND SALES LITERATURE

In this section is all the literature produced by Triumph both technical and sales.

Often in various languages and formats. This is all in the public section of the website, so no need to login.



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The Press Launch information



The Press Launch photos



Photo Ordering



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**THIS SECTION CONTAINS:
THE REPAIR MANUALS
THE HANDBOOKS
ADDITIONAL WIRING DIAGRAMS**

Repair Operation Manual 545161

545161 is dated May 1970 and is the manual issued in Britain for the Toledo and the Triumph 1500 as well. If you follow the history of the Toledo to the public at the same time as the Toledo and the 1500 and which Stag occupies 142 of them, and has a brown card cover with heavy duty staples. This print run is shown as 8,000.

DRIVE IT DAY 2024

A ROUND UP OF WHAT OUR AREAS GOT UP TO THIS YEAR



COTSWOLDS

A superb turnout for Drive it Day, including John and Helen's Interceptor and Tony and Judy's Mini, standing in for their Stag which had been making worrying noises. Later found with much relief to be an alternator bearing. Extra points to Charlie and Jon and Angie for displaying the Drive It Day Rally plaque. The route was a variation of the Farm Shop tour devised for the AGM in 2023 and took us through the lovely Cotswolds in a slightly disjointed convoy, finishing at the Cotswold Barn.



CLEVELAND

On April 21st we met up at Morton Park, Darlington for our run to Bassenthwaite Lake Station for lunch aboard the Orient Express. There were six stags, two TRs and one MX5 lined up for the journey across the A66.

DEVON

We were invited to join TSSC for Drive it Day. 18 Triumphs took part with 3 of them being Stags. We had a picturesque drive over Dartmoor. Some of us got a little mislaid so got to the end venue ahead of the pack so Si and Leah and Stephen and I had a swift pint at Postbridge before joining everyone for a delicious cream tea at the Village Hall. It was (at last) a beautiful day and everyone seemed to have a good time and the tops were down.





EAST SUSSEX

Our 'Drive It Day' this year could have been aptly re-named, 'the bluebell run!' The well planned route took in the best of the Sussex and Kent countryside and lining the way, on verges, adjoining fields and woodland thickets was a carpet of brilliant blue! Pity the weather didn't get the memo until late afternoon! Spirits weren't dampened by the cold and rain though, and a welcome pit stop at the Cherry Tree Inn near Ticehurst and a handsome Sunday roast at the Hare and Hounds at Framfield left everyone with a smile on their faces. More than 30 members took part and it was great to welcome a few of the newer recruits joining in and enjoying the day out. Thank you and well done to Pete Coleman for once again organising the trip and a successful start to the official season.



HERTS & NORTH LONDON

As promised last month, I can now report on the first event organised by our new Events Co-ordinator, Mary, namely 'Drive It Day' 2024. We met at our starting point, the Crows Nest car park on the border of Herts and Bucks. Here we found another car club, (I think from Harrow?) had also arranged to meet and had a variety of excellent cars present, including a Stag of their own! Unfortunately we couldn't persuade them to join our event instead! We set off in convoy as 2 Stags, 2 Mercedes SLs (R230) and a 1967 Landrover Series 2a, all in beautiful condition.

MANCHESTER

Our Drive it Day run across the Pennines on 21st April proved to be a very successful day out. Six cars met up for the run through Cheshire before heading up to join the Woodhead Pass and then over Holme summit before dropping down into Holmfirth and arriving at The Carding Shed for a substantial late breakfast.



KENT

We were blessed with some sunshine but there was a bitter wind blowing so very few of our group were brave enough to travel with car hoods down. About 20 cars attended this outing with 19 arriving due to a breakdown en route (the car not the owner – at least I hope not!). The Castle were hosting a Drive It Day Event, raising monies for NSPCC Childline and there were plenty of different classic and vintage cars in attendance, with the Stags the biggest group of make and model. A walk to the Tudor village of Chiddingstone was undertaken by some, which was just a short distance and most of us had a look around the Castle itself, which housed various Egyptian Indian and Buddhist artefacts collected by the last owner of the Castle.



NORFOLK

Drive-It-Day started a bit 'drizzly' but ended up a top-down-all-day (just) treat for those in the 7 Stags, a Jag & Porsche. Breakfast was at Whitwell Station near Reepham & as we were leaving dozens of other classics were arriving on North Norfolk Classic Vehicle Club's drive. They included Kenny Stone from near Attleborough in his Java Green beauty – sorry to cut short our chat Kenny but we were all meeting up down the road for a pose ... I mean assembly ... in Aylsham Market Place before convoying for a brief photo-call at nearby Blickling Hall. [See the interactive magazine to view this video.](#)

NORTH LANCASHIRE

Drive it day went well with the weather being kind enough to have the tops down for the full run. A total of 9 cars with 17 people took part. We started the run just after 13:00 heading north through the Trough of Bowland. After the Trough we met up with Di (one of our members living in the North of our area) at a picnic area at Caton to continue on our run through Carnforth, Silverdale, Arnside, and Sandside to our half way stop at Sizergh Farm tea rooms for a chat coffee and cake.



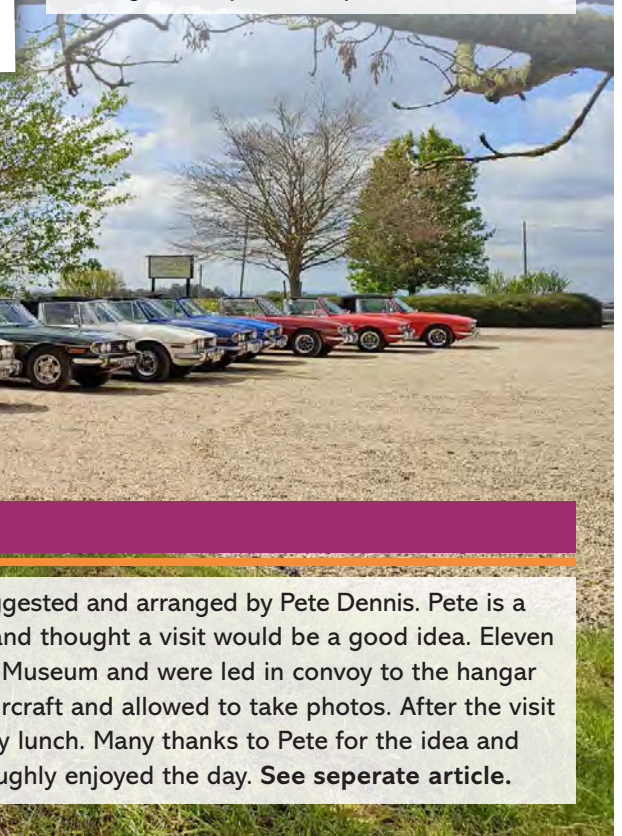
NORTHUMBRIA

On 21 April on Drive It Day as our SOC members joined TR Register members in equal numbers at Brocksbushes café en route to our second historic castle visit of the year, John & Lynne joined us on their first Club outing in their yellow Spitfire which you can clearly see on the drone cover photo. We created a really fabulous display of 28 Triumphs in front of the magnificent 14th century grade 1 listed Langley Castle in Northumberland. This was followed by a 37 mile drive, with Tulip maps kindly prepared by the TR Register, down Allendale and Weardale to Stanhope for a light bite in the Durham Dales Centre Tea Room before heading home after a great day out.



SOLENT & NEW FOREST

Drive it Day dawned bright and sunny, as we met in Salisbury at a well-known supermarket car park (where every little helps!) for our first run of the year. Our destination was the Haynes Motor Museum in Sparkford. A total of ten cars arrived, being nine Stags, plus Adrian in his Volvo Amazon rally car, our 'support' vehicle for the day. Happily, his services were not needed this time, even though Tony found that his power steering was somewhat lacking in the 'power' department!



SOMERSET

Our Drive it Day venue had been suggested and arranged by Pete Dennis. Pete is a member of the charity Navy Wings and thought a visit would be a good idea. Eleven Stags gathered at the Fleet Air Arm Museum and were led in convoy to the hangar where we were shown around the aircraft and allowed to take photos. After the visit we drove to the Lime Kiln for Sunday lunch. Many thanks to Pete for the idea and organising the visit, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day. **See seperate article.**

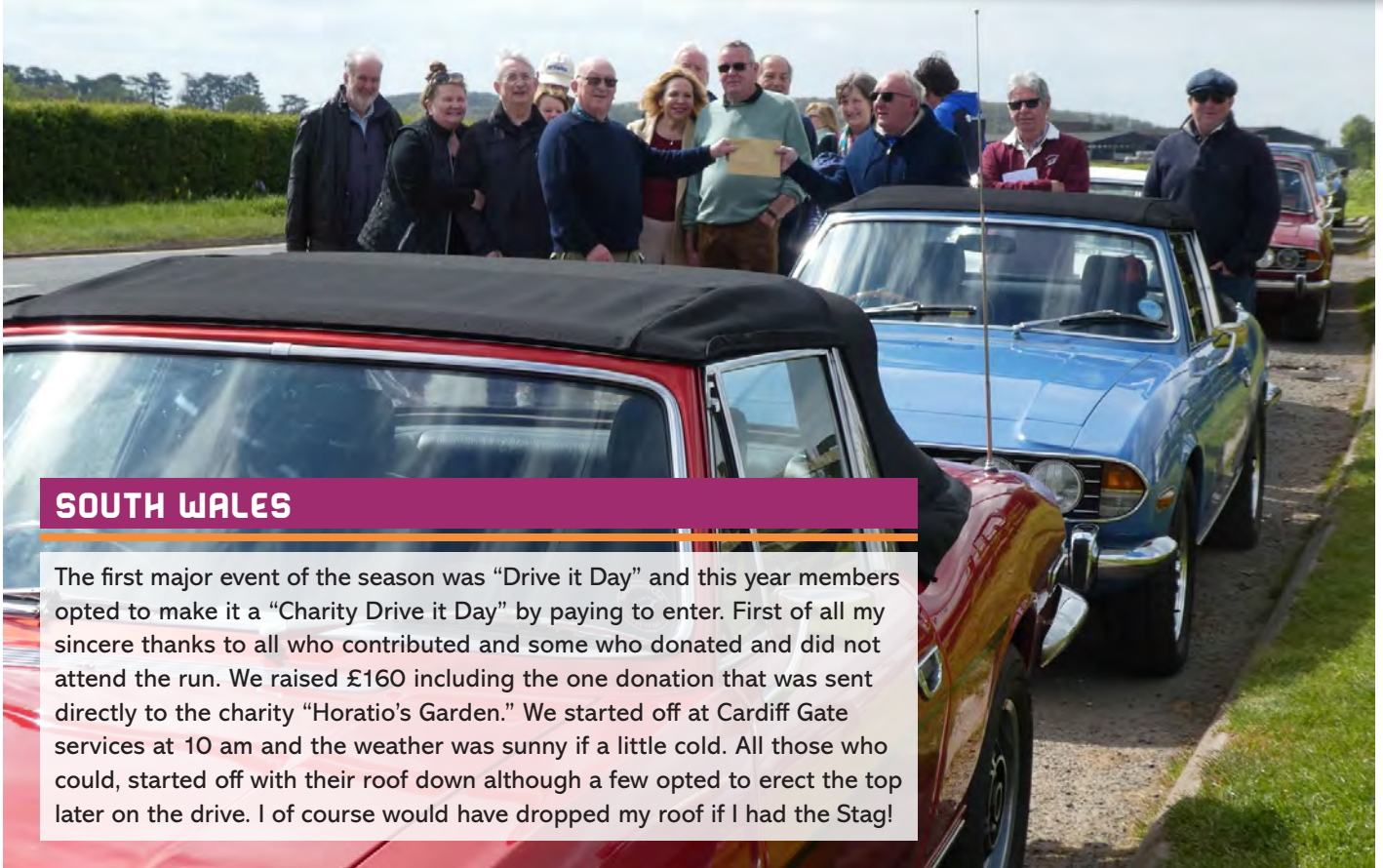


SOUTH BIRMINGHAM

Undoubtedly the highlight of the month was Drive it Day held on the 27th April. Organised by RH Insurance the trip started from their offices in Worcester with some 75 cars of various makes and models taking part. One notable entrant was a beautiful Stag estate conversion in absolutely pristine condition. A car I for one did not know existed. Each entrant was provided with a tulip route plan and a plaque for their cars before setting off on a leisurely drive through the Worcestershire and Herefordshire countryside. Emma Airey and her staff at RH are to be congratulated for a very well organised event from the booking system through to the end of the run. Well done to all concerned.

SOUTH EAST LONDON

For Drive it Day we took a trip out to the Surrey hills, and drove down to an aptly named pub called "The Stag on the River". This was unsurprisingly not a coincidence as back in the winter we had a flurry of people on our WhatsApp group seeking out places with Stag related names. Well, why wouldn't you!



SOUTH WALES

The first major event of the season was "Drive it Day" and this year members opted to make it a "Charity Drive it Day" by paying to enter. First of all my sincere thanks to all who contributed and some who donated and did not attend the run. We raised £160 including the one donation that was sent directly to the charity "Horatio's Garden." We started off at Cardiff Gate services at 10 am and the weather was sunny if a little cold. All those who could, started off with their roof down although a few opted to erect the top later on the drive. I of course would have dropped my roof if I had the Stag!

SOUTH WEST WALES



After last years Drive it Day I decided to order some good weather and I was not disappointed. We met in Tesco car park Carmarthen at 9.30am and had six Stags and a Riley RME. We finally left at 10.30am. Unfortunately one of our members had a breakdown and failed to make the start perhaps this was a good thing as our run was about 70 miles up over Bannau Brycheiniog (Brecon Beacons). His breakdown was caused by a dirty/blocked fuel filter but he did manage to get the car home by bypassing the filter.

When we left we followed the A40 towards Llandovery and turned off to Llangadog. This part of the route has lovely scenery along the valley floor. After Llangadog we were up over Bannau Brycheiniog (Brecon Beacons) heading towards Brynamman and took in the corner made

famous by Clarkson, Hammond and May in Top Gear. The view from here is spectacular. Then onto Ystragunlais and onto the A4067 here we had a comfort stop for coffee and cakes. Our venue was in a village Ynyawen and was called Lle Tarw. This is an automotive based coffee shop and is very popular with a number of car clubs, motor cyclist and walkers from the Beacons using it. Luckily it has a large car park even though the shop is a little small. When we left we drove past The National Show Caves of Wales (Dan yr Orgof) and up to the Cray Reservoir. We managed a stop here for a couple of photos. Then on to Brecon itself. We arranged to park in the Canal Basin car Park and after a quick bite to eat it was a walk around Brecon then back to the cars and home.

SUFFOLK

When I volunteered to arrange the run out for Drive it Day, I didn't realise it also meant writing the report for the magazine! I had a rough idea where we would go on the run out and where we would end up for a late afternoon lunch. So, once I had arranged the refreshment stop, and confirmed the meal at the pub, the next part was to organise the route. I had a quick visit up to the starting place, the café at the Rougham Estate, to confirm they were willing to host us for the start, and then work out my route back down some lovely lanes and villages, utilising some of the previous run out notes.



SURREY

We had our Drive it Day to Sheffield Park which is a National trust property in Uckfield East Sussex, we met at Dobbie's wine Estate in Dorking our usual meeting point. I think the last count we had 12 Stags, Matt had kindly printed the maps for the group so he led the convoy to our first junction where we managed to get split into three different groups, not the plan. A few alternative routes were taken but we all managed to get to Sheffield Park in the end.

THAMES VALLEY

As was nationally known April 21st was Drive it Day and we didn't want to miss out on the events of the day, a relatively small group of us and a dry day proved the combination for a good run out in the Stags and all for a charitable cause. Four Stags and two foreigners (later replaced with a Stag) met up at the Henry Street Garden Centre in Arborfield at 11:00 for breakfast prior to the run out to Windsor. A pleasant drive then followed through country lanes and finally through Windsor Great Park. We made it to our destination venue The Castle View Retirement Village at approx 13:00, to be met with a differing selection of cars both exotic supercars and more classics.



WARWICKSHIRE & LEICESTERSHIRE

Drive it Day got a really good response from our members and we mustered around 24 Stags (20 from Warks/leics and 4 more from Bedford) for the meet at 'The Depot' ammunition museum and store at Weedon.

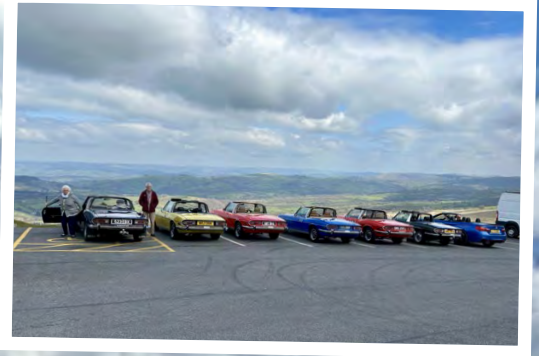


WEST SCOTLAND

We met up at Caulders Garden Centre ready for a 10.00am start. The route we settled on was via Callander up through the Dukes pass and on to Aberfoyle. Although sun had been forecast it absolutely poured from the heavens which meant for a very soggy run. This was not really helped by the amount of traffic due to road works. We ended up at the Rob Roy Hotel for a lovely lunch and a natter before making our way home.

WEST WALES

The weather was certainly kind for us on Sunday 21st April for Drive It Day 2024, when members from West Wales and South West Wales areas joined forces for a very enjoyable drive on an excellent route, kindly planned and organised by Clive Perman (SWW coordinator). Just before 10am on a chilly, but sunny, Sunday morning, six Triumph Stags and a Riley gathered at Tesco car park in Carmarthen.



WEST YORKSHIRE

John Philips and Ian Kaye then took us on a splendid 'Drive it day' run making a start at Thirsk through some quaint villages and stopping for lunch at the gliding club near the White Horse on Sutton Bank, with over 20 cars taking place.



WILTSHIRE

Drive it day with the Wiltshire Area was quiet affair, Chris and Mary ventured down to Christchurch quay, one of the few days that that venue has been open due to the persistent rainy days we seem to be experiencing.





WORCESTERSHIRE



Eight Stags (and Robin and Cheryl's classic Standard Vanguard Estate) gathered at a Garden Centre near the Worcester by-pass for a two leg 90 mile run through Herefordshire. Unfortunately, David and Mary had to return home, their Stag wouldn't turn off. They would join us later.

Enjoying excellent weather, the first leg took us through Upton on Severn and then in open countryside towards the Malvern Hills where we turned sharp left on the road to Ledbury. The route took us through the town centre and then on the road to Hereford where Nigel and Debbie joined us. Following some tricky navigation through the city centre we left on the road to Brecon and reached the pit stop at Oakchurch Farm Shop (the Harrods of Herefordshire!)

The second leg started on narrow roads through Bredwardine and then towards Hay-on-Wye before turning off to enjoy driving down the roads of the scenic Golden Valley bordered by wild spring flowers. Returning to Hereford, which once again required some careful navigation the route out of the city took us north and then onto the road back towards Worcester. Following a fast run we reached Bransford and The Bear and Ragged Staff where we were rejoined by David and Mary and our co-ordinator Paul for an excellent Sunday lunch.

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STAG OWNERS CLUB MEETING NOTES

CO-ORDINATORS MEETING

GAYDON, 27TH APRIL

1. Opening remarks from Carl Fuss – we need a liaison officer **URGENTLY**.
2. National Day Update from Howard Gilbert. Progressing well with 126 booked so far.
3. Area Email Addresses. The use of stag.org.uk area addresses was queried and clarified. Ease of handover and single point of email contact for an area main considerations.
4. Views expressed from certain areas on the magazine content. Editor and Committee will keep monitoring. Pressure on space and content is constantly under review.
5. Are there plans for a website APP? This is under investigation along with many other aspects for improvements.
6. Confirmation was sought that the 2024 AGM will not be a weekend hotel based event. Committee have decided to trial an AGM only meeting at Gaydon.
7. Notification of events to Secretary. N&Ns are not required to be notified, however all 'show' type events are, notification ensures Insurance will be in place. An Officer or delegated 'member in charge' must be in attendance.
8. Quality of parts or service. Legal considerations regarding commenting discussion.
9. President position clarification of the process to fill the vacancy.
10. The meeting remembered our good friend Paul Rowland who passed away recently. Acknowledgement of his contribution as Regional, Area coordinator and committee member.
11. Large project in progress to get member email addresses up to date being led by Andy Hedley. Coordinators to help with this process.

This will be last Co-ordinators meeting unless we can find a volunteer to take on the Co-ordinators Liaison Officer role.

SOC NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

AN ONLINE MEETING, 19TH APRIL

- SOCTFL project funding – we have received a funding request which is being discussed pending receipt of completed SOCTFL accounts.
- Membership system – a replacement membership system is being investigated.
- Following Lesley Phillips' resignation, various roles are being distributed pending new volunteers coming forward.
- Obtaining members' email addresses – a project is underway to obtain members' email addresses where this information is missing from our records. A number of Co-ordinators are helping as a trial before this is rolled out.
- A new Insurance Officer has been appointed – Anthony Monaghan.
- Equipment storage - the equipment and SOCTFL library panels have now been moved to the new premises in Warwick. SOC and SOCTFL items have been separated and itemised.

Full minutes are available on the Club Website once approved at the next National Committee meeting.

Carl Fuss, Chairman



WELCOMING THE CLUB'S NEW INSURANCE OFFICER



My name is Anthony Monaghan and pleased to advise members that I am the new Stag Owners Club Insurance Officer.

I have worked in the insurance industry for nearly 40 years and was a member of the SOC for many years before Stag number one was purchased in 2015. This was replaced by Stag number two in March 2021, a Stag specialist ground up rebuild in Damson with Saddle Tan interior.

I am looking forward to helping our members with their Stag insurance matters and can be contacted by email at insurance@stag.org.uk.

Anthony Monaghan



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- Please check the total before clicking PROCEED TO CHECKOUT

Car Club tickets must be booked by 2pm Monday 17th June. Tickets and display vehicle passes will be sent to club members by first class post on or before this date.

If you book a ticket please drop me a line to my SOC email, so I can keep abreast of how many Stags to expect.

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THE CLUB STAG ARCHIVE

The Triumph Story, Part 5 – The Roaring Twenties

This is where it all becomes a bit complicated with bicycles, motorcycles and, eventually, cars all being built at the same time and in different factories. So, sit up and pay attention !

Motorcycles after the War

At the end of World War I Triumph Engineering Co. Ltd. were making motorcycles at the Priory Street factory while the Triumph Cycle Co. Ltd and the Gloria Cycle Co. Ltd. were continuing with bicycle production at the Much Park Street premises (although there is some discussion as to whether the Triumph bicycles were being made at Priory Street alongside the motorcycles). A lot of money had been made during the war and Triumph Engineering began to increase their motorcycle range with the introduction of the Model D and then the SD using Triumph's own three-speed gearbox. This was followed by the Model R with a 20hp 4-valve, ohv head designed by Harry Ricardo – thus starting an association which would last right through to the consultations on the slant 4 and V8 engines in the mid sixties.

With the introduction of the model R came the use of hydraulic hub brakes to replace the bicycle style rim brakes and this model started to break records with the 500cc World hour record, the 50mile standing start record and the one mile British record all being claimed in 1921 and bettered in 1922.

The model LS an advanced 346cc design utilising an engine driven oil pump instead of the driver having to hand pump oil at regular intervals, proved to be relatively unpopular but the model P, introduced in 1925, restored the popularity of Triumph machines as it was outstandingly cheap for a 500cc machine at just £42.17s 6d – although initial poor quality had to be corrected before the public really took to it.

In 1926 models N, Q, QA and W were introduced and by 1927 Triumph were making 30,000 motorcycles a year – that's nearly 600 a week.



Not all Triumphs went to Brooklands, this is a 1924 model P – with sidecar attached – in someone's front garden.

Further new models were introduced as the twenties became the thirties but despite the apparent success of the company, all had not been well at director level as in 1919 Bettmann and Schulte had parted company and Schulte left with a £15,000 golden handshake – by my calculations, that is worth around £90M today. The split was apparently amicable – it was just realized that the two men wanted different things.

High Level Change – But No Change

The replacement for Mauritz Schulte was someone who Bettmann had dealt with at the War Office and who had become a firm friend, Colonel Claude Vivian Holbrook.

Holbrook was an interesting character. He was a Lieutenant Colonel in the Royal Army Service Corps being responsible for procurement – and the procurement of motorcycles was one of his responsibilities, Obviously



Works rider Frank Halford on the model R which he rode to world records at Brooklands in 1922.

Bettmann had helped him to satisfy his targets and he had helped Bettmann to make a lot of money. He left the Army during September 1919 and in November was appointed as General Manager for the Triumph Cycle Co. Ltd.

Whilst at Triumph he was appointed as a JP, as a Deputy Lieutenant for Warwickshire and, in 1938, was knighted by the King for services to Rugby (the town, not the sport). On the declaration of war in 1939 he rejoined the Army and in 1942, as a serving officer, he fought the Rugby by-election for the Conservative Party. The previous MP had been Secretary of State for War but had been sacked by Churchill after the fall of Singapore – so he resigned his seat. It was a rather 'dirty' election and Lt-Col Sir Claude Vivian Holbrook CBE JP DL lost it by 679 votes to an independent Labour candidate who was too far left even for the Labour Party.

Holbrook was made a full colonel before he finally resigned from the Army in 1943. He died in 1979 at the age of 93.

However, it would appear as if in 1919 Colonel Holbrook had the same idea as Schulte – to move the company away from bicycles and into the higher technology of the motor car and to this end an example of a 2-litre saloon had been made at Priory Street during 1919. But despite the rapid expansion of the Priory Street factory that had taken place, there was not enough room for a car plant to be established and in 1921 the assets of the recently bankrupt Dawson Car Company were acquired along with their factory premises on Clay Lane, Stoke (that is the Stoke area of Coventry, about a mile to the East of Priory Street and at the edge of the city as it was in 1921).



Col Sir Charles Claude Vivian Holbrook CBE JP DL as he was when this photo was taken.

Bettmann must have seen this coming as in 1918 he had been instrumental in setting up a separate bicycle manufacturing company – Coventry Bicycles Limited – at premises in Gosford Street. From here, and later at Wellington Street, they manufactured the Three Spires model of bicycle, the name coming from the local sight of three church spires (Holy Trinity Church, Christ Church and St. Michael's) dominating the central area of Coventry. This company was to come into its own much later in the story when the Triumph bicycle business became redundant to the requirements of the ongoing Triumph car company but that is for next month's article.



A Coventry Bicycles advert from 1927 when they were operating from premises in Wellington Street

The Dawson Car Company

Very soon after the end of the War Bettmann, probably prompted by Schulte, had approached the Hillman organisation with a view to buying their factory. Nothing came of it but Bettmann must have met the Hillman plant manager, Mr. A.J. Dawson, at the time. Later in 1918 Dawson left the Hillman company to set up his own car manufacturing plant at Stoke.

The Dawson was to use a 1795cc 12hp overhead valve, overhead cam engine and various body styles were to be offered. The bodies were to be provided by the Charlesworth Bodies of 128 Much Park Street, Coventry. Those with really good memories will remember that this was the original address of the Standard Motor Company Ltd. and that it was within a very short stone's throw of the Triumph factory over the road behind no.12. It certainly was a very small world in Coventry at the turn of that particular century.

Production began in October 1919 and despite gaining backing from Malcolm Campbell, who was to be London agent for the cars, the company failed after approximately 65 cars had been built. Perhaps the reason for failure can be seen when considering that the target price for a complete motor car was £450 whilst the final sale price of the cars when fitted with the Charlesworth bodies started at £750. It is, however, a shame that no Dawson cars are thought to have survived although an engine and radiator were discovered in the Bristol area during the seventies.

I was going to leave the Dawson Car Company at this point but it struck me that there are some parallels with the Stag so I will divert a bit of attention to the possible reason why there are no more Dawsons in existence – and because I like these little diversions.



The Dawson 12hp with what looks like a 5-window coupe body. The in-house paintwork was specified as royal blue with black wings.

Whereas the Hillmans with which Mr. Dawson had been experienced had been simple, utility style cars which sold at £200, the new Dawson car was to be a 'light' car but one with some luxury – which is why it was priced at more than twice the price of the Hillman. One of the reasons for the large price was that the engine was designed on 'aero engine' principles using techniques employed on the Hispano-Suiza engines made under licence by Wolseley during the War.

As stated earlier, the engine utilized an overhead camshaft, and this directly operating the valves by way of screw down buckets – the screw allowing adjustment of the valve clearance. That is all very 'Stag' but whereas the Stag camshaft is driven by a chain, the Dawson camshaft was driven by a vertical shaft skew geared from the crank and skew geared to the camshaft. This was also skew geared to a layshaft – or jackshaft as it is called in the Stag – which drove the magneto and, via another shaft, a dynamometer, as well as having a worm gear offtake to an oil pump and a pulley for a belt driven fan.

However can anyone write articles about the Stag engine being 'the worst engine ever built' (yes, I have seen such articles written by the uninformed) when engines like the Dawson 4-cylinder were put into production. Anyone who has had a water pump/jackshaft failure will know about the vulnerability of skew gears so it is no wonder that there are no Dawson cars left as the skew gear set up was condemned at the time as being too 'flimsy' and, without spares after the factory closed, the cars would have been redundant when the engine failed. Remember, 50 years after production started, 50% of all Stags built are still out there somewhere, whereas there were apparently no Dawsons out there fifty years after they were produced.

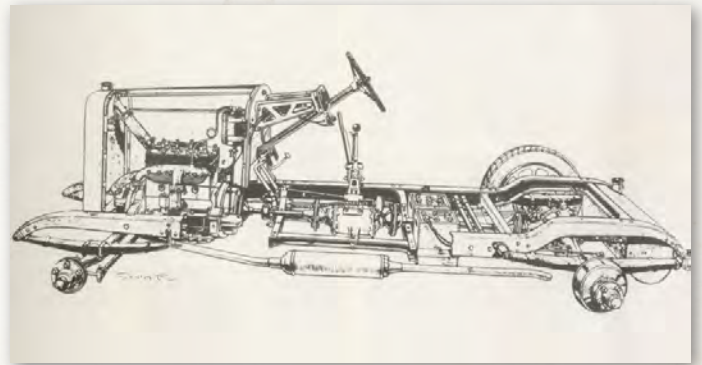
The First Triumph Car

Bearing in mind the importance of this event, I had planned to make it an article all on its own but there really is no other place to tell you about the new car than at this point in the story, so here it is.

Having bought the premises and plant to manufacture cars, Bettmann and Holbrook set about making a car to their own ideals. The engine was laid out by Ricardo whilst Arthur Alderson was contracted to provide the general design with the assistance of Alan Lea and Arthur Sykes.

Alderson had previously spent much of his career at Singer but his engagement by Triumph was rather extraordinary as, at the time he was employed by Lea-Francis, and Triumph paid Lea-Francis for his design services – so, in effect, Lea-Francis designed the first Triumph car.

The car, designated as the 10/20, was laid out with a 102" wheelbase on a channel section box frame with riveted cross members. There were leaf springs at each corner and the gearbox was separate from the engine, being mounted on its own subframe. Brakes were rod operated rear wheel drums and the steering was worm and roller.



A sectional view of the 10/20 chassis.

Initially three different body styles were offered, a 2-seat tourer, a 4-seat tourer and a 4-seat saloon, all with front opening bonnets. The bodies were obtained from The Regent Carriage Company of London.

The engine had a Zenith updraught carburettor and employed some interesting features but if you want chapter and verse on this I suggest that you google 'Triumph 10/20' as there is really no room in the article for the details.

There is, however, room for the explanation of what the 10/20 means as these figures have always intrigued and defeated me so I will enlighten you. In the early years of the century cars were taxed on the basis of their theoretical horsepower. The formula for the calculation was $D \times D \times n / 2.5$ where D is the bore diameter in inches and n is the number of cylinders.

Thus the RAC horsepower (as it was called) of the new Triumph engine with a bore of 2.5 inches was $2.5 \times 2.5 \times 4 / 2.5 = 10$.

In the early years the RAC horsepower and the actual horsepower were similar but as engines developed, the differences grew and by 1923 the Triumph engine developed approximately 23hp at 3,000 rpm. Hence the car was known as the 10/20 – nominally 10hp but 20hp in reality.

The new car was announced to the public in April 1923 at prices ranging from £420 to £460, depending on the body style. At the time a Morris Cowley sold for £150 but, with the 10/20 Triumph were presenting a quality vehicle and it was praised by auto testers with the Autocar concluding that 'its running is refined, its appearance impressive, its finish exceedingly good, and its road performance is all that could be wished from a car of its

size and type'. I must admit that this sounds very much like the Triumphs which I have in my own garage – even if the shapes have changed, the ideals behind the Triumph name seem to have changed very little in the next fifty years.



A Triumph 10/20 of 1923 fitted with 2-seat tourer body.

There will be more on the succession of cars built during the twenties and thirties in future articles but this month has to end with a look at how the Priory Street works expanded as motorcycle production really got under way during and immediately after the war.

Priory Street Factory Expansion

After the initial build on the West side of Priory Street, Triumph gradually acquired land on the East side – firstly taking over the chain works and associated buildings at the end of Dale Street and then houses which fronted Priory Street, such that the position in 1914 looked like this:

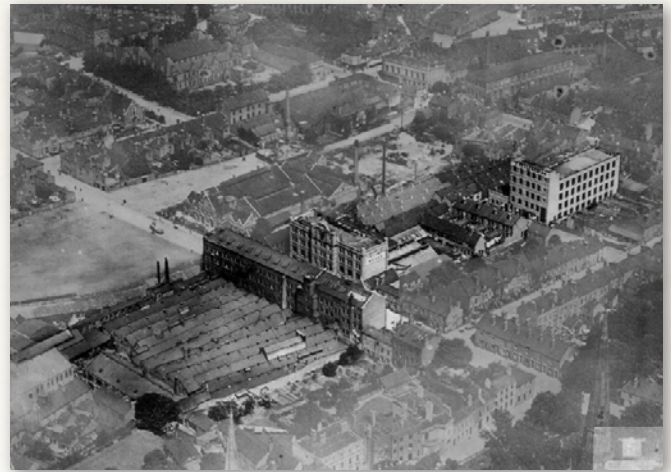


Ordnance Survey map of 1914 showing the initial expansion of the Priory Street factory to the East of Priory Street.

Although the OS thought that (bi)cycles were made on the West side and motor cycles on the East, this is debateable in reality and it may not have been the case in 1914. In this, you have to remember that these maps were reviews of earlier surveys in 1904 when the West side was marked as 'cycles' and I doubt if they knocked on the front door and asked whether this had changed since the factory was built. Indeed, it is debateable that (bi)cycles ever occupied the East side, even in 1904, as, at the time, Triumph were only known for (bi)cycles so the map makers would have assumed that the Triumph buildings were being

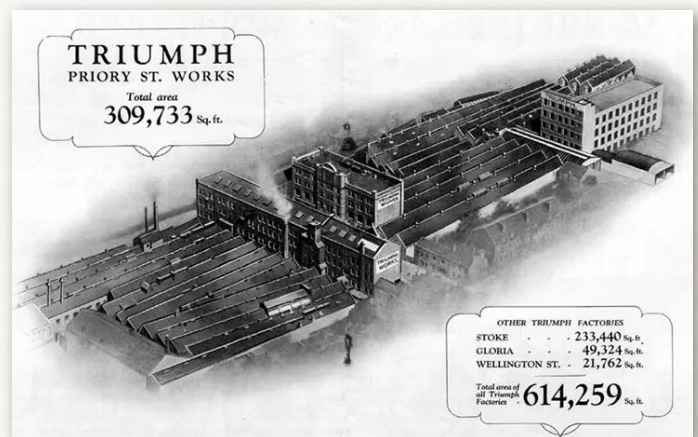
used for (bi)cycle production. They would not have enquired as to what Triumph's ongoing plans for motor cycles were.

However, this is what that development looked like 'on the ground' at the start of WWI.



An aerial view of the Priory Street factory taken around 1914, showing the West side (on the left) and the later East side (on the right). It is said that Triumph had a seven storey office building but I count five on the building far right.

Finally, during the twenties, Triumph bought half of the houses on Dale Street and, having demolished them, built more northlight production buildings, as shown in this drawing from around 1930:



The final extent of the Priory Street factory by the end of the twenties.

309,713 sq.ft. is a serious factory to be hiding in the centre of Coventry but Coventry was full of such factories at that time. An interesting issue arising from the illustration is that Triumph are claiming 21,742 sq.ft. in Wellington Street, which must be the Coventry Cycle Co. operation set up by Bettmann in 1918 so it would appear as if the two concerns were not as disconnected as people have believed.

Peter Robinson

With special thanks to Roger Janson of the Pre-1940 Triumph Motor Club for assistance with the Priory Street development.

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KNOW YOUR STAG #24A

THE DASH & GAUGES - YOUR FEEDBACK

After two months on the various bits and pieces in the dashboard, I was planning to move on to something interesting like 'seats' this month but as my first dash article prompted a number of you to write to me with further information, I am going to take a third month to deal with what you see from the driving seat.

The Odometer (Speedo to you and I)

The first person to write to me was my friendly neighbourhood watchperson, Martin Wells. Martin keeps an eye on me and what I write and as he lives in Lowestoft, which is one of those places which 'speke different', then he can be said to be in my neighbourhood.

Martin wrote to say that his speedo was of the first mk2 type with the trip miles on the top and the total miles on the bottom and which, according to the parts catalogue, was superceded at LD 35940. Well, Martin's car is LD 40025 so something seemed to be amiss.

One of Martin's little foibles is to keep me informed of cars which are for sale and which may not be on the Club register – cars which have been hidden away for a number of years or which have some potential problem of identity. As part of this, he sends me E-bay or Auction links along with a number of photos as posted on the advertising website. Thus I was able to go through these e-mail notifications for the last two years and pick out those with commission numbers around LD 40000 to see when that change actually did take place.

Having spent an hour or so checking 'reality' (rather than Triumph's parts catalogue fantasy figures) it transpires that the last change in speedos took place somewhere between L:D 40806 and LD 40896, which equates to a build date between 5th and 16th January 1976.



The earlier speedo (left) which Martin's car has and the later speedo (right) which was not fitted at LD 35940 but a month or so later.

If anyone can pin down the change point a bit more then please write to me (e-mail as in the front pages of

this magazine) but you will have to have a commission number between LD 40806 and LD 40896 to qualify.

The Odometer (2)

Members do take their time to reply don't they? Just last night I received an interesting e-mail from your North Lancashire co-ordinator, Nigel Cross, on the subject of the speedo. Nigel has admitted privately (but it's not so private now is it?) that he had a backlog of magazines to read as he had been away. I must not take Nigel to task because it is always lovely to hear from him as he was actually there in the Triumph Engineering Department in 1970 when Stag was released – so he occupies a high position in my little black 'these people are important' book.

Nigel tells me that the last of the little numbers which you will see on the bottom of the speedo actually indicate the revolutions per mile to which the speedo is calibrated. This is not a total surprise to me as an early e-mail from Nigel Williamson (Ah ha! the Nigels are obviously speedo people) also came to the conclusion that this last number was important to the accuracy of the unit and that they varied from Triumph model to Triumph model.



So, what do those small numbers mean? This is from an early Mk2 speedometer

I have checked a number of the Stag speedos which I have here and they all end in 1000 i.e. they are all calibrated by Smiths to 1000 revs per mile.

I have also checked a few T2000 speedos and some of them end in 1000 and some in 840 so there are differences in the calibration of these. The good news is that it would appear as if some of the T2000 speedos can be fitted in the Stag if one gets a bit short of the Stag parts – but don't fit any with the 840 numbers at the end or you will be seriously over reading your speed.

The odometer (3)

What Nigel C did not tell me was what the significance of the other numbers at the bottom of the speedo are. These are in the form SN xxxx/xx and although one may assume that these are individual serial numbers for each unit, they are not as all the mk1 speedos I have checked here say SN 6201/04 so these seem to be model type numbers rather than individual serial numbers.

The mk2 speedos have different numbers but I cannot get my head close enough to them to be able to read them, accurately – Perhaps I should get a smaller head fitted so that it can fit through the steering wheel and reach those places that other heads just cannot reach !

If anyone possesses better eyes than I do (or a smaller head), please send me the numbers from your speedo along with the commission number so that I can check for any other significances.

The Rev Counter

In a similar vein to the speedo, the rev counter also has small numbers at the bottom of the dial. There is no calibration number but there is an identity number – for Mk1 gauges this is RVI 2818/00, for early Mk2 it is RVC 2811/00 and for later Mk2 it says RVC 2811/OOAF 12V NEGATIVE EARTH.

The Temperature Gauge

Many thanks go to Paul Griffies, who has been much more diligent than I was in checking the appearance of the temperature gauges. Paul kindly wrote to point out that his temperature gauge was different to the Mk2 one which I had illustrated in the article.

I should have taken more notice of this as my wife's early Mk2 has the same gauge front as Paul's, I just didn't see it.

Apparently, there were two gauge fronts fitted to Mk2 Stag temperature gauges :



The late style gauge (left) as shown in my earlier article and the early style gauge (right) as keenly noted by Paul.

I have again referred to my 'Martin Wells Picture Gallery' and have narrowed the change point down to between LD 21914 and LD 22053 so they only fitted the earlier style of gauge front to around 2,000 cars. If anyone can help pin down the change, please let me know but you will have to own one of the 140 cars built between 7th and 15th February 1973 to qualify.

What I find interesting about this change is not that the part number did not seem to change but that the original style was obviously matched to the voltmeter which was situated above it in the dash. But it was changed to an 'unmatching' style after just 2000 cars, leaving the mismatch to continue for the rest of production. That doesn't seem like a Triumph decision to me, much more like a British Leyland cost cutting exercise (because they were using the same gauge on the MGB or something like that) or maybe a Smiths 'we're not making that one any more' statement.



The matching temperature gauge and the voltmeter used on very early Mk2 cars. If you have an early Mk2 car, you are indeed blessed !

The Warning Light Cluster Change Point

This is a similar case to that of the first odometer section where the parts catalogue does not correctly show the change point from the Mk1 style gauge to the Mk2 style gauge. Although the parts catalogue shows the change at LD 20000, Brian Simpson contacted me to say that his Stag had the late version but the car was a second sanction Mk1 i.e. below LD 20000.

I took a look at the photos which Martin Wells sends me (gosh, they have been getting a bashing this month) and I have narrowed down the change point to between commission numbers LD 3368 and LD 3414 (sometime between 8th and 27th September 1971).

If any members own a car which has a commission number between LD 3368 and LD 3414, please let me know which warning light cluster is fitted

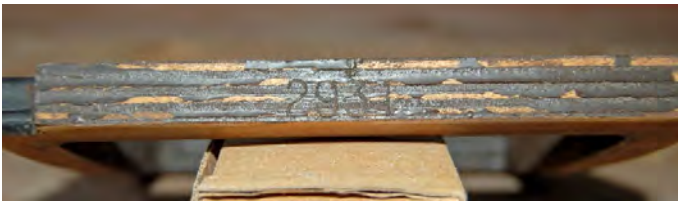


The early warning light cluster (left), and the late warning light cluster (right).

Dash Numbering

Have you ever taken a look at the edges of your wood dash sections ? Probably not unless you have refurbished the car, but read on

Alan Appleton (he of the rather low membership number of 120) sent me an e-mail to say that he had found that the small sections of dash wood and the glove box lid on his car were all stamped with numbers. And he is indeed correct.



Three photos of the stamping on the wood from three different dashboards. The first is on the edge of the glove box lid, the second on the centre ventilator surround and the third on the eyeball surround. Just to add interest, the glove box pic is from LD9 so if Dustin Hoffman had reached for his powder puff during filming Straw Dogs, he would have opened glovebox number 27.

The stampings can be on the edges or on the back faces of the wood and they are not evident on the gauge panel or the console wood – just on the three panels photographed. If I could take a guess at this I would say that these are used to match up the veneer sets for individual cars as the left hand three panels are 'veneered matched' whereas the rest of the wood is not and therefore doesn't need to be stamped.

Next time you take out your dash panels, take a peek to see if you can see the numbers – they should all be the same for originally fitted panels.

And Finally ...

Our excellent Technical officer, Mike Allen, sent me a note to say that I was indeed a buffoon (Mike uses words like that) as the temperature transmitter which was deleted was not the one in the left hand head (as I had stated) but the one in the right hand head. He is indeed correct, the temperature transmitter which was used to indicate the temperature in the early multigauge segment was that which was fitted in the right hand head. I accept your judgement Mike. I am a buffoon.

Peter Robinson

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NORTH WALES CANDLES RUN

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Every year the local MG Owners club organise a run out in the North West under the banner 'The Candles Run' and this year we decided to tag along.

Several Stags from our area gathered at Bellis Bros Garden Centre in Holt, North Wales.

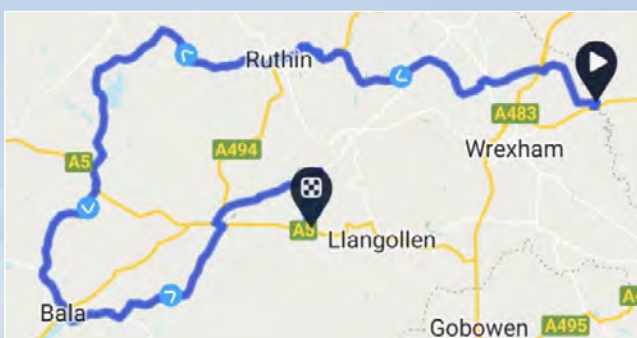
This was the first real meeting between the two youngest members of the team, Louis (Standard Poodle) and Charlie (Labrador). Destined to be BFF they hit it off straight away and it took all the strength of the handlers to stop them from leaving the area and heading off on adventures. Luckily both are excellent car dogs and were very happy to sit in the back seats of their cars and smell the rapidly passing smells of the outside world.

The route took us out to, up and over the hills of North Wales, twisty, windy tracks and roads with splendid views and challenging corners. Particularly challenging if admiring the beautiful views!

Pausing at Brenig Reservoir for a coffee and a chat and then to Glyndyfrdwy Station on the Llangollen Railway. Here some had booked themselves on a Stem Train trip into Llangollen itself but the remainder had a chance to sit and relax in the long grass at the station. Catching up, eating snacks and generally relaxing before heading back to our various home destinations. Well done the MGOCC – 5 stars, will do it again!

Polly Booker

Photos: Polly Booker, Sally Chadderton & Lyn Rowland



SOCTFL NEWS UPDATE

AT LAST - TOP QUALITY FLOCKED WINDOW CHANNEL



After much hard work over a significant period of time members will be able to purchase replacement window channel that will fit as it should and do the job for which it is intended.

The project, led by Russell Lewis, involved:

- The production of tooling to the original profile;
- Sourcing manufacturing partners able and willing to partner with SOCTFL to produce the rubber channel;
- Sourcing a company able to flock the channel;
- Sourcing a distributor for the product and agreeing a discount for SOC members;
- Agreeing a method of identifying the product as a SOCTFL part.

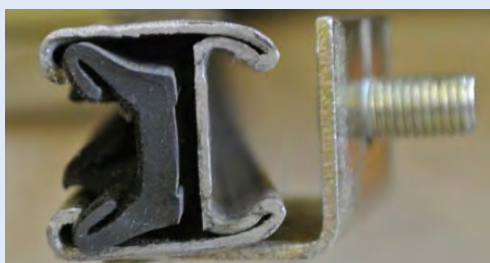
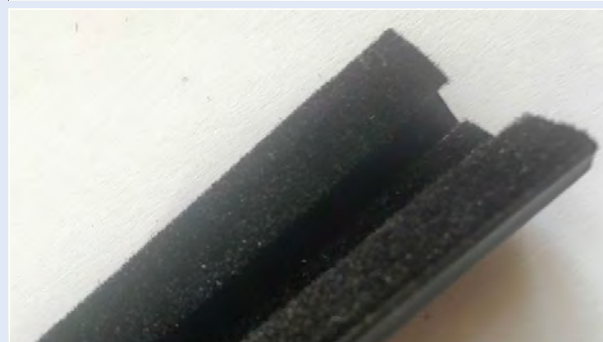
Needless to say all of this activity took a very considerable amount of time and effort so we should take this opportunity to thank Russell and the committee members for their tenacity in bring the project. To a successful conclusion.

Now you might be wondering why SOCTFL took on this project when you can buy flocked channel on ebay. Well the simple answer is that many of these product have an incorrect profile resulting in the fit being either too tight or too loose. Both of which are unsatisfactory.

So what does the SOCTFL channel look like, where can you purchase it, what discount is available to SOC members and how can you be sure it is the SOCTFL product?

- Robsport International is the main distributor but other suppliers will probably be available in due course;
- SOC members get a 20% discount, so do not forget to ask the discount when you order from Robsport;
- The SOCTFL product has 'SOCTFL' printed on the back of the profile at one end of each piece.

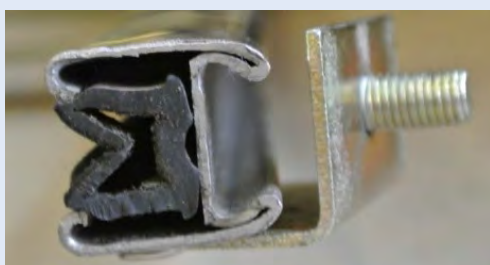
What does it look like? Well, here are some photographs that illustrate the component:



Profile too loose



Profile too tight



Profile correct – ensuring correct fit

Having changed my window channel seals sometime ago I fell into the trap of pushing them in to far. Easy to do and it results in a poor fit that allows the window to rattle when going over bumps in the road. Fortunately this new SOCTFL part does not suffer from this problem. It is an excellent product and well worth looking for when you need to renew the widow seals on your car.

Noel Sargent

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WORCESTERSHIRE AREA MAY CORNISH BREAK

Cornwall in spring is not the best time for good top down motoring, so of the 7 cars travelling down, only 3 would be Stags, and two of us decided to fit our hard tops. The others gave up altogether and went in another car.

On the day of departure, all loaded up and with the house locked, I got in my Stag and switched on. The temperature gauge immediately went to hot, and I hadn't even started!! Clearly a fault, but I was in no mood to drive 200 miles down the motorway, with the temperature gauge permanently jammed on 'H' so I reluctantly abandoned my Stag, and switched to my other car.

So for a Stag holiday we finished up with 2 Stags, (well done Ian and Kath; and Tony and Christine, thanks for flying the flag!), a Discovery, a Tesla, a BMW, a Merc and a Jag.

Christine and Tony had found us a lovely hotel, The Trehellas Country House Hotel, in a little village near Bodmin, called Washaway, which was quite apt given the weather forecast for the week was "stormy"!

We all arrived by 7 and started with a birthday party for Nigel. After a lovely meal in the Inns restaurant, we planned our next day. The Lost Gardens of Heligan was on the agenda for some of us so we arranged to share cars.

There were 5 of us sharing Robins Discovery, in convoy with Ian and Kath's Stag, and Nigel and Debbie's BMW.

I don't suppose it should come as much of a surprise, but we had difficulty finding the Lost Gardens!! With all the technology in Robin's car, mobile phones, app's, car sat nav, and the fact that we were following others, Robin managed to get us lost. Robin had four passengers telling him he was going in the wrong direction, but he had full confidence in his Discovery's navigation system. It was the funniest journey I have ever had, we all said we have never laughed so much. It turned out that whoever programmed the sat nav, (and no-one ever admitted to it!) they'd put The Eden Project in!!

The Lost Gardens of Heligan was very busy, even though we were out of season, but well organised and too much to see in one day. It's changed considerably since my last visit, but I suppose it was over 30 years ago!

That evening we met up with Mark and Vince from the Cornwall Stag group. They found us an amazing, traditional pub in Blisland, the Blisland Inn, where we took over the whole of their restaurant for another enjoyable evening of good food and company.

As usual we all had different plans for the second day,



some went up to the coast to favourite haunts from their younger years, while myself, Robin and Cheryl went to Trebah Gardens and Glendurgan Gardens, two parallel gardens in their own little valleys, going down to the Helford River near Falmouth. These were much quieter than The Lost Gardens the day before. Both were once owned by the Fox family, and as it turned out, the Fox's are related to Robin and Cheryl!!! I wished we'd known before we went, we may have got in for free. But it turns out, Robin and Cheryl went to see an elderly relative before they returned home, and she was expecting Mr Fox round for afternoon tea, later that day. It's a small world.

On the last day a few of us went to the Eden Project. We let Robin drive us in his Discovery, we knew he could find it, we'd been there on the first day by mistake!! It's a 'bucket place' to visit, and it's very well done and impressive. But is it possible to be too successful?

We had a last night party in Bob and Kates room before another enjoyable meal. Robin apologised to the other diners because when the Stag Club are out eating we're too loud for our own good. Didn't our parents teach us to be quiet at the table???

We all made our own way home on the Friday after another very enjoyable break. Good food, good exercise, good company, and we didn't get wet, amazing!

Paul Catterall



AN INVITATION TO THE TRIUMPH PICNIC AND MARQUE DAY 2024.

Following the success of last year's Centenary celebrations at Walton Hall, we have decided to do it all again so, on behalf of the members and

directors of the Pre-1940 Triumph Motor Club, I would like to invite you to join us on Sunday, 23rd June.

This year we have chosen the lovely venue of Woodland Grange at Leamington Spa (post code CV32 6RN) as our location. They have plenty of both experience and the grounds to accommodate car gatherings of this sort so please come and help us celebrate our combined heritage in this most appropriate of settings.

You are encouraged to bring your treasured Triumph and Standard cars and join us for a relaxed day in their manicured grounds. For those not bringing a picnic, you can look forward to hot pork rolls from a local hog-roaster, good coffee and a lady selling lovely farm fresh ice creams.

Entrance is free and it is hoped that the first 250 arriving will receive a programme and a magnetic plaque as a memento of the day. We also invite you to provide some discerning judgement by voting in the Club's pre-40 Concours competition, our "Founder's Plate".

A warm welcome awaits you at this very special gathering. Please join us if you can.

John Lowe

Chairman, Pre-1940 Triumph Motor Club



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This year's new venue is the beautiful Woodland Grange, near Leamington Spa, CV32 6RN and, for those without a picnic, our usual Hogroast, coffee and fresh Ice Cream vendors will be there. For more information you can call John Lowe, Chairman of the Pre-1940 Club on 07876 685868



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SOMERSET & DORSET AREA NAVY WINGS DRIVE IT DAY



Eleven Stags from the Somerset and Dorset Area visited Navy Wings on Drive It Day in April. The weather proved to be kind, which was a great relief given the seemingly regular downpours of the last few months.

We met at the Fleet Air Arm Museum car park and following security checks were driven in convoy through RNAS Yeovilton to the Navy Wings hangar on the South side of the airbase. Following a welcome cup of coffee and biscuits and after a safety briefing, we were given a very thorough and personal tour of the hangar.

Navy Wings prime aim is to keep alive the development of Britain's great naval aviation heritage by restoring and maintaining a collection of navy aircraft and, most importantly, keeping the aircraft where they should be – in the air! Navy Wings is a charity which relies heavily on donations to continue this work. Katie, our very knowledgeable and enthusiastic guide, talked us through the numerous types of aircraft in the hangar and their role within the Fleet Air Arm.

Katie explained how the Fairey Swordfish played a significant part in World War Two, being one of only a few aircraft which served actively throughout the entire conflict. It took a major part in the sinking of the Bismark, the raid on Taranto and most importantly perhaps in protecting convoys in the Battle of the Atlantic.

Towards the end of the war and into the late 1940s both the Sea Fury and Seafire, a carrier borne version of the Supermarine Spitfire, were significant advances in technology from the Swordfish. Seafires took part in the D Day landings in 1944 providing aerial support. Such aircraft became the mainstay of the Navy as jet engine aircraft were being developed during that period.

An example of one of the Fleet Air Arm's early jets, the Sea Hawk, is currently undergoing restoration by Navy Wings and it is hoped that it will be flying again within the next two years. The Sea hawk was the successor to the Seafire and entered service in 1953.

Katie elaborated on the major role of helicopters in the Fleet Air Arm. The Wasp helicopter served from 1964 to 1994 and was used during the Falklands conflict in a casualty evacuation role. The Wasp is regularly used in displays by Navy Wings.

Other aircraft in the hangar included a Chipmunk and a Harvard, both used for training purposes and for displaying. It was a very informative and interesting visit and I am sure that we all learnt a lot about the history of naval aviation.

After the more formal side of the tour, we were given the opportunity to admire all the aircraft in the hangar and to take photos of our Stags in front with the doors wide open. After we were escorted off the airbase, we drove through the South Somerset countryside to the Lime Kiln pub near Langport, where the area's regular N&Ns are held, for a very enjoyable Sunday lunch.

Pete Dennis



OUT & ABOUT

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NORFOLK

Drive-It-Day started a bit 'drizzly' but ended up a top-down-all-day (just) treat for those in the 7 Stags, a Jag & Porsche. Breakfast was at Whitwell Station near Reepham & as we were leaving dozens of other classics were arriving on North Norfolk Classic Vehicle Club's drive. They included Kenny Stone from near Attleborough in his Java Green beauty – sorry to cut short our chat Kenny but we were all meeting up down the road for a pose ... I mean assembly ... in Aylsham Market Place before convoying for a brief photo-call at nearby Blickling Hall. You can see us arriving in the video. Then we continued on more lovely country lanes to Muckleburgh Military Collection (www.muckleburgh.co.uk) near Sheringham. Not just tanks either, exhibits include a Harrier Jump Jet & the pictured massive tank-based 'T55 Bridgelayers' – search for that on YouTube & be amazed by the video! Fabulous home-made food in the café tempted us but we left some room due to our short trip to the Roman Camp Inn (<https://www.romancampinn.co.uk/>) where food, service & surroundings were exceptional.

We thanked Charles & Karen Hespín for devising this thoroughly enjoyable, interesting, educational & sociable day out. A lovely top-down drive home followed but as the sun began to set, temperatures certainly tested our

commitment to open air motoring! Lots of other Drive It Day photos are on our Area webpage at www.stag.org.uk

May Noggin 'n' Natter

An impressive 5 Stags were in the carpark on this lovely evening. Rob & Di from Bungay, were encouraged to come along when they met up with a number of SOC members, at Earsham Hall at the weekend and were welcomed by the 32 attendees. We all look forward to seeing them at future events.

Kevin ran through last month's events including Stradsett Park Vintage Rally attended by Ian & Nancy "good but wet" and Earsham Hall.

Kevin and the two Peter's attended SOCTFL AGM and Co-ordinators meeting at Gaydon, feedback lead to an interesting discussion.

Upcoming events include a run to Yorkshire, where we hope to meet up with fellow Stag owners, Ian & Nancy's bread making and BBQ, Mike & Ellie's picnic and when a date is available a BBQ at Terry & Colleen's. All details in our Google Calendar.

It was great that Aidan was able to join us and explain all the upcoming events at Norwich Cathedral following the completed restoration of the organ. Many of us were privileged to visit during the restoration process, thanks to Aidan.

First Tuesday each month - Noggin 'n' Natter

8pm+ Village Inn, School Lane, Little Melton, NR9 3AD just outside western edge of Norwich Southern Bypass. Browse <https://www.stonehouserestaurants.co.uk/> then put NR9 into search box and visit local website for menus etc. Park behind pub, use rear entrance & our room is first on right through the doors. We're a sociable bunch of mainly couples so please join us 6.30pm onwards to sample very good value food pre-meeting (no need to book).

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BEDFORDSHIRE & NORTHANTS

Following on from the National committee agreeing to the combining of Northamptonshire Area with Bedfordshire area I would like to welcome all the members in the Northamptonshire area. Hopefully this will give you a sense of belonging to a club and a co-ordinator you can contact. You will be most welcome to join us at our Natter and Noggins as some members of Northants already do, details of the meeting venue below. Some events are on close to the boarder so hopefully you can make it and please make yourself known to me. This arrangement is of course until Northamptonshire can find a co-ordinator.

April Natter and Noggin

The Natter and Noggin was well attended but still only two Stags in the car park plus one Scimitar. Martyn still has not managed to get his Stag out and started since it was put away for winter. Discussions were varied with help given on different aspects of maintenance of the Stag and possible contacts for work to be done. Also details of the Drive it Day meeting place and the venue for coffee and cake.

Note, June Natter and Noggin I will not be available to attend as on both dates I will be on holiday (two different hols)

Drive it Day

Up and Coming events

July 14th Kimbolton Country Fayre & Classic Car Show clashes with the National Day at Brands Hatch and I will be attending the National Day. However I have requested an area for the Stag Club again and hopefully it will be the same area

I have been sent details of an ALL TRIUMPH DAY SHUTTLEWORTH on Sunday 8th September. Pre booking is essential at trr.lvg@gmail.com all Triumphs get preferential admission entry £10 per Driver and ALL occupants. Includes return visit for upto 30 days. Entry via the new entrance in Alder Drive, SG18 9DT 10 am to 5pm

First cancellation of the season

Tuesday 10th April Oakley sports and social club car

meet was cancelled due too much rain with a water logged field. This is a repeat of last year, lets hope it does not have anymore cancellations this year due to rain.

Future Natter and Noggins

All Natter and Noggins will return to the Red Lion Elstow MK42 9XP 7:30pm onwards.

What's App group.

Howard started the conversation with the report he had put his Stag Registration into Google and found pictures of his Stag going to the New Years day meet at Stony Stratford. This set off a few posts of Stag pictures of members cars from Google search. But Paul Taylor put his Registration in (CBD) and only got adverts for CBD oils.

Bedfordshire Web Page

<https://www.stag.org.uk/bedfordshire-landing-page/> Russell would love to have pictures of your cars and some information about the cars. Or any reports on trips to shows and events.

DIARY DATES

- ✔ June 9th Sunday Luton Festival of Transport
- ✔ June 11th Tuesday Oakley sports and social club car meet (prov)
- ✔ June 19th Wednesday at the Compasses 44 high street Greenfield MK45 5DD 6pm onwards
- ✔ June 20th Natter and Noggin RED LION Elstow MK42 9XP
- ✔ July 9th Tuesday Oakley sports and social club car meet (prov)
- ✔ July 14th Stag National Day Brands Hatch
- ✔ July 14th Sunday Kimbolton Country Fayre & Classic Car Show PE28 OEA
- ✔ July 17th Wednesday at the Compasses 44 high street Greenfield MK45 5DD 6pm onwards
- ✔ July 18th Natter and Noggin RED LION Elstow MK42 9XP
- ✔ July 21st Classic Car FunDay at Jardine JLR Milton Keynes MK15 ODQ 10:00 am
- ✔ August 13th Tuesday Oakley sports and social club car meet (prov)
- ✔ August 21st Wednesday at the Compasses 44 high street Greenfield MK45 5DD 6pm onwards
- ✔ August 15th Natter and Noggin RED LION Elstow MK42 9XP

- ✔ August 18th Sunday Flitwick Lockdown Car show
- ✔ August 23/25th Silverstone Festival
- ✔ September 10th Tuesday Oakley sports and social club car meet (prov)
- ✔ September 18th Wednesday at the Compasses 44 high street Greenfield MK45 5DD 6pm onwards

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meet on the first Thursday of each month from 7.30pm at the Old Windmill in South Hanningfield, post code CM3 8HT. We have the back room booked, so just look out for our club board.

DIARY DATES

- ✔ June 6th – Club night, Old Windmill
- ✔ June 9th - Summer Picnic Run
- ✔ July 4th – Club night, Old Windmill
- ✔ July 6th – Summer BBQ
- ✔ July 14th- National Day Brands Hatch
- ✔ August 1st – Club night, Old Windmill
- ✔ August 23rd – 26th – Long Weekend away
- ✔ September 1st – Hyde Hall Car Show
- ✔ September 5th – Club night, Old Windmill
- ✔ September TBA - Night Run
- ✔ October 3rd – Club night, Old Windmill
- ✔ November 7th – Club night, Old Windmill
- ✔ December 5th – Club night cancelled
- ✔ December 7th - Christmas meal, raffle and awards

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ESSEX

April was Drive it Day and a great turnout and weather was on our side. Bob arranged a great cross country route and after the coffee stop, it was off to the pub for our group lunch. But before we sat down, Bob had organised a unique opportunity to have a demonstration of church bell ringing up in the bell tower. Made you appreciate how complex it was between multiple bell ringers who have years of experience. Well done Bob for organising everything on the day, appreciated by all.

Last month was the Little Baddow Open gardens with a good line up of booked in Stags from our area.

This month we have Summer Picnic Run kindly organised by Ricky and of course Maggie, report to follow.

Next month we have the kind invitation from Trevor and Petrina for a BBQ on 6th July. Thank you to both of you. If you wish to join us and haven't responded to my email as yet, then please do so as we will need to finalise numbers.

Also next month, we have National Day at Brands on the 14th July, which is a sure bet to be a great event. Take camera.

August will be our Long Weekend in Christchurch, as I said last month, it's a long way off now but the earlier you book, the cheaper the hotel will be.

September we will be attending the Hyde Hall classic car show so gives you plenty of time to polish your wheels if you wish to attend.

As mentioned last month, our Christmas Do, we will back at the Eagle on the 7th December so put this in your diary now.

It has been fantastic, not just for me, but others to see members coming forward and wanting to organise events for our area. Support from myself is of course always there.

As I have mentioned before, with area members clearly being involved in events has proved to be a great success and with my full support. Thank you.

If you wish to be added to the email circulation list then please drop me an email and if you wish to be removed from the email circulation, then let me know and I will remove you.

If you have not been a long to a club night before, we

Hi All, May's club night was fairly quiet. There was one Stag in the car park this month, a lovely Mark 1 in Saffron which belonged to a long-time member who had decided to bring his car along to the meeting for the first time! Unfortunately (and this is my fault) I've lost his details and can't even be sure of his name!?! Hopefully he will return for the June meeting and I promise to give him a proper welcome in next month's write up.

There's only one event change to report on this month. If you thought you had missed the excellent Villa Scalabrini show at Shenley near Radlett, fear not dear reader for it has only been postponed to Sunday 16th June. So you'll get another chance to come along if your schedule didn't permit it first time around. The reason being the exceptional amount of rain we've had this year and as it's held in a field adjacent to the Villa, the organisers have learnt from last year when quite a few cars got into difficulties exiting the site as it became churned up despite the precautions they had taken.

As promised last month, I can now report on the first event organised by our new Events Co-ordinator, Mary, namely 'Drive It Day' 2024. We met at our starting point, the Crows Nest car park on the border of Herts and Bucks. Here we found another car club, (I think from Harrow?) had also arranged to meet and had a variety of excellent cars present, including a Stag of their own! Unfortunately we couldn't persuade them to join our event instead! We set off in convoy as 2 Stags, 2 Mercedes SLs (R230) and a 1967 Landrover Series 2a, all in beautiful condition. We headed first for Gadebridge car park in Hemel Hempstead,



via the back roads, arriving more or less together! (Convoys, even short ones, are never easy to maintain!) Here we met up with Brian & Helen in their Stag and again found another car gathering forming in that car park. After a short chat and a look around, we then headed off in convoy to the main car park at Dunstable Downs.

As those familiar will know it is quite windy there and after a photo op. we carried on to our finishing point, the Red Lion at Marsworth for a pre-booked delicious Sunday Roast. All in, a very successful event which we hope will spawn more like it! Pictures either above or elsewhere in the magazine.

To get updates on all planned events, do join our area WhatsApp Group. See either Paul or myself at a club night.

You are most welcome to join us at our meetings held on the first Thursday of each month at The Golden Eagle, Ashley Green from around 7pm onwards. The pub has excellent beer, food and atmosphere, especially on club nights! What are you waiting for?...

DIARY DATES

- ✔ Thursday 6th June – H&NL monthly meet around 7pm at The Golden Eagle, Ashley Green, HP5 3PW.
- ✔ Thursday 13th June – Shiny Car Night at The Red Lion, 56 London Road, Hemel Hempstead HP3 9TD. Join the TRs on their clubnight and view over 50 beautifully prepared cars, from 7:15pm.
- ✔ Sunday 16th June – Classics At The Villa, Villa Scalabrini. Green Street, Shenley, Radlett. WD7 9BB. Gates open from 9:30. £10 per person.
- ✔ Sunday 16th June – Marsworth Steam & Classic Vehicle Rally, Startop Farm, Marsworth, HP23 4LL. £8 per person, Children £3. (cash only)
- ✔ Thursday 4th July – H&NL monthly meet around 7pm at The Golden Eagle, Ashley Green, HP5 3PW.
- ✔ Sunday 14th July – SOC National Day, Brands Hatch GP Circuit. See elsewhere in the magazine for details.
- ✔ Wednesday 24th July – Classics On The Common, Harpenden. Free entry from 2:00pm onwards to the biggest midweek car show in the country celebrating 30 years with well over 1,000 vehicles.
- ✔ Thursday 1st August – H&NL monthly meet around 7pm at The Golden Eagle, Ashley Green, HP5 3PW.
- ✔ Saturday 31st August – Redbourn Classics Motor Show, Redbourn Common. Open from midday. Suggested entry donation £3 adults, under 16s Free.

✔ Thursday 5th September – H&NL monthly meet around 7pm at The Golden Eagle, Ashley Green, HP5 3PW.

All prices above are for non exhibitor entries. If you wish to enter and show your 25+ year old car, please check their websites as prices range from £8.50 to £12.

We have also been invited to organise a visit to the Buckinghamshire Railway Centre as the contact there seems very keen to get some Stags in and can arrange a separate enclosed parking area for us away from the general car park! More news on that soon.

Peter Goodman.

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SUFFOLK & N.ESSEX

Drive it Day gets the summer off to a good start, this year Peter took the lead and organised a great day out. You can do it again Peter, especially if we get a place on the food list!

When I volunteered to arrange the run out for drive it day, I didn't realise it also meant writing the report for the magazine.

I had a rough idea where we would go on the run out and where we would end up for a late afternoon lunch. So, once I had arranged the refreshment stop, and confirmed the meal at the pub, the next part was to organise the route. I decided not to use the route we did last September, although only 5 cars on the run, it wouldn't be the same for those going for the 2nd time.

I had a quick visit up to the starting place, the café at the Rougham Estate, to confirm they were willing to host us for the start, and then work out my route back down some lovely lanes and villages, utilising some of the previous run out notes.

The day arrived; I arranged to meet Neil and Maurice at Stanway, at 7.45am. Problem was we had found out the A12/A14 junction was shut due to an overturned lorry. So we decided to go to the cafe via Bury St. Edmunds. A nice run up the A roads in the morning and we still managed to arrive, before most of the others. They had got delayed on the A14, in the road works due to a broken down car (no not a stag!).



Eventually everyone arrived and we were ready to leave. The young lady on the cash desk asked if she could video the cars on her phone, and take some photos before we left, so that they could put a photograph on their wall.

13 cars and 23 people set off through the villages down towards Sudbury, and then towards Bures and Stanway, turning off for a comfort break at a local garden centre. The temptation proved too much for some and items were purchased but I won't mention any names!

Then we set off for Stanway and followed the lanes, heading for Messing, passing along the only remaining perimeter road, part of the former Tiptree airfield.

We headed down to Maldon and around the back lanes in to Curling Tye, where our refreshment stop was arranged at one of the oldest beer houses, The Cats.

We were very well accommodated, and suitably refreshed; we departed for our late lunch.

Joining the A12 at Hatfield Peverel, up the A12 to Kelvedon, and then in to Coggleshall. We then turned off the A120, into the village of Stisted, where we met our new member (he doesn't know it yet). From here we followed a large Case tractor, nearly all the way to Gosfield. He cleared the way for us, as any traffic we met, moved out the way for him and we just followed him through excellent arrangement.

We then passed through Gosfield, Sible Hedingham and across towards Sudbury, then to Great Henney. Finishing up at Lamarsh where we were booked in for lunch at The Lion.

We had eaten here before, and the food was good, the staff very friendly and helpful. The pub is run by the community so it is good to support them. 21 of us sat down for a lovely dinner, consisting of a selection of roasts, fisherman's pie, lasagne and other culinary delights.

It was now I found out I had left two people of my hand written list, although they were on my original spread sheet! Embarrassment plus, as the two I missed off were no less than Tim and Marike, the group Co-ordinator and his wife. The pub was very good, and rectified the situation, providing meals for them. (I won't be allowed to forget this.)

Everyone seemed to be having a lovely time, and when

we were ready to leave it was nearly 6pm. Obviously they all enjoyed their meals and one another's company. A great day out and the weather behaved as well. No rain insight.

When you organise a day out/run out, you never know whether it will be a success, but from the messages I have received, it appears all had a good time and enjoyed the driving around Suffolk and Essex.

Thank you Peter

We are off to Felixstowe as I write this for the 52nd Historic vehicle run and it looks like the sun will shine, also fingers crossed for Ipswich Town's bid for promotion to the Premiership.

Next month's N&N is traditionally our shine and show competition so get your polish out and we will see who comes out top.

We meet up on the 1st Wednesday of the month from about 8pm (6:30 for a meal) at The George Pub, Hintlesham near Ipswich IP8 3NH. Please come and join us for a chat and a drink.

Check out our page in the website for news and upcoming events. <https://www.stag.org.uk/suffolk-n-essex-home/>

DIARY DATES

- ✔ 5th June N&N The George. Hintlesham IP8 3NH Shine & Show Evening
- ✔ 15th June JD Classics Breakfast Meet
- ✔ 16th June Newmarket National Horse Racing museum Joint event with Cambridgeshire
- ✔ 3rd July N&N The George. Hintlesham IP8 3NH

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CAMBRIDGESHIRE

It seems hard to think that we are now approaching June. My wife and I in April took a short holiday break in our Stag, named "Stan," to North Yorkshire. We hoped to have some "Hood Down" motoring, but it was not to be as it was rain every day. However there was enough blue sky intervals to visit places without getting a soaking. Our hotel was in Pickering and as you would have guessed just a five minute walk to the home of Bangers & Cash and Mathewson's vast auction site. An amazing and most interesting place to visit when you have an interest in classic cars. Back at our hotel we had a chance encounter with David and Deb Mole from the SOC Lincolnshire & Humber region. We enjoyed two evenings of "Stag Talk" with them, sharing experiences. "Stan" performed brilliantly having travelled over 500 miles, including visits to Whitby, Robin Hood Bay, Scarborough and of course to Thornton Le Dale. However, perhaps I spoke too soon as on our return journey, a half a mile from home, a very large lorry pulled out in front of us, causing me to brake hard and hit the car's horn, which promptly jammed and continued blaring loudly until we arrived home when it suddenly stopped.

Two of our members have been out and about showing their much cherished Stag's. Chris Attrill visited the Aldreth Village fair with only two Stags present and Martin Bastin exhibited at the Best of British Show held at Old Warden along with many other classics. It would be good to hear more of our Cambridgeshire members activities and so please keep me informed of your outings to chris.grove.stag@gmail.com

Our next event is at the British Horse Racing Museum

Classic Car Show and we are receiving a lot of interest. This will be a great day out and so any members wishing to attend should let me know soon before availability is full.

The June N&N moves to a new venue. Jeff Boston has arranged for us to meet at the Admiral Wells Pub, 41 Station Road, Holme, Peterborough PE7 3PH. The location on this occasion has been selected to enable our members in the Peterborough area to attend a closer to home venue. We need to pre-book our meals so please advise me for meals at 6.30am and also see a good turn out from our Peterborough members.

Chris Grove

DIARY DATES

- ✔ 16th June National Horse Racing Museum Classic Car Show, Newmarket (All Day)
- ✔ 19th June N & N At Admiral Wells Pub, 41 Station Road, Holme, Peterborough PE7 3PH
- ✔ 14th July Drive to Great Gardens in the Fen (including N & N) (All Day)
- ✔ 10th August Denny Abbey & Farmland Museum
- ✔ 21st August N & N + BBQ & Quiz TBA
- ✔ 8th Sept Lunch with the Crocodiles @ Johnsons of Old Hurst + N & N
- ✔ October Treasure Hunt TBA

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NOTTS/DERBY

Drive It Day

We decided to drive to Calke Park to see the Blue Bells as we approached the car park there was a large number of cars parked on the grass and on the front row was about twelve classic cars from the sixties and seventies of various makes but mainly Triumphs.

As we slowed down a gentleman waved us down and asked if we would like to join them. They had come from the Sutton Coalfield area and joined together for Drive it Day run, we talked for a while then we headed off to see the Bluebells, when we returned from our walk they had all gone home just leaving the Stag on its own.

Margaret and Dave

Papplewick Pumping Station, Sunday



We met up in a little car park not far from the pumping station, 3 Stags and 1 TR 7 all with the tops down as it was a beautiful morning with the sun streaming down. We met up early this year because previously arriving later meant that we could not park together due to the limited space at the pumping station, it worked as all 4 cars managed to park next to each other. Paul and Lesley who arrived sometime later had to park a little way away, also Nicola Fletcher arrived but Stag less as her car is under repair so she became a paying guest. The only drawback, we were downwind of a road roller that was preparing to have run around the site and we tended to receive some of the black soot coming from its stack.



Once open to the public many people started arriving, a bit of sunshine soon brings people to the countryside. As this was a general show we were amongst some exotic machinery, a beautiful Jaguar XK 140 opposite us along side an E type next to a stunning silver 2 seater Jowett Jupiter. We had a lot of interest in our cars most admiring, some enquiring as to what they were and then the usual comments.

The pumping station is a wonderful site and a true testament to Victorian Engineers, built at a time when Engineers ruled the world and Accountants were in the back ground counting their beans. Additionally, when you see the machinery in operation you have to marvel at the skill and ingenuity of the Victorians as they managed to design and build the whole site without the use of computers.

A great venue which I am sure we will visit again in the future.

Ian Sherratt

Papplewick Pumping Station, Monday

The second wave of Notts and Derby Stag owners - Dave and Margaret, Jack and Linda and Mike and Jan, arrived on a bright and sunny (yes sunny) morning and were assigned a similar 'patch' to the Sunday group. A super array of cars, motor bikes and traction engines displayed on a fascinating site, including the pump house of course, but also the lake featuring model boats, lots of side stalls, a miniature railway and superb entertainment by a rock group performing 50's and 60's pop music.

The highlight of the afternoon was undoubtedly the tour, via tractor and trailer, to the underground reservoir. Built in 1879, entirely of brick, (completed in a mere ten months) creating a cathedral like cavern, this reservoir

served the whole of Nottingham and several neighbouring areas with fresh water. It ceased operation in 1912 but has been preserved by British Heritage as a museum. A magnificent structure so worthy of a visit.

Mike McCoy

New members

For anyone who has recently joined the Club or hasn't got round to attending a meeting or event, please be assured we would love to see you and you will be made very welcome. Phil and Andrew's details are in the coordinator's directory should you want to ask any questions or want any information. Phone calls, messages and emails are welcome.

WhatsApp Group

If anyone who hasn't already joined and wants to join our area WhatsApp group, please get in touch with Andy Williams on 07917 876292. There are currently 29 of us in the group.

We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm at the Cooper Arms, The Green, Weston on Trent DE72 2BJ and members from all areas are welcome to join us.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 5th June at 7.30pm.

DIARY DATES

All dates could change, so please check with the organisers or Phil.

Booking is direct with the organisers where contact details are supplied

*These dates are provisional and need to be confirmed

- ✔ 9th June Nottingham Motor Show
- ✔ 16th June Crooked Spire Classic Run www.crookedspire-classic.co.uk
- ✔ *18th June Eckington Classic Show 3.00pm – 8.00pm
No booking required
- ✔ 22nd – 23rd June Ashby Steam Festival
- ✔ 23rd June Standard Triumph Picnic, Walton Hall, Warks
No booking required
- ✔ 23rd June Carsington Water Classic Cars
- ✔ 28th – 30th June Interclub International, Malvern
- ✔ 6th – 7th July Elvaston Castle Steam Rally
- ✔ 6th – 7th July Cars in the Park, Lichfield
- ✔ 28th July Ashover Classic Car and Bike Show
- ✔ 3rd-4th August Hebden Bridge Vintage Weekend
- ✔ 11th August Ilkeston Classic Car Show
- ✔ *17th August Barlow Carnival
- ✔ 23rd-25th August Silverstone Classic
- ✔ 25th August Gloucester Goes Retro
- ✔ 26th August Pershore Plum Festival
- ✔ 8th September Area Day and Triumph Day Great British Car Journey
- ✔ 14th – 15th September Road, Rail & Ale, Statfold Railway

NOTTS / DERBY AREA WEBSITE

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WORCESTERSHIRE

We had a lot going on in April. It started with a 4 day break in Cornwall. See our separate report.

The "traditional" Blossom Drive took place on the 25th April. Meeting up at The Oak, we drove through the Vale of Evesham following the pre-planned route. Timing is critical to get the best orchard blossoms, but somehow it doesn't seem to matter! We finished for a nice lunch at The Queen Elizabeth in Elmley Castle.

Very soon after, on the 28th April we had our Bluebell Walk. Christine and Tony's farm is very near the perfect bluebell wood. The original plan was to have a picnic, but with this year's weather, those plans had to be squashed. Instead, it was tea and cakes inside followed by lunch round the farmhouse table. What could be better!

DIARY DATES

- ✔ 6 June - N&N 19:30 for 20:00 The Oak
- ✔ TBA June - Confetti fields, Pershore
- ✔ 28 - 30 June - Inter club International Weekend, Malvern
- ✔ 6 July - Family Day and Classic Car Show - Highnam Court
- ✔ 14 July - SOC National Day, Brands Hatch
- ✔ 20/21 July - Classic Nostalgia, Shelsley Walsh
- ✔ 1 Aug - N&N 19:30 for 20:00 The Oak
- ✔ 26 Aug - Pershore Plum Festival

WORCESTERSHIRE AREA WEBPAGE

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SHROPSHIRE & SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE

DIARY DATES

N&N's are held every second Tuesday at The Lamb Inn, 29 Shrewsbury Road, Edgmond, Newport, TF10 8HU.

- ✔ N&N - 11th June

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SOUTH BIRMINGHAM

Noel's Notebook

Well, April turned out to be another largely wet and chilly month not at all conducive to getting out and about. Many of the planned events were cancelled because of water logged fields. This was especially true for the Pride of Longbridge event. Held in Cofton Park, next to the site of the Longbridge works, the event celebrates the cars produced over the years and provides an opportunity for ex-workers to meet up. Unfortunately, this year Birmingham Council told the organisers to cancel the event to avoid damaging the water logged parkland. A situation no doubt faced in most of the rest of the country.

Undoubtedly the highlight of the month was Drive it Day held on the 27th April. Organised by RH Insurance the trip started from their offices in Worcester with some 75 cars of various makes and models taking part. One notable entrant was a beautiful Stag estate conversion in absolutely pristine condition. A car I for one did not know existed.

Each entrant was provided with a tulip route plan and a plaque for their cars before setting off on a leisurely drive through the Worcestershire and Herefordshire countryside. A distance of approximately 50 miles finishing at the West Weston Cider Mill in Much Marcle. Tours of the mill, a shop where you could purchase the mill's product and a restaurant were also available to visitors. A truly very pleasant day out and despite a somewhat chilly start to the day it remained dry and sunny. The icing on the cake you might say.

(15 photos on the website. Go to events photos 2024).

Emma Airey and her staff at RH are to be congratulated for a very well organised event from the booking system through to the end of the run. Well done to all concerned.

Let's hope that we enjoy some fine sunny days in the coming months so that we can really enjoy our cars and get out and about.

DIARY DATES

June

- 1st/2nd Best of British, Shelsley Walsh, WR6 6RP

- 8th Hampton Ferry Car Show, Boat Lane, Evesham, WR11 4BP
- 9th Footman James Coffee & Chrome, Chateau Impney, Droitwich, WR9 0BN
- 16th Father's Day Motor Show & Autojumble, Ragley Hall, Alcester, B49 5NJ
- 22nd Feckenham Wake, The Square, Feckenham, B96 6HY
- 23rd Standard Triumph Picnic, Walton Hall Hotel, Wellesbourne, CV35 9HG
- 29th Bike Bonanza, Shelsley Walsh, WR6 6RP
- 30th Vintage Meeting, Shelsley Walsh, WR6 6RP
- TBC Bowling Green, Shaw Lane, Stoke Prior, B60 4BH

July

- 6th/7th Hanbury Show, Park Hall Farm, Hanbury
- 6th Family Day, Highnam Court, Gloucestershire
- 13th Astwood Bank Carnival, SE Davis Astwood Bank
- 13th Ombersley Cr Show, Ombersley Memorial Hall
- 21st Classic Nostalgia, Shelsley Walsh
- 28th Car and Motor Cycle Show, Bodryddan Hall, Nr Rhyl LL18 5SB
Noel Sargent.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM AREA WEBPAGE

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WARWICKSHIRE / LEICESTERSHIRE

We are well into the planning phase now and getting out and about too.

Drive it Day got a really good response from our members and we mustered around 24 Stags (20 from Warks/leics and 4 more from Bedford) for the meet at 'The Depot' ammunition museum and store at Weedon. We got off to a bad start when we arrived at the A5 Eddie Stobarts for breakfast, only to find that they don't open now on a Sunday....doh. The one thing we didn't check, as we've stopped there many times for a coffee and bacon butty. The weather was pretty kind despite the chill in the



air, but it was dry and sunny at times. Cracking day and a place full of history.

We only have a few blank weekends through the summer which we hope to fill with run outs etc. Watch this space.

Done some car stuff recently too, what's going on? GT6 fuel system installed, 2k final adjustments being made although I have experienced a fuel problem as despite me flushing the tank out it appears I still have loads of fine crud in there, enough to block the filters and starve the fuel. New filters installed and we'll see how she goes. Last resort will be tank out and cleaned and sealed.

See you all soon. Not looking forward to that. Changed my daughters Citroen electric window mechanism. I'll not moan about the old cars again. Stupid design of two opposing cables wrapped around a central bobbin on the motor. Guess what, the cables parted company from the bobbin and exploded. Mutter mutter groan complain.

A reminder that we now have a WhatsApp group. Let Di know if you want to be included on that dragonsnap192@outlook.com

Tone and Di

DIARY DATES

WARWICKSHIRE –Our regular monthly meetings will be held on the first Tuesday evening of the Month at the COCKED HAT, Rugby Rd, Binley Woods, Coventry CV3 2TA from 7pm, unless otherwise advised below.

LEICESTERSHIRE - Every third Tuesday evening of the month at THE CHARNWOOD ARMS, Beveridge Lane, Bardon Hill, Coalville, Leicestershire, LE67 1TB from 7pm, unless otherwise advised below.

SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE –Meetings are now fixed for the third Friday of the month at the GILKS GARAGE CAFE, Banbury Road, Kineton, CV35 0JZ. From 6pm-8:30pm. Any one-off changes look out for emails.

Check out our Warks/Leics Area Website for more details on how to book events etc.

Recurring events.

1st Sunday of the Month – Middleton Hall nr Tamworth. - £5 per car. Just turn up? (we're checking)

2nd Thursday of the Month – Southam Meet. Just turn up.

NOTE we now have a WhatsApp group, so if you want to added just let Di know dragonsnap192@outlook.com

June

- ✔ Sat/Sun 1st/2nd. – Coventry.MotoFest. Let Steve Cox know if you are going please.
- ✔ Sun 16th – Leamington Spa Cars at the Spa. Book direct but let me know if booked.
- ✔ Sun 23rd – Standard Triumph Picnic – Woodland Grange Leamington Spa. Just turn up.
- ✔ Sun 30th – Princethorpe College annual Fete and Classic Car Show. Let me know please.
- ✔ Jul 2024.
- ✔ Sun 7th. – Market Harborough Town Centre. Full now really but may get you in. Let me know asap.
- ✔ Sun 14th – BMC Day at Gaydon. Watch email for instructions.

WARWICKSHIRE / LEICESTERSHIRE AREA WEBSITE

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SOUTH CHESHIRE / NORTH STAFFORD

Our next event will be on Sat and Sun 1st and 2nd June at Tatton Park in Knutsford Cheshire. All of the passes have been allocated already..

On the 14th July Nigel Cross the West Lancs Coordinator has a classic car event at Caerwys in Wales and if you would like to join him for the DAY THEN PLEASE RING HIM FOR YOUR PASS AND DETAILS ASAP.

On 21st July we shall be at Capesthorpe Hall again in Cheshire for their Classic car show and if you wish to join us then please arrange your pass on line with CLASSIC SHOWS or pay on the gate when you get there and come and join us.

On 11th of August we shall be joining Nigel and his West Lancs area at the Wirral classic car club display at Claremont Farm in the Wirral.

On Sat and Sun 17th and 18th August we shall be at Tatton Park, in Knutsford for the Passion of Power car show and if you wish to display your stag on our stand for either day or both days then please ring me because these passes go very quickly.

1st Sept Arley Hall Cheshire more about this next month.

Here's hoping for lovely warm sunny weather for the shows.

See you there JUDY.

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OUT & ABOUT

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NORTH YORKSHIRE

Greetings !

Its been such a while since I put pen to paper but as Andy has said we've gone ridiculously busy domestically and have had little time to get our act together.

We've not been able to hold a club meet for some time and given our neighbouring area have extended a warm invitation to attend their N & N's you can get your Stag fix there ... note I didn't say Stag fixed though I'm sure that there are plenty of helpful suggestions should you need it.

In the background I have had little jobs completed in preparation for the summer season in fact going so far as to say I've even had a bit of painting done. One of the things that always niggled me was that of an ill fitting door (the skin had been replaced years before I got the keys!) so it was off to the bodyshop for attention. I'd also attended to a leaky alloy wheel rim to put a stop to that let down feeling..

Having left MEF in the capable hands of the bodyshop for a week, I was pleased to drive home with what I figured looked a million dollars ! Being so pleased of how this looked, I decided on the very odd day when it didn't rain to take a chance and use MEF to go to the office. All was good, nicely motoring along the A19 just overtaking a roll on skip lorry when without warning a large tarpaulin flew off the top and smacked straight into my windscreen on the passenger side. Normally these things are generally

harmless though disappointing. In my case this tarpaulin was covered with paint...wet paint too ! Needless to say, it slid all the way down the freshly painted side of the car splattering the soft top and even the wheels. Of course this was also the day I decided not to put the dash cam in the car either.

Later that same day saw me with scalding hot soapy water and a clay bar and I'm pleased that I have managed to get this all off now – phew !

Other than the above MEF hasn't really done many miles this year so far but I am looking ahead to the 10 Countries in 5 days tour later in the year.

AS for shows the North Yorkshire Triumph Weekend will have been and gone, a much smaller event this year at the new venue but the social occasion is legendary.

The other events this year include

DIARY DATES

- ✔ 21st July Newby Hall Historic organised by NECPWA – book on website www.necpwa.org and indicate to park with Stag Owners Club
- ✔ 28th July Ripon Old Cars – Andy Maughan may have tickets if sufficient interest
- ✔ 10-11 August Croft Historic weekend in conjunction with Cleveland and County Durham area
Hope to see you out and about in your Stags soon.
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CLEVELAND & CO DURHAM

Drive it Day

On April 21st we met up at Morton Park, Darlington for our run to Bassenthwaite Lake Station for lunch aboard the Orient Express. There were six stags, two TRs and one MX5 lined up for the journey across the A66. After the usual greeting and catching up it was time get on our way. A brief halt at the Sedbury layby to pick up the two remaining TRs and then onward to our destination where our carriage awaited, 12 noon. We managed to stay together so that we arrived as one, got ourselves parked and shown onto the train where we were served lunch. Then all outside for a photo by the engine



Lunch on the Orient Express

before saying our goodbyes and heading for home. Thanks to all who came and made the day worthwhile, and to Ian who liaised with the TR Register which made the booking process so much easier.

DIARY DATES

- ✔ June 9th Saltburn Classic Vehicle Show with TR Register.
- ✔ June 15th (Saturday) Classics on Show, Stokesley.
- ✔ June 23rd Barnard Castle Retro and Classic Car Meet.
- ✔ July 21st Newby Hall, book via NECPWA, stand with North Yorkshire Area.
- ✔ July 28th Ripon Old Cars, Ripon Racecourse, contact Andy Maughan, North Yorkshire.
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NORTHUMBRIA

On 21 April on Drive It Day as our SOC members joined TR Register members in equal numbers at Brocksbushes café en route to our second historic castle visit of the year, Roger's Stag came to an unplanned and untimely halt on the A69. Fortunately Brian and Mike were on hand and the problem – a loose plug on the lead from the distributor to the electronic ignition - was efficiently diagnosed and rectified with cable ties enabling Roger to complete the day with the rest of us. John & Lynne joined us on their first Club outing in their yellow Spitfire which you can clearly see on the drone cover photo. We created a really fabulous display of 28 Triumphs in front of the magnificent 14th century grade 1 listed Langley Castle in Northumberland then we were beckoned into the castle for coffee and homemade scones with jam

& cream, a private history presentation and guided tour of the castle to the battlements with amazing views over the Northumbrian countryside. This was followed by a 37 mile drive, with Tulip maps kindly prepared by the TR Register, down Allendale and Weardale to Stanhope for a light bite in the Durham Dales Centre Tea Room before heading home after a great day out. The SOC Northumbria cup was awarded by Brian, this time for the best condition grille badge, to Mike & Susan. Thanks to Malcolm for taking Roland to Langley Castle as passenger in his Stag – tin worm necessitated a replacement radiator panel and a new chrome strip.

Our colleague Eric has sold his Stag and acquired a 1975 TR6 and we very much look forward to seeing it out & about soon.

Our next visit to the very private grade 1 listed Beaufront Castle near Hexham on 9th June will be a unique event to a unique estate never visited by any classic cars and promises to be a real treat - we will park up on the castle lawn - hope you can all make this one a success! Members in any Area are welcome to join us on any of our drives – especially Cumbria members and anyone touring in their Stags from distant places.

DIARY DATES

- ✔ 9 June – drive with TR Register (and our drone pilot) for coffee & scones and free barbershop entertainment to family owned Grade 1 listed Gothic revival style majestic Beaufront Castle near Hexham based on a 17th century mansion with unparalleled views across the Tyne Valley. This is our Area event of the year – this opportunity may never be repeated.
- ✔ 30 June – drive to Woodhorn Colliery museum; to include private guided tour of colliery buildings where 2,000 men mined 600,000 tonnes of coal a year; the 'Pitmen Painters' art collection shows what life was like for miners from Ashington in the 1930s; café and photo opportunity in front of impressive original colliery winding towers.
- ✔ 14 July – drive through spectacular Northumberland countryside with TR Register who helped us secure this visit; we will park for photos in front of the fabulous 17th century grade 1 listed private country house incorporating a 14th century pele tower near Whittingham in north Northumberland for coffee & scones, private tour led by current resident who is a historic car enthusiast, small museum and unique photo opportunity from the castle roof.
- ✔ 21 July – Newby Hall classic car show organised by NECPWA
- ✔ 28 July – drive to the north of our Area for coffee & scones to park in front of a grand Georgian neo-classical private 19th century stone country house with views over Budle Bay near Bamburgh; the property was once owned by the captain of HMS Bulldog which captured U-110 and seized its Enigma cypher machine with codes during WWII.
- ✔ 25 August – drive with TR Register along the Roman

Wall towards the Northumberland National Park for coffee & scones at a fabulous yet little known large family owned Grade 1 listed Castle used for film sets on the River North Tyne – our final private castle of the year and another visit which is unlikely to be repeated.

- ✔ 8 September – Standard Triumph gathering at Great British Car Journey
- ✔ 15 September – Piece Hall Halifax - display with West Yorkshire Area
- ✔ 19-22 Sept – Isle of Man Festival of Motoring organised by SCT
- ✔ 29 Sept – Beamish Museum Classic Car Show organised by Necpwa
Roland & Brian

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after all it was a Bank Holiday but by that time many of the cars were on their way home. Our last show before having to write the report and a 1st for us took place at Burton Agnes Hall near the East Coast with about 15 stags on show. This show takes place twice a year so well worth a visit if you missed it this time.

At our last Noggin & Natter, we had 45 members turn up and with the light nights, I asked our hosts Ken Roberts and Steve Cowley for an extension to our hours which they granted. A big thank you to Ken & Steve

DIARY DATES

June

- 2nd DE-LACEY 7 DALE CAR RUN
- ✔ 7th Cottingham Parks. (EYTCC)
- ✔ 9th Harewood House www.greatbritishmotorshows.com
- ✔ 9th Locke Park. (YTCC) <http://www.ytcc.co.uk/>
- ✔ 14th Humber Bridge. (EYTCC)
- ✔ 15th Blane show DN14 OEH
- ✔ 16th Castle Howard www.classicshows.org
- ✔ 19th Beverly Midsummer Show (EYTCC)
- ✔ 20th Stag Golf tournament Otley Golf Club
- ✔ 23rd Carlton Towers (EYTCC)
- ✔ 30th Malton Agricultural Show (EYTCC)

July

- ✔ 3rd Cottingham Parks Golf Club an Evening event
- ✔ 6th Doncaster car show lakeside DN4 5JW
- ✔ 7th Sewerby Hall YO15 1EA
- ✔ 14th Wentworth Woodhouse S62 7TQ
- ✔ 19th Humber Bridge Evening Event
- ✔ 21st Capesthorpe Hall
- ✔ 21st Spen Victoria Cleckheaton BD19 4PJ

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LINCOLNSHIRE / HUMBERSIDE

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WEST YORKSHIRE

Well, April may have been the wettest in a while, but May seems to be making up for it so far with so many sunny days and with all the events undertaken, not a raindrop in sight. After our first run out mentioned in my last report, we followed that up with a car show at Elvington Air Museum, yet again someone just had to complain about the number of Stags we entered the show, they didn't complain when taking our entry monies. John Philips and Ian Kaye then took us on a splendid 'Drive it day' run making a start at Thirsk through some quaint villages and stopping for lunch at the gliding club near the White Horse on Sutton Bank, with over 20 cars taking place, it was nice to see our friends Ray & Mel with their dog Charlie come up from Stoke to take part. We attracted the attention of many a local while passing through. Then on to Miss Daisy's at Sutton-on-the-Forest to end the run with a coffee and cake. Our next event was at Thoresby Hall, this is a large show and seems to get bigger each time we attend, with many stalls for the ladies and as the ladies call it lots of rust stalls for the gents. The following Monday around 8 Stags entered The Crows Nest Park Show near Dewsbury yet again a wonderful sunny day well at least till 5.30 when the heavens opened, well



Elvington Air Museum

OUT & ABOUT

N O R T H W E S T

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MANCHESTER / NORTH CHESHIRE

Our Drive it Day run across the Pennines on 21st April proved to be a very successful day out. Six cars met up for the run through Cheshire before heading up to join the Woodhead Pass and then over Holme summit before dropping down into Holmfirth and arriving at The Carding Shed for a substantial late breakfast. It was a nice surprise when Alan and Marie joined us at the cafe and we also bumped into Roy and Karen, who had just finished eating as we arrived. There is much memorabilia adorning the walls at the cafe and a few interesting motors in the workshop area. Having encountered some dreaded "temporary traffic light" delays on the way over, most planned alternative routes back home and as the weather was better than forecast, we even managed to get our tops down to make the most of the views. A lovely day out, much enjoyed by all who made the trip,

Bank holiday Monday 6th May was a trip out to Gawsworth Hall for their main show. It was a last minute decision for Lyn and I to go along, joining Roger, Judy, Alan & Mark who had also booked in. More of us will be returning at the end of May for their second show where we will have our own club area as usual. The sun struggled



At Gawsworth with Alan & Mark



to appear on the day, so it was a bit chilly, but we had a nice sociable catch up and picnic. We even took Louis along to add to our entertainment on his first full day out with the Stag!

We have plenty of things to come in the next couple of months so I look forward to seeing you out and about.

Nick Rowland

DIARY DATES

June

- ✔ Sat/Sun 1/2nd Tatton Park Classic & Performance
- ✔ Sunday 9th Meeting at alternative venue, Whitley Village Hall WA4 4EJ
- ✔ Sunday 16th Peaks & Dales run
- ✔ Sunday 23rd Triumph Picnic & Hog Roast
- ✔ Sunday 23rd Lymm Transport Festival
- ✔ Fri/Sun 28/30th Interclub Weekend, Malvern

July

- ✔ Sunday 14th SOC National Day, Brands Hatch
- ✔ Sunday 14th Caerwys Show
- ✔ Sunday 21st Chatsworth House Classic car show

August

- ✔ Sat/Sun 3/4th Hebden Bridge Vintage Weekend
- ✔ Sunday 11th Meeting to be confirmed
- ✔ Sat/Sun 17/18th Tatton Park Passion for Power
- ✔ Fri/Sun 23/25th Silverstone Festival
- ✔ Sun/Mon 25/26th Capesthorpe Hall shows
- ✔ Sun/Mon 25/26th Prestatyn Classic weekend

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NORTH LANCASHIRE

Hi All

Writing this before our meeting on Tuesday so it is just a catch up on what we have been doing.

Drive it day went well with the weather being kind enough to have the tops down for the full run. A total of 9 cars with 17 people took part. We started the run just after 13:00 heading north through the Trough of Bowland. There was a major cycle ride on the day with 3 routes which covered most of the quiet picturesque roads in the area, luckily they started early so it was only the straddlers we met and they were travelling in the opposite direction to us so we had no problems. After the Trough we met up with Di (one of our members living in the North of our area) at a picnic area at Caton to continue on our run through Carnforth, Silverdale, Arnside, and Sandside to our half way stop at Sizergh Farm tea rooms for a chat coffee and cake. At this time we were running a bit behind schedule so had to cut some of our scenic drive out and travel a more direct route to our evening meal stop for 18:30. A very enjoyable 110 mile run which everyone seemed to enjoy.

Yesterday the 12th May we had another run out keeping the same format only 4 cars there would have been 6 but illness and late return from holiday stopped 2 cars attending. The start was at 13:00 We travelled Towards Skipton with a diversion around some quiet roads then on to Bolton Abbey with a run up the west side of the river Wharf and a return down the east side back onto the A59 there were road signs said that the A59 was closed at Blubberhouses, this should not have been a problem as we were taking the moorland road to Pateley bridge before blubberhouses. Guess what not only was the A59 closed but they had shut the road we were taking and all access roads so they could be used for construction traffic only, this forced us into a 45 minute diversion back along the roads we had already travelled to get us to our half way coffee and cake stop near Pateley Bridge. Due to the delays and the socializing in the sunshine at our coffee stop our run back to our evening meal stop had again to be taken the more direct route. We were joined by Trina and Aaron who had been delayed coming back from holiday and had a very enjoyable meal and chat luckily we had put the hoods up as the weather broke and we had torrential rain and thunder storm for our trips home after the meal. Overall a very enjoyable run out of about 100 miles.

DIARY DATES

June

Saturday 1st Tatton Park

Sat/Sunday 1-2nd Heskin Steam Fair preferred date

Sunday 2nd

Sunday 9th Hark T Bounty steam meeting

Sunday 16th John Whittaker Run details to be

confirmed

Sunday 23rd Hutton in the Forrest show (£7.00) For club stand we need 5 cars

Sunday 30th Fylde Vintage show

Sunday 30th Townley Hall alternative venue

The location for our meetings at present is:- The Feilden Arms Pub, 2 Whalley Road, Mellor Brook, Lancashire BB2 7PR. From the M6 leave on junction 31 and take the A59 towards Clitheroe after 2Km bear left at lights past BAE Salmesbury and at the next roundabout turn right the road bears left and just around the corner is the entrance to the car park at the Feilden Arms Our regular meetings take place on the SECOND TUESDAY of each month at 20:00 hrs. EXCEPT JULY

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WEST LANCASHIRE

By the time this appears in print, the 2024 season will be underway. Lets hope for good weather and good company.

The planned events are as below:

DIARY DATES

- ✔ Sunday 7th July Lydiate Just turn up and make a donation to the show charity on the gate.
- ✔ Sunday 14th July Caerwys. Contact me for a pass.
- ✔ Sunday 21st July Capesthorpe Hall. Classic Shows, book your own pass via the Classic Shows website. Let me know if you are going and we will try to park together.
- ✔ Sunday 11th August Claremont Farm. Let me know if you want to go and I will book a stand (free to enter)
- ✔ Sat/Sun 17th/18th August Tatton Park. Book via Judy Harrison
- ✔ Sun/Mon 25th/26th August Capesthorpe Hall. Book as above (Classic Shows)
- ✔ Mon 26th August Prestatyn. Free to enter, book via website.
- ✔ Sun 1st September Arley Hall. Book via Great British Motor Shows.

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WEST OF SCOTLAND

Our first outing this year was Drive it day, as it was the first proper run of the season we didn't want to venture too far as this will be the first time most of the stags have been on the road since last year.

We met up at Caulders Garden Centre ready for a 10.00am start. The route we settled on was via Callander up through the Dukes pass and on to Aberfoyle. Although sun had been forecast it absolutely poured from the heavens which meant for a very soggy run. This was not really helped by the amount of traffic due to road works. We ended up at the Rob Roy Hotel for a lovely lunch and a natter before making our way home. Despite it being really wet it was a really enjoyable day out.

Our next show is Bridge of Allen, we will report on that next mag

Meetings continue to be held on the first Tuesday of each month at The Redhurst Hotel, all welcome

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GRAMPIAN

Drive-it Day turned out to be a cold and wet one this year. We met at Aberdeen Beach and there were many cars and spectators there. A few days before the event we were notified that a main road on our route was to be closed for maintenance so a detour had to be arranged.

Our run out to the Grampian Transport Museum in Alford was uneventful and the weather cleared up. When we arrived at the museum we were greeted by their staff that guided us to our parking positions and issued us with wristbands to get a discount to the museum entry fee. There were 90 cars taking part which was good considering the weather. After a while the rain came back on and cars started to leave. It was a successful event to the start of the season and we look forward to a busy summer.

Meetings are at the Leys Hotel, Main Road, Blackburn, AB21 0SS.

They are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, at 8pm. All welcome.

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EAST OF SCOTLAND

WUnfortunately there were no takers for the proposed run into East Lothian with a visit to the Myreton motor museum, but hopefully we can have another crack at this in June or July - If anyone is interested in this then please let me know. The National Museum of Flight in East Lothian have now confirmed that they will no longer hold the "Wings and Wheels" show in September, which is disappointing as it would have been a good alternative to the defunct Selkirk event. However, there is a relatively small Vintage Vehicle Rally near Ladybank in Fife on 25th August which may serve as an end-of-season show. If anyone would like to attend this show please let me know - if there's enough interest then we could have a club stand.

Club nights continue to be held in the Hawes Inn at South Queensferry on the second Monday of the month, starting at around 8pm, at which all members are welcome.

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NORTHERN IRELAND

DIARY DATES

- ✔ Kilbroney Vintage Show, Saturday 15th June. SOC NI have reserved a stand space. Online booking was quickly sold out. Many of our members have booked, but entries can be made on the day at £20.00 per vehicle. Please let Brian know if you intend to be there.
- ✔ Monaghan Veteran and Vintage Club's Annual Rally at Clontibret is on Sunday 7th July. Last year proved enjoyable and we will give it another go this year. Again, expressions of interest please so we can arrange for space at the event.

Moynalty Steam Threshing Festival, Sunday 11th August. Moynalty is close to Kells in Co.Meath One of the biggest vintage and veteran events in Ireland its become a regular in our calendar. See <http://moynaltysteamthreshing.ie> for further information. Admission for Classic vehicles is normally free.

Suggestions for other events/outings always welcome.

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S O U T H C E N T R A L

WILTSHIRE

Drive it day with the Wiltshire Area was quiet affair, Chris and Mary ventured down to Christchurch quay, one of the few days that that venue has been open due to the persistent rainy days we seem to be experiencing.

John Garnett and I joined in the Oxford area's visit to Hightone restorations at Hops croft Halt, near Bicester, we met up with Gary, their coordinator and some of their members, a great evening out, with lots of cars to see, they regularly entertain the classic car fraternity with monthly open evenings, as well as the cars being restored, there were a trio of relatively modern Aston Martins, and a Fish and Chip van and a mobile bar and coffee van. www.hightone.co.uk

One of our stalwart members of many years, Derek Maxwell, has given up Classic car motoring and has sold his Stag, after twelve years of motoring in the car and many experiences with the area both in the UK and Europe. Derek organised many runs and Sunday lunches for us, of late living down in Chard, he's not been such a regular attendee at our monthly meetings, but we wish Derek and Lynda well for the future.

Our May meeting, a bit thin on the ground, but five Stags in the car park and six members with two ladies around the table. John Goff's car was the only absentee, it currently has an issue with reliably starting.

We reviewed the information from both the SOCTFL and Coordinators meeting, some of the prices that were quoted in the Tooling fund meeting did make a few eyes water, but when considered what some spend on our cars

to keep them on the road, the prices were not out of line.

We decided as our next Sunday run which was planned for the late May bank holiday would move to a later date, yet to be decided, interest was shown in the Highnam court event on 6th July, Our trip to Boscombe Down Aviation Collection on 21st July was confirmed, followed by a late lunch at The Bridge Inn. Nick is also in the process of organising a Glider day for us, hopefully this will be in early August.

Jim told us about a run he recently went on around Slimbridge ending in a large old mill pub Fromebridge Mill, one for our diary later in the year,

Details off all the our events and venues that we will be attending as Wiltshire SOC are included in our online 2024 Diary <https://www.stag.org.uk/wiltshire-area-welcome-page/wiltshire-soc-diary-2024/> this can be found on the Wiltshire Web page on the main SOC web site.

Please check our online diary as to where and when our monthly meeting will be, Sunday lunch meetings are becoming more popular during the winter months

You will need to log in using your Membership No and password

DIARY DATES

✦ The Wiltshire Area SOC Club night April – November is held on the First Tuesday of the month from 8pm, at the The Milk Churn Pub, Melksham Wiltshire, SN12 6AD All SOC Stags, Owners, Partners and Children are very welcome!

WILTSHIRE AREA WEBPAGE

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At Hightone Restorations



THAMES VALLEY

As was nationally known April 21st was Drive it Day and we didn't want to miss out on the events of the day, a relatively small group of us and a dry day proved the combination for a good run out in the Stags and all for a charitable cause.

Four Stags and two foreigners (later replaced with a Stag) met up at the Henry Street Garden Centre in Arborfield at 11:00 for breakfast prior to the run out to Windsor. After fuelling ourselves with coffee, breakfast rolls etc we set off at 12:00 to park up the two guest vehicles and pick up Stag number five. A pleasant drive then followed through country lanes and finally through Windsor Great Park.

We made it to our destination venue The Castle View Retirement Village at approx 13:00, to be met with a



differing selection of cars both exotic supercars and more classics. After being ushered to our parking spaces we took the opportunity for more coffee and cakes and the chance to speak with residents and other enthusiasts.

After a few hours we planned our escape from the retirement village (nobody was actually detained) and split up for our chosen individual routes home. A great day out with fine weather and all for a good cause.

DIARY DATES

- ✔ Tuesday 11th June - Monthly N&N. Shire Horse, Littlewick Green.
- ✔ Tuesday 9th July - Monthly N&N. Shire Horse, Littlewick Green.
- ✔ Tuesday 13th August - Monthly N&N. Shire Horse, Littlewick Green.

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COTSWOLDS

JUNE MEETING SATURDAY 29th
Gather at the Whitminster Inn, GL2 7NY for 1100 departure and a meandering drive to the Salmon Inn at Wanswell, GL13 9SE or travel direct to Wanswell if you wish.

April saw several of us enjoy a guided tour of Walls ice cream factory in Gloucester, kindly arranged by John F. Very much a local institution, and quite an honour as the plant is not open for public visits. Understandably so when you see the production process in action and realise the great care taken to maintain purity in such an impressive quantity. Having been invited to take our Stags onto the site, the resulting photo will hopefully appear in the in-house newsletter. Just wish I had thought more about the order in which we parked! There may be a later visit for those who were unable to attend.

A superb turnout for Drive it Day, including John and Helen's Interceptor and Tony and Judy's Mini, standing in for their Stag which had been making worrying noises.



Later found with much relief to be an alternator bearing. Extra points to Charlie and Jon and Angie for displaying the Drive It Day Rally plaque. The route was a variation of the Farm Shop tour devised for the AGM in 2023 and took us through the lovely Cotswolds in a slightly disjointed convoy, finishing at the Cotswold Barn. Two Stags appeared to have reactive spoilers as their boot lids unlatch whilst moving, even when locked - adjustment advice would be appreciated!

There may still be time to book Family Day at Highnam Court on July 6th and Shelsley Classic Nostalgia on July 21st, albeit at full price. Following previous 'Best stand' success at Shelsley, participants are urged to wear period dress. Dig out the floral flares, maxi skirts and cheesecloth to join the fun. If you haven't already done so, please advise your attendance to Mark or Rupert.

Note also, for information if you fancy participating, that the Severn Vale Rotary Club will be holding their Route 77 run on Sunday September 1st, at £60 per car including coffee, bacon roll and lunch for two. Booking process is via email request to route77@severnvalerotary.org.uk

Following a useful and well attended Coordinators meeting in April, a request from the hard working Kent Area organisers to attend our National Day at Brands Hatch on the 14th of July.

Part of the Historic Sports Car Club Superprix meeting, there should be some excellent racing in addition to the Stag Club socialising.

Your opinion please on the proposal to assign a single day for both SOC AGM and autumn Coordinators meeting, possibly at the National Motor Museum in Warwickshire. The long established social weekend and AGM has recently suffered dwindling attendance and spiralling hotel costs. Alternative suggestions are also very welcome

and can be confidentially passed on.

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DIARY DATES

- ✔ Sunday 9th June Churchill Classic Car Show
- ✔ 14th / 16th June Weekend in Wales
- ✔ Friday 28th June Stroudwater Navigation visit
- ✔ Saturday 6th July Highnam Court Families Day
- ✔ Sunday 14th July SOC National Day, Brands Hatch
- ✔ Sunday 21st July Shelsley Walsh Classic
- ✔ Sunday 11th August Hook Norton Brewery classics meet and lunch
- ✔ Monday 26th August Pershore Plum Festival Classic Car Show

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OXFORD

The April meeting actually just crept into May, due to five members still being away on the Dutch Stag trip. We changed venues for this meeting also and joined the monthly "CLASSICS AT THE CROSSROADS" held at Hightone Restorations near Bicester.

Hightone Restorations repair and restore just about any age and model of classic car you can think of. The operation is large and was extremely clean and tidy, which was not just for the benefit of those attending. Each month they also have a guest for the evening meet and at this meeting the guest was Four Ashes Aston Martin.

The range of cars attending the meet was as eclectic as those within the various workshops at different stages of repair and restoration....far too many to list here. Attendees are free to just roam around and look at their cars that are in for repair and restoration, together with

some fascinating pieces of machinery and tooling. They even have an F1 simulator set up for anyone to jump in and enjoy!

There was also a fish & chip van and an old classic van selling hot and cold soft/alcoholic beverages, what more could you need!

There were four Stags in attendance, which was a little less than had been hoped for, but rain was forecast, so this certainly affected numbers.

I can certainly recommend attending one of the meetings at Hightone Restorations if you are close enough.

DIARY DATES

✦ Our next meeting will be on 30th May at The Chequers, Weston-on-the-Green and fingers crossed for some topless weather and a healthy attendance.

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SOLENT & NEW FOREST

At last, something positive to report!

Drive it Day dawned bright and sunny, as we met in Salisbury at a well-known supermarket car park (where every little helps!) for our first run of the year.

A total of ten cars arrived, being nine Stags, plus Adrian in his Volvo Amazon rally car, our 'support' vehicle for the day. Happily, his services were not needed this time, even though Tony found that his power steering was somewhat lacking in the 'power' department!

Our destination was the Haynes Motor Museum in Sparkford. Rather than meandering and getting lost down the country lanes, we decided to take the picturesque but quicker main A30 / A359 route, giving us more time at the museum. We all arrived without incident, although John





and Margaret managed to arrive 30 minutes before the rest of us!

The museum had arranged parking for us, and so, after tea and cake, we spent a pleasant couple of hours inside, before all making our way home. It was generally agreed to be a good start to the driving season.

The incessant rain seems to have eased up now, so hopefully we shall see some Stags appearing at the monthly meetings now.

DIARY DATES

Our calendar can be found on our area page of the Club website, where it is constantly updated.

✦ If you wish to come to one of our monthly meetings, we meet at 8pm on the first Monday of the month at the Empress of Blandings pub, Romsey Road, Copythorne, SO40 2PF,

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OUT & ABOUT

S O U T H E A S T

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EAST SUSSEX

Our 'Drive It Day' this year could have been aptly re-named, 'the bluebell run!' The well planned route took in the best of the Sussex and Kent countryside and lining the way, on verges, adjoining fields and woodland thickets was a carpet of brilliant blue! Pity the weather didn't get the memo until late afternoon! Spirits weren't dampened by the cold and rain though, and a welcome pit stop at the Cherry Tree Inn near Ticehurst and a handsome Sunday roast at the Hare and Hounds at Framfield left everyone with a smile on their faces. More than 30 members took part and it was great to welcome a few of the newer recruits joining in and enjoying the day out. Thank you and well done to Pete Coleman for once again organising the trip and a successful start to the official season.



Next up on the calendar is Eastbourne's Magnificent Motors, and the Cuckoo Spring Fayre. Both these events are popular with our club and full reports will appear in forthcoming issues of the magazine.

New for this summer is the Boat trip from Loxwood on the Wey and Arun Canal. Once again, this event is organised by Pete Coleman and it promises to be a very enjoyable day out. Loxwood is the showcase site for the Wey and Arun Canal and the two hour cruise takes in beautiful Sussex scenery as it meanders along the

restored canal waterway. Members can bring their own refreshments or book (in advance) a 'take away picnic' from the Green Man, our rendezvous on the day.

Anticipation is also building for the National event in July. It's quite a talking point as our Stag owners look forward to an action packed few days with lots of different options for taking part.

Let's hope the weather gets the memo for all these occasions!

DIARY DATES

- ✔ Breakfast meeting: Green Man, Ringmer 9:30am, 8th June
 - ✔ Breakfast meeting: Green Man, Ringmer 9:30am, 20th July
 - ✔ Senlac Classic Car Show in Rye 16th June
 - ✔ Canal trip Loxwood 19th June
 - ✔ Broyle Country Show 30th June
- Sandy Gent on behalf of Bryan Gregory

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SOUTH EAST LONDON

A large number of our area live in or around the Bromley area and many are affected by the dreaded ULEZ, I know the London Mayoral election didn't go the way you all hoped, you have my deepest sympathies!

I 'think' the rainy season is finally nearing its end and it can't come soon enough! Its beginning to warm up and we're all itching for some top down action (Apart from Tony who would have his top down if it was blowing a gale and lashing it down anyway!).

For Drive it Day we took a trip out to the Surrey hills, and drove down to an aptly named pub called "The Stag on the River". This was unsurprisingly not a coincidence as back in the winter we had a flurry of people on our WhatsApp group seeking out places with Stag related names. Well, why wouldn't you!

What we have been doing of late when we are out on a run is acknowledging that people on their own can't safely drive and follow route instructions by pairing up cars with



passengers, with cars without passengers. This way we don't have to all keep together, allowing the lead car of the pair to navigate and keep half an eye in the rear view mirror for the car following.

It was very well attended with 11 cars. Nine stags, one Jag XKR and a modernish BMW... well, nobody's perfect! Mike H. had kindly researched us a route and had arranged a stop off point on the way for refreshments.

We all arrived at the refreshment stop with no dramas. I was queuing up before I remembered the 3 course meal we were due to have a few hours later and managed to summon up the willpower to resist the inescapable lure of the smell of bacon and coffee! Mike C's stag liked the refreshment stop so much it didn't want to leave and took a little coaxing back into life, helped by our resident mechanic Mike D. (We have a lot of Mike's as well as our three Dave's which is all very confusing!).

The car park at The Stag on the River was a bit on the small side, but we all managed to squeeze in by parking across the front of the bays with other cars of ours in. It was a tight fit though! The meal was lovely and I'm so glad I didn't eat that mid-morning bacon roll!

Mike's instructions were thorough as usual, but inevitably there is always that moment when you are driving along the road, and you pass one of your gang driving the opposite direction along the road!

The regular breakfast meets are in full swing now and there is pretty much something going on every weekend for anyone who needs their fix of Classic cars, bacon and coffee. I went to a new one to me at the Woolpack Inn in Yalding this weekend (5th May) joined by 5 other stags from our area. It was a lovely day for a change and was nice to spend a bit of time sitting outdoors in short sleeves! The food was served from a presumably permanent food van cleverly named the "Woolpack Out"! Interesting cars I spotted included a Herald estate converted into a pick up and a beautiful vintage SS Jaguar. I was quite taken by the scaled down battery powered cobra being driven around by a couple of children that was pottering about all morning. Sadly I'd never fit in it!

Best Wishes, Dave H

DIARY DATES

- ✔ June 6th: Monthly meet at the Bo Peep (Hewitts Road Orpington. BR6 7QL)
- ✔ June 16th: Senlac Classic Car Show & County Fayre, Rye Rugby Club.
- ✔ June 22nd: Northiam Bonfire Society Classic Car and Vehicle Show.
- ✔ July 4th: Monthly meet at the Bo Peep.

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KENT

On Monday, 13 May we met at the Dog & Bear Hotel in Lenham on a bright, sunny evening.

There were 8 Stags attending and 18 members, slightly lower than usual, but we started the night chatting about our Stags and, in particular, admiring the under-the-bonnet chrome work of Graham Wicks' Stag. Nice one!

Matters discussed included

Phil Sivyer raised the issues he was having with Insurance for the Isle of Man Tour in Sep 2024 and in particular the Insurance requirements to parade on the closed TT Circuit. Unfortunately, both Deputy Co-ordinators Derek Hewett and Jonathan Moss were away, so further discussion will be required again at the next meeting.

However, Jonathan had provided details of the May Fish and Chip Run to Hastings, and Co-ordinator Howard gave out the details.

Howard also gave a quick summary of the Co-ordinators meeting at the Gaydon Motor Museum. The new National Committee Chairman, Carl Fuss, stressed the SOC is run by volunteers, but we need more of them, and Howard indicated the current vacancies in the magazine.

On the subject of volunteers, Howard also ran through

the volunteering opportunities for National Day (Weekend) and the tasks requiring assistance.

A further email about helping at the National Weekend was also sent out to all Kent members so that everyone has the opportunity to volunteer. In particular, we need one or two people to collect the SOC van and show equipment prior to the event on the 14 July and then return it after the event. A different pair could return it to lessen the burden of the task. Please contact Howard if you can assist. Full details are in the email.

Also we are hoping for a huge turnout from Kent so please get booked in to Brands Hatch on Sunday 14 July plus the three social events.

Howard thanked Derek & Mary Hewett who organised a very successful Drive It day and Cream Tea at Chiddingstone Castle. Also, thank you to all who attended. (See Mary's article elsewhere in the magazine.)

We also discussed the forthcoming Faversham Transport weekend and organised pre-meeting venues prior to convoying into the town and our allotted parking. This is probably one of the best shows in Kent and is sold out so we should have a great day. A Stag won the best car in show last year.

Paul O'Leary is hoping to arrange a run to a micro-brewery in Snodland who arrange a tour with tastings. Please lookout for further details.

DIARY DATES

☛ Mon 10 June: Regular meeting at the Dog & Bear Hotel, Lenham. ME17 2PG at 8.30pm

Fancy a pre-meeting meal? Tel: 01622 858 219 to book & mention the SOC.

Website for sample menus at <https://www.dogandbearlenham.co.uk/>

Meeting – arrive at 7.45-8.15pm. Park at the rear of the Hotel, off Maidstone Rd. There is a free public parking and a free hotel car park. Avoid the main Lenham Square car park if possible, as it gets very busy due to the popular fish & chip shop. Meet-up in the main bar and then move to the ground floor function room (with drinks!).

The business part of the meeting starts at 8.30–10.00ish.

Stay in our room or return to the bar for chat & another drink etc.

☛ Thu 27 June – Kent Area Social Dinner at the Wagon & Horses Charing.

Please contact Mike Allen to book a place. 07711 431430 or michael.allen@stag.org.uk

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WEST SUSSEX

For Drive it Day, we made an indirect run to Denbies vineyard in Surrey and arrived about 12.00pm only to find that the bacon rolls were sold out. We met up with other Stag friends while we were there. First time we have been to Denbies and we will return as it was quite an easy run.

The first event of the season was Magnificent Motors in Eastbourne. Mixed weather, but we managed to get the gazebo down in between rain spells. It was a good run to Eastbourne and back and I met up with Richard Lane which was good to see him again.

Our planned breakfast meeting on May 19 met with a few hurdles in so much that our first two choices were either overpriced upon changing hands or the second choice no longer did breakfasts. But as it happened I was invited to Pilgrim Motor Sports open day, named Caffeine and Cars which accepted our Stag Owners Club as well.

We will then go on to the Cuckoo Fayre at Laughton on May 26.

Martin & I travelled the 300+ mile round trip to the Co-ordinators meeting at Gaydon to represent our area and catch up with any up to date issues.

Bob

DIARY DATES

☛ June 4 Club Night at Tottington Manor, Edburton, Henfield, BN5 9LJ from 8.00pm

☛ June 16 Bar-b-Que at West Wittering beach (pre book car park) TBC.

☛ June 30 Broyle Country Show (pre-book)

☛ July 2 Club night drive out to Littlehampton for Fish and Chips TBC (See web page)

☛ July 13 Parham Steam Rally

☛ July 14 Brands Hatch Legends and SOC National Day

☛ July 21 Summer Picnic, at Polesden Lacey (NT)

☛ August 4 Goodwood, Classic Car Breakfast meet.

☛ August 6 Club Night at Tottington Manor, Edburton, Henfield BN5 9LJ from 8.00pm

☛ August 11 Cranleigh Car Show (book on line)

☛ August 17 Capel Car Show

☛ August 24 Barns Green Classic Vehicle meet

☛ August 26 Brands Britannia, Brands Hatch

☛ September 3 Club Night at Tottington Manor Edburton, Henfield. BN5 9LJ From 8.00pm

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SURREY

Hi all hope you are all keeping well, we had our Drive it Day to Sheffield Park which is a National trust property in Uckfield East Sussex, we met at Dobbie's wine Estate in Dorking our usual meeting point. I think the last count we had 12 Stags, Matt had kindly printed the maps for the group so he led the convoy to our first junction where we managed to get split into three different groups, not the plan. A few alternative routes were taken but we all managed to get to Sheffield Park in the end. It seems tea and coffee was called for so off to the cafe for refreshments. Walking around the grounds which were absolutely stunning the colours were amazing, the grounds rambled on forever around the lakes which went on forever down three tiers of waterfalls. We will certainly be going back for another visit.

Our last monthly meeting we had started at 7pm now that we have the lighter evenings it was a good turnout but still a bit cold hopefully the next one will be warmer and you will be able to join us.

There are still spaces at the shows if you would like to come.

DIARY DATES

- ☛ 9th June Chichester Marina Picnic (tbc)
- ☛ 17th June meeting at the Fairmile Cobham from 7pm
- ☛ 23rd June BBQ at Keith and Caroline's
- ☛ 14th July Brands Hatch
- ☛ 11th August Cranleigh Show
- ☛ 17th August Capel show

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OUT & ABOUT

SOUTH WEST ENGLAND AND WALES

Regional Co-ordinator:

SOMERSET / DORSET

At last there was some improvement in the weather as warmer and drier days gradually appeared for a few events in April.

However, it was not very warm initially on the 13th April as three Stags made their way to Hartland in North Devon for a weekend break. We eventually (Mike took a detour) met up at Tiverton as Martin led us on a scenic route to Hartland. We did have a lunch stop at South Molton which has an interesting Pannier market and cheese shop. As we approached Hartland, the mist increased so we missed the dramatic drive down to Hartland Quay and our hotel.

In the morning we walked to Hartland Abbey but Mike decided to drive and managed to pay twice, but he was allowed to park in front of the Abbey with a group (except one) of classic minis. It was the Abbey's "bluebell day" so some of us walked back to the hotel through the bluebell woods, via the coast path.

The next morning we woke to a fierce storm battering the hotel which led us to think about the Stags in the car park being washed with sea water. However, it was worse. Even after the rain stopped, the sea was frothing and sending foam onto the Stags which we discovered left horrible brown streaks when you tried to wash it off.



Before leaving we visited the museum which showed the very fascinating history of the Quay and the many wrecks in the area, some actually on the quay. Just a few miles from the hotel we stopped at Hartland Village (free parking) and wandering around the village discovered an artist (Merlyn Chesterman) producing very large imposing woodblock prints in St John's Music and Arts Centre. Martin led us on again with no further stops until Great Torrington for lunch at Dartington Glass. After lunch it was homeward bound and a good wash of the Stags when we arrived home. It was a very enjoyable weekend with great company and "acceptable" weather.



Our Drive it Day venue had been suggested and arranged by Pete Dennis. Pete is a member of the charity Navy Wings and thought a visit would be a good idea. Eleven Stags gathered at the Fleet Air Arm Museum and were led in convoy to the hangar where we were shown around the aircraft and allowed to take photos. After the visit we drove to the Lime Kiln for Sunday lunch. Many thanks to Pete for the idea and organising the visit, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day.

The Sturminster Newton car meet on Saturday 4th May was well attended which meant the car park was very full when I arrived so I had to park in an adjacent area, under trees, always a bad idea. We met Norman, Geoff and Nick in their Stags and a little later, Graham. There was another unknown Stag present making five, a good turnout. Unfortunately returning to my Stag, it was covered in bird muck, so a quick run home and another wash for the Stag.

Although we are back at the Lime Kiln Inn for our monthly N&Ns, the June meeting will be on the first Wednesday of the month, the 5th June. The following months we should be back to normal on the second Wednesday of the month.

DIARY DATES

Note the June N&N will be on the first Wednesday of the month, the 5th June. The following monthly evening N&Ns will be on the second Wednesday of the month from approx 8:00pm at The Lime Kiln Inn, Long Sutton, on the A372. Please check with Garry or Ken for the latest information on events to confirm we are attending if you are thinking of joining us.

- ✔ Wed Jun 5th - N&N at the Lime Kiln Inn.
- ✔ Sat/Sun June 29/30th – Inter-club International weekend at Malvern Showground.
- ✔ Wed July 10th - N&N at the Lime Kiln Inn.
- ✔ Sat/Sun July 13/14th – SOC National Day at Brands Hatch.
- ✔ Sun July 21st – Classics at the Castle, Sherborne.
- ✔ Sat/Sun Aug 4th – West Somerset Railway Rally, Norton Fitzwarren.

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CORNWALL

Viv's Pasty Run - 2nd May.

We had 14 members meet at Vince and Laura's house. They kindly provided us with coffee and biscuits before we headed off on the "Pasty Run" to Colleen Village Hall.

It was good to meet Richard Honey there, his amazing model railway at Boconnoc was open to the public from 2pm to 5pm on Sunday 12th May helping to raise Money for Marie Curie.

I led the route to Carleen as navigator in Elwyn's Stag,

my Stag being poorly. The four Stags and two moderns somehow kept with me all the way, despite my usual dreadful map reading!

This event has been organised by Viv and Aga for over 25 years, each time being sponsored by Neil Phelps who rather usefully is a Stag owner. He met us at Colleen with a box full of his delicious pasties which generated contributions of £140, this will be given to the Saint Julia's Hospice at Hayle.

Neil, as you can see in the photo came in his wonderful 1966 Ford Zodiac. I remember these as very big cars as a child, normally when you see what you remember as a big car, when you see it 60 years later it seems small. Trust me, Zodiacs still appear a big car.



The weather brightened such that we all had good chat outside whilst consuming Neil's pasties, with cakes and coffee organised by Viv.

DIARY DATES

- ✔ Cotehele National Trust Tudor House PL12 6TA - Sunday June 2nd.

We plan to meet at Cornwall Services, leaving at 10.30. The café serves hot and cold drinks, light bites and cake. Therefore, bring a packed lunch or you may be hungry. Dogs are welcome in the estate and café, but not in the house, garden and orchard.

- ✔ St Anthony's Head and picnic lunch – July 7th
Meet at Tregairewoon Farm Kitchen, Porthscatho, for Breakfast, highly recommended by Mike and Sue. Leaving at 11.30 for a picnic lunch at St Anthony's.
- ✔ Wadebridge Wheels - 21st July

Exhibitor registration is online, free and simple - be sure to put your Stag down in the new Stag section.

- ✔ Boconnoc Steam Fair - 26th, 27th and 28th July

A very good rally that attracts steam traction engines as well as cars, bikes and military. To register to display your Stag (and avoid the entry cost) go online at <https://boconnocsteamfair.co.uk/exhibitors-corner/> To download a registration form. Note registration closes on the 16th June and relies on good old fashioned paper entry forms posted in - so allow time for the mail. Tick all three days and go on all, or the one of your choice.

- ✔ Trewithen Country and Classics Marie Curie - Probus - 28th July
Cost to display your Stag is £10.00, all occupants go in free. It's paper and post entry by 30th June.

And finally...

Our 2024/2025 meetings.

- ✔ July 21st - Wadebridge Wheels
- ✔ August 10th - Carnhell Green Charity Vintage Rally, Ashton, Helston. TR13 9TQ
- ✔ September 1st - Finch Foundry National Trust. The last working water powered forge in England.
- ✔ October 6th - Charlestown Harbour. Unesco World Heritage site.
- ✔ November 3rd - Hawkin's vintage motorcycle museum. St Stephen. PL26 7LB
- ✔ December 14th - Christmas dinner. Penmorvah Manor Hotel TR11 5ED.
- ✔ January 5th 2025 - AGM Probus Village Hall
- ✔ February 2nd 2025 - Country Skittles, Townshend. TR27 6ER

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We had the pre-Brittany meet at the Star at Liverton where we got our tour plaques ready for the trip 20th-25th of May. I understand there are 40 of us Triumph enthusiasts going. It should be a fun holiday.

We were invited to join TSSC for Drive it Day. 18 Triumphs took part with 3 of them being Stags. We had a picturesque drive over Dartmoor. Some of us got a little mislaid so got to the end venue ahead of the pack so Si and Leah and Stephen and I had a swift pint at Postbridge before joining everyone for a delicious cream tea at the Village Hall. It was (at last) a beautiful day and everyone seemed to have a good time and the tops were down.

I list below the upcoming events. I hope to see you at some (or all!) of them.

Happy motoring! Claire

DIARY DATES

- ✔ Saturday 1st June: Barbecue at Sue and Mark's at noon on Dartmoor (near South Zeal) Booking essential.
- ✔ Thursday 6th June: Noggin and Natter at the Crealock Arms, Littleham EX39 5HN.
- ✔ Sunday 9th June: Run to Otter Valley Ice Cream Parlour and Shop, Monkton, Honiton EX14 9QN. Meet at Exeter Services at 1115. Kindly organised by John and Teresa. If you plan to take home ice cream bring your cool bag. It would be helpful to know if you are coming please.
- ✔ Wednesday 12th June: Noggin and Natter at the Sportsmans Arm's, Hemborough Post, Blackawton, Dartmouth TQ9 7DE. Book through Sue Franklin please on sue@jassy.org.uk
- ✔ Sunday 16th June: Darts Farm Fathers Day Classic Car Show. To book go to www.estuaryleague.org and say you are SOC members. Please let me know if you are going to this one.
- ✔ Sunday 23rd June: Staverton Show with Classic Cars and Autojumble. John and Charlotte are kindly coordinating this one. Let me know if you are going please so I can tell them. Application via www.totnesrotaryclub.co.uk and mention SOC.
- ✔ Sunday 30th June: Classic Car meet at Trago Mills 9am-2pm. Come and go as you wish. £2 donation to charity entry.

DEVON

Bill and Jamie joined TSSC friends for a run from Shaldon to the Castle Café at Berry Pomeroy on 7th April. The lone Stag was made welcome amongst her smaller sisters. The run was around 18 miles utilizing all sorts of roads and lanes, finishing for a great roast lunch at the café at the castle. The legendary ghost was not in evidence thankfully! The sun even came out after an initially drizzly start.

We had our monthly Noggin and Natter at the Hare and Hounds at Kingskerswell with 10 members turning out for a good natter and a very delicious meal. Sadly Charlie and Lesley had to cancel as they were poorly. I hope they are fully recovered.



Run to The Castle at Berry Pomeroy

- ✔ Thursday 4th July: Noggin and Natter at the Crealock Arm's. 7pm
- ✔ Wednesday 10th July: Noggin and Natter at the Hunting Lodge, Ivybridge PL21 9JN. Kindly organised by Andy and Kala.

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WEST WALES

The weather was certainly kind for us on Sunday 21st April for Drive It Day 2024, when members from West Wales and South West Wales areas joined forces for a very enjoyable drive on an excellent route, kindly planned and organised by Clive Perman (SWW coordinator). Just before 10am on a chilly, but sunny, Sunday morning, six Triumph Stags and a Riley gathered at Tesco car park in Carmarthen (We would have had a seventh Stag, but unfortunately one member broke down on route to the meeting point), before setting off from Carmarthen, via Llandeilo, then over the Black Mountain and the Brecon Beacons, including facing the well-known 'Top Gear Corner' by the Mountain Viewpoint. We then continued on our journey, stopping off at the Lle Tarw coffee shop for a coffee break, and ending our journey in time for lunch at Brecon. Although still a little chilly (it was still April after all), the weather was excellent and we were able to have the hoods down on the Stags for the whole of our journey. We returned home in the afternoon, tired but happily satisfied after an excellent day out in our beloved Stags. Thanks again to Clive for organising a very successful Drive It Day.

On the early bank holiday, Monday 6th May, two WW members joined up with two more from SWW to attend the Swansea Classic Car Show and Fun Day at Singleton Park, Swansea. It was a little disappointing that there seemed to be fewer vehicles on display than expected, probably due to the awful weather that we had been having up to this weekend, and the fact that the forecast for the day was not very good either. But once again, the sun actually shone on us for the day, and it turned out a very enjoyable show, and four Stags were able to present a decent Club stand and 'fly the flag' for the SOC.

As I write this report, we are gearing up for our next monthly meeting on Tuesday 14th May, and the first of our evening drives of this summer season. We will be gathering at Penblewin Carpark for a drive through south Pembrokeshire and ending back to Picton House Hotel in Llanddowror for food.

Hopefully, the lovely sunny weather we are currently having this week will continue for our drive on Tuesday evening, and it will be another top-down drive.

Close on the heels of this event will be the Pembrokeshire Classic Car Club annual show, which is being held on Saturday 1st June at the Carew Airfield Showground. Again, we are hoping to have a SOC Club stand at what is usually an excellent show. Hopefully, we will have some good photographs to share in the July magazine.

Finally, looking ahead to our June meeting and evening drive, I have managed to get one step ahead, and already booked a table for food at the Flat Rock Bistro in Gwbert, near Cardigan for Tuesday 11th June. We will hopefully be arranging an evening drive, starting around Haverfordwest and travelling via the Preseli hills to Cardigan. Please get in touch with me for further details nearer to the event, and to confirm whether you will be attending.

The West Wales Area usually meets for our N&N on the second Tuesday of the month, at various venues, and in the summer months we plan an evening drive, ending at a suitable venue for food and socialising. Please get in touch with me for details of when and where we are meeting, or the venue for our N&N.

We also have a WhatsApp group for the West Wales area, so that we can keep in touch with updates, news, and general chat between area members. Please let me know if you would like to be added to this WhatsApp group.

DIARY DATES

- ✔ Sat. 1 June Pembrokeshire Classic Car Club Show Carew Airfield
- ✔ Tues. 11 June Evening Drive and N&N Preseli Hills and Gwbert
- ✔ Mon/Tues 8&9 July Llandeilo Classic Car Show
- ✔ Tues. 9 July Evening Drive and N&N tbc Llandeilo ?
- ✔ Sat. 10 Aug Aberaeron Vintage Show Llanechaeron
- ✔ Sun. 11th Aug. Classic Car Display Folly Farm, Begelly



- ✔ Tues. 13 Aug Evening Drive and N&N destination tba
- ✔ Sun. 1st Sept. Paul Sartori Classic Car Run Pembrokeshire
- ✔ Tues. 10 Sept. Evening Drive and N&N destination tba
- ✔ Sat/Sun 28/29 Sept Pontarddulais Vintage Show Pembrey
- ✔ Tues. 8 Oct. Evening Drive and N&N destination tba
- ✔ Tues. 12 Nov. Natter & Noggin venue tba
- ✔ Tues. 10. Dec. Natter & Noggin venue tba

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SOUTH WEST WALES

The South West Wales group meet on the third Wednesday the month. From May we normally have an evening run with a normal meeting place at junction 47 M4. Should anyone like to join us you would be very welcome but please contact me to check the meeting place and time in case it has changed. This year we have decided that through the winter we will not have a single venue but will try different places. If anyone would like to join us over the winter, please contact me first so that I can inform them of the venue.

A number of us tried out a new location for our N&N in April - The Coalhouse Grill in Crosshands. It was a good turnout with 15 of us making it. We had two Stags braving the weather too. We considered making a short run, but with "Drive it Day" only four days away, it was felt that a get together in the restaurant was the better option. The food was lovely, albeit it took a while to arrive. We had some hungry individuals, by the time the meals started arriving. We were going to Tafarn y Phoenix, but they have a quiz night on a Wednesday, when they expect silence. The Coalhouse could be a regular venue in the future.

On a side note, it was heartening to welcome Carol Rowland with us, after the tragic passing of her husband, and our Regional Co-ordinator, Paul. Carol has said that she wishes to keep and drive their Stag in the future, so she will be able to join us on future Stag runs.

Next month, May, should see us having a short run out in the Stags before our N&N in one of our local hostelrys. Let's hope the recent 100 days and nights of rain are coming to an end.

Anthony Foster

Deputy Coordinator

Drive it Day 21st April

After last years Drive it Day I decided to order some good weather and I was not disappointed. We met in Tesco car park Carmarthen at 9.30am and had six Stags and a Riley RME. We finally left at 10.30am. Unfortunately one of our members had a breakdown and failed to make the start perhaps this was a good thing as our run was about 70 miles up over Bannau Brycheiniog (Brecon Beacons).

His breakdown was caused by a dirty/blocked fuel filter but he did manage to get the car home by bypassing the filter.

When we left we followed the A40 towards Llandovery and turned off to Llangadog. This part of the route has lovely scenery along the valley floor. After Llangadog we were up over Bannau Brycheiniog (Brecon Beacons) heading towards Brynamman and took in the corner made famous by Clarkson, Hammond and May in Top Gear. The view from here is spectacular. Then onto Ystragunlais and onto the A4067 here we had a comfort stop for coffee and cakes. Our venue was in a village Ynyawen and was called Lle Tarw. This is an automotive based coffee shop and is very popular with a number of car clubs, motor cyclist and walkers from the Beacons using it. Luckily it has a large car park even though the shop is a little small. When we left we drove past The National Show Caves of Wales (Dan yr Orgof) and up to the Cray Reservoir. We managed a stop here for a couple of photos. Then on to Brecon itself. We arranged to park in the Canal Basin car Park and after a quick bite to eat it was a walk around Brecon then back to the cars and home.

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DIARY DATES

- ✔ Pembrokeshire Classic Car Show 1st June 2024
- ✔ N&N& Drive 19th June 2024

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SOUTH WALES

The first major event of the season was "Drive it Day" and this year members opted to make it a "Charity Drive it Day" by paying to enter. First of all my sincere thanks to all who contributed and some who donated and did not attend the run. We raised £160 including the one donation that was sent directly to the charity "Horatio's Garden."

We started off at Cardiff Gate services at 10 am and the weather was sunny if a little cold. All those who could, started off with their roof down although a few opted to erect the top later on the drive. I of course would have dropped my roof if I had the Stag!! But unfortunately the battery failed 2 mins before we were due to leave the house. We travelled on the old A48 road through Langstone, Chepstow and to our coffee stop at Hanley Farm. We acquired participants along the way and I counted 14 of our cars at Hanley. Most of them were Stags but we also had a very nice MGB GT as well as a newly refurbished Triumph TR8, and a Bristol joined us at the final venue. We continued and stopped by the River Severn at Lydney Harbour. Some members had never been to this location but it obviously scored a hit as three cars stopped there for a picnic as they had not booked lunch at the final destination which was the Kilpeck Inn in Herefordshire.



To get to Kilpeck we drove through the Forest of Dean, through Parkend and Ross on Wye. All these backroads were extremely scenic and one of the pictures this month proves it. We had been warned at the last minute that there was to be a cycle race of 200 taking place in the Forest, however, we saw none of this as apparently they were mostly off road (panic over).

The first Tuesday in the month of May was our regular monthly meeting and being May it is a run out in the countryside. Andrew P organised this event and we met at the boating lake in Cwmbran as usual. It was a sunny evening for a change and an ideal night for a drive in the Welsh mountains, valleys and industrial past. 8 Stags turned up and we were joined later by a further two Stags. We even got to see Kelvin's new ride - a magenta Stag. This was a fantastic turnout for an evening run.



All good things come to an end and so it is for my time as Co-ordinator. I have completed about 12 years doing this job albeit over two spells of duty. I think I have done my whack and deserve to put my feet up!! This means that we are looking for a new Coordinator from Jan 2025. I would like to hear from anyone who is prepared to take on this fantastic, prestigious role. I will of course give all

the help I can, and am prepared to continue up to the Area AGM in Jan but, make no mistake, no further.

We welcome all members from the South Wales Area and beyond to our meetings and driving events. We meet in the winter for talks, quizzes and chats at the Crows Nest Pub. Cwmbran NP44 8HU. In the summer time we attend selected car shows, evening and day drives out in the beautiful Welsh and English countryside. I keep in touch with members by email and we all keep in touch with each other by using our Area Whats App group. Anyone not receiving emails from me or want to join in with the Whats App Group please get in touch.

DIARY DATES

- ✔ Sun 9th June Highnam Court Show, Pied Piper Event Terry D
- ✔ Tues 2nd July Evening Drive Debbie & Gary
- ✔ Sat 6th July Hogs Head Car Show Terry & Chris
- ✔ Sun 14th July BBQ/ Hog Roast at the Orchards Bob, Cherry & outside caterers
- ✔ Sat 20th July Sherborne Castle Classic Car Show Kelvin
- ✔ Sun 21st July Sherborne Castle Classic Car Show Kelvin
- ✔ Sun 28th July Brynmawr Street Car Show Terry D
- ✔ Tues 6th Aug 5th Evening Drive Julian H
- ✔ Sun 18th Aug Sunday Lunch Run Ian & Linda R
- ✔ Sun 25th Aug Gloucester Goes Retro Individual entry

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1. Organise a monthly meeting, this will probably involve going to a pub and eating, drinking and talking. See not too bad so far.
2. Be a point of contact – answer phone calls, respond to emails etc
3. Delegate

The last one is probably the most useful, hopefully there will be members in your area who will be willing to organise a run out or something, but on a one off basis.

Writing the monthly report for the magazine, this can vary from nothing to pages and pictures although details of the monthly meeting is helpful. Again, the mantra - **DELEGATE**



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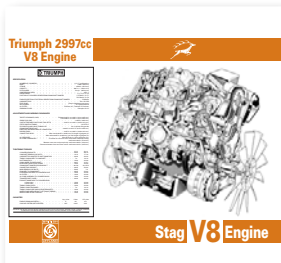
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