**THE TR REGISTER - LEA VALLEY GROUP**

**MINUTES OF 2017 AGM HELD AT NOON ON 21 JANUARY 2018 - *UNCONFIRMED***

**AT THE MOUNT PLEASANT GOLF CLUB, LOWER STONDON**

**Present**

Phil Sanford Sharon Korek David Dawson Pat Dawson Phil Meldrum

Paul Richardson Wendy Richardson Dave Randall Brenda Randall Chris Glasbey

Pat Glasbey Gordon Staple Linda Staple Nick Theze Jo Theze

Mike Aldridge Christalle Aldridge Ben Aldridge Brian Chidwick Lynda Chidwick

Pete Muncer Sue Muncer Geoff England Josie England Phil Titchner

Miriam Titchner John Burningham Val Burningham Jon Marshall

Tony Bannard-Smith Barbara Bannard-Smith Pierre Miles Pat Miles

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for being unable to attend this AGM have been received from the following:

Mike and Colleen White John and Christine Andrews Tim and Sue Hunt

David and Jane Powell Nelson and Janet Moody Ian and Yvonne Robinson

**Agenda**: The agenda published for this AGM is contained in Attachment A to these minutes.

1. **Minutes of Previous AGM**

The unconfirmed minutes of the 2016 AGM were published on the group’s website in the Spring of 2017 and have been available for review. These minutes were accepted as being accurate.

1. **Group Leader’s Report**

Pierre Miles presented the Group Leader’s report, which is contained in Attachment B to these minutes. The opportunity was taken during the presentation to formally recognise the work and effort carried out since the beginning of 2011 by **Brian Chidwick** as Editor for the TRunnion newsletter. Brian has worked tirelessly to not only increase its size but also to significantly raise the standard of its content. In recognition and in appreciation of his excellent work, Brian was presented with a whiskey tumbler engraved with the LVG logo and appropriate commendation.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

Phil Sanford presented the Treasurer’s report, which is contained in Attachment C to these minutes. A question was raised concerning any profits gained as a result of holding an LVG event, such as the Isle of Wight Tour. It was stated that the prime intention of holding events is not to make a profit, but should a sizeable surplus result, it would be donated to a charity. For example, charity donations received at the Kick Off Lunches in 2016 and 2017 totalled £245 and were given to The Pepper Foundation. The profit of £32 resulting from the IoW tour has been absorbed into the group’s general account.

1. **Group Awards**

The group presents two awards each year and at this AGM were awarded as follows:

1. **The Bent Con Rod Award**

This is awarded to an individual in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the group and was this year presented to **Nick Theze.** In addition to his enthusiastic involvement in not only LVG events but also many others held by other groups, Nick was one of two people who introduced, managed and sponsored the extremely successful ‘Shine and Show’ evening in August 2017.

In deciding who should receive the BCR, the committee decided also to recognise the efforts of **Pat Glasbey.** Pat has provided significant support to her husband Chris in organising several LVG events, primarily with route planning that has taken the group into some really interesting but little-known areas, along roads that are ideally suited to TR driving. The committee therefore presented Pat with a special gift in appreciation of her work.

1. **The Best Newcomer Car Award**

The Best Newcomer Car Award was this year awarded to David and Jane Powell for their extremely well-presented Mimosa TR6, which has recently emerged from a long term rebuild carried out by David and friends. Unfortunately, David and Jane were not at the AGM to personally receive the cup, being on holiday in Spain.

1. **Election of Officers and Committee**

All the committee members have agreed to continue in position. The committee is in the very fortunate position of being able to welcome Nick Theze as an additional member. This is particularly welcome as Nick has already contributed significantly to the group over the past year or two and we welcome his enthusiasm and energy.

Subject to confirmation at the committee meeting in February, the committee will be as follows:

Group Leader: Pierre Miles Deputy GL and Comms: Brian Chidwick

Treasurer: Phil Sanford Events: Paul Richardson

Technical: David Dawson TRunnion Editor: Chris Glasbey

Advisor: Jon Marshall Advisor: Nick Theze

1. **Plans for 2018**

The outline plans for the LVG events during 2018 were given in the GL Report and are repeated here:

2 March: Ecosse Ecurie Collection (organised by the TSSC)

7 April: Cars on Ramps at Robsport (places still available)

22 April: Drive-It-Day (destination is TBD)

4-12 June: LVG trip to France (one place remaining)

More information on the programme of events to be actively supported by the LVG will emerge from the group’s committee meeting scheduled for early February.

1. **AOB**

**WhatsApp Communications**

Over the past year, several group members have made effective use of the WhatsApp communications application which provides near-instantaneous and fully-encrypted internet communications within small nominated groups. The application enables text messages, photographs and videos to be transmitted to all group members, as well as facilitating phone calls between members within the group. All that is needed to use WhatsApp is access to the internet, using a mobile telephone, tablet, iPad, computer, etc loaded with the free application. Communications take place over the internet and have no cost as long as the user remains within the data allowance agreed with their service provider.

A group of LVG members started using WhatsApp for coordination of the trip to Belgium and have continued using it since then. A second LVG group has been set up comprising committee members only and it has been suggested that benefit could be gained by starting a group for all LVG members. Setting up the group is relatively easy, requiring little more than gathering contact details. Although a show of hands at this AGM indicated only a little interest in the suggestion, it will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

**Special Award – 2017 LVG Around The Houses**

This award was presented by Phil Sanford (supported by Sharon Korek, Mike Aldridge and Nick Theze) to Pierre Miles to recognise his ability on group runs to (unwittingly) lead the group on deviations from the designated route to tour various housing estates. This unique work of glass art was received with great surprise and will be treasured.

**Vote of Thanks**

Phil Titchner, supported by the members attending the AGM, very kindly offered a vote of thanks to all of the committee for their efforts throughout the year.

**Closure of AGM:** There being no further business, the Group Leader thanked everybody for their attendance and participation and closed the AGM at 1pm.

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**Attachment A**

### TR REGISTER - LEA VALLEY GROUP

### Annual General Meeting 2017

Mount Pleasant Golf Centre, Lower Stondon

21 January 2018, 12 Noon

### AGENDA

Apologies for Absence

1. Minutes of AGM held 19 February 2017
2. Group Leader’s Report
3. Treasurer’s Report
4. Group Awards
   1. The Bent Con Rod – Award for Contribution
   2. The Best Newcomer Car Award
5. Election of Officers and Committee
6. Plans for 2018
7. AOB

Closure of AGM

**Attachment B**

### TR REGISTER - LEA VALLEY GROUP

### Annual General Meeting 2017

### GROUP LEADER’S REPORT

It is now two years since I found myself taking on the role of Group Leader and I am still not sure how that happened. However, one thing I know is that the Lea Valley Group is still here and judging by the attendance of our regular meetings, is in good health and the fact that we have extended our ‘First Wednesday’ meetings beyond the just the summer months I believe supports that statement.

Since the previous AGM, the LVG has not only held several events of its own, but also put in appearances at a number of events both in our area and further afield. So, to run through these briefly, in chronological order:

* In April, we had Drive-It-Day, when we had a drive through the countryside of Cambridgeshire and Norfolk to Gressenhall Farm, near Dereham, meeting up there with the Camb Followers. Sadly, we had just 5 cars take part.
* In May, we had what has become our annual trip to Robsport for ‘Cars on Ramps’ when about a dozen TRs went up in the air to have their undersides inspected. May was also the month when 4 TRs from the LVG went to the Spa Francorchamps circuit in Belgium for the Spa Classic racing weekend, during which we were able to get an all-too-brief experience of driving around this famous circuit.
* June was the month for the Standard Triumph Marque Day being held in 2017 at Santa Pod. This extremely hot day brought out a few hundred Triumphs of various types, including 10 cars from the LVG. June also saw 5 LVG’ers participate in the CACCC Tibbles Tour. This was also the month of our Spanish Wednesday evening at Cople.
* July saw us having a picnic at Luton Hoo a few days before setting off for the TRR International Weekend at Malvern, in part to celebrate the big birthdays of the TR3 and TR5. The month also saw several members and their TRs at the Silverstone Classic weekend and taking advantage of the opportunity to drive around this famous circuit. Finally this month, a small group met at The American Cemetery to take the bus into Cambridge for the aborted ‘Ladies who lunch’ stroll before a rather nice lunch.
* There were two highlights in August. The first of these was the ‘Shine and Show’ evening which, despite the wet weather, was very well supported and a great success – many thanks to Nick Theze for the sponsorship and with Phil Sanford, for organising the whole show. . The second success of the month was the M3 tour, AKA Muncer’s Mystery Meander, when Pete Muncer’s excellent instructions took us deep into the Fens to properly experience what they can offer besides the bumpy roads, of course. You will remember that Pete finished this off with a Red Arrows display at The Cock.
* September saw a small contingent join in with the Camb Followers for a trip into Lincolnshire to have the ‘Just Jane’ Lancaster experience. Sywell Pistons and Props occupied us towards the end of the month, by providing a relaxing afternoon in the company of like-minded people. In between, we had our weekend away on the Isle of Wight for the Newport and Ryde Classic Motor Extravaganza. It was a pity that just 5 TRs managed this trip as all participants had a great time, with the only problems encountered being ferry delays each way.
* October was the occasion for our autumn social event – on this occasion being a gentle drive through the countryside to Ely for a ‘posh tea’ at the river side. Again, it was an excellent event that didn’t receive the support it deserved.
* November and December have inevitably been much more quiet insofar as trips are concerned. However, this was the time when we had the world launch of the limited edition LVG Calendar for 2018. Helped by a very competitive price, sales have been brisk and there are just a few more available for sale.

During the past year, we have had a really significant change in the LVG, with the editorship of TRunnion passing from the masterly hands of Brian Chidwick to Chris Glasbey. Brian has worked tirelessly at producing TRunnion 6 times a year since the beginning of 2011. Check out the LVG website and you will find copies in Social Scene of all the editions and if you do, you will see that it started off very good and not only got better but also got bigger. TRunnion is our main communication link and tells the world all there is to know about the LVG. So this is a formal ‘thank you’ to Brian for all of the magnificent work he’s done with TRunnion on behalf of the LVG. Chris, you have a class act to follow and judging from the start you’ve already made, we will not be disappointed.

Looking to the future, the forthcoming year looks to be just as challenging as my previous 2 years as Group Leader. There are two things that I have tried to pursue. The first was to raise the profile of the LVG at various events, using the sail banner to highlight our attendance but also by the simple measure of cards posted in TRs I find at events and where possible, talking to owners. This has had some success, with the sail banner being prominently shown in both Classic Car Weekly and in TR Action. The second was to get more of us to go to selected events both locally and further afield, initially under the heading of The Big-4. This has had limited success, with participation generally being down to a relatively small hard-core group. The stand-out events though were the M3 tour and the ‘Shine and Show’ evening.

Throughout 2017, I have been helped tremendously by the committee. All the members have done their bit, as they say and this has helped to keep the group functioning pretty well, I think. So, thanks to Phil as Treasurer, Paul for events, David for the technical stuff, Jon for generally keeping us on track, Chris for Trunnion and Brian for being deputy GL and general keeping us organised.

Plans for 2018? There are several events already planned for 2018, with several others in the pipeline. Currently, I can confirm the following events will take place.

2 March: Evening visit with the TSSC to Ecurie Ecosse near Prince’s Risborough

7 April: Cars on Ramps at Robsport – 6 places remain open

22 April: Drive-It-Day – details TBD

4-12 June: LVG visit to Loire Valley and Champagne region – 1 place remains open

Other events are being considered and much more information will emerge following the committee meeting next month.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who supports the LVG – members, family and friends of members and anyone else – for their participation in the group, as without that support and participation, the group would not exist. On behalf of all the committee and myself - thank you.

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Pierre Miles

Group Leader – TR Register Lea Valley Group

**Attachment C**

### TR REGISTER - LEA VALLEY GROUP

### Annual General Meeting 2017

### TREASURER’S REPORT

The statement of accounts covering February 2017 to December 2017 provides a summary of the income and expenditure incurred by the group over this period. As the AGM has been moved forward by a month these accounts only cover 11 months.

This has been a busy year for the club and even included an overseas trip, to the Isle of Wight! Some of the club outings, such as the Standard Triumph Marque Day and last year’s Kick off Lunch were subsidised and a few even contributed to club funds, all in all a successful year.

The first major cost of the year was for the AGM buffet and room hire, although we did receive a refund from the TR Register for the room hire. The Register allows each group to claim back certain expenses such as room hire and we will again be claiming back for the room hire at this year’s AGM.

The most notable source of income was again the sale of raffle tickets. A total of £445.00 was raised, including £197.00 from the Shine and Show event. Raffle prizes for this were kindly donated by the sponsors, Full Range Finishing, and club members. Prizes for the other raffles were generously donated by club members and our grateful thanks should be extended to them. Please remember if you have any unwanted Christmas or birthday presents the raffle is the place to donate them to. The raffle is an important source of income to the club funds so please continue to support them generously.

New this year, was the LVG calendar which has so far raised a profit of £87.00 after printing costs. There are a few left so it is not too late to get your copy and boost the funds further. A big thank you goes to Pierre for all the hours of hard work he has put into collating the pictures and designing the calendar, he has achieved a great result. I am sure he will appreciate you continuing to send him your photos for next year’s calendar, so keep them coming.

Another notable source of income was the M3 Tour which added just over £110.00 to our coffers; thanks go to Pete Muncer for organising this most enjoyable tour. Other outings and activities made small profits or losses and are detailed in the accounts.

LVG windscreen stickers are still available so if your car is without one please see me to get one at a very reasonable cost. With a discount for multiple buys, who can resist a bargain?

If you have any questions concerning the accounts I will be happy to answer them.

This concludes the Treasurer’s report on the TRR Lea Valley Group

Phil Sanford 31st December 2017

**Attachment C (cont’d)**

**TRR Lea Valley Group Overall Account Summary February 2017 – December 2017**

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| Date | Item | Income | Expenditure | Bank Account |
| 01-Feb-17 | Brought forward from 2016/17 Accounts |  |  | £609.82 |
| 14-Feb-17 | TR Register refund for stand and room hire | £98.00 |  | £707.82 |
| 19-Feb-17 | Raffle ticket sales (KoL) | £65.00 |  | £772.82 |
| 19-Feb-17 | Windscreen sticker | £1.00 |  | £773.82 |
| 22-Feb-17 | AGM buffet and room hire |  | £241.50 | £532.32 |
| 12-April-17 | Deposits (5 x £100) for IoW Tour | £500.00 |  | £1032.32 |
| 12-April-17 | Drive It Day | £130.00 |  | £1162.32 |
| 18-April-17 | Raffle ticket sales (16-04-17) | £45.00 |  | £1207.32 |
| 18-April-17 | Drive It Day (food and admission) |  | £121.00 | £1086.32 |
| 27-April-17 | Deposit for IoW Tour | £100.00 |  | £1186.32 |
| 08-May-17 | IoW Tour hotel deposit |  | £330.00 | £856.32 |
| 13-May-17 | Refreshments for Robsport staff (CoR) |  | £25.75 | £830.54 |
| 15-May-17 | Standard Triumph Marque Day | £154.00 |  | £984.57 |
| 08-June-17 | Standard Triumph Marque Day | £77.00 |  | £1061.57 |
| 08-June-17 | Raffle ticket sales (07-06-17) | £47.00 |  | £1108.57 |
| 08-June-17 | Std. Triumph Marque Day entrance tickets |  | £306.00 | £802.57 |
| 17-June-17 | IoW Tour receipts | £880.00 |  | £1682.57 |
| 20-June-17 | IoW Tour receipts | £610.00 |  | £2292.57 |
| 21-June-17 | IoW Tour receipts | £440.00 |  | £2732.57 |
| 29-June-17 | IoW Tour payment |  | £2608.50 | £124.07 |
| 30-June-17 | Bank interest | £0.42 |  | £124.49 |
| 07-July-17 | IoW Tour receipt | £440.00 |  | £564.49 |
| 01-Aug-17 | M3 Tour expenses |  | £19.12 | £545.37 |
| 04-Aug-17 | Shine and Show raffle ticket sales | £197.00 |  | £742.37 |
| 08-Aug-17 | M3 Tour entrance fees | £150.00 |  | £892.37 |
| 08-Aug-17 | M3 Tour expenses |  | £20.00 | £872.37 |
| 22-Sept-17 | Raffle ticket sales (01-09-17) | £43.00 |  | £915.37 |
| 12-Oct-17 | Room hire for 2018 AGM |  | £195.00 | £720.37 |
| 22-Nov-17 | Raffle ticket sales (19-11-17) | £48.00 |  | £768.37 |
| 22-Nov-17 | KoL receipt | £30.00 |  | £798.37 |
| 22-Nov-17 | Calendar printing costs |  | £60.00 | £738.37 |
| 22-Nov-17 | Calendar sales | £99.00 |  | £837.37 |
| 14-Dec-17 | Calendar sales | £30.00 |  | £867.37 |
| 14-Dec-17 | KoL receipts | £120.00 |  | £987.37 |
| 20-Dec-17 | Calendar sales | £18.00 |  | £1005.37 |
| 20-Dec-17 | KoL receipt | £36.00 |  | £1041.37 |
| 23-Dec-17 | KoL receipts | £48.00 |  | £1089.37 |
| 31-Dec-17 | Bank interest | £0.37 |  | £1089.74 |
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Key: CoR = Cars on Ramps IoW = Isle of Wight KoL = Kick off Lunch

**Attachment C (cont’d)**

**TRR Lea Valley Group**

**Bank reconciliation February 2017 to December 2017**

Brought forward from 31st January 2017 £609.82

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| **Income** |  |  | **Expenditure** |  |
| TR Register refund | £98.00 |  | 2017 AGM buffet/room hire | £241.50 |
| Windscreen sticker sales | £1.00 |  | Cars on Ramps | £25.75 |
| Drive It Day | £130.00 |  | Drive It Day | £121.00 |
| IoW Tour | £2970.00 |  | IoW Tour | £2938.50 |
| M3 Tour | £150.00 |  | M3 Tour | £39.12 |
| Standard Triumph Marque Day | £231.00 |  | Standard Triumph Marque Day | £306.00 |
| Raffle ticket sales | £445.00 |  | Calendar printing | £60.00 |
| Bank interest | £0.79 |  | Room hire 2018 AGM | £195.00 |
| Calendar sales | £147.00 |  | **Total Expenditure** | **£3926.87** |
| 2018 KoL pre-payments | £234.00 |  |  |  |
| **Total Income** | **£4406.79** |  |  |  |
| Excess of income over expenditure | £479.92 |  |  |  |
| Previous balance | £609.82 |  |  |  |
| Balance current year end | £1089.74 |  |  |  |