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

Contact Graeme on 01342 317735 or see him (or another committee member) at the meeting.

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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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South Downs TR Group

GOSSIP FROM YOUR GROUP LEADER

OCTOBER 2006

Seems a long time since I last wrote a Gossip... that means a lot must have happened, I guess.

Our 30th Anniversary weekend went well at the Six Bells, Chiddingly. Although we didn't have too many campers braving the field (and the church bells), we had a good turnout of people on each day. A few of us arrived on the Friday night and set up camp. George and Rose had arrived during the day and had kindly set up the site for us. The Friday night entertainment in the pub went down very well - Jinn House, a rock tribute band, played good and loud!



On Saturday we had our BBQ to look forward to. David and Sandra Sharpe, with help from others, had organised a fantastic three course meal with a great variety of excellent food available. No one was going to go hungry! About 30 people sat down to eat and, once again, many of us then retired to the pub for that evening's entertainment. Slightly unorthodox though it was, it did keep us amused until the early hours!

On Sunday some of us sat around the camp field whilst others went to the Festival of Transport at Hellingly. Most people returned to base for a late lunch, and we worked our way through the various bits left over from the BBQ. Mum and Dad had brought some champagne with them from France that we used to toast our thirty years. Long live SDG! A few braved the two available car tours and returned in time to have a meal in the pub to finish off the weekend. For our first weekender it was certainly a success and we hope to have another weekend event in the future.

Thanks to everybody who helped to organise the weekend, especially George and Rose for their fantastic efforts and David and Sandra for a great BBQ. We are also grateful to the pub, for the use of the camp field and making us welcome, and the Chiddingly Cricket Club, for the use of their pavilion facilities for showers, etc.

A few of us made it down to the Goodwood Revival meeting on the following weekend, bumping into plenty of familiar faces and watching the fantastic racing and air displays. If you haven't been to Goodwood over the Revival weekend before, you really must go. The atmosphere is amazing, I haven't missed a meeting in 8 years and am still blown away by the attention to detail and the period fixtures, clothing and shows that are there.

The weekend following Goodwood saw us at Brighton Speed Trials. This standing quarter mile timed sprint is now in its second century and has a connection with SDG going back over 25 years. This year, as well as the Black Rock team of marshals supplied by SDG, we had Arthur Massey as a competitor in his TR7 V8. By all accounts he did pretty well, especially on the new surface which had everyone complaining about the lack of grip on the start line.

The weekend before last saw us team up with TVG for the Shoreham Airshow. Hopefully there will be a full report with photos to follow.

Coming up we have our October meeting, we hope to have a few photos of old to bring along to cause a bit of embarrassment! The idea is to bring along some old pictures of cars you have owned, if there are a few dodgy ones with the 'proud owner' in them too we can have a proper laugh!

Don't forget the veteran car run on November 5th either. SDG will be in the usual spot on Staplefield Green for breakfast. Bring your own sausages, bacon, etc and we will once again be providing the tea, coffee and cooker!

That's all for now, just remember that because the nights have started to draw in and the rain is never far away, SDG don't pack up for winter... there will still be plenty going on!

GREGG

Fancy a pre-Christmas weekend trip to France/Belgium in early December?

We may organise this if there's enough interest, so please let Gregg know (tel 01825 890385) if you are interested.

SDG TRs EVENTS FOR AUTUMN 2006

Tuesday 10th October

SDG Club Night

Vehicles you have owned

The evenings are drawing in.... time to chat inside the pub rather than hurtle around country lanes.... So please bring along photos of cars, or indeed other vehicles, you have owned and we will reminisce! If you have a photo of your younger self with the vehicle, please bring it along and submit it to our GUESS THE OWNER competition.

Sunday 22nd October

Autumn Leaves Lunch

Join your TR friends for a relaxed Sunday lunch at The Wheel Inn, Heathfield Road, Burwash Weald. Please let George know in if you'll be coming along so that we can tell the pub rough numbers for lunch.

Sunday 5th November

London to Brighton Veteran Car Run

Come and cheer on the drivers of these brilliant old machines in their quest to get to Brighton in one piece AND enjoy a barbecue breakfast! We meet from 8am onwards on Staplefield Green opposite the Jolly Tanners. (Be early otherwise all the parking will be taken. Oh, and bring your wellies—it can be muddy!) You supply your own breakfast ingredients (eggs, sausages, bacon...) and we'll bring the barbecue, bread rolls, tea and coffee.

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

Tuesday 14th November

SDG Club Night

South Downs TR Group AGM

This is YOUR group so please come along and support the club at its AGM. We would really welcome some new committee members with fresh ideas and input. To operate successfully we need 2 or 3 more people to join. Tonight we will also review our 2006 shows and events in photos and invite your feedback and ideas on what you'd like in 2007.

Tuesday 12th December

Xmas Dinner and Annual Reunion

As in previous years, the Five Bells is offering a great menu - check it out in this newsletter. Take the opportunity to catch up with your TR friends and enjoy the SDG awards ceremony and annual reunion. Cost £24.95 per person. Please send your cheque (payable to South Downs TR Group) to: Graeme Mowbray, 15 Verbania Way, East Grinstead, RH19 3UP. Don't forget to let him know your choice of courses (or call Graeme to confirm these on 01342 317735).

SDG events in bold

Events we support in italics

Other events of interest are shown

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

SDG Christmas Dinner & Annual Reunion at the Five Bells on Tuesday 12th December

A glass of Kir on arrival

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Pressed terrine of smoked salmon, mackerel & Charlotte potatoes with herb mayonnaise, brioche crute & dressed lamb's leaf.



Home-cured beef bresoala with charred baby artichokes, parmesan shavings, endive salad & Dijon dressing.

Shallow-fried split pea fritter with Amaretto roasted pumpkin, grilled Golden Goat's cheese & beetroot oil. **V**

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Sorbet to refresh the palate

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Roast Sussex turkey with goose fat fondant potato, smoky bacon & chestnut stuffing, bread sauce, seasonal vegetables & rich white wine jus.

Pan-fried saddle of lamb & slow-braised lamb shank with puy lentils, garlic creamed winter cabbage & sweet aged balsamic jus.

Grilled Organic salmon fillet with fried risotto cake, basil ratatouille & Prosecco cream sauce.

Blue Shropshire cheese, baby spinach & hazelnut tart with roasted figs & shallots, baby leaf salad & red pepper dressing. **V**

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Traditional Christmas pudding with Cognac crème Anglaise.

Dark chocolate & morello cherry tart with cinnamon sugar mascarpone.

Vanilla bean parfait with limoncello jelly & pistachio biscotti.

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Filter coffee & mini mince pies

Cost: £24.95 per person.

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Can this year's annual trophy holders please return your trophies to Gregg tonight.

As well as the AGM, for this evening's club night entertainment we will be reviewing our 2006 shows and events in photos and inviting your feedback on what you'd like us to run in 2007.

TR Spring Holiday in Newquay

Bernie Norman of the Kent TR group is organising this 4 or 7 night break, starting Friday 1st June. Accommodation is at the popular Trebarwith Hotel at a cost of £45 per person per night for Dinner, Bed and Full English Breakfast.

*10 cars joined Bernie's Coombe Martin break in 2005
and 22 went to Jersey in 2006.*

If you are interested in joining, call Bernie on 01883 623901 **as soon as possible** with your dates and room types required. Bernie will need to get your deposits of £50 to the hotel by 1st December

NB - South Downs Group is currently investigating the feasibility of a continental trip this same weekend, but hasn't finalised anything yet.

Honfleur 17-21 August

I suspected this would be an interesting extravaganza, as, whilst queuing for tickets in Newhaven, at least 2 cars boarded the ferry without tickets. Undaunted we all left Dieppe in a 9 car convoy, complete with illicitly gained maps from the ferry, on a coastal route to our hotel devised by Jenny, a simple route, so simple we all got lost & separated.

We ourselves met up with 3 others at Etretat at which point Tom Tom was introduced (a GPS Device of Paul & Heather's). Following it, we arrived at the wrong Campanile hotel, where, seeing us looking bemused, a Frenchman took pity on us, and



escorted us, hazards flashing, in convoy, at 15mph to the Honfleur bridge (the longest cable suspension bridge in the world and quite a sight). From then on it was Tom Tom again (bless him), who did his best, depositing his owners in Macdonald's car park, believing his job done! Funnily enough they were the last to arrive at the hotel!!!

Day 1, Was spent wandering around Honfleur - a quaint harbour village, with interesting public gardens, excellent views of

the River Seine estuary, and good architecture (even if the buildings did look unsafe).

Day 2, A cider run, again with thanks to Jenny. This run took us through country lanes, some orchards etc, and culminated in a tour of a cider production farm, with an excellent sampling session to finish. Naturally, all cars went away with the "odd bottle" stashed in the boot!



Day 3, We all independently visited the Normandy beaches, criss-crossing with each other throughout the day. We visited the British War Cemetery at Bayeux, where 5,000 servicemen lie in peace. A very moving and emotional day. En route back to the hotel and only 5 minutes

away from it, we spotted Dave Sharpe, complete with many heads under his bonnet, TRying to revive his TR6. Unfortunately this was eventually (& eventfully) repatriated to the U.K. via a low loader. (Full story recountable from Dave - have plenty of time available. Almost worth an article on its own!)

Day 4, We all left Honfleur under our own steam, arriving via different routes at Dieppe, for a very disorganised ferry embarkation - that's the French for you!



Whilst the 3 group meals may not have found the reputed standards of French cuisine, the atmosphere and wine made for loud and enjoyable social evenings that the hotel will long remember us for. As will the waitresses, who are unlikely to forget Paul Kavanagh's French!.

The weekend was very much Hoods up/Hoods down weather, and we'll never forget Ian & Jenny's car being deluged in water by a mad French van driver (thankfully with hood up!).

Overall - a relaxed weekend with excellent company - who could want for more? So till next year - Brum

brum, Toot toot, Parp parp!! **Paul & Caroline Lucas**

