



December 2006



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From the Editor:

As we come to the end of another year for the newsletter it seems a good time to reflect on whether it is meeting the needs and interests of members. There is so little feed back that sometimes it seems no-one reads it anyway!

Is it worth while? Does it provide useful information? Do you read it? Is it of interest? Please give me some feedback, good or bad.

Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to you all.

Mike Sloan.

Group Leader's Notes.

The December meeting will also be our AGM.

As you know I wish to stand down as Group Leader. As I write this there are no nominees. The requirements of the TR register are, amongst other things, that each group must have an elected Leader. Failure to elect one could result in Wharfedale TRs folding.

In view of this the TR Register NORTH EASTERN CO-ORDINATOR will attend and address the meeting. The Register office has been informed.

If you can, please attend. We need a large percentage of members to attend this important AGM.

Could you bring any photos taken this year to pin on the notice board please.

If we have time there will be a quiz after the meeting

Stan Lowe.

Future Group events 2006:

12th December Monthly meeting at the Woolpack and AGM.
Followed by Ken's Klever Kwiz!

.... and 2007:

9th January Monthly meeting at the Woolpack.

Other events:

7th December Classic car club quiz. See below.

11th February 2007 International Triumph Show, NAC, Stoneleigh.

Plain English.

One of my pet grumbles is the Americanisation of our language and the way they abbreviate things. Even the terrible attacks on New York became nine eleven. 911, isn't that a German sports car? Of course we had to follow with the press calling the London bombings 7/7.

How do they fill OUT a form ?? We have a page of text, usually questions with blank spaces for your answers, we then fill IN these spaces, hence we fill IN the form. Fill it OUT, what's that all about?? I could go on with these 24/7.

So you can imagine my response when a young man booked his car in for a list of checks and could I do the one ten !! What's one ten then? Apparently you key in 110 on your calculator then turn it upside down. What ever happened to "could you change the oil please?"

Could I, on behalf of Mike and myself, wish you all a Merry 12/25 and a Happy 1/1.
With that I'm out of here (whatever that means).

Stan

Members' News.

Triumph GT6. Looking for a new challenge? GT6 available partly restored and needing a new home. Contact Stan Lowe for details of the car and owner.

TR Action. Ken Rawson has available all copies of TR Action back to Spring 1986 and Spares News and Extra from November 1985. Also a range of 30 classic car magazines with TR related articles. They can be yours for a donation to a local hospice. Contact Ken on 01706 812628.

Classic car clubs quiz nights. Thursday 7th December 8.00pm for 8.30 start at The Shipley Club, Rae Road, Shipley. The Shipley Club is situated at the junction of the A650 and A6033 opposite the Branch Public House. Pie and peas can be ordered at £1.50 each. If you want any more information or further directions please contact David Caswell on 01274 618589.

Club Transfers. Those of you who haven't made it to a meeting recently may not know that we have some fine window stickers which have been produced by Andy Bower. These are available from Mike at £1 each. They can be posted with the Newsletter if you still can't get to a meeting.

E-mail (and old fashioned means of communicating). Would all members please remember to keep me up to date with e-mail addresses, phone numbers and mail addresses so that we can stay in touch. E-mail is especially valuable as I can reach all members on the Internet with one shot and that saves me a lot of time!

TR Action. Please remember that Phil Smith is our correspondent for TR Action. If you have any news for the Social Scene report you can e-mail it to philnirene@tesco.net. Phil would be delighted to get items about club or TR activities especially if you have photos.

How it used to be.

In the absence of real TR news this month I include a copy of this letter I recently purchased on eBay, along with other AA documents. I thought it gave a fascinating glimpse of the motoring world as it was when our cars were new. I wonder what a modern driving instructor would make of these comments! Does anyone still have a copy of "Car driving in two weeks" ?



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19th January, 1961.

Dear Sir,

Further to my letter of the 16th instant, I have now received from our Head Office Technical Department the enclosed book together with a driving test pamphlet which it is hoped will be useful.

It will, of course, be appreciated that much could be written on this subject, but only experience on the road will teach the member driving technique.

On the question of starting, you should first ensure that the hand brake has been applied and that the gear lever is in the neutral position, the starter control can then be operated, but if the engine is cold it will then be necessary to use the choke. When the engine is running the clutch pedal is then depressed, first gear engaged and then the clutch pedal is released at the same time also releasing the hand brake as the drive is taken up and gently accelerating away. Before moving off special attention should be paid to the driving mirror to keep a watch on the traffic behind.

Before taking the car out in the morning, check the water level in the radiator; oil level in engine; tyres and petrol.

I do hope that the foregoing will be of the greatest assistance to you, and it will be appreciated if you will kindly return "Car Driving in Two Weeks" in due course.

Yours faithfully,

B. M. Dance
Eastern Area Secretary.

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Newsletter.

Please remember that subscriptions to the newsletter are due from January 1st and it would be a great help if all members paid promptly as this saves us all a lot of work, as well as keeping the books tidy.

If you know anyone else who would like to receive this newsletter, please ask them to pay their £6 to Andy Mawson. This payment will also contribute to other expenses for the local group. Cheques, please, made out to “Wharfedale TRs” to Andy Mawson at 7, Pagewood Court, Thackley, Bradford, BD10 8LF.

To receive the newsletter by e-mail contact Mike at mike@mikesloan.freeserve.co.uk.

Deadline for material for the next newsletter is **Monday, 18th December**. Please mail to: Mike Sloan at 3, Thompson Green, Baildon, Shipley, BD17 7PR or e-mail to mike@mikesloan.freeserve.co.uk.
Comments on the newsletter to Mike Sloan, 01274 582615 or e-mail.

Please remember that we are back at the Woolpack now for our monthly meetings.

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Please send nominations to Stan or Mike.

