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LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

The Librarian is the custodian of the Club's archives which include technical, historical and pictorial information along with the collection of Morgan related books and pamphlets. During my tenure of the post I have attempted to make these items more accessible to members and this has been possible through the medium of the Club Website.

The Technical Archive comprises numerous loose drawings along with 26 ring binders which also contain some historical and other relevant information. Of the 1270 items contained, 487 may now be down-loaded and this has virtually eliminated direct requests for information. In addition we have scanned a quantity of original drawings from the Morgan Motor Company and it is intended that a list of these will shortly be published and copies, in electronic form, made available on application

The Photographic Archive includes 11 loose leaf 'presentation' folders, the Ray King Slide collection and a significant quantity of other photographs which have been donated by members, some of which are in albums. The folder collection, in excess of 1450 pictures covering from 1900 to 1960, has now been digitally copied and it is intended that this photographic archive will shortly be accessible on the members section of the website. The Ray King collection has also been digitally copied but the way forward on how this and the other photographic material might be made accessible is yet to be determined.

There is a small collection of books and other printed matter and also 11 ring-binders containing copies or originals of Periodical articles relating to Morgan Three Wheelers from 1910 to 1988.

Storage has been a particular problem and those items which do not require regular access are stored at my home and in Len Critchlow's garage, to whom we are most grateful.

THE FUTURE

This has been a year of consolidation and the completion of various projects including listing and scanning the photographs contained in the presentation albums has been assisted by forced isolation because of the Pandemic. However, as I have announced, I will not be standing as Librarian at the AGM as I feel it is time for another to carry on the work of making our archives accessible to the membership.

We have one expression of interest in taking on the job in a year's time and if there are no other candidates, I would be prepared to act as a "caretaker" for the next year.

Pete Thompson