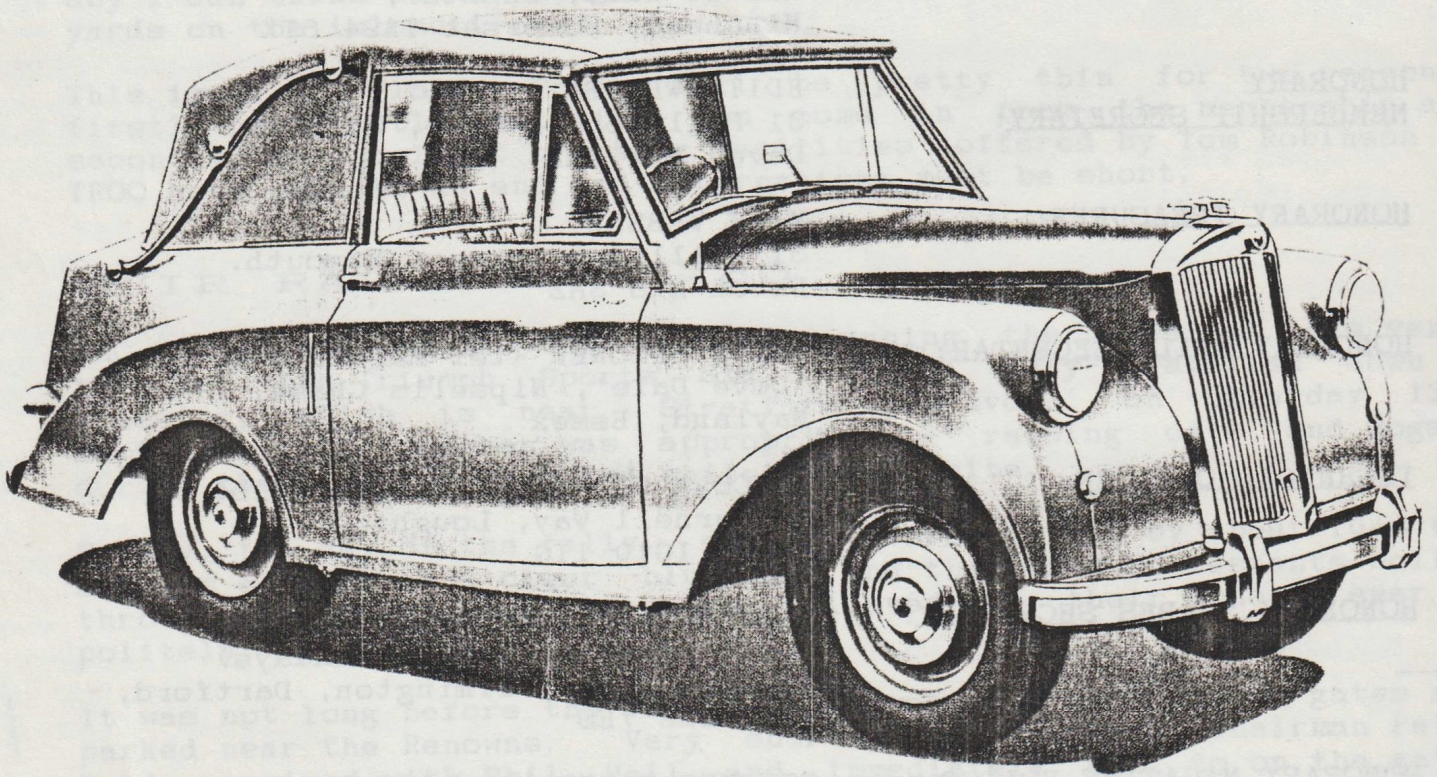




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Please note that all the above committee members fulfil their posts in their spare time and not as a full-time occupation. So when contacting them other than by letter, please ensure that you choose a reasonable time of day.

After spending the last few weeks striving to keep warm and trying to motivate myself to do the minimum amount of routine maintenance around the house and garden, I have finally decided to become an hedgehog and hibernate next year.

There seems to be little or no fun in scraping a chassis, lying on your back with frozen fingers and toes, cold winds blowing up your overall leg and rust dropping into your eyes.

Of course it would be more sensible to wait until the rains come in Spring and you can keep dry lying under the car. There is no doubt that the British winter is as good an incentive to live in Tahiti as any I can think of, although I've heard that there are very few scrap yards on the island!!

This issue of Flower Power will be pretty thin for two reasons; firstly very little material has come in from the membership and secondly the excellent printing facilities offered by Tom Robinson of TROC have come to an end and alternatives must be short.

STIR RALLY 14/9/86

TMC having been given the job of manning the gate at this venue together with Triumph Sports Six Club, I duly travelled down to Alcester, which is near Stratford-upon-Avon, on Saturday 13th September. The weather was appropriate - raining cats and dogs - during the whole journey and whilst at the site.

Sunday, the day of the rally, dawned overcast but by about 10am the sun was shining in a clear blue sky and the first contestants rolled through the check point and were relieved of their money - ever so politely!

It was not long before the first Mayflower came through the gates and parked near the Renowns. Very shortly our esteemed Chairman Peter Burdge arrived with Phil Hall and immediately set to on the gate. Phil guarded the deck chairs while Peter coerced "them" in Rally Control to give us more programmes - the punters had to see something for the money we were taking off them!

There was some friction between one person at Rally Control and gate control over the complex arrangements dreamt up by "that person" to enable entrants to claim programmes from Rally Control. However despite this Peter continued to harass Control to give us more programmes and inserts! Phil guarded our deck chairs; and we took more and more money.

The refugees from Beaulieu where the Autojumble was being held that same weekend, seemed relieved to at last see some sunshine - it didn't stop raining there apparently all weekend.

Finally, about 3pm, all entrants seemed to have arrived and the gate was disbanded and I headed home. There were I think 3 Mayflowers there in all and the weather made it a superb day for everyone, with a Triumph Stag winning the overall concours.

P.S. Next year's venue - Flushing, Holland.

BRIGHTON CLASSIC CAR SHOW 31/10/86 to 2/11/86

David Toguri kindly 'donated' his lovely off-white Mayflower with red leather interior to sit on the stand and it was driven there and back by Dave Watson, the engineer who had done so much work on this car for our member including fitting a Herald engine into this particular car so that it can be used reliably day in and day out. Many thanks to these two gentlemen, whom I have not met, only spoken to, for their great efforts on the Club's behalf.

The stand, organised as usual by TROC, comprised the aforementioned Mayflower, 2 Roadsters and 2 Renowns: one of the latter being driven all the way from Germany for this event and finished in a lovely deep - almost black - maroon. One of the Roadsters was for sale and some people were obviously interested and being shown its vitals. Asking price? - £10,000 to £12,000. The other Roadster, in gold but not for sale, looked much the nicer car.

David Wilken's Renown in gun metal grey with blue upholstery looked superb and was coveted by myself - another commandment broken. David kindly told me about some Mayflower hubcaps in the Autojumble and I snapped these up although they were in fairly poor condition (will need replating). They did have good badges in their centres.

Whilst I was there only on the Saturday I did have the pleasure of meeting fellow member Antonio Coelho from South London and we chatted enthusiastically about the little 'flowers. Unfortunately no other members appeared that day whilst I was there so time did at times pass slowly although at these points I wandered off and viewed other machinery. In particular a bright red MGA caught my eye - apparently this is the owner's only car and is used every day for work etc. It really was superb and a credit to the owner.

Many thanks to Jenny Langton & Co for their kind hospitality and excellent organisation.

SHAUN SPOONER

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE

A plea from the heart!

In the dim distant past there were rumours that 10 or possibly 12 Mayflowers turned up to a National Rally. Of course all those who attended last year's rally and the Bristol Mayflower Tug rally would dismiss these rumours as highly imaginative, though there is talk of photos to prove it.

Having talked to many members over the last few years the one recurring phrase that I often hear is "Oh I'm in the process of restoring my 'flower; one day I'd love to bring it to a rally"! But surely there must be more than 10 owners in the country whose cars actually go.....well, may be not then. Over the last two years the cars of Ron Hagger, John Gogay, Peter Burdge, Alan Watson, Ian Hodgkinson, Geoff Basketter, Dave Toguri, John Oglesby, Graham Keeling, Melanie Beer, Terry Gordon, Harvey Woods and Alan Collier have all been seen to move under their own steam, and it would be worth recording on film if at least a dozen of these, and of course any others, were to turn up to the Burford Rally this year.

Of course any hope of bringing my own car is in the future - I'm in the process of restoring mine.....

Ed:- with apologies to Shaun Spooner, Rally Secretary.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

21/22 MARCH - Bristol Classic Car Show.

19 APRIL - (Easter Sunday) - Spring Humber Gathering - TROC are invited by Humber Car Club to visit the Motor Museum Beaulieu Palace House, Gardens and Abbey. Also the Motor Museum Library will be open to visits. Closing date for entries March 9th. Forms and details s.a.e. please to Ron Campbell, 14 Belle Vue Close, Bournemouth, Hants BH6 3QW. Prepaid ticket holders only will be admitted.

2/3 MAY - Razoredge Weekend - meet Saturday afternoon at a chosen hotel in the Worcestershire area, dinner, stay overnight then visit the Black Country Museum at Dudley - lots to see and do. This coincides with the Classic Car Show at the NEC Birmingham.

2/3/4 MAY - Classic Car Show NEC Birmingham - the Triumph Roadster Club will be having a stand, and there will be a Renown on view.

10 MAY - New Forest Meeting - meet at Burton Hall, Burton, Christchurch, 11am for coffee and biscuits (60p per person), bring picnic lunch to be taken at Mudeford Quay. Tea rooms and pub lunches available as an alternative. Tour of Christchurch Priory and Museums, ending with tea at the Avonmouth Hotel £1.75 each. Coffee and tea MUST be booked by the end of April.

17 MAY - New Forest and Coast Picnic Road Run - again TROC are invited by Humber Car Club. A repeat event from 1986 which proved extremely popular with TROC members. First section is repeated including the Bolderwood Ornamental Drive, but following with a different picnic site, and ending with a cream tea at the Avonmouth Hotel, Mudeford overlooking Christchurch Harbour. Meet Lyndhurst Car Park 10am for an 11am sharp departure. For booking forms please write mentioning TROC to Ron Campbell, 14 Belle Vue Close, Bournemouth BH6 3QW with s.a.e. please. Closing date for bookings April 17th 1987.

23/24 MAY - STIR Standard Triumph International Rally to be held in Holland. Special February rates, Sheerness to Flushing (Visingen) then half hour drive to the venue. Slot Moermond - a chateau right on the coast. More details later.

31 MAY - Annual General Meeting, T.M.C. Venue to be arranged, details to be announced in next issue.

14 JUNE - Visit to Blenheim Palace with Humber Car Club. More details later.

21 JUNE - Classics and Restoration Show at National Motor Museum Beaulieu sponsored by Classic Car Magazine. Details from Events Office, The National Motor Museum, Beaulieu, Hants. Telephone: 0590 612345.

12 JULY - Would you like to be 'To The Manor Born' for a day? Then join the TROC Stand at Cricket St Thomas. This will be an open day for all car Clubs.

18/19 JULY - Dinner on Saturday night; joint rally by popular demand to be held at the Cotswold Wildlife Park at Burford - with TROC of course..... do not book Continental holidays this weekend!!!

PARTS FOR SALE

Due to an abandoned restoration project, the following NEW Triumph Mayflower parts are available for sale. All are to be sold in lots as listed and are priced as shown. I also have a large quantity of used spares, i.e. engine, gearbox, axle plus lots more, all cheap to clear.

Please contact: Esmond Tearle, 47 Westbury Lane, Newport Pagnell
Tel: 0908-616644

- LOT 1 O/S inner front wing section. N/S inner and outer
£200 front wing sections (all with Stanpart labels).
- LOT 2 Chrome trim - 2 new over riders, set of 4 new hub caps
£150 with Globe centres. Pair of new door handles, pair of
 new boot handles, new bonnet mascot with lock, pair of
 new 'Mayflower' door badges, 2 new front side lamps,
 new interior window winder.
- LOT 3 New electrical and engine parts: 4 sets contact
£65 breakers, 2 rotor arms, earth strap, dynamo brushes,
 coil, top hose, fan belt, full de-coke gasket set,
 clutch plate and thermostat.
- LOT 4 Brand new complete rear axle.
£215
- LOT 5 Assorted new parts - 2 brake cables, copper brake
£85 pipes, silencer box, spare wheel winder handle, wheel
 cylinder, carburettor service kit, 2 ball joints, 2
 brake hoses, and O/S boot hinge.
- LOT 6 New Rubbers: pair of door seal rubbers, windscreen
£45 rubbers, rear screen rubber, 2 jacking point rubbers
 and 2 pedal rubbers.

<u>ASSORTED</u>	Front and rear screens, used	£35
<u>ITEMS</u>	Radiator blind, used but excellent	£25
	As new handbook and parts book	£15

ALL MUST GO: REALISTIC OFFERS MAY BE CONSIDERED:

BUYERS TO ARRANGE COLLECTION

FOR SALE

1953 Mayflower - Black/Silver with red (leather?) interior.
Been standing in garage for last 4 years.
Offers? (could be cheap).

Tel: Mrs King - Havant 474400 or Mr Schindler - Havant 470790.

FOR SALE

Pressure of work has forced this sale of 2 Mayflowers registration numbers TPB 275 and TPC 238. Both have original log books and are registered at Swansea with new Vehicle Registration Documents. Accept £500 or nearside offer for both of them. Contact S. Scott of Ely, Cams on 0352-721377 (home) or 0353-722821 (business).

FOR SALE

1952 Triumph Mayflower, blue (not original), taxed and tested. Sticking valve on cylinder no. 4. New ball joints, brake rubbers. To be sold as soon as possible for best cash offer (space needed). Sound body and chassis - has been in a museum for 4 years. A NICE CAR. Contact G. Richardson, Unit 2, Front St Rear, Fencehouses, Durham on 0385-892768.

FOR SALE

One complete and sound Mayflower with a reconditioned engine 80 miles ago. New exhaust system, new tyres, new fitted carpet and all chrome parts re-chromed including the grille which cost over £80. Body has been stripped to bare metal for a respray - no rust holes, only solid metal. Has original mileage of 32,000 miles on clock as the car has hardly been used over its 33 years.

The car was exported to a British owner in Hong Kong in 1953 when it was built. It was brought back to Britain in 1960 where it was registered with its number YYT 744. Its Hong Kong reg. no. was XX4673 which is on the green log book. The computer log book has its original YYT 744 on it.

Asking £390 o.v.n.o. Please contact Stephen B. Clifford on 05515-612

WANTED

Driver and passenger door for Mayflower preferably in good condition. Can collect. Distance no object. Please phone Tony on 01 661 2863 after 7pm.

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Ed:- Good to see that the price of Mayflowers is ever upward. There has been a few cars advertised nationally at £700 - £1000 and the Practical Classics magazine has even condescended to increase its Condition 2 price to £650 and the Condition 3 price to £150, which is encouraging.

This recent change is somewhat outweighed by the price of rechroming a pair of bumpers and overriders for which a friend of mine has recently forked out £220.

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WELCOME

Several new members have joined recently and the committee would like to extend a special welcome to you to attend the AGM and of course the Annual Rally.

If any of the new members have knowledge of remanufacture of spares, particularly rubber mouldings or dash board control knobs, please make yourselves known to the Chairman. Equally if you have any desire to join in the running of your Club, be it only in a small way, please come along to the AGM or contact the General Secretary.

MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Attached to the front of this edition of Flower Power is the membership renewal form for 1987/8 and it would greatly reduce the administrative work load if all subscriptions were received before the 1st April 1987.

Please note, magazines will not be sent after the May edition to those who do not renew.

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TAILPIPE

So much for modern technology! I now know why the Fleet Street printers did not want to go to Wopping. My wife has begun to picket the editor in an effort to obtain better working conditions or instructions in the use of word processors. However, the magazine has now gone to bed.....and so will we.