

## CAR CARE PRODUCTS FROM DECOSOL

We have a range of items for sale.  
They will be available on our regular Tuesday meetings.



Screen Cleaner (1ltr)	£ 3 . 00
Glass Cleaner	£ 1 . 65
Vinyl/Leather Cleaner (300ml)	£ 2 . 20
Wheel Cleaner (500ml)	£ 2 . 65
Wash Wax (100ml)	£ 0 . 80
Dashboard Wipes (25)	£ 2 . 85
Lubricant Spray (400ml)	£ 2 . 10
Jumbo Chamois Leather	£10 . 50



If you want any other products from the catalogue we will obtain them provided there is sufficient interest to warrant bulk purchase.

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**Have you got a story to share, perhaps about a restoration project or an event you have attended? Do you want to sell a few items?** If so we'd love to hear from you.

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**BI-MONTHLY** during the winter from September

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## South Downs TR Group

### GOSSIP FROM YOUR GROUP LEADER

**AUGUST 2006**

July was yet another packed summer month for SDG, a hot one too.

The month kicked off with our annual BBQ, I was unfortunately unable to attend due to being in the south of France (tough, but someone's got to do it!). Reports have leaked back to me that it was once again a successful event. 25+ people turned up on the evening to be supplied with a really good BBQ laid on by the Five Bells.



On the following Sunday several cars were to be seen participating in the Battle car show, this year not at the abbey but at the nearby golf club. SDG members were then kindly invited by Euan to join them for a BBQ after the event. There are pictures and more about this event later in the newsletter.

The last event in July was of course the TR Register International Week-end in Malvern, a full report will be found in a later newsletter and of course the club as a whole will have its view in TR Action. 21 hours after leaving home myself, Paul and Sarah finally made it to Malvern. Okay, only 9 ¾ hours of that were spent in the car, but for a 3 ½ hour journey it was still pretty bad. That's the M25 for you, I guess. Needless to say we made the most of it when we got there on Saturday afternoon, as I am sure the pictures will prove!

With July out of the way we look to August (it's going to be Christmas soon at this rate). Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of the Best Presented has been moved to our August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting due to the lack of participants at the Edenbridge show, this will be with you too late to give you any encouragement with the cleaning so good luck on the night!

We have our SDG Continental Tour to Honfleur to look forward to on the 17th to the 21st of August. A good group of cars are making their way down to the beautiful town of Honfleur and its stunning surrounding scenery. The trip became fully subscribed a few weeks back now, so it is

obviously very popular. I hope all who are going have a great time.. report back to us less fortunate please, with pictures, just to rub it in some more!

The end of the month sees our 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday bash. It is being held, as I am sure you all know by now, at the Six Bells in Chiddingly. We have a full weekend in the very final stages of planning. An itinerary is included in the flyer on page 6, which also gives you much more info on the whole weekend. We have a few old faces from years gone by due to come along as well as many current SDG and surrounding group members. Please support what is due to be a fantastic way to celebrate the longevity of a very successful group of the TR Register.

See you there! **GREGG**

### Malvern 2006 – Friends re-united

Back in 1969 and 1970 four young lads spent their time playing cards, going to pubs and concerts and going to Jersey on holiday. Their names were; John, Paul, George and Terry (not quite as catchy as the other lot!). Their chosen transport was Terry's Singer Chamois and John's Silverstone grey Triumph TR3A. We had some fantastic times (who didn't at that time?), and the driving experience in the TR was so keenly etched on my memory, that I knew I must have one some day.

At Malvern this year, I saw a fabulous red TR3A, and you can imagine the surprise to see the registration plate **130 UPJ**. Could it be John's TR3a, star of many a caper?



Gregg knew that the car belonged to Phil Tucker, so I was introduced, and he was able to confirm that it indeed was originally Silverstone grey, he had bought it in 1972 from a character who matched the description of my old mate (who I have since lost contact with). The car has had two rebuilds during Phil's ownership, and is currently in fabulous condition. The car still evokes the same feeling it did then, and it was a strange experience being re-united with the car which started the interest in the marque I enjoy to this day.

Aaaaaaaahhhh those heady days! **GEORGE**

## SDG TRs EVENTS FOR AUGUST - SEPT

### **Tuesday 8th August** **Round Two of the Best Presented Car Competition**

Get polishing and please arrive by 8pm sharp as the judges will want to see your car in daylight!

### **Thursday 17th/Friday 18th - Monday 21st August** **SDG CCT Trip to Honfleur** Tour full

**Friday 25th to Monday 28th August**  
**South Downs Group 30th Birthday Celebrations at Chiddingly**  
Join fellow TRers for a weekend of fun. See p 6 for more details. Camp for all or part of the weekend. Or just come along to any events. Highlights include Sussex Lanes Run & BBQ (Sat) & Sunday's Main Tour. Please let George know asap if you are coming to the BBQ (tickets £11).

Friday 1st - Sunday 3rd September  
Goodwood Revival Meeting  
Relive the glory days of Goodwood Motor Circuit at this time capsule 50s & 60s motor racing event. Booking and details at [www.goodwood.co.uk/revival](http://www.goodwood.co.uk/revival).

Sunday 10th September  
Brighton National Speed Trials  
A traditional motor sport event at which SDG has provided marshalling manpower for many years. The Brighton & Hove Motor Club Speed Trials is a major national sprint, which puts all sorts of machinery against the clock on a 1/4 mile, standing start drag along the seafront. Turn up to watch or join in with the paddock-marshalling melee...

or enter your TR and make SDG proud!

### **Tuesday 12th September** **SDG Club Night - Picture Quiz**

Friday 15th - Friday 22nd September  
Triumph TR Euromeet 2006, Netherlands  
More details at [www.trchnoordholland.nl/euromeet2006/](http://www.trchnoordholland.nl/euromeet2006/).

Saturday 16th - Sunday 17th Sept  
Shoreham Air Show  
Organised to raise money for the RAF association, this show combines classic cars and an airshow featuring both modern and classic aircraft. There's a huge variety of stalls, a funfair and various planned events. **Entry confirmation & £10 entry fee required by 11th August.** Access to Show must be before 10.20 am and no leaving before 17.30 pm. Contact George asap if you want to attend.

**Sunday 24th September**  
**Mid-September Run**  
Glynn has a great route planned for us, taking in some super sights in the east of Sussex.

**SDG events in bold**  
Events we support in italics  
Other events of interest are shown

**For more about any event, contact George Jackson on 01444 248006 / 07929 043830**

Event details may change for reasons beyond our control – check at our website

# South Downs Group 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

August Friday 25<sup>th</sup> to Monday 28<sup>th</sup>  
at The Six Bells, Chiddingly



We are celebrating our 30<sup>th</sup> birthday with **a weekend not to be missed!** Based in the village of Chiddingly, next to The Six Bells, a pub with a rich motoring history & following, and renowned for its good food & live music.



**Friday afternoon** - arrivals start.

**Friday evening** - Music at the Six Bells, boules, quoites, horseshoes.

**Saturday** - route book, Sussex lanes run

**Saturday evening** - 6.30pm BBQ, £11 per person, including lucky number.

**Sunday** - the main tour, taking in the South Downs and spectacular surrounding area. Led by Gregg May. 2.30 pm start, £2 per car including route book and raffle ticket.

**Sunday evening** - Music at the Six Bells.

Live entertainment in The Six Bells on all three evenings! Many local attraction are available in the area over this weekend.

Camping for the whole weekend, Fri - Mon. Shower and toilet facilities available. £5 per person, however long you camp.



For those not wishing to camp for the whole weekend, a combination of evenings or indeed just the daily events are available.

**We hope you can join us!**

Contact Gregg on 01825 890385 or  
George on 01444 248006 for more info.

## Battle Motor Show 2006

Sunday 16th July dawned a perfect summer's day, so we drove, top down, to Battle where we joined a small but select group of SDGers. This



year, breaking with tradition, the Motor Show wasn't at Battle Abbey, where building work is in progress, but just outside the town at Battle Golf Club. We arrived at 9.30, and pitched gazebo at about the furthest possible spot from the entrance, where there was a pleasant breeze blowing across the fairways. It's not often you get to drive over a

golf course - no, none of us got stuck in a bunker - **and** unlike most of our other venues this year, it was easy to hammer in the tent pegs... the groundsman had done a good job of keeping the course well-watered and the whole site looked emerald green!

Glynn and Simon (TR3a), Euan and Graham (TR3), Colin (TR6), and Ian and myself (TR5) made up the SDG contingent. Early in the day the commentators mentioned both Euan's and Glynn's eye-catching cars, the latter for the fact that it has been in the same family for nearly 50 years. There were plenty of interested visitors to our spot on the hill.

Battle Golf Club was a great location for a summer show, with fantastic views of rolling Sussex countryside and plenty of space for all the exhibits plus the 1,000 or so people who came along. And there was lots to keep us entertained. As well as the exotic cars, there were various craft stalls and the like, all raising money for local charities.



Towards the end of the afternoon, the organisers selected the dozen cars they particularly liked to come into the parade ring. To our delight, Eاون's stunning TR3 made the cut and we all enjoyed his interview with the commentator.



Unlike most other shows this summer, I wasn't on catering duty today, as Eاون & Maggie had (recklessly??) invited the attendees back for a barbecue.

We made our way back to St Leonards, where Maggie and Barbara had been preparing a feast! Graham peeled off the driving gloves and donned his saucy chef's apron. Many thanks to Eاون, Maggie, Graham and Barbara for feeding and watering us in such style and making us all feel so welcome. **JENNY**

### Classic British Cars at Goodwood Breakfast Club



This year Goodwood Motor Circuit has played host to a range of different cars and enthusiasts at its monthly Breakfast Club meetings. Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July was the turn of Classic British Cars. The weather was fantastic, and we decided to give it a go!

We left Brighton at about 8.30 and already the air was so warm it was shirt sleeve (and sun cream) weather all the way! We took the non-scenic (A27) route to Goodwood, arriving at a very busy circuit about 9.30. We had thought that the club opened at 9 but actually cars had started arriving much earlier, and it was **only** the breakfast bit of the breakfast club that started at 9.

So we processed across to the other side of the race track to one of the overflow car parks. It held almost as many classic British cars as the already full "themed" area. We rolled in a few cars behind Chris Neeve in his Daimler Dart and some time later, having come rather further across country than us, Colin made his entrance in his TR6.

The Goodwood Motor Circuit is a great location for this kind of meeting. Apparently it is the only classic circuit in the world to remain entirely in its original form, so it has plenty of classic car atmosphere. And it nestles in the downs in beautiful countryside, with glimpses of the stands at Goodwood races away in the distance.

We especially didn't have breakfast before setting off and instead partook of the organic full English breakfast at the Vitra Café. We were lucky enough to find a table



and some shade at which to enjoy what turned out to be really good food – no need to cook a Sunday lunch today then!



As well as an excellent selection of TRs there were many other absolute gems. Money aside, I could certainly have been tempted if the owners had wanted to part with either of these!!

All in all we had a thoroughly pleasant morning wandering from car to car. The sun continued to blaze down, so we decided to head back by a more scenic route, winding across country to Petworth and on through Pulborough and Storrington. It was so hot that we had to drive **very** fast to keep cool and we certainly welcomed the shade each time we dipped into another leafy Sussex lane.



If you fancy visiting a Goodwood Breakfast Club, the final opportunity this year is 'Americana' on Sunday 1st October. **JENNY**