

Xmas Fun

The 14th of December saw our last club night of the year become our annual Xmas party at the Five Bells. As usual the service and food was excellent although they did seem to have rations of prawns on the night. Perhaps this was due to the huge turn out of SDG members for this year's event including some new faces as well as the cheerful bunch from the Kent group who joined us for the third year running. It was a shame about the huge spill of red wine on those lovely white tablecloths though but I don't think the landlady will hold it against us.



A lovely time was had by all (as you can see from the photos with more to be found on the web). In the end after four huge courses there was just space for mince pies and coffee before this year's prestigious award ceremony.



This year the following awards went to:

- ☀ Clubman of the Year - Roy Hunnisett for all his efforts in organizing events throughout 2004 and continued support to the club
- ☀ Group Leader Shield - Paul Bridle for attending the most times during the year to club nights in his TR7
- ☀ Castrol Best Presented TR – went to John Hopkins lovely TR3
- ☀ Mileage Trophy – Again went Paul Bridle
- ☀ A friend of SDG TR group - was a special award this year that was presented to Andrew Poynter a member from the Kent group who has attended our meetings regularly and helped throughout the year
- ☀ And Finally the trophy for Wind Damaged (Allegedly!) Gazebo at Malvern 2004 was presented to Chris Worsfold and Ralph Haffenden as they still to this day deny all knowledge as to how this sad end to our first gazebo came about. To mark this occasion Ian had lovingly made a tiny replica of the damaged item so they can remember it forever. Brought many a tear of laughter to the room.



All receivers of awards had the pleasure of having their photo taken but somehow one person kept getting in on the act with each presentation photo. Can you guess or even remember who?

As we head into the rest of 2005 I'm sure those of you who regularly attend meetings last year were busy with all the events and club nights that were organized and this year will be bigger and better. So if you're new to the club and fancy a night out why not pop along and join us at a meeting soon.



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MINUTES of the AGM held on the 9th Nov 04

1. Apologies for absence.
Apologies were received from Graeme Mowbray, Chris and Jane Worsfold and Ralph Haffenden.
2. 2003 Minutes.
Minutes of the last AGM held on 9th November 2003 were agreed and adopted with the correction to the spelling of Clive Bridle under Apologies.
3. Matters Arising.
There were no matters arising.
4. Group Leaders Report.
Ian read his report for 2004, which showed the very positive position of the Group in respect of attendance, finances etc. Ian thanked the Committee and all members for their contribution to SDGs successful year.
5. Treasurer's report and Social Secretary's Report.
Ralph had submitted his report showing a positive balance of funds. In answer to a question it was confirmed that the Compiègne Tour was not included in the accounts as the financial aspects were dealt with by the tour operator.
The accounts were accepted by the meeting.
6. Event Coordinators Report.
Gregg presented his report and all agreed that the decision to major on three shows had been the correct one resulting in strong attendance at the chosen events. It was agreed to continue this approach for 2005.
7. Election of Officers.
The meeting agreed to elect en bloc the existing officers to their current positions.
8. Group Funding.
Ian opened the discussion on the costing of newsletter, raffles etc and asked the meeting for its views on the level and on other ways of raising or increasing Group funds.
The following points were raised for the Committee to consider:
 - a) Provide a buffet lunch at shows for a modest charge. As well as raising some funds it would provide an opportunity for members to get together. Angie May raised the point and offered to arrange the buffet and other ladies offered to assist.
 - b) Need to identify what funds are being raised for, therefore there must be consideration of the Groups financial requirements and provide a focus for fund raising.
 - c) Buy a Lottery ticket.
 - d) Provide technical assistance to another group member who would then make a contribution to the Group.
 - e) Seek sponsorship of the newsletter, adverts in newsletter, on website.



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9. 2005 Show Calendar.
It was agreed to follow the successful 2004 format for 2005. John Hopkins asked if the Group might attend an Autumn Fair for a local hospice to put do something for the local community. It was agreed to look into the suggestion.
10. Website.
Mark Treadwell spoke about the TR Register review of the national website as it was planning to provide facilities for local group websites within the national site.
Ian welcomed the approached but urged caution as to the amount of control the Register might want over the layout and content as this could detract from local group independence and individuality.
11. Any Other Business.
 - a) A vote of thanks was proposed by Angie May for Roy and Penny for the use of their camper van at the Veteran Car Run. This was duly given.
 - b) Mark Treadwell put forward a vote of thanks for the Committee which was duly given.
 - c) Ian asked if there was any enthusiasm for a mid monthly meeting, say on a Sunday lunchtime. There was general agreement to pursue , and ideas for treasure hunts, visits to members own local pubs and a roving Sunday meeting were forthcoming. The Committee were asked to follow up.
 - d) Mark informed the meeting that the TR Register were updating the WOHFTB section of TR Action with the use of symbols to indicate local group activities and events organised, This was noted.
 - e) Mark also reminded those present that there was still time to comment on the revised TR Register Constitution which appeared in a recent TR Action.
 - f) Suggestions for attracting new members to our meetings were discussed including a new member's night, drive a TR night and a prize draw via a number on a newsletter sent to all members in our area. The Committee were asked to pursue these ideas.

The meeting closed at 1045pm following thanks from Ian for a lively and useful discussion.

TR's FOR SALE

"1958 TR3a. Sebring White, black trim. Stainless exhaust system, new carpets, aeroscreens and tonneau. Also with car, new sidescreens and new hood. A very nice example. Looking for around £9500. For more info contact, Richard Siegel 01435 866912"

1980 TR7 V8 – white DHC, converted by S&S. Engine lightened and balanced. Full bear metal re-spray 6 yrs ago, unique black interior, garaged, DUO past 8years. Comes with too many spares to list, £4,750 ono. For more information contact Chris Worsfold on 01323 461972 or 07802 175631



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Events 2004 / 05

Tuesday 11th January - Club Night The TR Register

A talk by Mark Treadwell - on his role as southeast regional coordinator and the workings of the TR Register.

Tuesday 8th Feb – Club Night Rebuild Presentation

Hopefully either Chris Neve's rebuild presentation (not a TR, but a Daimler Dart), or a talk on the Mini Miglia (a race series for Minis oddly enough).

Sunday 20th February New Year Blast

An early year run into the wilds of Sussex organised by George Jackson.

Tuesday 1st 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 for a small party to see production the new phantom.

Sorry Fully booked prior to going to press

Tuesday 8th March – Club Night SDG TR Mastermind

Our annual TR and general knowledge Light hearted and fun quiz.

April - Tuesday 12th SDG Auction

We have been given some TR manuals and other books to auction for Group funds. So if you have something TR related you wish to sell then bring it along. 10% of the selling price goes towards Group funds.

May - Tuesday 10th – Club Night Round One of the Best Presented Car Competition

We have some new contenders this year so get polishing

Tuesday 14th June – Club Night Cannonball Run

Another dastardly cruise to places unknown with Paul and Jenny Cannon.

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.

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