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Uniting TR enthusiasts past, present & future.*





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Any TR related article will be considered for the newsletter.

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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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TR Stoke Newsletter

I thought it might be interesting to show you the developments of the TR Stoke Newsletter from its humble beginnings.

There are many in the group who remember pen and paper, and back in 1987 this is how the first edition of the TR Newsletter started. Chris Mountford took it upon himself to generate an information sheet to all the members, he did this in his own hand and then photocopied the details, no use of any digital aids such as those fangled electronic devices called word processors. (see image 1 of Newsletter 1).

By newsletter 3 Chris has mastered the use of a typewriter, (image 2). Although the newsletter hasn't been a regular feature throughout the group's history unlike the cars have, it has provided an insight to the group's history capturing the events and archiving the history of the Stoke TR group.



Image 3: tonyralph2003@yahoo.co.uk.

Over the last 4 years the newsletter has rekindled and captured the group's events, moving into the newer realms of digitalization and colour (image 3). All TR Stoke newsletters can be read or downloaded via the [TR Register's Stoke web site](#) and can even be viewed as a digital flipbook on any of these new smart phone devices.

The groups activities and projects have been captured in order for the history of the group to be preserved and for all members old and new to have a reference guide to aid them to read at their own leisure, this is a totally free service to all members. If you would like to add any articles to the newsletter, if you are new to the group, or have a story to tell then please contact the group's editor at

If you are reading this via a digital device, then click on any of the links to direct you to more information, you can also click on any of the newsletters images below to take you directly to the newsletter.



Image 1: First TR Stoke register newsletter, published in 1987

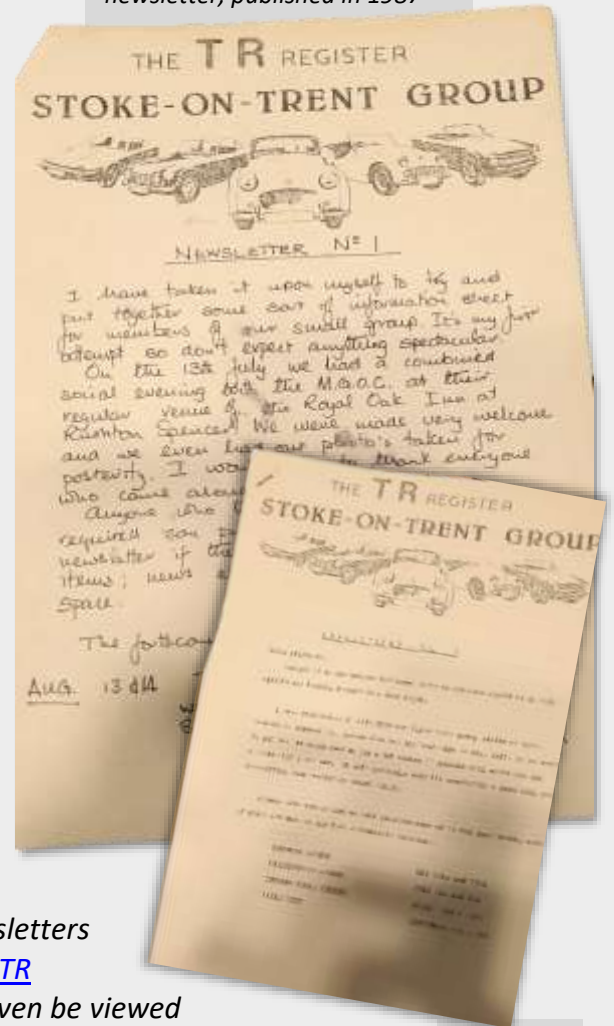


Image 2:

AUGUST

TR International after the disappointing announcement that the planned Triumph and MG international weekend, due to be held in our back yard at the Staffordshire County Showground had to be cancelled the TR Register managed to acquire a venue at the Great British Car Journey in Derbyshire.

The Group met up at the Plough in Endon, on the Saturday and Sunday to make the pleasant journey over the Peaks towards the venue. The Saturday saw a huge number of TR's from all over Europe, over 300 attended. The weather was glorious and the venue although tight for space worked well. Having plenty to see and do, and for the early birds a free bacon buttie was available. The Sunday had a much more relaxed feel with a drive out to see some of the historic sites and view of the surrounding area, and a stop at the local brewery, in all a great weekend.



SEPTEMBER



Chris Eccleston was featured on TV's **"Junk and Disorderly"**. Chris attended the Weston Park classic car show and ended up becoming a TV star. His passion to purchase "stuff" from auto-jumbles, saw him being featured on the hit ITV 4 series **Junk and Disorderly**. The series sees presenter [Henry Cole](#), Allen Millyard and Guy Willison buy Junk and sell it to make a profit, usually with a goal to purchase an old vehicle of some sort. Chris seized his opportunity to swiftly purchase a Tree Shredder only for it to be "discombobulated" to fit into his TR6. To see the full story visit our group Facebook page at: [Junk and Disorderly](#).

OCTOBER



Foxfield Steam meet, some of the group met up at the Foxfield autumn classic vehicle and Steam event, the railway is one of Britain's oldest steam railways, it's an award winning volunteer run railway for families & rail enthusiasts (& their dogs), set in the beautiful Staffordshire countryside. The railway just out of Blythe Bridge runs a 2 mile service from Caverswall station to the top of Foxfield bank and has been used for filming the BBC Christmas special 'Return to Cranford' starring Dame Judi Dench. A great day out in a fabulous setting.

OCTOBER

***Eyam Autumn Run**, the group took a picturesque run out to the historic village of Eyam. The group had seven cars and 14 members take out a wonderful autumn drive across the peaks on what turned out to a fantastic dry sunny day taking in the amazing views. The group had a relaxing and sombre walk around Eyam*

village taking in the history of this unique village, and also popped into one of the café's for a lunch stop. The group also took a visit in the little village museum, which had packed in a lot of information into a small space. For those who had never heard of Eyam and wonder what I'm talking about, this pretty village encapsulates the story of how it managed the outbreak of the bubonic plague in the 17th century and its devastating impact on the community. A highly educational and enjoyable run, one to do again!!



DECEMBER

The group's Christmas bash was held on the 18th December, once again at the Wharf pub near Market Drayton. The group had a wonderful turn out with 26 members coming along to enjoy the festive gathering.

The Wharf providing a great venue with excellent festive food with wonderful service, offers the group the flexibility to host there Christmas get together.

The festive spirit enhanced by Chris Bailey extremely well collated festive quiz, incorporating classic / local and TR related festive questions, the winning group getting to take home the now infamous TR Piston trophy.

Group leader Chris Mountford once again gave a heart warming speech whilst wearing a very tight fitting elf 'T' shirt on the year's activities after the previous year of COVID which saw the return of the group getting out and enjoying there cars once again.

Will & Chris gave out a random number of mysterious and amusing gifts to all who attended, these included, Carpenter pencils, Gaffer tape, Paint brushes, Spray Wax, Silicon Sealer and even a pregnancy kit (just don't ask) all adding to the evening fun which the group always have to offer.

*We hope that TR stoke will have a wonderful New Year and look forward to the events and activities the club will have in 2023. **** HAPPY NEW YEAR TR STOKE 2023 *****



My Car History

Most people will know me by now but at last I feel a bit more like a proper member of the TR Register.

My 1955 TR2 is now up and running needing just a few trim upgrades to look respectable again.

My car history goes back a long way. I passed my test in 1977 while still at school but didn't get a car until I finished university 3 years later. A Mk 2 Ford Escort Estate. In 1981 I decided I wanted something better so with the cash earned from 2 terms of (trying to) teach the unteachable I saw an advert for a Jaguar E Type. Went to see it and bought it there and then. Loved it after some restoration and still have it. The Escort needed a new back axle so I swapped it for a Jensen Healey - out of the frying pan into the fire as it was full of filler and had a Vauxhall engine instead of the Lotus unit. It didn't last long as I swapped it for a 1964 Daimler V8 2 1/L. Pure class. You just couldn't hear the engine running. I still have it although it is rather poorly with tin worm. Those of you who watched Lovejoy will know that he could sense an antique as soon as he walked into a room. I was the same with old Jags and bought a steady string of Mk2s hidden in people's back yards from as little as £50 each.



Dad always had Triumph 2000/500 saloons which I also drove for many miles. I saw an early long door TR2 advertised and went to see it. Said that I would have it but went back with the money and it was gone. That was my first ride in a TR. It took me until 1996 to get my first car, the TR2 which is now up and running again. I was still mainly Jags and had a long line of XJ6s used as tow cars. When I needed a new set of tyres I used to go to Cannock car auction, see what hadn't sold and buy an XJ6 with 4 good tyres for £100, strip it out and get the tyres free after selling the parts.

I must hold some sort of record for the most expensive second-hand windscreen. The Daimler had a toughened screen so I decided to get a laminated one for it. Saw one advertised in Manchester so went to see it. Trouble was I came back home as the owners of another E Type but I guess it was also the best windscreen investment that I made.

It may be that I am now older but the Jags do seem to be a lot heavier when I am pushing them around so at the beginning of Covid I imported some cars from America. I can still manage to push them on my own. The pics show how they arrived. I always buy on price so can't lose a lot of money even if they are un-restorable when they arrive. The TR6 is now in primer having had all bodywork done. The TR3 is catching it up. I need to swap one wing and knock a few dents out before primer. The white TR4 is next to do and the red TR250 doesn't need a great deal to be up and running. With a bit of luck I should get to a TR meeting in something other than a Mondeo this year.

Kevin Bucknall



TR Wedding

Ann and Will Loomes daughter Helen married Greg in October at Alcumlow Wedding Barn near Astbury.



The old TR6 featured in the wedding pictures.

A very proud day for us all.

Congratulations to the married couple from all at TR Stoke.

Proud Dad with daughter and the old TR6



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Polo Shirt £15.00



Gilets £30.00



Fleece £25.00



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

Caps now available at £15.00 Contact Chris Bailey for orders.



Red = Club Stands Or Club Organised Event

Green = Club nights Black = Planned Events

JAN 12 - 15	<i>Autosport international NEC Birmingham</i>
FEB 6	<i>2023 STOKE GROUP AGM AND CLUB NIGHT</i>
FEB 12	<i>MG and Triumph spares day Stoneleigh Park Warwickshire</i>
FEB 24	<i>Race retro Stoneleigh park Warwickshire</i>
FEB 24-26	<i>London Classic Car Show Olympia</i>
MAR 6	<i>CLUB NIGHT AT LONGTON RUGBY CLUB</i>
MAR 24-26	<i>Classic Car and Restoration Show NEC Birmingham</i>
APR 3	<i>CLUB NIGHT AT LONGTON RUGBY CLUB</i>
APR 9-14	<i>Weston Park Motor Show (TBC)</i>
APR 16	<i>TR Register National AGM British Motor Museum Gaydon</i>
APR 23	<i>Drive It Day (www.driveitday.co.uk. To Order Rally Plate)</i>
APR 23	<i>Sandbach Festival Of Transport</i>
APR 29	<i>Donington Historic Festival</i>
APR 29-MAY1	<i>Llandudno Transport Festival</i>
MAY 1	<i>Gawsworth Classic</i>
MAY 8	<i>CLUB NIGHT AT LONGTON RUGBY CLUB (TBC)</i>
MAY 19-21	<i>TR Register Scottish Weekend</i>
JUN 5	<i>CLUB NIGHT AT LONGTON RUGBY CLUB</i>
JUN 10-11	<i>MG and Triumph 100 Silverstone</i>
JUN 16-18	<i>Derbyshire Dales Group Peak Weekend</i>
JUL 29-31	<i>Oulton Park Gold Cup</i>
AUG 11	<i>Triumph TR at 70 Bath And West Showground Shepton Mallet Somerset</i>

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