

## CAR CARE PRODUCTS FROM DECOSOL.



We have now received our first 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 require 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. Please send articles to:

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Publication dates for the newsletter  
**EVERY MONTH** during the summer and then  
**BI-MONTHLY** during the winter from September

**DEADLINE** for articles / photos is the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month

### GOSSIP FROM YOUR GROUP LEADER

Right, here goes, my first newsletter piece as your new GL!

Firstly there are several thank you's to make. I would like to thank Ian for his fantastic efforts over the last three years, I think that SDG are now firmly back on the map in terms of local group activities and supporting national TR Register events. I would also like to thank the committee, both outgoing and current, without whom SDG just could not function. I believe that the efforts of everyone involved have gone a long way to making my new role within SDG a whole lot easier. Thank you everyone!



Here's a quick résumé of your new committee:

- Myself – Group Leader
- Graeme Mowbray – Deputy Group Leader
- George Jackson – Events Coordinator
- Jenny Broome-Smith – Newsletter and Website Editor
- Ralph Haffenden - Treasurer
- Chris Worsfold – Committee Member

The September meeting was the AGM chaired by South East Coordinator Mark Treadwell, where all of the above changes were instigated. We had a great turnout, a free raffle and even a few TRs in the car park. What more could you ask for?

For October we made our way to Bowlplex in Tunbridge Wells for a night that was supposed to be a ten-pin bowling challenge against Kent Group. Unfortunately some wires were crossed somewhere between us and the bowling alley and we found out (just 6 days before the event) that our advertised evening was in fact a league night with no bowling lanes open to the public. All was not lost however, and we managed to save the evening by switching our chosen sport to Pool, played on full sized American tables. Unfortunately this seemed to put off Kent Group whose entire team bailed out at the last minute, probably afraid of the competition! As it was, 13 SDG members turned out for a great evening's fun and rivalry. Thanks to everyone who came along and many apologies for the sudden changes we made at the 11th hour. I think that SDG take the 'Horn Push Trophy' by default on this challenge!

I'm writing this the evening before our mid month tour, this time organised by Paul and Caroline Lucas. I hope the weather stays good and we get a good turnout for what is sure to be another Magical Mystery Tour!

That's all from me for the time being, I only now hope that I can take up where dad left off and continue the rise of SDG! With the support of the ever-growing active membership I hope that it should go from strength to strength.

Cheers for now,  
GREGG

Fancy a pre-Christmas weekend trip to Bruges or Ghent?  
We are looking to organise this through Continental Car Tours  
(at a competitive winter rate)  
for Fri 9th to Sun 11th December.

**If you are interested in coming along, contact Gregg  
on 01825 890385 for more details.**

**Watch the London to Brighton Veteran Car Run at  
Staplefield Green on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

**Enter the *What's in the Bag?* quiz at our next club night  
on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

**Come to our Xmas Dinner at The Five Bells on  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**



## **SDG Xmas Dinner at The Five Bells 8pm, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

A glass of kir on arrival

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Grilled smoked haddock sausages with cheddar mashed potatoes and  
parsley sauce

*or* Pressed terrine of seasonal game with toasted rye bread and dressed  
lambs leaf

*or* Goats cheese panna cotta with baby spinach, parmesan crisp and red  
pepper dressing V

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Sorbet to refresh the palate

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Roasted Sussex turkey with chestnut and thyme stuffing, duck fat roasted  
potatoes, bread sauce, seasonal vegetables and rich Port gravy

*or* Grilled halibut steak with potato, leek and saffron broth and parsnip crisps

*or* Loin of British pork with stilton dauphinoise, sautéed winter cabbage and  
bacon lardons with Dijon whole-grain mustard cream sauce

*or* Feta, fresh mint and bulgar wheat turnover served with fennel seed  
infused aubergine with paprika yoghurt V

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Traditional Christmas pudding with Cognac crème anglaise

*or* Lemon and mascarpone tart with raspberry sorbet

*or* Dark chocolate parfait block, St Clemence marmalade

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Filter coffee and mini mince pies

£23.95 per person

**Phone Graeme on 01342 317735 to book**





## South Downs Events 2005

### London to Brighton Veteran Car Run

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

Meet at Staplefield Green, just opposite the Jolly Tanners pub, from 8am onwards, to cheer on the veteran cars and enjoy a barbecue breakfast. Bring your own breakfast (eggs, sausages, bacon...) and we supply the barbecue, bread rolls, tea and coffee. The site gets very busy, as the Morgan club congregate here as well, so bag your space early.

### What's in the Bag?

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

At our usual venue, the Five Bells, November's club night sees the return of a firm favourite - our "What's in the Bag?" quiz.... Try and identify fifteen separate items hidden from view using only your sense of touch. Most are TR related; others are everyday household objects. There will be a prize for the winner.

### Pre-Christmas TR Weekend in Bruges/Ghent

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup> to Sun 11<sup>th</sup> December**

Still in the planning stages, we are hoping to organise a pre-Christmas escape to one of these picturesque medieval Belgian towns. If you are interested in coming along, contact Gregg on 01825 890385 for more details.

### Xmas Dinner

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

As in previous years, the Five Bells offers a great menu. Take the opportunity to catch up with your TR friends and enjoy the SDG annual awards ceremony. The cost is £23.95 per head. To book ring Graeme on 01342 317735.

[NB: Details of events may change for reasons beyond our control](#)

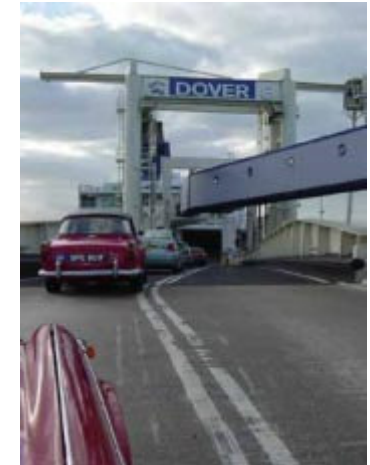
[Keep up-to-date with the latest events by visiting our website](#)

### South Downs Group Ardennes Tour

**24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> September 2005**

In all 20 TRs and a Jaguar XJ40 took part in the tour. Ian May's Jaguar 420 deposited its power steering fluid, therefore pressing Gregg's trusty XJ into service. Four cars met up at Golden Cross at 6am and headed in convoy for Dover.

We joined up with other TR enthusiasts from across the country at the departure lanes at Dover docks.



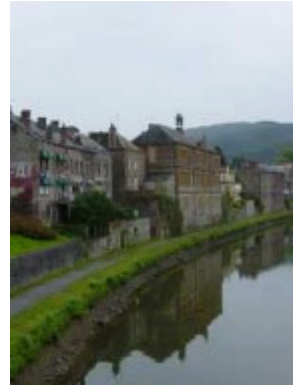
We were treated to a smooth crossing and, once in France, most followed the suggested route and travelled the 70 miles to Arras, where we parked in the main square and enjoyed some light refreshments in the warm sunshine.





The second leg of our journey took us on scenic N routes to our destination, Sedan. The ivy clad hotel made an attractive backdrop for the cars!!

That evening at the TR dinner we got to know our fellow TR tourers.



On day 2 there was a tour route, taking in the hills, forests, rivers and villages of the Ardennes. Some tourers instead took off for Reims and its motor museum.



We had also been invited by the Belgian Triumph Club to join them at their first Triumph Festival at nearby Hans-sur-Lesse. Several of us paid them a visit, and we were greeted by an impressive assembly of about 140 Triumphs of all models, many of which were TRs.



For most of Sunday we travelled with Roy and Penny (604 SPC), Ian and Gregg (XJ40) and Matthew and Bill Liggett (WKC 455). It was really interesting talking to Bill as he had bought his TR3 brand new in 1957 and was still getting great satisfaction from this marvellous car. It certainly went extremely well.

After lunch we headed North and picked up the suggested route, taking in the breath-taking scenery, and returning to Sedan for dinner. Some of the group went for Chinese, some for Indian, and some for Italian... what happened to the French cuisine?

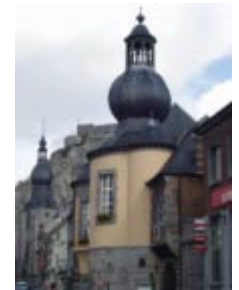


On day 3 Ian and Jenny in their TR5 were seen leaving the hotel early. They travelled to Calais via Bruges, which they said was very worthwhile, and they took some great photos. We understand this was a planned detour, but they had been playing with satellite navigation all weekend, and their "guide", Ozzy Osbourne, has been known to get confused! Nevertheless they made it back safely.



We had planned to get back to Calais for the 5pm ferry. Roy Hunnisett recommended a detour along the river Meuse to Dinant. Ian and Gregg May, Paul and Caroline Lucas, and Rosemary and I, joined Penny and Roy in this fabulous run beside the Meuse. The scenery was stunning – a real taste of the Ardennes.

After a stop for coffee we set off on the route back to Calais. Originally we had planned a lunch stop in Bethune, but there was only time to refill with fuel and grab a sandwich. We arrived at the port to find a number of TRs waiting for the ferry. A few had managed an earlier crossing and some were destined for a later one!!



We haven't heard from everybody yet, but it seems that **most** TRs got back intact. Unfortunately, one car suffered crankshaft failure and returned on a recovery truck. Another succumbed to a burst silencer (ingeniously fixed with hose clips). Paul Lucas had alternator problems, but his TR made it back to England before expiring.

The only problem I encountered was a low flying pigeon that struck the bonnet. It was later found to have made off with part of the letter R. From now on I will be driving a T P I U M P H!

The tour was a great success. The cars were eye-catching and the crews were great company. We will have to make plans for next year.  
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