

# Triumph Show & Spares Day

*Tim Hunt* reports from the international Stoneleigh show on 10 February

Following the death of Neil Bateman last year there was some doubt as to the future of the Stoneleigh show and others run by Vintage & Classic Events. Fortunately Neil's widow Lyn took over the reins.

As last year we had a four-car stand. This time the cars shown were Barry and Caroline McGrath's very rare 2.5PI Mk 1 estate; Dave Langrick's well known six-cylinder, fuel injected Spitfire Mk IV; Paul Darbyshire's recently acquired Oporto Red, low mileage Acclaim and Steve Waddingham's Spitfire 1500. As in 2007 we also took an autojumble pitch, conveniently next door to our Club stand, where Andrew

Lacey, ably assisted by Bob King did a steady trade in Club spares. Tina divided her time between the Club shop and the spares and it was nice that our former Club shop maestro and new Vice-President, Mel Evans was able to join us for the day.

One or two expected trade bookings failed to materialise and as a result Lyn contacted us a few days before the show to enquire whether we could rustle up some more nice Club cars to fill a gap in Hall 2. Many thanks to Tim Bancroft (GT6 Mk 2), James Carruthers (2000 Mk 1) and Dale Barker (Herald 1200 convertible), who kindly stepped into the breach at short

notice and gave us a further opportunity to promote the Club.

The show was well attended as usual; John and Bridget Snook were kept busy most of the day and succeeded in signing up some seven new members and one lapsed renewal.

As is usual at Stoneleigh, we saw many members on our stand during the show, it really is the place to be for all Triumph enthusiasts. One or two did comment that our smart new flag made our stand easier to locate in a crowded hall. My thanks to all others who helped at the show, either during set up or on the day.





## Bristol Classic Car Show

*Tim Hunt* reports from the event held 16–17 February

This somewhat confusingly named show, which has not actually been in Bristol for many years, took place again at the Royal Bath & West showground, Shepton Mallet.

We were fortunate to retain what has now become our regular spot in the main hall. I say fortunate, since our friendly neighbours of last year, the Nissan 300C Owners' Club, were banished to an outer covered area known popularly as the 'cowshed'. Whilst pleasingly free of the offensive effluvia of previous years this became very chilly late on the Saturday after the heating was prematurely cut.

The usual suspects arrived early on the Friday afternoon for set up and I would like to thank local member Robert Lake, of Frome, who kindly met us to assist in assembling our stand. The extra pair of hands was appreciated. Robert is restoring a GT6 and it would be nice if one day this car could appear on our stand at the show.



This year our cars were the early midnight blue manual Stag of Roger and Freda Bray and John and Bridget Snook's 1970 signal red 2-litre Vitesse convertible.

We had a fairly busy two days at a well-attended show and were pleased to welcome

several members to our stand; naturally enough most were from the south, west and midlands catchment areas.

Thank you to those who showed their cars and who helped in any way over the weekend.