

# March News



We started March with a Talk from Ian Cornish about the works TR4 rally cars. 74 people were in attendance which proved to be a very successful evening.



This was a joint meeting with the Cotswold vale Group and we welcomed members from the Staffs & Warwick Group and the Morgan Three wheeler club. I must thank Ian and Maddy for coming and also Ian Brown for initially getting the ball rolling and helping set up alongside Andrew Racey.

We also invited some dignitaries from the Triumph world. Ray Bates joined us. Ray was on production at Triumph and looked after Sports car and new car projects at Triumph. We were also delighted to have Stuart Turner join us. Stuart has a lifelong interest in motor sport; he was the editor of Motoring news, Competition manager for BMC, Competition manager at Ford motor company and later became the director of European motor sport at ford. Following Ian's talk, Stuart gave us an insight to competition and gave some anecdotes regarding his involvement through the years. We were also privileged to see the tulip trophy he was awarded for his class win in the 1958 Tulip rally. Stuart was also very keen to keep in touch with the group as he is passionate about classic car clubs and build relationships with other groups.



Stuart displaying his 1958 Tulip Rally Trophy



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## **The TR Register Birmingham Group, Charity auction in aid of Mary Stevens Hospice.**

A Big thank you to Steve& Pam, Mark, Dave , Carl Deana & Millie and of course Tracey, who helped set up and run the evening with me. We had a great evening with our charity auction, All though I felt a little let down with the turn out, we took the executive decision and started the auction.

Considering the numbers were low, we had a fantastic evening and many bargains were purchased. We had nearly 60 quality lots to get through and may I say, we had a lot of fun doing it. With signed Sir Stirling Moss Prints, Magazine subscriptions, wine, chocolate hampers and much more, my Gavel hand was starting to get sore by the end of the evening.

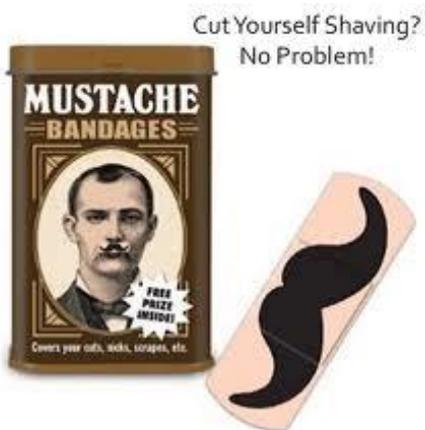
We also managed to raise an extra few pounds with lot #710. This lot managed to accumulate over £100 on its own, well nobody was bidding, we just took a pot around and asked for donations. It was Cat, who received the ultimate prize.

Ladies and gentlemen, for the first time in nearly twenty years, Mr Cluley's famous tache was disconnected from his mischievous face. However it did give a little resistance, but with a little help from Black and Decker, it was soon removed, and was later seen scurrying along the A456 towards Kidderminster.

We raised over £1000 on the evening and I would personally like to thank all who attended and generously bid for our lots. We have some very kind and generous people in the register. Thank you.



Welcome to the Cat school of hair dressing  
With the result being a very tidy looking  
Hairless and Warwick registrar



At our next meeting we need to get our heads together and see what's happening on Drive it day.

If you have any preference or would like to organise a drive out, lunch or know of an event we can jump on the back of, please let us know . Either Mark or I can throw the ball around the court and gauge a response.

## Dates for the diary

Mark and Eric are arranging a run out for us.



June 22<sup>nd</sup> a couple of weeks after the Concours, we have booked a trip out to the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford.

We have been given permission to park between the Cold War hangers and entry is free to the museum. Please be aware that if security is heightened on the day of your visit, you may be asked by security to park in another location. However, There is a small car parking charge of £2.50 for up to 3 hours or £3.50 for up to 8 hours, which is a pay and display system.

The plan is to assemble beforehand so we can enter the museum as a group and parking can be organized. I will forward more details as we get a nearer to the date.

**12<sup>th</sup> April Pride of Longbridge Rally Cofton Park nr Longbridge**

<http://www.austinlongbridgefederation.co.uk/>

**12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup> April Practical Classic NEC Birmingham**

Birmingham Group Web Page and face book details

<http://www.trbirmingham.co.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/tr.birmingham.7>

Sadly I have to end this month's news letter with a little whinge.

We have a very successful group in Birmingham, and try to cater for everybody with various different events throughout the year. But without your support at the events this just cannot happen. Lots of work goes into keeping the Birmingham group afloat. Not just by me but by a handful of others who are willing to roll up their sleeves and help.

You only get out what you are prepared to put in

Regards *Phil*