

# South Downs News

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Editor's

Column

Happy new Year to you all.

My apologies again for being

a bit late but I hope you don't

mind as this is a bumper packed

issue

giving you all the details of events

planned for the whole year. On

the behalf of the committee we

hope that you can join us Jane

Worsfold

Next Newsletter

Publication Dates

April 20th 2003

July 20th 2003

Oct 2nd 2003

Just a short note from me to say how pleased I am (I think) to be back as Group Leader of SDG.

As most of you know I was the first Group Leader back in 1976 for about 11yrs before handing over. I now have more time on my hands to hopefully make a useful contribution to the Group. The Group has a strong and enthusiastic Committee which has already identified a programme of activity for at least the next six months and has many ideas beyond that time, so watch this space!

We will try to reflect the membership needs in the programme so we do need to hear from you all as to what you want from SDG. Just let any one of the Committee know.

One exciting aspect to look forward to will be the Bexhill 100 event in July next year where I am hoping to persuade both the TR Register and the Shows organisers to let me have TS2 for the event. It would be a major coup to get TS2 to the SDG, so I'll keep you posted as to how I get on.

In the meantime I look forward to seeing you at the new venue and at our interesting activities.

Ian

## Trophies Explained

All SDG members have a chance in winning a trophy. In fact there are a number of trophies that haven't been awarded for a few years so this year we are going to re-instate them.

The old favourite is the Group Leader Shield which has been in existence since the SDG was

## A word from Ian



SDG now meets at the Ansty Cross Pub (Ansty), 2nd Tuesday of every month

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started 25 years ago. It is awarded to the member who attends the most meetings in the year in their TR. If there is a tie it then relies on the number of shows attended too. Only one person has won it three times in a row and that is Chris Worsfold.

Another trophy awarded annually is the triers trophy. This is often formed from things like a piston and the winner keeps the trophy. It is given to someone who has tried very hard to get their TR on the road but has often failed due to circumstances beyond their control. Best Clubman Trophy is given to the person who has made a big contribution to the local club within the last year. Originally this trophy was to be presented yearly too, but was lastly awarded in 1995 to Mark Tredwell. This was restarted at the 2002 Xmas dinner.

The last two trophies have been in storage for a number of years but the committee are keen to re-introduce them later this year. One is for the Highest mileage in a TR which will be recorded at monthly meetings, so no cheating please. Details of how this will be judged are still to be finalised. The other some of you will remember is the Castrol Concours Trophy. During 2003 we will be organising 3 separate evenings to judge the best presented TR's finishing off with a bonnets up night in September (see details on page 4). This is not a concours event so please don't be put off. We are looking for the car that is obviously used and well cared for. Why not have a go. You've nothing to loose.

### Xmas Dinner was a success

Over 30 people made it for the Xmas dinner held this year at the Five Bells near Chailey. Our old venue has certainly changed since we last visited it over a year ago. A good night was had by all and the food was excellent. Four trophies were presented towards the end of the evening. The Group Leaders shield which was first handed out by Ian over 25 years ago was awarded to Paul Bridle for the second year running. This was quite amazing due to the number of times he ended up being towed back home and one of his water pumps made for the second trophy Paul received that night.

This year there was also another person worthy of a Triers trophy and this went to Arthur Massey who has had some really unfortunate luck this year hampering his hill climbing season. Perhaps by receiving the RAC van trophy this year he will be blessed with better fortune during 2003. The last award surprisingly went to myself as clubman of the year for all the hard work I have put into the newsletters. Thanks to you all I have plenty to report.

(Pictures can be found on the website)



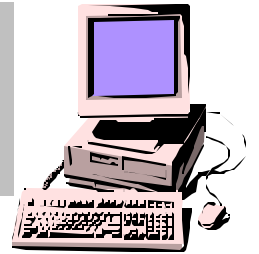
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It's finally arrived and it's all thanks to the hard work of Jenny Broome-Smith. Some of you remember that we were one of the first local groups to have it's own website and I recall we actually won an award in 1999 .from the TR register. The person responsible then was John Bass, who has since left the group and then we had no-one to develop the web site further. Fortunately for us Jenny offered her knowledge of website development and has put together an excellant new site in a relatively short time.

At the click of a button you can access a short history of the group, informing our would be members what an exciting bunch we are and details of where we meet including a picture of our current venue. All previous newsletters can be quickly retrieved from the archive as well as providing us a means for updating members quickly on breaking news. There's even a chance for you to put pictures of your own TR's on the web in the gallery. Mug shots of the committee members we were told was a must but please remember these were done at the Xmas party so we may be a little worse for wear. You'll find all the details of shows and planned events with names of who to contact if you want to take part, as well as the ability to link to all the other TR related sites at the click of your button.

So why not pay it a visit from the 1st of February, the official launch date and tell us what you think.

Any ideas are welcome.

## Newsletter Subscription

Dear readers

Over the last year we have endeavoured to keep this publication free to all the SDG members using the allowance from the TR. Register however this is becoming increasingly difficult. Therefore sadly we will be imposing a yearly subscription cost of £2.00. If you would like to continue to receive the newsletter please fill in and return the slip below before April 2003 to ensure that you receive future copies. Please make cheques payable to South Downs TR Register Alternatively you can view the latest edition on our new website.

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## Shows for 2003

Dates for your diary

6/7/8 June 2003

Kent Weekender

June 2003 date yet to be announced

Bexhill 100 - sadly this event is no longer in May and the format has now changed. Partly due to sponsorship and increasing costs

25/26/27 July 2003

International weekend

10th August 2003

Battle Abbey

25th August 2003

Hellingly Festival of Transport

Any other shows let us know asap

## Club Nights - Planned Events

January 14th

Guess what's in the bag competition

February 11th

Video Show plus Raffle

March 11th

Quiz Night

April 8th

Speaker on Continental Car Tours

May 13th

1st Round of the 'Best presented TR'

June 10th

Cannonball Run

July 8th

Treasure Hunt based on foot in Cuckfield

Aug 12th

2nd Round of the 'Best presented TR'

Sep 9th

3rd Round of the 'Best presented TR' and  
Bonnets Up Night

Oct 14th and Nov 11th

TBC

## For Sale

### TR6 parts including

- ◆ An original equipment hood with zippered rear window. This is in very good condition except for a small easily repaired cut. The rear window is completely clear.
- ◆ Two chrome hood locking handles - very good condition
- ◆ Two black sunvisors in fair condition, certainly reusable after cosmetics
- ◆ A set of tonneau cover hockey sticks in their original bag very good condition.

If you are interested in any of the above, please contact Carl Critchlow on 01273 400524