

Secretary's Report 2015

The Club has again had a successful year including the night trial, now in a new and arguably much more appropriate format and has had a very well attended national opening meeting.

The training day, instituted last year by Michael Joseph, has gone from strength to strength, highlighting the need for hands on training in both repair and basic skills in our "throw away" society.

"Goggles and Gauntlets" was a resounding success, due to the efforts of the PR team.

I trust that these events can become regular calendar fixtures. Looking forward, the club will be represented at the Classic Car show at the NEC in November.

Many sporting events both national and international have been attended by our members and grateful thanks are due to Pete and Sue Clews for all their hard work . The Mogspares team deserve mention, without whom many of our cars would not be on the road.

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the inaugural meeting of the Club which was held at the factory, it is a shame that the committee decided that our AGM will be at the Abbey Hotel and not at the factory.

Although the Club has had a good year, the committee has struggled with direction, some important items of business have now been languishing for nearly 2 years.

It has been realized on a recurring basis for many years that the current committee structure is clumsy and slow to respond. The governance review team brought forward proposals to overhaul the committee, needless to say the committee rejected these proposals.

I feel strongly that the membership, not the committee should have their say on the committee size and composition.

I have enjoyed helping members from the UK and overseas get the most from their club and wish all well for the future, especially those officers and members who make the club work and work well in spite of all adversities.

Chris Harfield, Hon.Sec.

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