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Meet every first Monday of the month at Longton Rugby Ground, Sir Stanley Matthews Way, Trentham Lakes, Stoke-on-Trent **ST4 8WG**.
(We do provide chip butties) 😊

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It started with an email, May 2021

*'Hi Karen,
This is a 'just in case' mail. No pressure.... Been asked to help sell a dark blue '62 TR4 with Surrey etc and....You said a while ago that you may be interested in one??.'*

My reply, 'I'm interested. I just think I'm a bit scared to commit. Would it be ok to go and look at it? OMG if I fall in love - that'll be me living off beans for the rest of the year.'

We went and had a look. Chris Mountford looked it over for me. I got the thumbs up and I brought it then and there. As you all now know - I'm living off beans.

I've been attending the Stoke TR Group meetings for 14 years and have had a Vitesse MKII convertible for the past 14 years. On the quiet I have been slowly saving for a TR all that time and fully intended to sell the Vitesse to help to finance my purchase. My garage at home would be empty and I would be able to store the TR in there. Great plan, all sorted.

Karen's 1962 TR4



That was the plan.

I still had the Vitesse so I asked the owner if I could leave my TR4 in his garage for a few weeks while I sorted out a home for it. He agreed.

I was wracking my brains about what to do with the Vitesse for a couple of weeks. Then I asked my friend if I could store the Vitesse in her garage. Fully intending to pay rent and do some repairs for her. She said, 'do the repairs on the doors and help me clean out the garage.' Help me clean out the garage is not what you think. She's a bit of a hoarder, I had to help her let go of years of accumulated stuff. I did about 12 tip runs, moved and gave away a mountain of stuff, did the repairs and cleaned the garage out in 3ish weeks because I couldn't wait any longer for my TR4 to come home.

I don't have to pay rent and can store the Vitesse there until early next year when hopefully I will be able to part with it to a good home.

The day came to collect the TR4. Chris and his friend Ian came with me. Chris followed me and Ian back home in his battered but ace white van. The TR4 was running rough. Misfiring and burning petrol all the way from Rhode Heath to Clayton. I was sweating my little conkers off by the time I got home. Ian, my first passenger was just loving the trip. Chris had a look when we got back and of course made it run loads better.

The first driving trip out was to Carnarvon in the worse weather possible. I had 4 of the guys helping to put the hood on and we hadn't got out of Newcastle at this point. Loved it through. After that trip I knew I would be fine driving the TR4 anywhere.

There are a few things that need doing, correct size gear stick, door stops, radiator hoses, (that's another story), inertia seatbelts, practice at putting hood up and down, respray, MOT....., no rush I have the next 20 Years to sort it out.

Karen Kelly

Stoke TR Club Member and TR4 Owner



AUGUST

TR & MG International Weekend held at the wonderful Three counties showground, Malvern.

A joint celebration of all things Triumph and MG, saw several members of the group venture the drive to the 3 day event. This event really did have everything a Triumph fan would want. It provided so much.. It was jam packed with historic vehicles commemorating 90 years since the launch of the Triumph Super 9, 60 years of the Triumph TR4, Herald 1200 and 40 years of the Acclaim. It had an excellent Autojumble, a live Arena, AutoSOLO, Camping, Concours, Live music and so much more. (next years show will be at Stafford Show ground, so I urge you all to come along to this amazing venue)



AUGUST



Oulton Park

August Bank Holiday saw a handful of member make there way over the Cheshire's signature historic Gold Cup at Oulton Park. The event celebrated 50 years of the TR register and had over 50 TR turn up over the weekend event. The Gold Cup showcases motorsport nostalgia starring cars from the 50s,60s,70s,and 80s. It offers a great range of racing activities, including historic formula 2, formula ford 2000, historic touring cars, and plenty more.



Leek show

September saw a change to normal date for the Leek Auto Extravaganza. Due to COVID the date was moved from its normal month of May. The event renamed the Nostalgia Town & Country Fair saw a good turn out of members, the event organised by the Leek Rotary Club and held at Heakley Hall Farm in Norton Green. The weather was brilliant, and everything about the day went superbly.

The whole feel of this event is more of a nostalgic old local fair, with a beautiful atmosphere with lots of people and plenty to see and do. Many vintage & classic vehicles, traditional fair ground games, dog show, trade stands, crafts, floral arts, lovely locally made hot food and produce, live music and a Bar 😊. The only hazard was the cow pats in the field

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

Club meetings, although COVID is still very much with us and rules now relaxed to include group meetings, the club has been meeting up at Longton Rugby ground on the first Monday of the month, understandably numbers have been down, but over the last months group member have attended. It been great to here that plenty of members are working hard on a multitude of projects, let hope that some make there way into this newsletter in the next issues. In October Ann Loomes decided to hang up her role in running the club meeting raffle, after doing it for many many years and offered the post to anyone within the club to host it in the future. So we now have a new host for our month raffle (which provides vital funds that go towards the purchases of group items) Our new host is Tony Ralph. If any members like to offer any ideas as to what the funds can be used for, then we are open to any suggestion.



DECEMBER



The club's Christmas Bash was held on 12th December at the Wharf near Market Drayton the group had a wonderful turn out with over 20 member attending. (A couple even attending in there TR's)

Once again the festive Lunch was outstanding, with excellent service from the Wharf staff. The table layout adjusted slightly to adhere with the COVID guidance and members ask to stagger there arrival times to avoid mass groupings at the bar.

The festive spirit continued with a 38 question quiz (split into 6 groups to maximise group knowledge) encompassing general knowledge, festive music knowledge, TR film knowledge and chocolate festive knowledge. The winning group getting to take home the lovely TR Piston trophy. Chris gave a heart warming speech whilst wearing his Santa Hat on the years TR activities albeit limited as much of the year had been dominated by the pandemic, and a glowing thanks to all the club supporters and helpers that make the club a success, hoping that 2022 will bring more TR fun and events.

Will & Chris gave out random fun and often baffling gifts to all who attended, these included deodorant, candles, elbow grease, fluffy dice, hair conditioner, WD40 and other such wonders, adding to the evening fun filled group event.

We hope that TR stoke will have a wonderful New Year and look forward to the events and activities the club will have in 2022.

**** HAPPY NEW YEAR TR STOKE 2022 ****

TRs 4 Life !

My obsession with TRs began as a child, probably because my late father drove a TR3 for Stoke Police and used to call in at home occasionally, pop me in the passenger seat and drive around the cul-de-sac where we lived in Penkhull...I can't really see that happening today!



The first TR I owned was Steve Hall's (TR Enterprises) road/race TR4, PRF 963B. A friend and I removed the roll bar, fitted a Surrey top and Sue and I set off for Scotland. Somewhere on the west coast I was accosted by a stranger who came charging down the street to say hello as coincidentally Steve had regularly visited that part of Scotland in the car.

I used PRF as my only car for many years, going to work in it, enjoying it at the weekends and for holidays. Another friend was so impressed with it that he bought himself a nice red TR4, NSK 644 but a few years later he needed to sell it quickly. He offered it to me at a very generous price and as PRF was now beginning to suffer with severe corrosion the decision was made to transplant the engine, gearbox and wheels into NSK. In the course of this I was in touch with Steve and he implored me to sell PRF back to him. I couldn't really refuse so it went off to TR Enterprises where it was rebuilt into a very competitive rally car. In 2004 the car was hired by David and Karen Liddell and driven from Newcastle-on-Tyne to Sydney, Australia but that's another story!

I enjoyed NSK 644 for around 20 years using it regularly with Sue, our children, their friends and assorted dogs at various times. Sadly it too had begun to suffer so Chris (Mountford) and I decided it would be a good idea to remove the wings so that it be assessed for restoration by a pair of young metalworkers. However, the eye-watering quote for the bodywork required resulted in it being driven in to a neighbour's garage where it remained undisturbed for over four years until recently.



Instead of spending a fortune on the restoration of NSK, with Chris' guidance

I chose to buy a very standard but extremely straight TR4, 931 UYN from an Australian in Salford. I have used this car over the last few years attending many events and participating in a number of runs with the Stoke Group, I also recreated it as a Triang TR4 pedal car which always puts a smile on people's faces!



Although UYN has proved be enjoyable and reliable I secretly hankered after the performance and attitude that I'd experienced with my previous cars so I considered having the engine, overdrive gearbox and Surrey top transplanted from NSK in to UYN...anything sound familiar?





TRs 4 Life !

As I was considering this an advert appeared for a car that had everything I wanted and more: fast road engine, overdrive gearbox, modified suspension, Surrey hard & soft tops etc. I convinced Sue that a day out in The Cotswolds would be a nice idea and while we were there we could just take a look at 140 HOJ. The car looked fantastic and to my surprise Sue shared my enthusiasm, I managed to convince her that if I sold NSK and UYN it wouldn't really cost much! So that is the plan, I have recently sold NSK for restoration and UYN is also reluctantly available so if anyone is interested just let me know.



Since acquiring HOJ, Sue, Jet and myself have enjoyed a great holiday touring North Devon where it attracted a lot of favourable attention and hopefully it will provide us with entertaining TRansport for years to come. I think four TR4s in a lifetime is probably enough but you never know...

CLUB SHOP



Polo Shirt
£15.00



Gilets
£25.00



Fleece
£25.00



Design will show the TR Stoke club logo (shown above) embroidered.

Caps now available at £15.00
Contact Will Loomes for orders.



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Red = Club Stands Or Club Organised Event
Green = Club nights Black = Planned Events

FEB 7

Club Night And Agm At Longton Rugby Club

MAR 7

CLUB NIGHT AT LONGTON RUGBY CLUB

MAR 18-20

Practical Classics Car And Restoration Show, NEC, Birmingham

MAR 13

Malvern Drive-In Classic Car & Motorcycle Autojumble At Three Counties Showground

APR 3

Malvern Festival Of Transport At Three Counties Showground

APR 4

CLUB NIGHT AT LONGTON CLUB

APR 17- 18

Weston Park Motor Show At Weston Park

APR 23

Sandbach Festival Of Transport

APR 24

Drive It Day

APR 30

Donington Historic Festival 2022

MAY 1ST

Classic Motorfest Chetwynd Deer Park

MAY 2

(TBC) CLUB NIGHT AT LONGTON RUGBY CLUB

MAY 2

Classic Car Show Gawsworth Hall

MAY 14

Weaver Wander

MAY 15

North Wales Classic Car & Motorcycle Show At Bodrhyddan Hall (Tbc)

MAY 29

Cheshire Classic Car & Motorcycle Show At Capesthorpe Hall

JUN 3

Classic Car Show At Gawsworth Hall

JUN 4-5

The Classic & Performance Car Spectacular, Tatton Park

JUNE 6

CLUB NIGHT AT LONGTON RUGBY CLUB

JUNE 19-20

TS2 With Stoke Group

JULY 4

CLUB NIGHT AT LONGTON RUGBY CLUB

JUL 10

Really Retro '22 Penkridge Staffordshire

JUL 10

Weston Park Motor Show At Weston Park

JUL 17

Cheshire Classic Car & Motorcycle Show At Capesthorpe Hall

JUL 24

North Wales Classic Car & Motorcycle Show At Bodrhyddan Hall

JULY 29-31

Oulton Park Gold Cup

JUL 31

Audlem Festival Of Transport

AUG 1

(TBC) CLUB NIGHT AT LONGTON RUGBY CLUB

AUG 19-22

Interclub Triumph And MG Weekend, Staffordshire County Show Ground.

AUG 20-21

Tatton Park - Passion For Power

AUG 26-28

Silverstone Classic 2022

AUG 29

Classic Cars And Steam Trains Day, Apedale Valley Light Railway

AUG 28-29

Cheshire Classic Car & Motorcycle Show At Capesthorpe Hall

SEP 4

Classic And Retro Show Himley Hall

SEP 5

CLUB NIGHT AT LONGTON RUGBY CLUB

SEP 10

International Autojumble Beaulieu

SEP 18

North Wales Classic Car & Motorcycle Show At Bodrhyddan Hall

SEP/OCT

(TBC) Manifold Run

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