

MTWC – Chairman’s Report for 2020 AGM

A very different year to what we all expected!

The year started very well with the AGM/Rally weekend at Leamington Spa organised by Paul Jowitt. I know this was a break with the tradition of the Abbey Hotel at Malvern but I’m glad we tried something different. Paul’s questionnaire after the event showed that the majority approved of the change and especially appreciated the easy parking, central location for the concours and the lounge with free coffee for socialising. This year being the club’s 75th anniversary it was planned to be back at Malvern but of course that has not been possible.

Very rapidly the lockdown for COVID-19 brought all physical meetings to an end and the Bulletin has become the cornerstone of the club. There was concern that without events Julian Vincent would run short of material to publish, but with the support of members he has produced a fascinating and full magazine every month, with contributions from around the world on all of the different types of cars and historic events.

We have not been short of reading either with last year’s 2 new books: the F-Type Morgan by Nev Lear and the Morgan 3-Wheeler Handbook V-twin engines models 1931-1940 by Tony Birks being very popular and having to have extra print runs. This year we can look forward to the new Club History written by Nev Lear that will be distributed with the Bulletin in the next couple of months. Also, available on the website, is Andy Warren’s M3W or 5 speeder buyers guide which is a must for anyone considering buying one and a great reference document for new owners.

Maria Parkinson has stepped down as membership secretary and we are grateful to Richard Anafi who has stepped into the breach. Also, Ian Parkinson has resigned as Events Coordinator. Both Ian and Maria have contributed a lot to the club and my thanks go to both for all their valuable work.

Social media has been a great opportunity for members to keep in touch this year. The website continues to be a great resource of information. Peter Thompson during lockdown has scanned 1400 photographs from the library spanning from 1900 to 1960s and these are about to become available to members on the website which will be a great way to spend a few hours. Also, this year Bill Critchlow has also started a YouTube channel for club videos.

I’m pleased to report, that Sam Savage and Roger Harrison have restarted the used parts exchange and register and have so far done brisk business including a shipment to Australia. This should be great help to put and keep cars on the road.

We must now look on to an active year next year, when we can enjoy our cars and meet up with friends in a more social situation. Already some members have started to meet outside in small groups and we are now planning the events calendar for next year. Just to mention a couple of events, we have plans for an April Opening Run weekend which will combine a Saturday Madresfield Gymkhana with a meeting at the Avoncroft Museum of Historic Buildings on the Sunday and the Sporting section have a Training Day and Club Sprint planned for June.

Our membership numbers are maintaining their stability and we continue to make a small financial surplus, so we have a healthy club and hope to get back to normal next year.

Charles Smith
Chairman