

TRIUMPH MAYFLOWER CLUB

AGM REPORT

SUNDAY 25th MARCH 2012

Meeting held at: EXPRESS HOLIDAY INN, TEMPUS DRIVE, WALSALL

Attendees: P. Benfield; P. Benson; C. Brown; J. Castle; J. Gogay; C. Lungmass; J. Oaker; H. Pryor Chairman (retiring); and B. Redshaw.

Apologies were received from: M. Barnsley; P. Burdge; S. Coulman; T. Gordon; E. Marshall; F. Newman and P. Norton

The Chairman opened the meeting promptly at 2:00 pm and welcomed everyone, saying how nice it was to see some new faces again this year. He also thanked John Oaker for once again organising the venue.

Minutes of the last AGM had already been published in Flower Power, and were taken as read and accepted by the meeting.

Chairman's Report:

As you are aware I am not standing for re-election this year, and so I would like to address this report to you all as 'My Dear Friends' because in the years in which I have been a member of the Triumph Mayflower Club, that is what the membership has come to mean to me - 'friendship'.

Although we do not see each other from year to year I can now be assured of a warm greeting when I see a fellow Triumph Mayflower owner; even if I have not had the privilege to have met them before the welcome would be the same, friendly.

I became a member of this club in 1988, membership number 551, ominously my month and birth year. I did not know then that I had purchased a rare and some would say quirky vehicle, nor what I was getting into.

Five years later 'Mabel' (May Belle) my Mayflower, as she became known to everybody, was back on the road and taking me on a new journey to places and people I had not met before.

My first Mayflower rally attended in Mabel was Highclere Castle, and it was to take me into a new world with our first win in the Concours, which incidentally we did for the consecutive 10 years; something new again.

On leaving my first event with all that silverware and a huge smile I was smitten with Mayflowering for the foreseeable future.

My Mayflower committee career soon took off as I volunteered my services for the position of Rally Secretary, which as a younger man I took on with 110 per cent enthusiasm.

I juggled my family, my business and Mabel and had a truly fantastic time over the years, some of the best times of my life in fact.

Stepping up the ladder to Vice Chairman I became a double act with Peter Benfield, my predecessor. Mayflowering was at its peak. We were formidable. The committee were all as enthusiastic as we were, and every committee position was filled.

We had excellent attendances for rallies, our Mayflower turnout hovered around the 20 mark for many years but never seemingly breaching the number 21.

Peter Benfield, who is known to the club but not to me as 'Dad', retired and I became the Triumph Mayflower Club Chairman.

Sorry, this must sound like an obituary and not a report, but it is not an obituary, it is a brief account of my times in office with the club and the history of it to this point in time. For this is my last Club Chairman's report.

My time as Chairman has been reasonably quiet. The club for a short period now has experienced apathy in member activity and attendance, and has seen committee members seem a bit thin on the ground with some positions being vacant now for a few years.

Perhaps this is what we must expect after a high period or have we truly peaked out! I hope not. I would have loved to hand over the reigns to our next Chairman with things still on a high. Note I have said "Our" and not "The" because perhaps now is the time to mention that I am not leaving the club, just removing myself from office with the satisfaction that I have done my bit.

I have made no secret of the fact that my interests are now with the Triumph TR range, in fact I have three, and am heavily involved with the TR Register as the North London Group Leader.

I would like to think that with enthusiasm and a few new committee members the Triumph Mayflower Club can once again rise from the lull we are experiencing presently to greater things. The alternative is unthinkable and would be a huge loss to the Triumph movement. The 90th celebration of Triumphs is happening next year in May. Perhaps that would be a good time to have a huge Mayflower turnout, and remind the Triumph world what a great little car it is.

I endorse John Castle as my replacement in the 'Election of Officers' ballot and wish him and the club well. I also offer my considerable Mayflower experience to call on should it be needed to the committee and members, and I will see you at the next Mayflower Rally in July at Broughton Castle near Banbury.

The Chairman closed by stating that he hoped that we would have volunteers to fill all committee posts from within the attendees today when we get to the election of officers later.

Treasurer's Report:

(Given by Phil Benson on behalf of Paul Norton). The club continues to be in a very sound financial state. Subscription renewals again suffered a little during the year against the previous year. This was probably due to the ongoing effect of the financial situation prevailing across the country. The club can afford to reinvest in equipment, such as flags, banners and gazebos for use at rallies and national shows and the Treasurer recommends that this is done. He also recommends that the subscription remains at the current level of £25 plus the usual £10 joining fee for new members.

In line with other clubs, and having taken advice from some of them, we now have to cover the club and officers for insurance purposes and as can be seen to be in the accounts for this year as a significant item. We insure through a policy purchased by an FBHVC led national exercise, and this probably represents best value for money available.

Membership Secretary's Report:

This is my 19th secretary's report and the numbers of members over the last few years are as follows:

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			

Of the 124 members at the end of March, 100 members re-joined; 2 former members have re-joined; 7 honorary members and 15 new members. Membership at the moment stands at 134

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	
119	112	104	103	105	96	89	UK & Ireland
11	12	13	13	16	16	11	USA & Canada
4	5	5	4	6	3	6	Australasia
5	3	8	10	11	10	9	Europe
1	2	1	1	1	1	1	Japan
1							India
1	1	2	2	1	1	1	Africa
6	6	6	6	6	6	6	Honorary members
					1	1	Life President

Regalia Update:

Fred Newman has sold his Mayflower, and is resigning from the club to pursue his hobby within the one-make clubs for his three other classic cars. The regalia stock has been passed over to Malcolm Barnsley who has volunteered to take over the role, if confirmed in the position by the AGM today. The committee thank Fred for his services to the club.

Credit		Debit	
Regalia sales	£131.00	Triumph account	£150.70
Spares sales	£70.00	Post/packing	£41.20
Bought forward	£13.87	Stock	£25.00
Carried forward	£2.10		
	£216.97		£216.97

Postage includes one item to Australia (£30.00)

Stock take as at March 1st equates to £250 retail (only second-hand spares now held by me: one engine, but no cylinder head).

New Spares Secretary's report:

The year has been a quiet one regarding the supply of spare parts to members, but we have acquired a few new lines such as headlamp bowls. A last batch of quarterlight rubbers were manufactured and sold on a first-come first-served basis and now are virtually sold out. I have informed the committee that I would like to stand down after serving as Spares Secretary for the last 31 years. It has been an interesting time which I have enjoyed but now feel that it is time to move on.

Second hand Spares Secretary's report:

There has not been a lot of activity since I volunteered to take over the Second-Hand Spares Secretary from Fred Newman last year.

I visited Fred in Kent during the year and collected about three crates of bits and pieces and we dumped some old stuff which was obviously not fit for any further use.

At the meeting today, I am confirming that I am happy to take over from John Gogay as New-Parts Secretary. I have space available in which to store the spares.

<u>Income</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Sale of spare parts	2904.50	3751.10
Bank interest	1.36	1.28
Expenditure over income	<u>2089.57</u>	<u>-----</u>
	<u>4995.43</u>	<u>3752.38</u>

Expenses

Purchase of spare parts	4069.47	2558.41
Stamps/carriage	516.63	274.61
Rent	320.00	320.00
Package/tape/mags etc.	46.68	46.68
Loan/credit repayments	-----	-----
Income over expenditure	<u>-----</u>	<u>552.68</u>
	<u>4995.43</u>	<u>3752.38</u>
Deposit account	3000.86	3002.14
Current account	265.53	1091.54
Cash in hand	29.29	29.29
Less uncleared cheques	<u>-----</u>	<u>274.61</u>
	<u>3295.68</u>	<u>3848.36</u>

Rally Secretary's report:

The 2011 rally was held at Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire in July. We had a pleasant if damp day rallying with our friends from TROC (Triumph Razor Edge Owners Club).

For 2012 we will again rally with TROC, but at a more central location at Broughton Castle near Banbury in Warwickshire. I hope as many of you as possible will come along, whether in your Mayflowers or not you will find a warm welcome at a beautiful venue. Sunday 15th July 12:00 noon.

Election of Officers:

Chairman: John Castle was proposed by Howard Pryor and seconded by Peter Benfield and carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman: Chad Brown was proposed by John Castle and seconded by John Oaker and carried unanimously.

Treasurer: Paul Norton agreed to continue and was unopposed.

Secretary: John Oaker agreed to continue and was also unopposed.

Editor: Nico ten Wolde agreed to continue and was unopposed.

Regalia Secretary: Malcolm Barnsley offered to undertake the office and was accepted by the meeting unanimously.

Rally Secretary: John Castle agreed to continue (Chad Brown volunteered to assist him) and was unopposed.

New and Second-hand Spares Secretary: Brian Redshaw offered to undertake both offices and was accepted by the meeting unanimously. Brian and John Gogay are to organise the transfer of stock from John's garage in Wilmington to Brian's premises in Darlington, probably in the late summer months (Please look out for information regarding this in Flower Power).

Technical Officers: Malcolm Barnsley, UK; Eddie Copson, UK; Steve Coulman, UK; John Lesley, New Zealand; and Larry Spouler, Canada; all agreed to continue and were accepted by the meeting.

Any other business:

The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Howard Pryor for his sterling efforts not only as Chairman but in his other Mayflowering positions over many years. He said that Howard would be a hard act to follow but that in his turn he would also strive to promote the Triumph Mayflower Club within the classic car movement, not only in the UK but throughout the world.

John Oaker proposed that Howard Pryor be awarded Honorary Life Membership for his efforts. This was seconded by John Gogay and accepted by a unanimous show of hands.

The Chairman closed the meeting just after 4:30 pm, wishing everyone a safe and pleasant journey home and saying he hoped to see everyone again at the rally in July.