



Thame and District Classic Motor Club

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Annual General Meeting

Thursday 27th October 2016

MINUTES

1. Apologies

Received from Angus & Dinah Galbraith

2. Minutes of the 2015 AGM

Accepted as a true record.

3. Chairman's Report

I would like to start by thanking each and every one of you for your confidence in me; this has been my second year behind the wheel, which must mean I have passed my provisional by now!

The club has had another successful year with many enthusiastic members participating in the core club activities and with the club represented at several others. I for one have enjoyed the activities that I came along to and look forward to another great year.

We have had fine and sunny days for most of our events in a generally good summer. Organisers for events in 2017 will be most welcome. As always, there is a core of members who regularly attend club events, for which we are grateful for your support, yet there are some members we sadly never see.

Work commitments has meant that my contribution to our website in the past year was minimal, however ongoing maintenance will be required to keep it current and engaging to any visitor or potential new member. Analytics show we get regular visitors and from the amount of unsolicited emails I receive advertising car care products and maintenance services, I know we get some unwelcome visitors too! I would strongly encourage suggestions from members for any improvements or additions to the site to make it a better asset to the club. It has proved a valuable resource for recruiting new members, likewise a central repository for the club's archives.

The club's committee formally met twice this year and a number of occasions informally. Once again, I am grateful and would like to acknowledge the support, help & guidance of the hardworking & enthusiastic committee members & other members who have contributed to club activities.

Our club nights during 2016 continued the trend set in 2015 with the number of guest speakers; I have personally never seen the Members Bar so full. As a recap, we had the following guest speakers:

February Club Night: Guest speaker ~ Doug Watkinson

March Club Night: Guest Speaker ~ David Barber, MVO

April Club Night: Guest speaker ~ Cathy Clark

May Club Night: Q&A with Gerry Byrne

September Club Night: Guest speaker ~ Andy Ford, Fire Officer

And to start the 2017 club year, we are looking forward to hearing from:

November Club Night: Berlin Airlift, Squadron Leader, and Gary Garratt

Sadly, as we all know, our highlight of the year, Thame Show was cancelled, but I feel that our 20th Anniversary BBQ more than made up for the loss.

2016 saw the continuation of our departure from our historic biannual trips insofar we held three rather than the customary two.

4. Treasurer's Report

Our funds have remained in the safe hands of Bert Ingram and we have been reliably informed that we are in good stead. Subscriptions remain the same at £10 per household per annum.

Bert distributed the finance report which showed that we have a balance of £1,859.54. However, the cheque donated to the Day Centre for £300 reduces that total amount to £1,559.54 which was accepted by the membership in attendance. (Accounts attached)

Charities

Last year's charity was Community Christmas Thame – a charity that aims to provide a lunch on Christmas Day for the isolated and vulnerable elderly of the Thame area. Our donation was well received and in return we received official sponsor status on their website and gratitude on the day.

Two years ago the members agreed to nominate the Day Centre in Thame as the clubs charity but unfortunately the cheque had never been raised. Bert Ingram therefore handed over a cheque for £300 to Nigel Champken-Woods who is Vice Chairman of Trustees for the Day Centre.

At the last AGM we failed to nominate a charity so there is currently no charity fund. We may wish to continue with Community Christmas Thame or nominate a new one.

5. Secretary's Report

Nothing to report, other than Alison Champken-Woods has agreed to continue to take minutes. Vaughan thanked Alison for taking on the minutes.

6. Membership Secretary's Report

Club membership has remained steady at approximately 63 households. Keith Broadey has done a sterling job in his capacity of Membership Secretary; by keeping our membership list up to date and pursuing potential recruits. With partners, a total of 120 – 140 people are associated with the club. We are always looking to recruit new members. One of our objectives for 2017 will be to secure an additional dozen members, which would add extra vigour and improve subscription income.

Discussion took place as to raising the club profile for the next year and it was agreed to look at advertising across the Thame/Risborough/locality. It was suggested that we should write up the next car trip and put something in 'Vale Life' etc. Explore possibility of something in Classic Car weekly and 'Thame Out'.

7. UK Tours Secretary's Report

May UK Spring Tour to Buxton was a huge success staying at the Best Western. Hotel was excellent along with staff, food and company.

Autumn Trip to Colchester in October staying at the Rose & Crown was fantastic, especially the staff. Although we did experience some rain it didn't spoil the weekend. Hotel staff again was excellent again with food and company.

Vaughan thanked Nigel Champken-Woods for continuing to organise trips.

8. Overseas Tours Secretary's Report

European Summer Tour to the Loire Valley for 5 days in July was a great success and Angela is happy to organise another trip next year perhaps to Brittany as Angela, Brian, Roger and Trish holidayed there in September and discovered some good driving roads plus scenery. There are currently good deals on offer from Brittany ferries which take account of early booking discounts.

Nigel also indicated that the local club in Bannalec, Brittany would be interested in helping as they have a trip already in place for Brittany.

Apparently Ron Rumens is interested in organising a long trip in 2018 to Switzerland and Italy.

Vaughan thanked Angela Rainbow for organising overseas trip.

9. Regalia Manager & Website Editor's Report

Regalia are a great conversation starter. Please get yours and wear it often. Recruit all that show interest. If there is a particular garment or item that you feel would be a great addition, please let us know. Tour shirts always prove popular.

Jan Ingram reported that she has only done one order this year for regalia but she does have a number of items currently for sale.

Jan has decided to return to a tried and tested format for the Oily Rag and will e-mail it to everyone with information on events and details of committee members.

Vaughan thanked Jan for her continued support in organising regalia on behalf of the club & for the recent trials & tribulations with IT.

10. Election of Officers

We have a couple of committee members stepping down this year and we are looking for people to fill the roles. If you feel that you can spare a bit of time and the occasional night for a meeting to help further the club, please do not hesitate to raise your hand at the appropriate moment. I would rather have people volunteer than be voluntold.

Currently there is one nomination for Vice Chairman and no nominations for Website Editor or Archivist; and any volunteer will be most welcome. All of the other officers are willing to continue for next year, so the continuing life of the club is assured.

At the AGM there is the opportunity for any member to be nominated for any club committee office. We have volunteers for office as:

Chairman – Vaughan Humphries
Vice-Chairman – Nigel Champken -Woods
Secretary – Alison Champken -Woods
Treasurer – Bert Ingram
Membership Secretary – Keith Broadey
Regalia Manager - Jan Ingram
Foreign Tours – Angela Rainbow
UK Tours – Nigel Champken -Woods
Website Editor – Vacancy
Archivist – Vacancy

If anyone else is willing to put themselves forward for a role or if you wish to nominate someone, it is not too late!

There is also scope to add a committee member without portfolio, but this will require an amendment to our constitution by majority vote. It would be nice to have the input from another face to ensure that the club is heading in the right direction.

Margaret Broadey has agreed to continue to take photos of events for us.

Vaughan also thanked James Butler for his support as Vice Chairman over the last few years.

11. Any Other Business

Sunday Lunch

As we no longer have a Christmas 'do' it was suggested that we go for Sunday lunch on 11th December to the Oakman on the Bicester road. Anyone interested then please let Angela know asap.

Trips

Nigel took the opportunity to speak to those on the Colchester trip as to what sort of trips they would like. Couples indicated that they would be interested in doing some shorter trips both to Europe and UK due to people still working and having to cut trips short due to annual leave allocation.

Nigel has therefore made enquiries for a Belgium trip to Leuven on May 12th 2017 which will include a trip to Ghent, Waterloo, the Stella Brewery etc. plus a train journey into Brussels if you wish as the hotel is 200 yards away from the hotel. The cost will be £235.00 per person with an option to stay extra nights if you wish. He has already received some commitment from individuals.

Members also suggested that we should go to North Devon for the October trip as we have not been to the West Country for some time. Therefore, Nigel has made enquiries for a stay at the Highbullen

Hotel in Umberleigh. This will be slightly more expensive at £175 per room, dinner, bed and breakfast. The date for the trip will be either the 6th or 13th October 2017.

Sale

Nigel is selling his 1980 black MGB, once owned by David Jason for £10,000. It has covered a total of 26,000 miles from new and has had a new interior, carpets, roof, tonneaus etc. He's selling as he has just purchased an MGF and will be undertaking some work on the Morris Minor Convertible.

Survey

James has asked that members complete a survey posted onto the club face book page which is about Thame.

Constitution

This needs to be updated.

Conclusion and Thanks from Chairman

We had a number of notified events this year with varying attendance from the membership. If you happen to attend a local event that you feel could be supported by the club, please do not hesitate to let your committee know.

Just to reiterate my thanks to the committee and members who have helped organise events & have offered kind advice and help in my second year as Chairman. We look forward to another great year with classic motors in 2017. Thank you.