

**TRIUMPH MAYFLOWER CLUB**  
**AGM REPORT**  
**SUNDAY 17th MARCH 2019**

**Meeting held at:** Meeting Room of the Triumph Sports Six Club  
Main Street  
Lubenham, Market Harborough, LE16 9FT

**Attendees:** John Oaker, Paul Norton, Howard Pryor, Stephen Coulman, John Castle, John Banks, Paul Burgess, Rob Davies, Barbara Davies, Andi Davies, Mark Smith (plus Christine and Georgia), John Corley, John Oglesby

**Meeting opened:** 11.35 am

**Apologies received from:**  
Phil Benson, John Gogay

**Minutes of the last meeting:**  
Accepted by all those present.

**Chairman's Report - JOHN CASTLE:**

I would like to thank Paul Burgess for setting up this AGM, and for the way he has taken over the Club's Spares Department; we now have a good store set-up at Lubenham. My thanks also to Rob and Andi for their work on the website, and Barbara for 'Flower Power'. As you know by now, John Oaker is giving up the role of General Secretary - I would like to thank John for his service to the Club, and suggest that he should be offered Honorary Membership [Club rules may need to be altered, because at present all of the six available honorary memberships are accounted for].

**REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS OF THE COMMITTEE:**

**General and Membership Secretary - JOHN OAKER:**

This secretary's report is the 26<sup>th</sup> that I have presented to the Annual General meeting. Numbers of members are the same as last year, with a few more UK members and a few less USA members. Although the UK rise is good news, the USA drop isn't! Russ Hoenig, our USA co-opted committee member, tells me that there are many active Mayflowers in the USA without their owners being club members. This "how to increase USA membership" is an item for discussion later during the meeting. For the second year running, I write that, "hopefully the steady decline in numbers is at a stop", but is there anything that can be done to make increases? In my recent contact with members I have noticed an increase in the thank-yous and kind comments with regard the changes that have happened in recent times - Paul and the spares, Rob and Andi with the website and Barbara with the magazines. This is our public face!

Number of members

1996	152	1997	167	1998	151	1999	144	2000	151
2001	144	2002	150	2003	144	2004	131	2005	142
2006	148	2007	141	2008	139	2009	139	2010	145
2011	134	2012	124	2013	124	2014	100	2015	117
2016	110	2017	110	2018	119	2019	119		

Of the 119 membership at the AGM in March 2018, 93 members re-joined, 3 former members have re-joined, and we have 6 honorary members and 17 new members.

The records for March 2019 show 119 members at today - continental breakdown:

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
UK & Ireland	105	96	89	88	71	86	78	83	87	90
USA Canada	16	16	11	15	10	11	13	7	9	6
Australasia	6	3	6	6	5	7	6	6	8	9
Europe	11	10	9	8	7	6	7	8	9	8
Africa	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Honorary	6	6	6	5	5	6	6	6	6	6
Life President	1	1	1	1	1	1				

In conclusion, as you all know, I am stepping down from my club role. It has been an honour and a pleasure to have been part of the Triumph Mayflower Club family, sharing time, anecdotes and a love of our cars with other members and of course keeping the Triumph Mayflower on the road!

#### Treasurer - PAUL NORTON:

2017/18	Receipts	2018/19
4129.28	Bank Balance b/f	3124.32
12.12	Cash Balance b/f	12.12
3280.96	Subscriptions	3243.00
19.00	Regalia Sales	0.00
0.00	Rally Receipts	0.00
0.00	Misc	0.00
0.00	Interest	0.00
0.00	2nd hand spares	0.00
7441.36	<b>Total income</b>	6379.44

2017/18	Payments	2018/19
3131.19	Flower Power	1318.00
0.00	AGM and other meetings	63.48
1318.00	Officer's expenses / postage etc	174.48
63.48	Web Site Fees / Renewals	931.01
931.01	Rally expenses	104.56
0.00	Subscriptions FBHVC / Refunds	73.74
104.56	Misc	0.00
465.92	Regalia New Stock/Float	0.00
174.48	Club Insurance renewal costs	465.92
6188.64	<b>Total expenditure</b>	3131.19

	bank	cash	total	
opening balance	3124.32	12.12	3136.44	Lloyds Bank Statements
receipts	3243.00	0.00	3243.00	(As per Statement sheet 11)
payments	3131.19	0.00	3131.19	Sheets 12 to 26
closing balance	3236.13	12.12	3248.25	Sheets 12 to 26
				(As per Statement sheet 26)

Paul began by thanking Phil Benson, for once again helping him to compile the spread-sheets for the AGM. Paul (who is now in his tenth year as Treasurer) then reported that there have been no major expenses throughout the year, with a healthy bank balance maintained. The club's insurance has been renewed at the

same premium, including the all-important North American cover.

## **Spares Co-ordinator - PAUL BURGESS:**

### **Introduction**

Since the last AGM it has been a busy year for spares. The club purchased a substantial cache of spares with the help of a £2500 loan (now repaid) from Spares Coordinator Paul Burgess. This meant that we had to rent more space from TSSC at Lubenham. The club is now paying a total of £600 a year for this facility. The spares cache we purchased was located in Durham and their collection incurred a cost of around £150 which came from the spares account. This cost was greatly reduced by TSSC letting us use their van and trailer for a small donation to TSSC club funds.

During this year I have supplied approximately 340 items to 40 members and 4 non-members. I only supply replaceable items to non-members and add a surcharge of 50-100% to the price if they decline the invitation to become members. I find it surprising that non-member owners who enquire after hard to find parts won't join the club to get them.

### **Stock**

As stated above, the spares stock is housed at the TSSC at Lubenham. An up to date catalogue is issued to members by email on a regular basis. I keep an eye on Ebay and other sources and buy up any suitable spares as funds allow. My aim is to acquire and stock difficult to get spares and to inform members of suppliers where they can get other parts. I have been really pleased with the response from members when I have been unable to supply a part and have appealed for help. I'm amazed at the variety of spares members have tucked away and their willingness to give them up to help others keep their cars on the road. Another aim is to get unavailable spares remanufactured where there is enough demand and funding. Thus far I have had windscreen rubbers, front handbrake cables, top, bottom and bypass hoses made. Future projects may include door badges (I know of a supplier but there is a minimum order of around £400), thermostat housings and water elbows. Nothing seems to have come of the possibility of TROC getting overriders made for the Renown which could be used on the Mayflower. The shortage of head gaskets has been resolved in that there were a number of Mayflower gaskets in the cache of spares from Durham and I have a source for Standard 10 gaskets which can be used as an alternative.

As our stock of spares increases space is becoming an issue. In light of this, I am keen to move on some of the 14 gearboxes we have. If anyone would like a spare please let me know and you can have one. You will, however, have to collect or arrange carriage yourself. It would also be helpful in terms of space to sell some of the stock of boot lids and bonnets we have – only £30 each!

If the club were to sell the complete stock of spares we currently hold, at the prices advertised in the catalogue, we would realise just over £38,000. What a resource for the club and its members.

### **Finances**

Banking is via a Lloyds Treasurer's Current Account called "Triumph Mayflower Club Spares". Payments by cheque, bank transfer or cash on collection are the preferred methods for spares sales. Some members have asked about the possibility of credit card transactions and the use of Paypal but these methods will incur extra costs for the club and there are no current plans to make these available.

As stated earlier the club is funding the £600 pa cost of storage.

As at March 9<sup>th</sup> 2019, the spares account for the year since the last AGM report is:

**Debits**

Spares Purchases: £4965.07  
Travel: £433.71  
Sundries & postage: £2861.83 (includes repayment of £2500 loan from P Burgess)

**Credits**

Spares sales: £5630.40  
Other: £3350.48 (inc. loan of £2500 from P Burgess, P&P charges & c/f of £383.38 from 2018)

**Balance**

Bank account: £667.67  
Cash: £52.60  
Total: £720.27

Detailed accounts are available for inspection on request.

Finally, I would like to record my thanks to the staff and committee of the TSSC for their willingness to help, their generosity and their spirit of cooperation.

**Regalia Co-ordinator - PAUL BURGESS:**

**Introduction**

I took over the role of Regalia Co-ordinator from John Castle at the last AGM, as it seemed logical to combine the role with my responsibilities as Spares Coordinator. John had just arranged for a new stock of magazine binders, and had organised the manufacture and delivery of a new club car radiator badge. Club garments can be ordered at short notice and so we do not need to keep a large stock of these items. Business has been slow this year. I have received orders from 4 members who purchased magazine binders, a cap and a radiator badge. I have looked at the possibility of acquiring stocks of promotional items such as pens, key rings, mugs, and so on but the minimum quantity we would have to order seemed to make it an unviable proposition, when likely demand is taken into account.

**Finances**

I use the spares bank account for transactions but keep the regalia funds separately as cash.

As at March 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 the regalia account for the year since the last AGM report is:

**Debits**

Regalia Purchases: £0  
Travel: £0  
Sundries & postage: £5.90

**Credits**

Regalia sales: £58  
Other: £14.50

**Balance**

Bank account: £0  
Cash: £66.60  
Total: £66.60

Detailed accounts are available for inspection on request.

### **Election of Officers:**

There were two changes made:

**John Corley** volunteered to take over the role of General and Membership Secretary

**John Banks** will be taking on the role of Rally Secretary

Both appointments were nominated by Paul Burgess, and seconded by John Castle

### **Rally Matters:**

John Castle welcomed John Banks to his new role. It was agreed that John Oglesby should assist John [Banks] with matters relating to the Ripon show.

### **Website Update:**

#### **Web Master:**

Andi explained to the committee about personal issues, that have at times led to progress being slow and patchy. However, she is still committed to maintaining the website, and pushing forward with functionality upgrades to continue making the website a first-class resource and on-line presence.

‘Coming soon’ (within the next 2 to 4 weeks): There will be some graphical tweaks, which will make subtle changes to the ‘visuals’ (ie. the appearance of the site), which were not completed prior to the website’s launch, because of time constraints.

There will also be a new section based around technical drawings. Also coming soon: A ‘News Section Upgrade’ - a new, date-based archiving system to make it easier to find old news articles (this will become more important as the number of articles published continues to increase). ‘Behind the Scenes Upgrades’: These will improve the workings of the news section from a technical perspective; thus making it easier and quicker to publish new articles (and hopefully relieve the current bottle-neck).

Long-term plans: To continue with behind-the-scenes upgrades to the news system, making it possible for the web editor to publish articles on the website himself. Andi says this will reduce her workload, and give her more time to focus on website functionality. Search box: This is taking a long time to develop, because it is bespoke, but Andi hopes to have it working before the next AGM. It will allow for searches of all resources, including PDFs.

Future ambitions: These include an ‘on-line forum’ for members to discuss any number of topics; on-line membership payment; interactive store section (so items can be bought directly on the website), as well as several other technical infrastructure improvements.

#### **Web Editor:**

Rob Davies explained that at present, because the website is ‘bespoke’, and therefore complex in coding terms, Andi is having to add everything to the website herself, which takes her a *lot* of time. Rob apologised that this sometimes meant there being a delay with posting items on the website, but he said that Andi is working towards developing a way to enable Rob to do this himself. Rob is currently developing an area specifically for technical drawings.

During the discussion that followed, it was suggested that technical information should be taken down temporarily, so that it becomes available to **members only**.

Whilst the ‘members only’, passworded section of the website is under

development, Rob agreed to e-mail relevant sections to members on request. This information will thus add value to what can be gained from joining the club.

#### **Committee members' role descriptions:**

It was suggested that all committee roles should be written down, including the technical officers, and added to the club rules (all of which will eventually appear on the website, once agreed by the committee). Paul Burgess has already provided descriptions of his roles, and these were circulated to the meeting. Paul also agreed to continue looking into how the 'roles information' will fit in with the club rules, which he is also still working on. Mark Smith (Publicity Officer) expressed concern about how his role (which was only created at the previous AGM) should be developed: Amongst the suggestions were development of a club Facebook page (which could only be added to by agreed club administrators - Mark will liaise with Andi about setting this up). A Facebook page could be particularly useful for members in the USA, who are limited by geography from meeting on a regular basis. Andi suggested a 'bitesize newsfeed', and Stephen Coulman, as at the last AGM, offered that the club could become more involved in the Messingham Show (Stephen being head of the show's committee). Rob Davies requested information from members to submit information to him about events happening in their area, so that these can be featured on the website.

#### **Subscriptions and membership deadline:**

There was much discussion about an increase in club membership fees, as well as a potential change to the dates for joining. The committee reached a unanimous decision for the following: Introduce a twice-yearly joining date (end of March and end of September), with a year's membership running concurrently from each date. Paul Burgess suggested that an increase in membership fees would help to maintain a float for the purchase of spares: Again, it was unanimously agreed that, from 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019, fees would increase to £35, with an extra £6 for new members (to cover relevant costs).

#### **Any other business:**

Rob Davies brought up the idea of 'Junior Membership' again - it was agreed that Rob, Barbara and Andi should get together to discuss ideas for a possible format, and then report back to the committee.

John Castle suggested moving the 'Northern Rally' to the Messingham Show, from Ripon (because Ripon is difficult for many members to get to). This was approved by all the committee, but Rob Davies suggested John Castle should inform Sue Benfield (Peter's widow), as it was Peter who established the Ripon Rally, many years ago.

**Meeting Closed:** 2.35pm