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## I purchased a TR5

### A New Triumph in the Garage

*Sometimes, the best things happen when you least expect them. That's exactly what happened to me at the Tatton Park Classic Car Show in August 2024. I wasn't looking to buy another Triumph, but fate had other ideas.*



*A chap approached me and said, "I've got a TR5 that's been off the road since 1988. I always planned to restore it, but I've realised I just don't have the time." Naturally, we got chatting, and as luck would have it, I discovered that my TR250 and this TR5 had been stored less than a mile apart for decades—what are the odds?*

*The car was tucked away in a garage in North Wales. After several conversations and a visit to see it, I couldn't resist. In early October, the deal was struck, and Ladybird—as I've since named her—was soon moved to my garage in Stoke. Owning a TR5 has always been a dream of mine, and I'm thrilled to finally have one.*

*Remarkably, considering it had been stored in a garage for 38 years, the car is in surprisingly good condition. Yes, there's rust, a few holes, and plenty of work to do, but the chassis is solid, and even the brake pipes are in excellent shape. Some of this makes sense now, thanks to support from the TR Register. They were able to provide some history on the car, revealing that two owners back, it underwent a chassis replacement in the early 1980s. That certainly explains why the chassis is in such great condition!*

*The name Ladybird came from my daughter, who has a knack for naming cars. When she saw the car's red bodywork, black spots of rust, and the "LDB" in the registration plate, she decided it looked just like a ladybird. Naming cars might not be for everyone, but I think it gives them character—and Ladybird is no exception.*

*So, what's next? Step one was to get her running, which, with the amazing support of the TR community (a big thanks to TR Stoke), is now done. Next comes the welding—plenty of it—then mechanical work. However, I'm not planning to restore Ladybird to her former glory. Instead, I'll be doing a sympathetic renovation, aiming to retain her history—including her bumps, dings, and scratches. They tell her story, and I think it's important to preserve that character while making her roadworthy again.*

*It'll be a journey, no doubt. My TR250 took 20 years to restore, but I'm optimistic Ladybird will be quicker. For now, she's cleaned, running, and ready for the next phase. I'll keep you updated as her story unfolds.*

*Stay tuned, and happy motoring!*

## JULY

**Oulton Park Gold Cup** - A few members joined up with the TR Register at Cheshire Historic Race Track 'Oulton Park'. The Gold Cup is held over a long weekend, of which TR Stoke attended the Sunday meet. The Register had some 30 TRs on show overlooking the glourour track. The day was packed full of races which included Historic Touring Cars, Formula 2 & 3, along side classic car displays, open paddack, trand stands and Live music. All helped by the fantastic weather.



## AUGUST

**Cuan Wildlife Classic Car Show**, first time attending this Shropshire show. The Cuan Wildlife Rescue centre by Much Wenlock is a care & rehabilitant centre for sick & injured animals, it offered a different venue with its classic car and craft fair. We had a pleasant drive meeting at Trentham Gardens taking the A roads through the Shropshire countryside. The Show had lover 50 local crafts stalls and a selection of classic cars. A great drive with great company.



**Our second visit to Tatton Park**, after attending the June Classic & Performance show the group also went along to the Classic & Retro Revival. We had 8 cars take the drive over to Cheshire to join the 20 plus cars of the Red Rose group. Another fantactic day out at this larger show, plenty of trade stands with much to see and do. Many thanks to The Red Rose group for making us feel so welcome.

## AUGUST



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**Apedale Classic Car & Steam Day**, Another first event for the group, this local show brings together the history of the Apedale Heritage Centre, narrow gauge trains and classic cars. The event only in it 4<sup>th</sup> year had over 200 classic cars, if offered rides on a steam train, classic cars, family fun and much more. The event had a great buzz about it, with many attending in period dress, the Heritage centre also offered Mine tours a free museum and has the community country park on its footplate, there is also a lovery affordable Café. The group had 12 cars attend and all thought it would be one to add as a future event.





## SEPTEMBER

**Biddulph Classic Car Show.** The group took their cars over to the Biddulph Classic Car Show, now in its fifth year. This well-organized event takes place in Biddulph town centre, with the main street closed off to showcase a stunning array of vehicles. Run with the support of the Biddulph Local People's Group, the show attracted a huge crowd. We were the last cars allowed in, highlighting its growing popularity. The event featured commercial, vintage, classic, and American vehicles, alongside live music and a lively atmosphere. Pubs were full, and the streets buzzed with excitement, bringing life to this charming Staffordshire town.



## SEPTEMBER

**Trentham Car Show.** The group took their cars to the Trentham Classic Car Show, set in the stunning grounds of Trentham Gardens. As the most local large static display for the group, the event attracted hundreds of vehicles, including saloons, sports cars, American classics, commercials, military vehicles, and motorcycles. With trade stalls and access to Trentham Village, it offered a full day's entertainment. The club had 12 TRs in the dedicated area, with more scattered throughout. It was great to catch up, but unfortunately, the weather turned, leading to a washout. Many left early, but hopefully, next year will be better!



## OCTOBER

**Gulf Station Road Trip –** The group set off on the Gulf Station Road Trip, with 10 cars meeting at Hanley's Gulf petrol station. The day began with unexpected chaos as the owner had cornered off the area for jet washing! Despite the disruption, it all added to the fun and laughter. Once sorted, we enjoyed a photo shoot, received £15 of free petrol, and grabbed a coffee to fuel our journey.

Leaving Hanley, we cruised into the stunning Peak District, stopping at a Gulf station in Macclesfield before heading into the mountains. At Peak View Tea Rooms, we took in spectacular panoramic views of the rolling hills and valleys—a perfect spot to pause and admire the scenery. After refreshments, we continued with a brief stop at the famous Winking Man rock formation before making our way home. A fantastic day of great cars, great company, and unforgettable scenery!





## CHRISTMAS BASH

*Once again, the group gathered for its annual Christmas Bash at the Wharf Pub near Market Drayton. However, unlike previous years, this time the event took place on a Thursday rather than the usual Sunday. Why, you ask? Well, a power cut on the originally planned date of Sunday, December 8th, threw a wrench into the works, forcing some fast planning and quick communication to inform attendees of the cancellation. Thankfully, after reaching out to members and confirming availability, the bash was rescheduled for Thursday, December 12th. Despite the last-minute change, the event was a roaring success, with over 25 members attending to celebrate the festive season in true TR Stoke style.*

*The Wharf Pub provided the perfect setting, offering a warm and welcoming atmosphere filled with Christmas cheer. Guests enjoyed a delicious festive meal, complete with party crackers, laughter, and plenty of camaraderie. The joy of the season was evident as members shared stories, enjoyed the company of fellow enthusiasts, and toasted to another fantastic year for TR Stoke.*

*One of the evening's highlights was the much-anticipated TR Quiz, a tradition that has become a staple of the Christmas Bash. Last year's TRiumphant winners, Chris Bailey and Karen Kelly, had the honour of crafting this year's quiz. Their meticulously designed four-page challenge featured an array of classic and TR-related festive questions, putting everyone's knowledge to the test. The competition was fierce, but in the end, the winning table proudly claimed the coveted TR Piston Trophy, continuing the legacy of friendly rivalry and celebration.*

*Adding to the festivities, Group Leader Tony Ralph brought his signature humour and generosity to the event with his "quality" festive car-related gifts—totally anonymous and in no way pre-organized, of course! This year's selection of unique and entertaining gifts included iron wool, a woolly hat, a manicure set, candles, a mirror, doggy treats, and much more. Tony also managed to hand out some additional festive gift bags filled with other quality knick-knacks, including many of his infamous "Kodak plastic tub things." The light-hearted gift exchange added an extra layer of fun to the evening, with plenty of laughter as members unwrapped their surprise presents.*

*The TR Stoke 2024 Christmas Bash was a resounding success, filled with good food, great company, and a shared passion for all things TR. Despite the unexpected change in plans, the group came together to celebrate the holiday season in style, proving once again the strength of the TR Stoke community.*

*As we bid farewell to another fantastic year, we look forward to the exciting events and activities that 2025 will bring. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Christmas Bash so memorable. Here's to another year of great drives, fantastic gatherings, and continued friendships within the TR Stoke group.*







### Club Merchandise

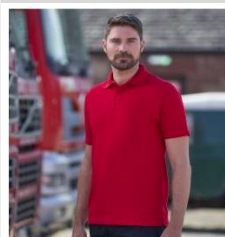
Now that New Year has started you may consider purchasing some of the club merchandise, you can order clothing with the Stoke Group logo embroidered on them to show that you belong to this Group and to raise some funds.



Caps £15



Polo Shirts £15



Fleece £25



Gilet £30



Payment is preferred with order, if that's not possible it must be on collection. Please see Karen Kelly for further details at a Club Night.

Scan our QR Code for full access to all TR Stoke information.

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### CLUB SHOP



Polo Shirt  
£15.00



Gilets  
£30.00



Fleece  
£25.00

Caps now available at £15.00  
Contact Dave Lewis for orders.



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



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**Green = Club nights** Black = Planned Events

**FEB 3**

FEB 9

**MARCH 3**

MARCH 15

APRIL 6

**APRIL 7**

**APRIL 20-21**

**APRIL 27**

APRIL 26-27

MAY 2-4

MAY 3-5

**MAY 5**

**MAY 18**

**MAY 26**

JUNE 1

**JUNE 2**

**JUNE 7-8**

**JUNE 8**

JUNE 15

**JUNE 29**

**JULY 7**

**JULY 12**

JULY 20

JULY 20

**JULY 25-27**

JULY 27

JULY 27

**AUG 3**

**AUG 4**

AUG 17

AUG 24-25

**AUG 25**

**SEP 1**

SEP 12-14

**SEP 13**

**SEP 14**

SEP 20-21

**CLUB NIGHT AT LONGTON RUGBY CLUB**

MG & TRIUMPH Spare Day, Stoneleigh ([Details](#))

**CLUB NIGHT AT LONGTON RUGBY CLUB**

RETRO & VINTAGE VEHICLE SHOW, Newcastle-under-Lyme ([Details](#))

FESTIVAL OF TRANSPORT & AUTOJUMBLE, Malvern ([Details](#))

**CLUB NIGHT AT LONGTON RUGBY CLUB**

**EASTER MOTOR SHOW & AUTOJUMBLE, Weston Park, TF11 8LE** ([Details](#))

**DRIVE IT DAY, RAF MUSEUM COSFORD, Shifnal, TF11 8UP** ([Details](#))

SANDBACH TRANSPORT FESTIVAL, Cheshire, CW11 1HZ ([Details](#))

DONINGTON HISTORIC FESTIVAL, Donington, Derby DE74 2RP ([Details](#))

LLANDUDNO TRANSPORT FESTIVAL, Llandudno, LL30 1YE ([Details](#))

**CLUB NIGHT AT LONGTON RUGBY CLUB (TBC) - Bank holiday**

**LEEK ROTARY AUTO EXTRAVAGANZA, Norton Green ST6 8PW**

**ROLLESTON TRANSPORT FESTIVAL, Burton on Trent DE13 9AN** ([Details](#))

WESTON PARK MOTOR SHOW & AUTOJUMBLE, Telford, TF11 8LE ([Details](#))

**CLUB NIGHT AT LONGTON RUGBY CLUB**

**CLASSIC & PERFORMANCE CAR SPECTACULAR, Tatton Park, WA16 6SG** ([Details](#))

**CHOLMONDELEY CASTLE CLASSIC CAR SHOW Malpas, SY14 8AH** ([Details](#))

FATHER'S DAY SHOW & AUTOJUMBLE, Ragley Hall, B49 5NJ ([Details](#))

**CRICH TRAMWAY VILLAGE, Matlock DE4 5DP** ([Details](#))

**CLUB NIGHT AT LONGTON RUGBY CLUB**

**TR FEST, TR REGISTER NW EVENT, Northwich CW9 6LB** ([Details](#))

CHESHIRE CLASSIC CAR SHOW Capesthorpe Hall. SK11 9PY ([Details](#))

WEM VEHICLES OF INTEREST, Wem, Shropshire. SY4 5DA ([Details](#))

**OULTON PARK GOLD CUP, Tarporley, Cheshire, CW6 9BW** ([Details](#))

DERBY MOTOR FEST, Elvaston Country Park, Derby DE72 3EP ([Details](#))

AUDLEM FESTIVAL OF TRANSPORT, Audlem, Cheshire CW3 0AG. ([Details](#))

**DOROTHY CLIVE CLASSIC CAR EVENT, Market Drayton, TF9 4EU** ([Details](#))

**CLUB NIGHT AT LONGTON RUGBY CLUB**

CUAN CLASSIC CAR & CRAFT FAIR, Much Wenlock, TF13 6DD ([Details](#))

CHESHIRE CLASSIC CAR SHOW Capesthorpe Hall. SK11 9PY ([Details](#))

**APEDALE CLASSIC CARS AND STEAM TRAINS, Newcastle ST5 6AX** ([Details](#))

**CLUB NIGHT AT LONGTON RUGBY CLUB**

GOODWOOD REVIVAL, Chichester, West Sussex, PO18 0PH, ([Details](#))

**BIDDULPH CLASSIC VEHICLE SHOW, Biddulph, ST8 6AR,** ([Details](#))

**TRENTHAM CLASSIC & RETRO CAR SHOW, Trentham, ST4 8JG.** ([Details](#))

GREAT BRITISH CAR SHOW, Cheshire showground, WA16 0JJ ([Details](#))

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