



# August's Newsletter

So we are now well into our summer season, we have plenty to tell you, yet another fantastic International show and many stories from local classic car shows. But I must start this news letter with some news from the top.

I have made a very difficult decision which affects the Birmingham group. I have decided to stand down as your group leader from the next group AGM, I have not taken this decision lightly, but due to work commitments, lack of support & criticism from fellow group members, I feel it is time for me to hand the reins to another. I will continue to give my full loyalty to the group as group leader until January's AGM and hand over my responsibilities to the new group leader. However I will support the new GL with the experience I have gained over the last few years. This means that the organisation of the group events, running the web page, Face book updates, regalia, monthly newsletter, social reports to TR Action and communications between the group members will need to be addressed. This also includes the storing of the groups event equipment.

As you are all aware, I have frequently asked for help at meetings and also via our newsletters, just to take a small amount of pressure from myself. Unfortunately, excluding a handful of fellow members, I have had little or no support; including creating a social committee, but have had NO takers.

Recently I have been made aware of comments made by some of our group members; to people outside the group and within register for failing to attend some events which included this year's IWE, and two monthly meetings. I have also been made aware of disapproval regarding the events I have personally organised over the past four and half years. Although I do not have to explain my absence, I did illustrate, that I missed the last two meetings due to annual holidays and the fact that I have recently started a new job, which prevented me from attending the IWE.

To highlight a few points:

1. **The cancelation of the concours** Unfortunately, as much as I would like to, I cannot control the weather and due to the torrential downpour, I was forced to cancel the event. The member in question criticized my decision as ludicrous, to quote "Cars get wet when it rains

and the new date clashed with Classic Lemans” The member also mentioned that the group was being run by an “Idiot” This comment was to a non TR member. The member in question did not contact me directly to discuss which I feel would have been more appropriate.

2. **The Ian Cornish Talk** I was criticized by member for inviting other groups to the talk. The talk was a joint effort between Birmingham and CVTR. Making sure that the seats were allocated equally was my priority and names were requested for spaces. As the individual in question declined to return their seating requirements, they were upset to hear that the room was full when they applied late in the day, they then went on to make some very derogatory comments about my decision.
3. A remark was made that I do not camp with the group at the IWE, thus not giving my full obligation to the group. For those in the know, I attend the site at Malvern the day before you arrive to set the show up with some of the other working party, including some Birmingham members; I also pitched my camping spot adjacent to the crèche. Why? Because it is my choice, and it is convenient for me. I am also on site a long time after many have gone home breaking down the show and tidying up, I feel this choice is my own and it does not affect anyone what that choice is.
4. I have tried to organise events over the years for the group to attend, I have had a very poor response from the group, with the fellow groups outnumbering our own members. Even when we resurrected the Sunday lunch. I think we had a total of 8 people in attendance. An event which we are all in favour of, if you do not use it you will lose it!

As you all know, I feel passionate about the group and our activities, but these observations have led me to take stock and make my decision. So, I would like to give you plenty of notice regarding my resignation and to think about the role. If you feel it's something you can do, please forward your name to Paul Tunnadine, Area Group Coordinator before the AGM. For those who have helped me, I would like to thank you for your support over the past few years and hope you carry on your support for the next group leader, things need to change within our group and I hope this is the start of it. As discussed in the meeting please feel free to contact me with any of your concerns as I am more than happy to speak to you all.

Phil.

“Right that the serious stuff out of the way”.

Many members have been out and about, attending shows and local classic car meetings. I hope you have enjoyed classic motoring with the great weather the UK has experienced (except at the IWE). Not being able to attend the IWE (my apologies), I am short of articles to write about, but I am sure everybody who attended Harrogate although wet, had a fantastic time. I know for a fact that praise has to go to TR Enterprises. Richard from CVTR was giving his TR4 a blast up the hill climb and managed to blow his alternator. A quick call to the guys, and the following day he had a new one on site. All praise to them, they even pushed him out of the way and fitted it for him.

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Nigel recalls going to his tent and having a duck race between the sleeping bags. Although it might have been



Franks whiskey he had knocked over! Although I very much doubt it, From the Birmingham group, I would like to thank the Office staff and working party for their hard work in putting on another excellent event.

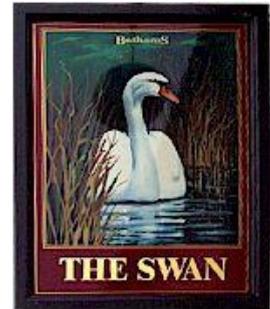
Next year see us return to Malvern. No doubt the Birmingham group will be on the working party to put on a great show for 2015. If you have attended any event or feel you would like to write a short piece for the news letter, please e-mail me with your article and some pictures, we would love to see them!

## Dates for the diary

30<sup>th</sup> August.

The Swan, Chaddesley Corbett.

Roy, who runs the Swan and is a Birmingham group member, has asked if we would like to put a display of cars on for his Charity day. It would be great if we can have a good turnout for Roy's event 12.00 till 6pm



Robin Hood  
INN DRAYTON

# CLASSIC CAR MEET

Tuesday 2nd September

Come & join us  
From 7:00pm  
Onwards

FANATICAL ABOUT CARS  
THEN DON'T MISS THIS

The Robin Hood, Drayton, DY9 0BW

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Although this is not a TR event, if you would like to pop along, please feel free.

The pub is under new management, who are eager to encourage classic cars. I have been reliably informed that they have a very good selection of beverages and food.



**On the 7<sup>th</sup> September.**

Stourbridge Pre War Car club, have invited the group to the Hare & Hounds, Worcester Road, Shenstone. DY104BU. All clubs, individuals, Modern Classics and vehicles of Interest are welcome. They may even let those charming chaps with the Pith helmets in.

Please feel free to contact myself or Mark who will endeavor to answer any questions you may have.

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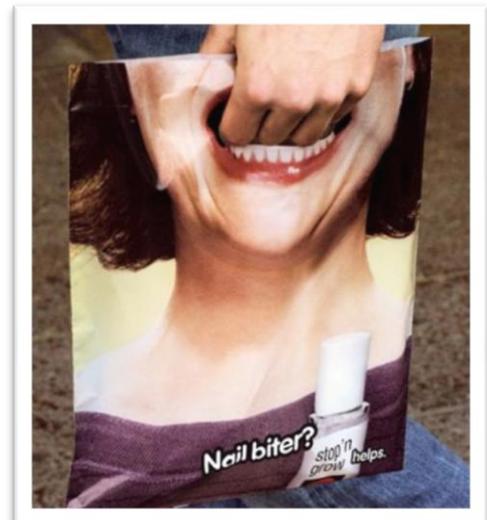
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Following the above comments of the newsletter it would be great to see as many of you as possible to attend these events, it's a privilege to get invited to them and they are also great days out.

As always, our news letter would not be complete with some amusement from around the globe. This item is now becoming popular with other newsletters.

This month I have found some rather clever advertising. Please enjoy.



Best wishes *Phil*