

TRENT VALLEY M.O.C.

Well 2018 has long since arrived & the winter weather seems to have lasted far too long. With itchy fingers & impatient hearts beatingwe wait for the ice to disappear from our roads....solely so we can spring into action those things of pleasure, love & affection, and one big smile on our faces.....Yes I'm talking about getting those much loved little classics out in the fresh air so they can breathe & we can love all over again. Mad....probably.....hey ho!

So here goes: Welcome to my first Newsletter & the first of 2018. I hope you enjoy reading through it and it makes you smile and reminisce on those events you've attended. I am no novelist or great writer by any means, but my aim is to keep things short, fun and entertaining and most of all.....light hearted.

Valentine's Meal - February 2018

This was our first "Get Together" of 2018. A meal was chosen over a "run out" in the Mini's due to the weather having the habit of being a bit inclement in February....as luck would have it though it was actually a lovely day.....Anyway.....we were booked into the King William Pub at Scawby Brook. We weren't disappointed by the food or the company or the laughter we shared. For those that were unable to attend.....you were missed and hopefully we'll see you soon.

Mini Cooper Track Day At Blyton - 18th March.

Not one that I personally attended but for those that did go I believe it was an enjoyable one and long.

Alec Flear's Wedding Convoy - 24th March.



Well Alec has decided to take the plunge & take the hand (& the rest) of Mel - who has stolen his heart.....arrrr..... and become husband & wife arrr...Who says romance has gone. Our job was to escort Alec to the White Heather at Caenby Corner - on time.....We gladly fulfilled our duty..... All that is left to do is to wish Alec & Mel all the very best and happiness for the future on behalf of Trent Valley M.O.C.



Upton Fish & Chip Run - 30th March

As a point of interest has anyone else noticed a theme forming here.....I.e. FOOD...🍴🍴🍴🍴

Once again due to the weather, some of us decided to leave our Mini's in their dry & cozy garages for the night. You've guessed it.....wet, wet, wet again. One or two were brave and ventured out in their classics.....Martin in his newly rebuilt Mini 40 & Alan & Pete in Alan's lovely little Mini Cooper Sport.

Setting off from Marshalls Yard at Gainsborough we took the relatively scenic route to Upton. The Fish & Chips are famous for being cooked by fat fryers that are fueled by coal. Only two chip shops

remain I believe who cook in this way. Cold & wet people waited their turnLiz was sort of voted in by me to que....sorry Liz.....whilst I put the kettle on.....well had to be done!

All feed & watered the weather brought the evening to an early closure but we still enjoyed the food & the company. Until next time folks...

Asian Wedding at the Bath's Hall - 8th April



This may have been a small gathering of Classic Vehicles but it certainly wasn't a small gathering of the Asian community at a wedding....wow..... I don't think any of us thought it would be on such a grand scale as it turned out to be..... Certainly a great number of people invited and obviously they weren't working on your average family budget either.

It was lovely to be asked to display our cars & lovely to be invited to stay for the celebration & see the Asian culture at its finest, if we wanted to.

We wish the happy couple all the very best in their future together.

Trent Valley's Lincoln Big Event - 15th April

This has become a very popular event in the Trent Valley M.O.C. Calendar & one at which various Mini clubs travel from far & wide to attend. The setting along the Brayford Wharf in Lincoln is a wonderful vibrant part of Lincoln – even on a Sunday. This I guess is in part why the event is such a success. But what is a very big part in putting on such an event is all the unsung heroes behind the scenes that do all the hard work in planning everything with the Council, Traders, Clubs, Info & Goodie bags to Tombola prizes. The list goes on....So to EVERYONE – THANK YOU.

On the behalf of Trent Valley M.O.C – I would like to thank each every one who contributed to the day & help raise an amazing £182.21 from the Tombola & a staggering total of £220.00 in Donations from the traders:

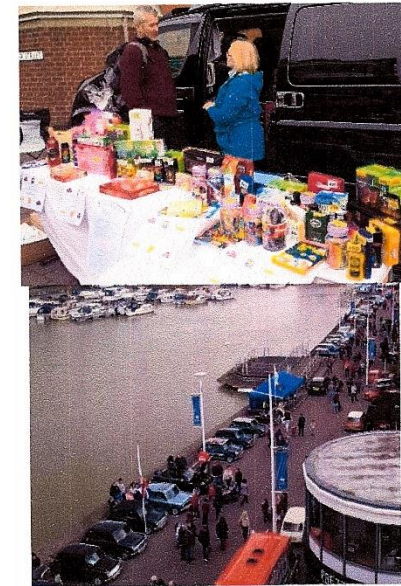
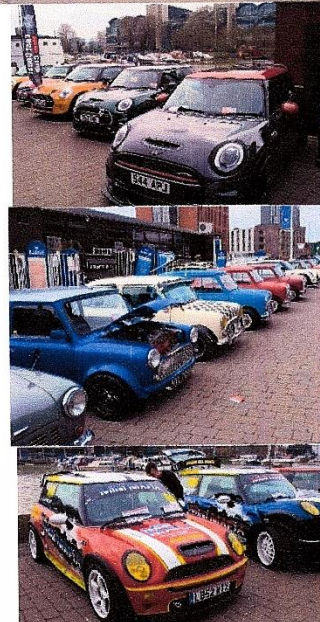
1. Ice Cream Van £100.00
2. Tool & Co. £40.00
3. N.K.Trading £40.00
4. Nick Smth Signs £40.00.

Fantastic amount of money raised once again for two very worthy causes: Air Amulance & Lives.

I personally feel that this year's event went the smoothest I've been to and yet again that is due to all the hard work & 'Team' effort put into it....& the weather hepled too!

Book your place for next year folks...its going to be the bee's knee's...

Here are just a few pictures to give you a taster of the day...enjoy...



Well that's it so far. I hope you've enjoyed reading my first Newsletter and hopefully future Newsletters to come. If anyone would like to contribute to the next Newsletter – which will include Lincolnshire County Wheels, Woodhall Spa –please contact me. This could be in the way of pictures or snippets of info, a memory, or general feedback info..... What I'm trying to say is that this is YOUR NEWSLETTER.....so any help to construct it can come from each and every one of you. Let's face it.....you'll only get bored listening to my recollection of events and obviously I can't attend all the events/shows.

Tombola Prizes:

Please, please could everyone have a search in their homes for those forgotten presents that were put in the cupboard for later after a birthday or Christmas? We are desperate for good Tombola Prizes & although we can purchase prizes – we stand to make more for our chosen Charities if we can limit the money we spend as a club. Thank you.