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**Stoke-on-Trent City Police** used Triumph TRs as patrol cars from 1956 with the TR3 until 1968 with the TR4A, although by this time their use was extremely limited.

Pictured is the TR3 which was registered YVT 332 in April 1956, driven by Kevin's father, Harry Shaw. The photograph shows the car shortly after it was acquired as the only modification appears to be the large aerial on the rear deck for the radio equipment fitted in the cockpit.

Apparently drivers were encouraged to keep the hoods down and sidescreens removed whenever possible to aid visibility, so patrolling in them for hours on end could literally be a pain in the neck!

YVT 332 was kept in service for a number of years during which time it had acquired a spotlight and loud hailer mounted at the front of the car.

The photograph shows the car in the yard of the old Hanley Police Station which was adjacent to the Victoria Hall, with drivers Pete Smith, Percy Dodd and Graham Wilkes. Alongside is its stablemate Triumph TR3A, registered locally as 55 FEH in August 1958.

From their attire it would appear that TR drivers were expected to ensure that their cars were washed and well-presented before being unleashed on to the city streets!



It is assumed that YVT 332, 55 FEH and their sister cars would have been sold off by 1961 as another batch of black TR3As arrived in Hanley to take over duties in the City. In May 1961, 9 SVT was registered and duly fitted with a hardtop and roof mounted blue light on an extended chrome housing.

In the photograph the TR3A's loud hailer is being used to appeal to the crowd at Stoke City's Victoria Ground in September 1962 for information regarding a serious local crime.

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APRIL

**Weston Park Weekend first group show of the 2022**

A wonderful event, which saw over 25 TR's join from both the TR stoke group and the TR Shropshire group. The weather held out for a great days event. The show had in excess of 500 vehicles attend, which included vintage, classic modern classic cars and motobikes and a good selection of commercial vehicles too. All in the surroundings of Weston park with beautiful gardens and plenty to do and see.



APRIL

Drive it Day



Drive it Day, saw the group meet up at the A53 Whitmore Bridge (next to the Scrap Yard!) to drive out to the Prees Heath Truck stop, for a morning hearty full English breakfast. (the stop always being a mecca for other vehicle, which saw a great collection of over 100 commercial vehicle), We then took a route out to the Secret Bunker at Hack Green, where just be chance we also met up with the Red Rose group. In all some 15 TR's joined in the days drive. The Secret bunker being a very important defence for Britain for over 50 years, and now an interesting historic reminder of days go bye.

Auto Extravaganza



MAY

May saw the Leek Auto Extravaganza, the event organised by the Leek Rotary Club to raise funds for the Teenage Cancer Trust and held at Heakley Hall Farm in Norton Green. The weather was as ever outstanding, and everything about the day was lovely. The whole feel of this event is more of a nostalgic old local fair, with a beautiful relaxed atmosphere with lots of people and plenty to see and do. Many vintage & classic vehicles, traditional fair ground games, dog show, trade stands, crafts, lovely locally made hot food and produce, live music and a Bar 😊. Even one of the group dogs managed to win a prize, for his fancy dress effort (a ginger biscuit). The hazard were the cowpats in the field.







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TS2 – Round Britain Relay

**MOTUL**

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The first right-hand drive **Triumph TR2 on tour!**

**CLASSIC  
CAR  
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**TS2  
Round Britain  
Relay 2022**

*When TS2 came  
to TR Stoke*



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***Well we did it, the group pulled off an amazing event for TS2, the first right hand drive TR production car.***

*This is how the group managed to do it, we thought you would be interested to see how this event came about and how much effort had been put into getting the day's event to fruition.*

*For those of you who have no idea what all the fuss is about with **TS2** hopefully the following will help.. To celebrate over five decades of uniting Triumph TR sports car enthusiasts, the Club's promotional vehicle and the first right-hand-drive production TR2 built (**TS2**), has undertake a Round Britain Relay Run in 2022. The aim is to visit every one of the 53 local groups of the TR Register Car Club in the UK. Along the way, each group will be laying on events, activities and other promotional opportunities that our members and the public can enjoy.*

*In March plans where started to look at what the group could do to showcase TS2 in its round Britain Relay. The feelers where put out to the group to get some sort of idea of what could be done, the outcome of one member gave the group the opportunity it was looking for.*



[Follow the TS2 Story](#)



*The suggestion that the group could use the Pottery Museum in the centre of Stoke-on-Trent (Hanley) to host a unique event celebrating both the new [Reginald Mitchell Spitfire Museum](#), with it's rebuilt and restored MK XVI (16) full size Spitfire (RW388) built in 1945 and donated to Stoke-on-Trent in 1972 to honour the city's connection to aeroplane designer Reginald Mitchell and the Triumph Registers round Britain's relay of TS2 was the ideal location to support a multitude of opportunity's.*



*The Potteries Museum were looking at ways to utilise the open space outside the New Museum and promote the iconic aeroplane, and to bring more visitors to the town. TR stoke were looking for a way to promote the group, its activities and educate the public on the unique TR marque and its history with the town.*



[Click link to Vlog](#)

*Now the venue was chosen, the group had to get approval from the Stoke-on-Trent council, the Potteries Museum, TR Register and Classic Car Weekly. Luckily all parties were on-board and the plans started to pick up pace. Stoke-on-Trent council approved the plans and quickly asked to promote the event on Social media and the Potteries Museum website events board. This involved a couple of group members to take their cars down to the Museum and be part of Vlog with Councillor Beardsmore to promote the event, now playing a crucial link to Fathers days and even a promotional offer of a gentlemen's lunch, due the event date being on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022.*



*All we now needed was the star of the show **TS2** itself, on the 18<sup>th</sup> June a few members met up with the Shropshire group to collect it from a convenient pub car park outside Market Drayton.*





Handover from Shropshire group went smoothly, completing the paperwork and getting the keys to the historic vehicle. The first drive of TS2 was very memorable, as the weather took a turn for the worse and it decided to pour down, so the driver and passenger got very wet, as TS2 had no roof and limited side protection.

Tony Ralph had been given the authority to look after TS2 whilst in TR Stoke possession and it was housed in his garage overnight, wiped dry given a polish and made ready for its event day.



The group had put some plans together before the day's event, these included some promotional material (thanks to Michael Biddulph & Kevin Shaw) and hoped to provide the full range of TR marques to show the history and evolution of the TR's (Sadly the TR7 broke down). The TR3 also nearly didn't make it, as it decided to overheat upon its arrival (which provided the AA to join in the celebration too).

The days event could not of have gone any better, the group had 15 TR's attended, the weather held out and plenty of local Stokies came out to see the vehicles and to view the amazing Reginald Mitchell Spitfire. The Museum quoting very succesful Sunday attendance figues and sold out of the promotional offer of the Gentlemen lunch. The group also had a great response with some interesting local history being found, from a visitor to the event who had information about the TR police cars (which are featured issue 8 of our TR Stoke Newsletter). The group also being invited back to the venue for any future events we may want to host .



The following Monday a few members took the opportunity to take TS2 out for a drive to experience what these early TR's were like, its quite understandable to see why the TR Marque was so successful, when you take out a 70 year old car and realise that it drives just as good as many of the new car's on the road today. TS2 is a dream to drive, which thrills at every moment.

So after an eventful few days, and months of planning, it was time to say goodbye to TS2. The group handed over and completed the final paperwork for the TR North Wales group to enjoy the next leg of the [Round Britain Relay](#).

We thank all involved in making this experience a reality.







Special thanks to

TR Register

Classic Car Weekly

Stoke-on-Trent  
Council

Potteries museum and  
art gallery





JUNE

June saw the club put on a Special Event to celebrate 50 years of the TR Register, It hosted TS2 which is currently on a 'Round Britain Rally'. The Event was held at the Potteries Museum on Father's Day.

For full details see the article on pages 4 5 6 & 7



JUNE

Wayne arranged a great day's drive over the Derbyshire Peaks and into the Yorkshire dales to meet at the quaint Oil Can Café (The Carding Mill), where this converted Woollen mill now a working garage has a car themed café with stunning views across the Holmfirth valley with outstanding food at great prices, where even the staff dress in 50's

style uniform to add to great atmosphere. The drive it's self saw breath-taking views and picturesque villages, with a stop off at the Anglers rest (a community run pub) at Bamford for cake and tea. In all seven TR's joined the days run, which started at the Plough in Endon running up via Leek into the Peaks down into Buxton up over snake pass across into Yorkshire to Holmfirth. The return leg running back along the Derwent valley passing Ladybower Dam into Bamford and back across the Peaks to return where we started in Endon, a great day's drive with lovely weather.



JULY

The club had a wonderful day at the Dorothy Clive garden classic car and music event. The gardens set in an old quarry are simply stunning and offered a unique and different feel to the show. The weather was on our side and the relaxed family approach to the event made listening to the 'live' music, looking at the cars and walking around the gardens a great days outing. We met up with the North Wales group and a few other TR's also appeared, in all some 15+ TR's attended. We had plenty of stories to talk about and share between the groups whilst sitting on the Tearoom patio and enjoying the views and entertainment.

## Stoke TR Police Cars

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*By August 1961, 454 TVT and 455 TVT had joined the TR fleet and were similarly equipped with hardtops and prominent roof lights as well as the other essential police paraphernalia.*

*We have known for many years that 454 TVT was a City Police car but by a stroke of good fortune Chris Mountford has recently managed to acquire the TR3A registered 455 TVT which fortuitously still has all of its original documents.*



*After serving the City for three years we can assume that all of the remaining TR3As were sold off to make way for the radically restyled TR4s. In 1964 at least two TR4s took their place in the recently built replacement Hanley Police Station.*

*As before the cars were supplied by the local dealership, Byatts of Fenton. They arrived in black with black interiors and hardtops and were duly transformed into patrol cars by the police mechanics.*

*In 1965 the last of the Triumph TRs joined the local force in the shape of the TR4A by which time the extended roof mounted light had been replaced with an illuminated POLICE box to enhance their visibility.*



*Police workshop Manager John Cross working on the TR4 registered 4564 EH.*



*By 1968 the TRs had been taken out of active service and DVT 435C was relegated to the role of commuter vehicle for police drivers and Chief Supt. Ron Biggs between Hanley and the Stafford Headquarters as by now Stoke-on-Trent City Police had been amalgamated with Staffordshire County Police.*

*Perhaps understandably the TRs were no longer considered suitable for their policing role, indeed many in the force felt that they were unsuitable*

*when they were first introduced in 1956! Obviously, we're pleased that their shortcomings were overlooked as they are a fascinating branch of TR history. If anyone does have any more information, anecdotes, photographs or knows of the whereabouts of any of the Stoke Police TRs, Chris or Kevin would be delighted to hear from you!*

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Club Merchandise

Now that regular meetings and events have restarted 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. It's likely that there will be just a couple of times that an order is put to the supplier per year to keep costs as low as possible and to allow a reasonable amount of time to collect orders.



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 Chris Bailey for further details at a Club Night.

CLUB SHOP



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.



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

MAY 2	<i>Classic Car Show Gawsworth Hall</i>
MAY 14	<i>Weaver Wander</i>
MAY 15	<i>North Wales Classic Car &amp; Motorcycle Show At Bodrhyddan Hall (Tbc)</i>
MAY 29	<i>Cheshire Classic Car &amp; Motorcycle Show At Capesthorpe Hall</i>
JUN 3	<i>Classic Car Show at Gawsworth Hall</i>
JUN 4-5	<i>The Classic &amp; Performance Car Spectacular, Tatton Park</i>
<b>JUNE 6</b>	<b>CLUB NIGHT AT LONGTON RUGBY CLUB</b>
<b>JUNE 19-20</b>	<b>TS2 With Stoke Group</b>
<b>JULY 4</b>	<b>CLUB NIGHT AT LONGTON RUGBY CLUB</b>
JUL 10	<i>Really Retro '22 Penkridge Staffordshire</i>
JUL 10	<i>Weston Park Motor Show At Weston Park</i>
JUL 17	<i>Cheshire Classic Car &amp; Motorcycle Show at Capesthorpe Hall</i>
JUL 24	<i>North Wales Classic Car &amp; Motorcycle Show at Bodrhyddan Hall</i>
<b>JULY 29-31</b>	<b>Oulton Park Gold Cup</b>
JUL 31	<i>Audlem Festival of Transport</i>
<b>AUG 1</b>	<b>(TBC) CLUB NIGHT AT LONGTON RUGBY CLUB</b>
<b>AUG 19-22</b>	<b>Interclub Triumph and MG Weekend, Staffordshire County Show Ground.</b>
AUG 20-21	<i>Tatton Park - Passion for Power</i>
AUG 26-28	<i>Silverstone Classic 2022</i>
AUG 29	<i>Classic Cars and Steam Trains Day, Apedale Valley Light Railway</i>
AUG 28-29	<i>Cheshire Classic Car &amp; Motorcycle Show At Capesthorpe Hall</i>
SEP 4	<i>Classic And Retro Show Himley Hall</i>
<b>SEP 5</b>	<b>CLUB NIGHT AT LONGTON RUGBY CLUB</b>
SEP 10	<i>International Autojumble Beaulieu</i>
SEP 18	<i>North Wales Classic Car &amp; Motorcycle Show at Bodrhyddan Hall</i>
<b>SEP/OCT</b>	<b>(TBC) Manifold Run</b>
<b>OCT 3</b>	<b>CLUB NIGHT AT LONGTON RUGBY CLUB</b>
OCT 16	<i>Malvern Festival of Transport at Three Counties Showground</i>
<b>NOV 7</b>	<b>CLUB NIGHT AT LONGTON RUGBY CLUB</b>

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