

#### UK European Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023



(Third time lucky)

# The UK European Meeting weekend

Arrive on Friday 1st September at The Chesford Grange Hotel, a 4 Star hotel near Coventry, for a warm welcome. Meet old and new friends over a drink and enjoy a buffet dinner with live entertainment.

Start your Saturday with a full English breakfast followed by a scenic drive through beautiful Cotswolds villages to visit your preferred choice of venue. The route brings you back to the hotel in time to freshen up for the Gala Dinner with 1960/70's themed live entertainment. We are celebrating the UK TR Register classic car club uniting TR enthusiasts for over 50 years.

After Sunday breakfast a short scenic drive through Warwickshire will bring you to the British Motor Museum for a captivating visit, with lunch included. The afternoon can be spent in the museum, visiting Stratford upon Avon or taking a drive through Coventry. There will be a farewell dinner at the hotel in the evening to end the meeting and hand over to the Swiss TR Club for the 2024 meeting.

Leave the hotel after breakfast on Monday 4th September for home or to join the optional tour in Wales.

### Saturday scenic drive and visit

On the Saturday morning you will leave after breakfast for a scenic drive through some of the most beautiful Cotswold villages and stopping at your choice of historic country houses and gardens or a steam railway:

National Trust Charlecote Park: Charlecote Park

Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway: <u>gwsr.com</u>

National Trust Chastleton: Chastleton House

Numbers are limited at these venues so you will be asked to express a preference of 5 different itineraries when you book. The route back to the hotel will allow plenty of time to freshen up and dress for the Gala Dinner.

#### Cotswolds scenic drive

You will follow a suggested route through some of the most beautiful small villages and towns in the Cotswolds.





Stop on route to discover the history, charm and delights of the museums, shops, pubs and cafes and to sample local delicacies for lunch.

### National Trust - Charlecote Park

A Victorian home set in a landscaped deer park, inspired by 'Capability' Brown. Stroll through the garden, from the formal parterre to the shady woodland garden with rare plants and borders full of colourful herbaceous planting. Tiptoe through the Scullery and Victorian Kitchen, to see them quietly preserved in time. Wander across the Service Courtyard to explore the Laundry and Brewhouse which once hummed with the activity of a busy working estate. The house tells a story of the vision of the Victorian owners George Hammond Lucy and his wife, the formidable Mary Elizabeth, who extended their home and filled it with treasures from their European travels.



## Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway

The GWSR is a volunteer operated heritage railway in Gloucestershire and Worcestershire offering a round trip of 28 miles. It now operates steam and heritage diesel trains between Cheltenham Racecourse and Broadway through some of the most spectacular scenery in the Cotswolds. The line commands wonderful views of the nearby sleepy hamlets and villages, with outstanding outlooks across to the Malvern Hills and beyond. You can be booked onto the Toddington to Broadway section to allow time to walk into Broadway to explore the delights of this picturesque town, before returning to Toddington to continue the scenic drive. Alternatively for steam train enthusiasts, you can spend the day exploring the whole line.



### National Trust - Chastleton

A rare gem of a Jacobean country house, Chastleton House was built between 1607 and 1612 by the prosperous wool merchant, Walter Jones, as an impressive statement of his wealth and power. Owned by the same increasingly impoverished family until 1991, the house remained essentially unchanged for nearly 400 years as the interiors and contents gradually succumbed to the ravages of time. With virtually no intrusion from the 21st century, this fascinating place exudes an informal and timeless atmosphere in a gloriously unspoilt setting. In keeping with the ethos of no modernisation, there is no cafe on-site and very little artificial lighting in some rooms and stairs.



# Saturday evening Gala dinner

We will be celebrating the event in 1970 when TR enthusiasts first came together to form the TR Register classic car club. We will be helped to re-live those times with a live band playing music from the 1960/70s. If you wish, please feel free to wear something appropriate from that era. Dance the night away as the bar will not be closing early.



# Sunday – The British Motor Museum

Having had a good night's sleep and a hearty English Breakfast, you will set out on a short scenic drive around the lanes of Warwickshire to arrive at the British Motor Museum. It holds the world's largest collection of historic British cars, with over 300 cars on display. One of its most recent exhibits is MVC 575, the pre-production TR2 driven by Ken Richardson, when it took the Land Speed Record for a production car under 2 litres, at 124.885 mph, on the Jabbeke highway in Belgium on 20th May 1953. Spent time wandering the halls, exhibitions and displays before taking lunch in the museum.



# Sunday afternoon & evening

The afternoon can be spent a number of ways; you can stay in the museum then take a direct drive back to the hotel, visit Stratford upon Avon for all things Shakespeare or drive through Coventry:

The Triumph factory has long since disappeared but there are echos of the past where it once existed. Drive down Vanguard Avenue onto Herald Avenue. Stop at the Standard Triumph Club, the social club where workers could unwind at the end of the day after building your TR at the Canley factory. Take a walk over to the Standard Triumph Monument which was unveiled in April 2000; an impressive and lasting memorial to the company, as well as the many thousands of men and women who laboured there to produce our cars. Another photo shoot could be a short drive down Toledo Close to Spitfire Close. Sadly no roads are named after our TR sports cars.

Return to the hotel in time for a chat in the bar and to get ready for the farewell dinner. There will be a few short speeches to round out the event and to hand over to our friends from the Swiss TR Club as they prepare for the 2024 European Meeting.

## The optional tour in Wales

You will leave the Chesford Grange hotel after another full English breakfast on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September to take a leisurely drive to Llandrindod Wells in mid-Wales. We will provide a few suggested routes and possible places to stop for coffee or lunch plus visits to castles, stately homes, parks or gardens.

Check into the 4 Star Metropole Hotel\* for 4 nights for bed, breakfast and evening meal. The hotel has a spa and swimming pool facility available to you throughout your stay. The hotel kitchen uses fresh ingredients from the many farms in the surrounding area.

Mid-Wales offers a wide array of things to do, places to visit and most importantly some spectacular drives on empty roads. However, some of the roads are small, as are some of the car parks, so we cannot all travel to the same place at the same time. Therefore, we will provide many routes and suggestions from castles to stately homes, a coal mine to a nice coffee shop. At the end of each day, share your experiences or discoveries with each other so you can choose something different for the next day.

The tour will finish after breakfast on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September where we will sadly say farewell to friends old and new until the next time.

### TRs and friends on the roads in Wales



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The three night weekend at the Chesford Grange Hotel is limited to 175 rooms with prices as follows:

Double room =  $\pounds$ 1030 Single room =  $\pounds$ 700

The optional four night tour is limited to 100 rooms at the Metropole Hotel\* with prices as follows:

Double room =  $\pounds750$  Single room =  $\pounds500$ 

\*Please note: initially the 100 rooms in the Metropole are only available to our guests from non-UK TR clubs to book. The Commodore Hotel is only available for UK club members. Prices for the Commodore Hotel are: double room £625, single room £450. If space allows, UK club members will be offered an upgrade to the Metropole after bookings close.

# A new booking process for 2023

There will be a new website dedicated to the European Meetings: <u>europeantrs.club</u>

The website will contain the contents, programme and pricing for the weekend and optional tour. The website is now live and is available in English, French, German and Dutch.

Members of all participating European TR clubs can create an account on the website storing their personal data in a secure way, fully compliant to GDPR. An email will be sent to all registered accounts to remind them when bookings open.

On 15 January 2023, bookings will open so you can book your place on the weekend, select your itinerary and optional tour on a first come, first served basis, through the website. A non-refundable deposit will be taken by credit or debit card to reserve your place. Bookings will close on 28 February 2023. The balance will need to be paid by bank transfer by 15 March 2023.

Your booking can be amended or cancelled at anytime, subject to the cancellation policy as described on the website. If the event is sold out, then there will be a waiting list created. If a cancellation occurs the space will be offered to those on the waiting list.

