

MORGAN THREE-WHEELER CLUB
REGISTRAR'S REPORT: AGM 2020

I doubt if there is a more fascinating, varied and rewarding job in the Club than the Registrar's. Steve Lister warned that, realistically, I would need to set aside fifteen hours a week; it has been all of that, but every moment has been a pleasure. There has been much to learn and, at the end of the first year, I feel reasonably competent and confident that there have been no major blunders or upsets. My thanks to Steve for all his vital support. It has been a particular joy to meet – albeit mainly by telephone and email – so many delightful MTWC members from the UK and around the world. Although the job is centred on the cars it is, of course, the people who really matter. Here is a summary of the year's activities:

Database

We hold particulars of over 3,000 cars in the database and you will have read in my article in the June *Bulletin* that nearly 2,000 of these survive. Their technical and ownership details have to be kept up to date to ensure that enquiries can be dealt with accurately. This is supplemented by our copy of the factory production records (1928 to 1952) and huge and growing quantities of printed and digital photographs. The history of your cars is extensive, accumulating and available.

Enquiries

Since October last year I have received 119 enquiries. Broadly these come from current owners in search of the origins and history of their cars; from ex-owners or their offspring curious about the fortunes of once-cherished cars and often eager to provide current owners with photographs and folklore; and from those needing general advice. Some queries can be settled by a couple of emails, some take longer: recently I asked a new member for clarification of his car's details. This led to a 60-email conversation and a major, and ultimately wholly successful, forensic investigation into the car's very complicated lineage.

Registrations

A recurring feature of this annual report is a plea to owners or prospective owners of unregistered cars to consult the registrar before committing time and money to a restoration project. This year is no exception. DVLA requirements are stringent, and successful registration is by no means a foregone conclusion. I have been able to obtain age-related registrations for the three cars I have applied for. However I had to disappoint four further owners whose cars the club could simply not recognise as genuine Morgans and would not support applications to DVLA for their registration as such. Please discuss your project with me in its early stages.

Replica Dash Badges

We have simplified the system. Applications now come straight to me. Once verified I ask "Mr C" (he insists on anonymity) to stamp a badge and send it to the applicant. The badges are still popular and selling well. My thanks to Mr C for his prompt and meticulous work.

Stephen Clark

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