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## CHILTERN GROUP NEWS, FEBRUARY 2006

Welcome to the annual paper newsletter. At the AGM, members voted to receive regular news by e-mail or by checking the website, with just one posted copy each year after the AGM. Any members who don't get along to meetings and would like to know what Chilterns are doing, please do let me have your e-mail address and I'll add you to the circulation list. (Your details will NOT be used anywhere else.) If you don't have access to e-mail and would still like to know what's going on, let me know and in return for some stamped addressed envelopes we could probably post details to you.

Our webmaster welcomes any contributions for [www.chiltern-trs.co.uk](http://www.chiltern-trs.co.uk): photos, classified ads, news etc. so please do contribute.

Our regular monthly meetings are at the Home Sweet Home near Benson, where we are made very welcome by the staff. You don't need a TR on the road to come along, we would love to see you anyway. We share the meetings with the Triumph 2000 crowd, and we get the occasional local Spitfire along as well, so there is a variety of machinery to look at.

The report on the AGM and the events calendar for 2006, our thirtieth anniversary year, follows after a couple of classified ads.

### Classifieds

**Magazines** - complete run of Thoroughbred and Classic Car from issue 1 to 2002, complete Old Motor run, Classic and Sportscar from '80s to 2002. Free to good home, 'buyer' must pick up. Tel: 01494 673312. Tel: andrewic@msn.com. Beaconsfield

**TR3A** - 1960, powder blue/black interior, I have been a fair weather TR'er and the car has been garaged. In superb condition, undersealed and completely rust free. MoT to August 2006. Wife and I have out grown it now (aged 73) and don't use it much anymore. Tel : 01494 863158 E-mail member@jfuller.wanadoo.co.uk

**Chiltern TRs AGM, 1 February 2006**  
**Rosy Pugh**

A record turn-out - thank you all for your support. Mind you, TRs were a bit thin on the ground, but the important thing is that we had in excess of two dozen attending - even Bill Piggott, a founder member who happened to be passing. We also welcomed Jane and Kevin Jones, our new co-ordinators - thank you for your input, it was much appreciated.

For our thirtieth anniversary year you've still got me for group leader - I did ask the question to see if anyone else wanted to have a go... I did find a volunteer for a deputy however, as Geoff Wooldridge didn't step back fast enough. As far as the other 'officers' go, Stephanie Martin, Geoff and I will be cheque book signatories, in charge of our modest £110 in the bank. We decided at the meeting that we will just make sure that all events this year at least break even, and if we need a bit of money for anything we will think about a fund raising scheme or simply ask for donations (and we do have the option of the TR Register 'grant' for specific items of expenditure as well). We have now stopped taking newsletter subs as all agreed that the electronic version worked better. Peter Bowden, our webmaster, has done such a great job that with e-news and the website to give information to members our old paper newsletter is now redundant - except for this once a year mailing to all members.

Stephanie Martin is organising anniversary clothing for the group, available to order only. An order form will be ready very soon. There is the possibility of tee-shirts, polo shirts, sweatshirts or rugby shirts, either printed or embroidered in a choice of colours and we just need to get an order of ten items together to keep costs down.

Our events calendar is very busy already - there's something on every month. Not all these events are Chiltern organised of course, but the dates are there in case anyone wants to go along to shows etc, and maybe a small convoy run could form.

One important event is the Wallingford Classic Vehicle Rally and Parade which will incorporate our 'Benson Car Day', latterly 'Not the Benson Car Day' when we lost the use of the Benson school field. This event has been running in some form since the mid-70s, so we are hoping to attract a good turn-out of members, friends and guests. The rally is in aid of charity, this year the Wallingford Talking Newspaper, and so there is an entrance charge of £4.50. Bring a picnic, or use the fast food and pub on the field and have a great day out. There should be a couple of hundred vehicles of all sorts, from mopeds to military, vintage to classic cars and bikes.

The other important event is our trip to Fawley (near Henley) museum and fun on the steam train in the garden on 13 August. We are limited to 10 cars, which must be TRs and we decided at the meeting to open bookings straightaway. If you do want to go, please get in touch asap. We are sharing the venue with the Rolls Royce Phantoms. It costs £4 and although soft drinks will be on sale, you will need to bring a picnic.

Another very interesting event should be STAB, Standard-Triumph at Brooklands in April - we do also have the option of a Chiltern thirtieth anniversary display area too. I'll look into getting a banner anyway. Alan Crussell a joint TR/Triumph 2000 member is one of the organisers, and the day is also National Drive It Day, to help raise the profile of all classic vehicles. If you'd like to try out the test hill contact the TR Register office straightaway as numbers are limited to 40 cars.

Cotswold Vale TRs have been in touch about a joint Sunday lunch trip with Glavon and VoWH as well. We're looking for a good venue: Steventon near Abingdon, or Blenheim, or a National Trust property with the right facilities have been suggested.

We also hope to revive the darts/skittles challenge with Kennet Valley this year. I did throw down the metaphorical gauntlet in front of their group leader recently, but haven't heard back from him yet.

Our monthly meetings will remain at the Home Sweet Home, where they make us very welcome, and at the end of May they are having a beer festival which should be well worth a look.

Finally, we all signed a card to congratulate Sarah and John on the birth of their son.

**The Chiltern 30th Anniversary Year  
EVENTS 2006**

February 12	International Triumph Show, Stoneleigh
February 24-26	TR Register Winter Ball
February 25-26	Historic Motor Sport Show, Stoneleigh
March 1	Home Sweet Home meeting
March 18-19	Classic Car & Bike Show, Alexandra Palace
March 19	Group Leaders Meeting, Didcot
March 26	Spring Restoration Show, Stoneleigh
April 5	Home Sweet Home meeting
April 23	STAB (Standard Triumph at Brooklands)
April 30	Abingdon Fayre Air and Country Show, Abingdon Airfield
May 3	Home Sweet Home meeting
May 21	Wallingford Classic Vehicle Rally
May 27-29	Home Sweet Home Beer Festival
May 28	Stags and TRs at Prescott
June 7	Home Sweet Home meeting
June 10	Triumph Car Day, Ace Cafe
July 5	Home Sweet Home meeting
July 8/9	Le Mans Classic
July 21-23	TR Register International Weekend, Malvern
August 2	Home Sweet Home meeting
August tba	Joint Sunday lunch meet with Cotswold Vale/Glavon/Vale of White Horse
August 13	Fawley trip (limited numbers, book asap)
August 26-28	Chinnor and Princes Risborough Railway Vintage Vehicle Weekend
September 1-3	Goodwood Revival Meeting
September 3	Triumph World Picnic, Wellington Country Park
September 6	Home Sweet Home meeting
September 9-10	Beaulieu Autojumble weekend Isle of Wight classic car show TR Register Lakes weekend
September 15-17	European TR Meeting, Holland (fully booked, waiting list now operating)
September 17	Vintage and Classic Day, Turweston Airfield
October 4	Home Sweet Home meeting
October 27-29	Classic Car Show, NEC
November 1	Home Sweet Home meeting
December 6	Home Sweet Home meeting