

AREA OF THE YEAR 2021

TSSC Norfolk Organised Outings 2023

New Year Run, 8th January 2023

A nice bright sunny start to the day saw a great turn out for the first run of the year with 26 Triumphs and over 50 people attending. This resulted in an impromptu car show in Swaffham Market Place for the start of the run, which took in Castle Acre and a watermill, ending at Whitwell and Reepham Station for brunch and train rides. Unfortunately the rain came down just as folks were heading home. It was really good to see members coming from other TSSC areas including Cambridge, Leicester & Rutland and Nottingham. We were also joined by members from the TR Wensum group.











Drive It Day Scatter Treasure Hunt, Sunday, April 23rd

It was great to see so many Triumphs turning out for the TSSC Norfolk Scatter Treasure Hunt despite the wet forecast. As it turned out the morning was light cloud with sunny spells, although the afternoon was a tad wetter. We counted 14 Triumphs out and about but weren't necessarily quick enough to get photos of you all. TR7s and big Triumphs seemed to be the preferred choice of chariot, it was great to have some Stags joining us too.

Thank you for all those who took part and sent in photos - We have winner! - The Rutter Clan win

again (T2K WYT) with 91 points (well done Mark, Claire and Jamie), 2nd place were Andy and Gill (TR7 KBA), third David and Penny (TR7 WUD).













Earsham Hall Classic Vehicle Rally, Sunday, 30th April 2023

Sunday 30th April marked the return of the very popular Classic Vehicle Rally and Country Fayre in the grounds of Earsham Hall organised by Bungay Area Lions Club.

This is the first time this event has been held since April 2019, as the intended return event last year was subsequently cancelled.

The Norfolk TSSC entered an impressive eleven vehicles – three Heralds (two estates and a convertible), a Vitesse MkII, a FWD 1300SC, a Spitfire MkII, a 2000TC, a TR6, two TR7s (a Sprint and a V8 conversion) and a TR8 Factory Prototype. We all met up at the Popson Street Car Park in Bungay at 9.00am and followed in a regimented convoy to the site a couple of miles away. I did have a bit of a panic attack when our convoy was split in two by marshals at the entry gate, but having got the other side of the gate we were able to regroup as we were given our own area at the top of the field where we parked up and got the chairs out. It was really nice to see such a good turnout by the club with a real mix of vehicles between a 1964 Herald 1200 estate and a 1981 TR7 Sprint and also to see so many other Heralds, Vitesses, TR7s, Spitfires, Stags, Dolomites, big saloons and one other 1300 both from other clubs and also private entries.

The event drew in excess of 300 cars, motorbikes, military vehicles, tractors and heavy commercials spanning over 100 years of motoring – the only stipulation by the organisers was no tracked vehicles. Drawing on the feedback received, the day was enjoyed by all those who attended and the weather held off for us, although there was a fairly cool wind cutting across the field. Earsham Hall had opened their pine workshop and gift shop and their tea rooms and there were stalls, attractions and entertainment that was enjoyed by everyone from one year upwards.

This is certainly an event that we will be looking to attend again next year, with hopefully even more classic Norfolk Triumphs.





Spring Run to Fairhaven Water Gardens, Sunday, May 14th 2023

A great run organised by Andy and Gill – Meeting at Tesco Harford at a respectable time of 10-30 to 10-45am on the outskirts of Norwich, 11 cars arrived in the car park including a 2 Litre Vitesse from Germany with Gaby and Knut who were here holidaying locally and wanted to sample a UK group event and new members in a lovely early TR.

Following the chatting and a Costa coffee for some the cars set of around 11am with a Tulip Diagram Route, Gaby and Knut following Paul and Christina as they where not fully confident of following the English instructions. Leaving Tesco's they headed off under the A47 into the Norfolk countryside in overcast conditions, through Caister St Edmunds, Stoke Holy Cross and Poringland before turning right and heading out along the Bungay Road to Brooke then looping around back via the country lanes towards the A146 and A47 for a quick blast on the Dual Carriageway thus crossing the River Yare. I had made plans to use the Chain Ferry across the River Yare at Reedham but if it breaks down its a long detour so ruled it out this time.

Unfortunately we lost Steve in the White Spitfire in the early stages with a dodgy alternator chewing up the belt and he had to be recovered.

Heading towards Great and Little Plumstead I was able to gather some road shots as they all went past, a few had grouped up which wasn't the intention as I like members to test themselves and follow the maps not each other!

After Little Plumpstead more narrow lanes followed then the Triumphs all headed towards Salhouse Station and did a loop around some narrow lanes before going under a Railway bridge which notoriously floods after prolonged rain, I have seen Facebook pages of cars been pulled out by tractors, and as we had heavy rain in the week before I was a little worried, however despite there been around 6 inches of water all got through OK.

They then headed through the pretty villages of Salhouse and Woodbastwick with an optional stop at Salhouse Broad before finally looping around into South Walsham and Fairhaven Water Gardens having covered just over 33 miles. We were all able to park together for some group shots of the Triumphs.

By this time the promised sun had arrived and after a natter around the cars we all enjoyed Coffee and Snacks sat outside the Fairhaven Cafe before a few of us took a relaxed walk around the picturesque Water Gardens with some Exotic Plants and Fauna and through the Woodlands with rare species of Trees before wandering down to the Private South Walsham Inner Broad where an Electric Boat Trip could be had if required.

I think all enjoyed the format of a smaller run with time to eat and enjoy a tourist site and most importantly no one got lost.



Sandringham Pageant of Motoring, Sunday, 28th May 2023

A couple of weeks after the Fairhaven run saw us exhibiting at the Sandringham Pageant of Motoring, thankfully this year the drizzle that we had last year held off and the sun came out making all the difference to the show.

We ended up in the top field with the big boys and with the biggest stand at the show, a whopping 50x50m (I think we were given space that was left).

To celebrate the 100 years of Triumph we invited the Stag Owners Club along adding 7 cars to our 15 on display. We had a great selection of Triumphs including a couple of big sixes, 1300 FWD, TRs, loads of Spitfires, Heralds and Vitesse as well as the Stags of course. There was even enough room to add a mini "Carry On" camping display. I think it's safe to say that everybody had a good time with a great group of friendly people. A steady stream of visitors all day with lots of Triumph owners popping over to say hello meant that I hardly drew breath.









Norfolk Border Run, Sunday, 23rd July 2023

Celebrating 100 years of Triumph with a run around the Norfolk border.

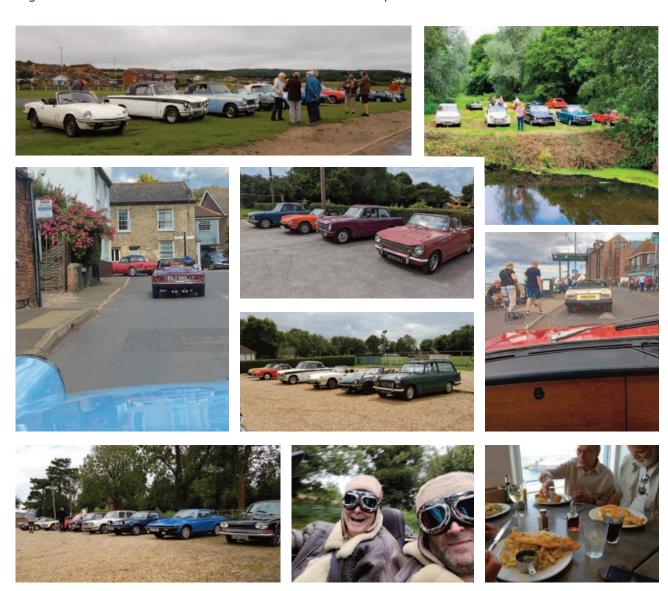
Wow, what an amazing county Norfolk is!

Many thanks to all those who took part and joined us on all or part of the run. We had 29 Triumphs and one Morris Minor joining the run at various points of the route.

Congratulations to those who did the whole border - John and Brenda in their yellow Spit, Dean in his red Spit, Trevor and Clare in their big red Triumph, Chris in his blue TR7, Steve and Delia in their white Vitesse, Shaun and Jayne in their Herald estate, David and Penny in their Cavalry Blue TR7 (who also celebrated the end of the trip with a swim in the sea) and finally Paul and Christina in their blue Herald. All managing the 200 miles without a problem.

Many thanks to members Jenny and Dennis for doing such a brilliant job with the morning tea and biscuits break at their gaff. We then joined up with Cambridge and Peterborough areas for our lunch stop at Upwell village hall (dare I mention the very, very bouncy road?). Followed by an ice cream stop just past Hunstanton and then back to Cromer for fish and chips.

A great turn out and the weather was much nicer than expected.



Tea and Cake Afternoon, Sunday 20th August 2023

Many thanks to all those that took part on a nice sunny Sunday afternoon in TSSC Norfolk's Tea and Cake Run.

The tulip route included ruins, churches and market crosses. We had 26 Triumphs (and one Standard 10) - 8 biggies, 7 TR's, 4 Spitfires, 4 Vitesses, a couple of early Heralds, and a Stag attending. Great to have some Wensum TRs join us too.

Also imbibing in the tea and cake were a number of locals who came along for a look at the cars. The donations this year came to £263 of which £160 will go to the East Anglian Air Ambulance, £53 towards Mike's (Essex AO) swim in aid of Bowel Cancer UK and £50 will find its way into club funds.

Well done to Christina and Clare for doing us proud with the baking.

















Norfolk Christmas Weekend Away, 1st - 3rd December 2023

Convoying up on a very frosty morning on the Friday with only one bit of twiddling on a Triumph needed. Arriving at the Three Swans in Market Harborough (MH) in time for lunch and much needed drink. The evening was spent wandering around the MH Christmas Fair, followed by a swift nightcap in the bar meeting up with the Triumph Sports Six Club Essex Area contingent. Saturday morning was spent wandering around the shops. The afternoon saw us splitting into two with some doing more shops and some returning to the bar. Lovely meal in the evening, again meeting up with Essex.

Thankfully the frost thawed by the time we set off for the TSSC HQ open day on the Sunday. Lots of grub, a bit of shopping in the club shop and a guided tour around the museum ended a great weekend. The drive home was cold and wet with two of us getting stuck for a couple of hours on the A11 due to reindeer roaming free on the road - only in Norfolk!











Christmas Meal, Tuesday, 5th December 2023

For our December meeting, we had our annual Christmas meal. We had a great turnout of members, with 28 of us attending (we lost Gill and Andy to COVID), almost filling the Great Hall at the Gamekeeper, which was set aside for our use.

The Triumph of the evening (not just because it was the only one) was Tim and Evaldas' 1300 resplendent with Christmas lights.

A picture quiz of cars in films and TV got folks moving around the room before and after the meal, the winner of which was David and Penny, who got themselves a Triumph 100 sticker. Thanks to all that came, a most enjoyable evening was had.













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