



South Downs TR Group

Don't forget the AGM!

It takes place on Tuesday 9th November, our normal meeting night, at the Five Bells commencing at 8.30pm. Please endeavour to be there in good time.
This is your chance to have your say on the SOUTH DOWNS GROUP and elect your committee.

The Group is your group so lets hear what you want. Agendas and minutes of last years meeting will be available on the night or can be obtained from Ian in advance.

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On a winter's night

The best laid plans etc..... Our scheduled event for October was a talk by Chris Neve on the rebuild of his Daimler Dart. Unfortunately, Chris was called away on urgent business so we brought forward the Petrolhead Quiz from November. The quiz consisted of 23 photos of parts of cars which required close scrutiny to identify the make and model.

After much debate (I thought it was supposed to be an individual competition!) and head scratching over about 90 minutes, everyone seemed keen to know the answers.

In the end it seemed most were playing their cards close to their chest with the most knowledgeable with 18.5 out of 23 being Ralph Haffenden, which I guess at least proves that MOT testers do look closely at our cars!

His superb performance was followed by Chris Worsfold with 15.5. Suitable prizes of quality wine and car polish were their just rewards.

Our normal raffle was drawn to conclude the evening for a good turnout on a wet and windy evening, including a visit from Mark Treadwell, our Regional Coordinator and as usual Allen Peatfield, Kent Group Leader.

IAN.



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A TR2 IN PIECES. ----- PART TWO.

The next instalment in the rebuild of my TR2 , 9963 AP.

THE BACK AXLE.

In the last episode Gregg and I were struggling with the total rebuild of the Lockheed back axle. Well, we got so far as to taking it all apart , buying new bearings, seals and thrust washers etc and rebuilding the sun wheel and planetary gears, but without a giant press to insert the main bearing we were, to use a technical term, knackered! Also, up to that point the job had been ,and looked like being in future, a real pain so I decided to contacts some specialists for quotes to finish the job for me.

To my rescue came Rotherfield Gearboxes (Steve Nichols 01892 853004) who at a reasonable price would finish the rebuild, set the correct float and ensure it would run smoothly and, hopefully, quietly. I rang him a week later to discuss progress. Hmm, it was all in bits again as I had supplied the wrong main bearing, it was deeper when compared with the original and he had only discovered this when all had been assembled and wouldn't fit properly!

I checked with Moss, the supplier, but they told me it was the right replacement as the original was no longer available. Yeah right, but it was clearly bigger. However, the old bearing was in very good condition so its gone back in. Fingers crossed eh?

See, I told you it was going to be a pain and what a good decision to let someone else have all that grief!

Upon return all the axle needed was a few coats of paint and the addition of the refurbished brakes. The drums and backplates were blasted and painted and new wheelcylinders and brakeshoes fitted.
Job done.

DOORS.

IF you recall, the 2 is a long door model and the doors, whilst mainly sound, need reskinning and repairs to the bottom of the frames. So this was the next job, the theory being to start the body rebuild from the doors.

Fist job was to remove the old door skins from their frames. It's amazing how much thicker the metal is compared with today's panels! That done, measurements were taken of the old metal required to be replaced and patterns made. Next, new metal was cut and fabricated to replace its rusty predecessor and welded in place using TIG as it can be used on finer work than say MIG.

WHERE TO NEXT?

That's as far as we've got at this time, New projects like putting a 5 litre Mustang engine Cosworth gearbox in a Scimitar (Gregg), aquiring and recommissioning a 420 Jaguar (me) together with enjoying other cars and summer TR events have meant little progress but hey, life's for living!

Also because I didn't have a TR I could borrowTS2 for the TR Tour to Compeigne so it can't be all bad.

Oh yeah, where to next. Well, it's get the doors sandblasted and new doorskins fitted, then lots of protection to their insides. After that its on to tackle the rest of the body and rebuild the front suspension.
Keep you up to date,

IAN MAY

The Five Bells Restaurant & Bar



Christmas Menu 2004 £22.95

A glass of Kir on arrival.

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Confit leg of duck, mulled-wine poached pear with a sherry 6t chestnut dressing.  
Sauteed gnocchi with a blue cheese sauce, fresh rocket & walnuts. V Brochette of king prawns  
marinated in passion fruit, cucumber & coriander salad.

Sorbet to refresh the palate

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Oven-roasted loin of lamb wrapped in filo pastry with a spinach & olive tapenade, roasted
butternut squash & winter vegetables.

Roast Sussex turkey with bacon, sausage & sage stuffing, served with roasted potatoes,
seasonal vegetables, fresh cranberries & a rich red wine gravy.

Oven-roasted cod fillet with a crab, wilted baby spinach & potato cake served with a lime &
ginger salsa & confit fennel.

Champagne & girolles risotto with roasted baby onions & confit of sweet garlic. V

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Traditional Christmas pudding served with brandy sauce.

Chocolate fondant with a saffron creme Anglaise.

Creme brulee with orange & vanilla.

Filter coffee & mince pies.

### The Five Bells – Chailey Christmas 2004 Booking Form

Contact Name

Address

Telephone Number

Number of Guests

Menu Choice

Duck  
Gnocchi  
King Prawns

Lamb  
Turkey  
Cod  
Risotto

Christmas Pudd.  
Choc. Fondant  
Creme Brulee

A deposit of £5.00 per person is required when booking, this will be deducted from your final bill  
on the day.

Please complete & return the booking form enclosing your deposit cheque  
made payable to 'South Downs TR register'

to Graeme Mowbray, 15 Verbania Way, E. Grinstead, W. Sussex,



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Events 2004 / 05

## Sunday November 7th

### London to Brighton veteran Car Run breakfast BBQ

The great London to Brighton veteran car run passes through Staplefield (between Handcross and Haywards Heath), the location for the SDG breakfast BBQ. Come and join us from 9:00am to watch, and err... encourage the drivers of these brilliant old machines on their quest to get to Brighton in one piece!

## Tuesday November 9<sup>th</sup> – Club Night

### SDG 2004 Annual General Meeting

The Five Bells, Chailey. Agenda to follow. Name the Car competition to follow afterwards.

## Tuesday December 14<sup>th</sup> – Club Night

### SDG Christmas Dinner

At our regular venue, The Five Bells, Chailey. Menu available during November

## Early Warning for events planned for 2005

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2005 - Winter Run

Start from the Five Bells to somewhere of interest via a run through the Sussex lanes.

### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2005 2pm Visit to the Rolls Royce facility at Goodwood

(As its Rolls Royce You can hardly call it a factory!)

Roy Hunnisett has arranged this visit. A rare opportunity indeed to see production the new phantom.

I understand free samples will be provided!

*NB: Details of events may change for reasons beyond our control*

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Have you got a story to share perhaps a restoration project or an event you have attended or even if you want to sell a few items. Then we love to hear from you.

Please send articles to me:

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