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Directors Reports & Citations for the 2020 Annual General Meeting

Chairman's Report

ALLAN WESTBURY

Proposed by Brian Hardy. Seconded By Andy Moltu.

I want to start my report this year largely where I left off last November. In that report one of the events that I mentioned was the first ever 'TYRE Fest' a camping weekend organised by our Youth Director Charlie Crawshaw that brought together the youth groups of the TR Register, MG, Morris Minor Owners and Sprite & Midget car clubs. At last year's AGM Charlie was duly presented with the Wheel Spinner award to recognise the Youth Group's efforts. What we did not know then was that TYRE Fest was to be awarded 'Event of the Year' at the NEC Classic Motor show later in the month. A fitting accolade for a great initiative, well done again to all those involved.

The Classic Car show also saw our final tribute of the year to the TR6, the club's most popular car with over 2000 registered. We thought it right to dedicate the stand exclusively to the TR6 with 'Six Sixes' on the stand. This was generally well received by the many members that visited us on the stand although there were some that would have preferred a wider range of cars on display. As I commented in a subsequent 'Chairman's Chat', "You can't win them all."

The year of course ended with a plethora of group Christmas or un-Christmas parties – depending on which month they were held.

I finished my report last year by looking forward to all the events we had planned for 2020, the 50th Anniversary of the founding of our great club. More than anything we saw 2020 as a year to enjoy and the year was to start with a celebration of the inaugural meeting of the club held at the Hopcrofts Holt hotel on Sunday January 11th 1970. This was to be followed by a 'party' event in each region so that the whole membership could be involved. TS2 was also planned to travel the country in a re-enactment of the grand tour of 2007.

Duly on January 11th 2020 a number of the founding members and invited guests attended a gala dinner where they were entertained by often-humorous anecdotes regarding both the founding and early years of the club. This was followed on the Sunday by an open invitation to all members to come along, hear a series of presentations covering all aspects of the club, study photographs and memorabilia and generally have a great day.

The Highlights have to include Wayne's in depth interviews with Val & Terry Simpson as well as many more of the early members, parts suppliers & stalwarts of the club. It was also great to hear a number of reunions of members who had not met for many years but had come together for this special day which was well supported and enjoyed by many members. I could fill my whole report detailing the event but will instead refer you to the full report in issue 319 of TR Action, if you have not already read it.

February saw us attend the MG & Triumph Spares Day at Stoneleigh where we once again provided hot drinks & biscuits as well as a haven from the torrential rain for the many members that attend this event. As always there were bargains to be had galore and to my mind this is one of the most useful – if not so glamorous events in the year.



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February also saw Race Retro at Stoneleigh with over 140 rally cars in action. There were a number of TRs competing as well as display stands from our more specialist race suppliers.

March 15th saw '50 TRs Create a 50 to Remember'. Chief organiser Dick Goodey & his team who in 1995 arranged 25 Leicester Group cars in the shape of – surprisingly a 25, pulled out all the stops and arranged for 50 TRs to be photographed - you guessed it, in the shape of a 50. This saw Wayne together with a professional photographer up a swaying cherry picker in increasingly strong winds and squally showers, taking pictures of virtually every derivative of TR from a number of local groups. Unfortunately the weather had put off the owners of a couple of the rarer models but TS2 & a very late TR8 took pride of place representing the very first & last of the range. Everyone made it safely home on the Sunday night to the announcement on the Monday morning of the end of the world as we have known it. Fortunate timing to put it mildly!

April saw the FBHVC holding a virtual Drive it day for the first time, asking club members to photograph their cars in home situations. The Register launched their 'Triumph over Covid-19' plaque with all the proceeds going to the NHS. This was well received by members with many hundred being sold. Members were asked to send in photos of their cars with the plaque on display and these will take pride of place in a video Wayne is putting together for the AGM.

The rest is history – or rather a lack of it as despite heroic efforts by the organisers of numerous events, very little has been able to take place over the last few months with all the major shows that we attend being cancelled.

A number of Group Leaders and others have asked if it is possible to organise small meetings and runs out in our cars. The answer of course is that we have to follow whatever Government guidelines are in place both at the time and more recently wherever we are living. The current FBHVC advice is that no club-organised events should take place at all as they could reflect badly on the classic car movement as a whole.

Earlier this year we announced that we were looking to possibly hold the 2021 Triumph Weekend at Rutland Showground. When we finally received their formal proposal, which had been delayed by the shutdown, it became apparent that the restrictions they wanted to impose and the costs associated with getting around them made it uneconomic. Tough negotiation with both the Three Counties Showground at Malvern and Stafford Showground resulted in our being able to announce a two year agreement with TSSC to hold a joint Triumph Weekend at Malvern in 2021 and Stafford in 2022. An Initial site meeting at Malvern will take place early in November and I am confident that we will not only repeat but improve on the tremendously successful joint show we held at Stratford Racecourse last year.

I remain convinced that to stay a strong and vibrant club we need to work with other clubs to expand the range of benefits and events we can offer our own members. Discussions are already taking place with clubs outside the Triumph world to see how we can work together to put on additional events to be enjoyed by our members. Many of our cars are increasingly being seen as investments rather than a means of enjoyment and it is up to us as a club to put on a variety of activities to ensure everyone is tempted to have a go at something.

A few months ago Jo managed to lose a fight with the plumbing at our Didcot offices and the resulting flood caused some damage to the carpets and decoration. Due to the difficulty in getting this work done over the last few months the Insurance company agreed a value for the claim and we have now been able to arrange for the office to be completely re-carpeted, decorated & some electrical improvements carried out within the sum agreed. The work is currently underway & should be completed by the time of the AGM. For the last few months Jo has been working from home both because of the state of the office and as a protection in



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line with government guidelines. This is planned to continue for the foreseeable future.

There is no doubt that this year has seen a huge increase in the number of restoration projects being undertaken. Whether this has been getting around to sorting out that annoying niggle that has been around for some time, tackling that difficult project that you have been putting off through to a full blown restoration, many of us have had the time to get on with it. What is great about our club however is the support, time & effort that so many of our local group members give when help is needed on a particular project. Whether this be by means of a post on the forum or getting their hands dirty in the garage, everyone gives a helping hand in the true club spirit. This has also proven a real benefit to the many specialists who help us look after our cars as demand for their parts and services has increased. It is really important that we support these specialists as without them we would be back in those early days when getting hold of spares was one of the key reasons the club was founded.

What has impressed me over the last few months is the ingenuity & enthusiasm showed by a number of both local Groups and individuals to keep the TR spirit alive. There have been new Social Media groups formed, virtual quizzes, virtual group meetings and in one case I heard of a virtual group barbecue with members participating on Zoom. There is no doubt that Zoom and other platforms like it have enabled some form of group life to continue even if we cannot meet face to face as we would all like. The very fact that this AGM is taking place virtually shows that by adapting to circumstances we can continue to lead some semblance of a normal life.

Each Group is expected to hold its own AGM and this year these will almost certainly have to held virtually. The club has taken out a business licence for Zoom so that every group can use the Register's licence rather than having to buy their own. Contact Jo for details.

Looking forward the club has a full program of events planned for next year when we will continue to celebrate our 50th anniversary – just 12 months later than planned! The Regional parties are already arranged and TS2's tour of the UK is in the final stages of planning. TS2 is going in for new carpets and trim refurbishment during November to ensure she is looking her best for the grand tour. Work has already been carried out on the more urgent mechanical issues and the carburettors professionally rebuilt. Details of the 2021 tour will be published very shortly so do get involved and ensure you drive TS2 on her tour around the country. Every group has been allocated time with the car so do not miss out.

We have the Triumph Weekend back at Malvern and the 2020 Euromeet now taking place in September 2021. A number of the very earliest groups founded such as London, Kent & others should also have celebrated their 50 anniversaries this year so they will no doubt be partying as well. All in all it should be a great TR-ing year.

All that remains is for me to ask you to keep yourself safe while enjoying your fantastic TR and the equally fantastic TR Register.



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Vice Chairman's Report

DAVE BURGESS

Proposed by Alan Hawley. Seconded by Robert Griffiths

The less said about 2020 the better, although I did manage a very nice day courtesy of the Leicester group taking the aerial photo of the TRs for the 50th celebration. Huge thanks to Brian Hardy, Dick Goodey, Girish Tailor Dave Guzzeta and a few other I'm sure, for organising the day. The sight of Wayne Scott strapped in a safety harness atop a cherry picker will haunt me for many years. Lockdown started just a few days afterwards!

Let us look forward then to a much more active 2021. We intend to transfer most of the planned 2020 activities over to next year. Starting with the regional celebrations for our 50th anniversary. Don't forget to ensure that your Regional Director claims the £1000 contribution towards the cost of each region's celebrations.

TS2 will be doing a countrywide tour of all the groups, details of which may well have been made public by the time you read this. Similar to the 2007 group-to-group relay organised by Duncan Jolly; Stephen Hall the Scottish Director has planned the now 2021 route to coincide with as many group celebrations as possible, whilst maintaining a sensible route. All groups should have the car for at least two days at some point throughout the summer.

Our 50th year was also our turn to host the European meeting; now transferred to September 2021 with a slightly different format to that planned due to hotel availability. However, the weekend remains at the Chesford Grange Hotel near Coventry, followed by a week touring South Wales. The base for this tour being the Metropole Hotel in Llandrindod Wells. Bookings for this event have been transferred from last year and I believe fully subscribed, however a call to Mick Forey may allow you to take advantage of any cancellations should you wish to attend.

In my opinion the most exciting news for the TR Register is our alliance with the TSSC and the agreement to share our inter-club Triumph weekends for the next two years at Malvern and Stafford show grounds.

The classic car world is changing. We have "Preserved the Marque". We have an adequate supply of spares and knowledge to keep our cars fit for the road and many specialist classic car garages exist for those members with a lesser interest in home maintenance. Owner's interests are now based on using the cars for recreation. Weekend trips, holidays abroad or just sunny Sunday lunches at local pubs are now the main reason for ownership, the cars have become a hobby rather than a necessity. In addition, those new to the world of classic cars are less interested in single Marques and have an interest in all types.

I believe the TR Register should now provide for this emerging need and diversify whilst still providing a service for the TR only members. Joining forces with other clubs and sharing resources and events, whilst maintaining individual club identity is a way of providing this service and with the added benefit of possibly attracting new members to the Register.

Here's to a safer future and an active 2021.



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Finance Director's Report

MALCOLM TATTON BSc ARCS FCA CTA

Proposed by: Chris Mountford. Seconded by: Kevin Shaw

The overall position shows a deficit for the year of £17,398 before tax as total income reduced and total expenditure increased from the previous year.

Subscription income was down by £10,548 to £240,517, which is a slightly bigger reduction than anticipated from the fall in member numbers but it can be seen from the management team minutes that an attempt to reconcile the numbers was unsuccessful as our system runs 'in real time' and historic examination of member payments is not possible. At February 2021 Jo will extract a report to enable a review to be undertaken in future years.

There was a large increase in income from shop sales, mainly related to the 50th anniversary, and the cost of goods sold increased proportionately, achieving a margin of £3,072 which is 16%.

During the year the club committed to take a number of places at track days organised by the MG club and although income was increased from last year, the club was unable to fill all the places and the loss was approximately £2,500. The arrangement has been continued for a further year but the commitment has been reduced.

Income from events and insurance commission all increased, but advertising revenue was down by almost £5,000.

Our share of the Stratford weekend income of £41,321 (py £36,348) and costs of £36,085 (py £53,315) are included in 'Events', and the overall surplus for the weekend was therefore £5,236 (py £16,296 deficit).

Administration expenses are £11,589 higher than the previous year and the main items to note are as follows.

General office expenses include the costs of office cleaning, window cleaning, waste disposal, canteen etc. Exceptionally in this year they also include artwork origination costs for the 50th celebrations of almost £2,000 which was misposted here but not picked up until after the accounts were completed.

I have been happy for Wellers to continue with the production of quarterly management accounts, and the preparation of the formal year end accounts. They provide a valuable service to the club and their fees make up the Accountancy fees charge in the accounts.

Depreciation has increased this year as we bought new exhibition equipment during the year and are writing it off at 15% each year (over about 6 years). As we had already spent the money and are making an accounting adjustment to write down the value on the balance sheet the depreciation charge does not affect the cash position of the club.

AGM expenses of £4,612 (py £9,329) were significantly less than in 2019, but it was last year that was unusually high due to the printing of the proxy voting booklets that were issued to all members and the processing of the votes.

TR Action cost in the year is increased from last year, due to increased paper and postage costs during the year.

Management team expenses have increased from last year by £1,906. Directors are paid a mileage rate of 40p per mile and the club pays for Bed and Breakfast accommodation when



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necessary. Buffet lunch is provided at Directors' meetings but the club does not (generally) pay for evening meals and drinks. A detailed summary of Directors' expenses will be presented to the AGM.

Registrar's fees of £10,785 (py £6200) reflect the cost of a contractor transferring registrars' information on to the database during the year. That work was continued until March 2020 when the contract was ended.

Overall the results highlight a few challenges for the club, particularly around membership subscriptions, member numbers and in a general reduction in advertising revenues, and the management team are investigating the best way to address them. Despite the deficit and increased costs associated with TR Action I shall be proposing that subscriptions remain at their present level for the forthcoming year.

My thanks go to Jo for her diligence in ensuring that the club's accounts system runs smoothly.

See link to Accounts at www.tr-register.co.uk/agm



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International Report

MICK FOREY

Proposed by: John Biggin. Seconded by: Andy Moltu

Despite the current pandemic, communication has not stopped with members and clubs around the world. Increased use of the forum, social media and video calls has helped members and clubs stay in touch despite the lack of physical meetings. We are working with TR Register Australia to see if we can find ways to work closer together despite the distance. We are also developing closer ties with the TR Register Czech Republic and wish to see them join the European family of TR clubs working together to share experiences and enjoyment of our cars.

Next year kicks off with the TR Tours – Picos de Europa tour in May 2021. This spectacular tour is put together by our new partner: Classics on the Road. The roads and scenery are hard to beat, the people, food and wine are wonderful. There are still spaces available, so get rid of pandemic blues and check out the details on the website and in TR Action.

TR Tours – Loire Valley, will now happen in June 2021. Working with Travel Destinations, we are using a small boutique hotel and all 24 rooms are now booked. It will be a great event with lots of driving, sightseeing and maybe a drop or two of wine amongst friends in the evening. TR touring at its best.

European Meeting – Coventry, UK. We have postponed the big event of the decade to September 2021. Due to hotel availability we have had to restructure the event. It now starts on Friday 10th September with a three night weekend at the Chesford Grange Hotel, near Coventry, followed by a five night tour based in Llandrindod Wells. We are planning for up to 170 TRs and 300 people from all over Europe to take part in this spectacular event celebrating the TR Register uniting TR enthusiasts for over 50 years.

Finally in October, Malcolm McKay is organising the Rally Pyrenees 2021. A tour for TR enthusiasts who prefer some competition with navigational and circuit tests amid stunning mountain roads. Awesome.

In addition to the above, as a member of the MT, I also take responsibility for the club's compliance with GDPR. Most local groups now use the much simpler policy to comply with GDPR to use and share members' personal data within local groups. I also take the lead in liaising with the Forum coordinating team lead by John Morrison. John and the team have done a brilliant job of moderating the forum during 2020 and even more importantly promoting it to other members and suggesting improvements to help forum members get the most out of this important element of our on-line presence. The articles that now are a regular feature in TR Action really highlight what a welcoming and useful place the forum is to visit and I ask everybody to take a look, you will be pleasantly surprised.

TRs were built for driving, just remember that "nowhere's far in a TR".



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North - West Report

ROBERT ECCLES

Proposed by: Trevor Moores. Seconded by: Roger Hinds.

It would appear, that 2020 will be a year to forget for most of the North West group's members however there have been some very interesting and different developments with regard to Group meetings. These include monthly Zoom meetings arranged by GL Roger Critchley for Shropshire / Shrewsbury Group, Red Rose have 133 of their members on Face Book and also a monthly News Letter for all members from Jonathan Smith. Stoke, Cumbria and North Wales GL's John Morrison and Barry Bell have regular email newsletters to their members.

With regards to events, all groups had a very full year of events planned for 2020 until the March lockdown. These obviously included the many regular TR Register events such as the TR International meeting, various local shows 2 Tatton Park shows, normally well attended by Red Rose, Shropshire had to cancel their Spring Tour, Cumbria missed out on the annual Scottish camping weekend, Stoke group had to cancel their trip to Angouleme in September. One regularly yearly event that unexpectedly did take place and included all five NW Groups was the Oulton Park Gold Cup weekend in August which over the Bank Holiday Sunday and Monday with 67 cars attending with social distancing and track and trace in place. With great weather and some good racing proved a good outlet for showing some of the hard work that had taken place during the previous 6 months on some very shiny cars..

One thing I would like to add, which I think shows the spirit of the Register, was posted in TR Action earlier this year by a Cumbria member:

We are normally a social bunch. We love to meet our mates. But lately with the virus here.

We can't drive out of the gates.

You see we are the oldies now. We need to stay inside. If you have not seen us for a while.

You may think we've up and died.

We may be sweet old codgers. Who would never be un-couth. But we grew up in the 60s.

If you only knew the truth.

There was sex and drugs and rock and roll. The pill and mini-skirts. We smoked and drank, we partied too.

And quite outrageous flirts.

Our TR's were new back then. We drove them fast and far. The petrol did not worry us.

The environment would last.

Then we settled down, got married. And turned into some one's Dad. Some one's husband, then grandad. And it wasn't all that bad.

We did not mind the change of pace. Because our lives are full. But to bury us before we died.

Is like a red rag to a bull.

So here you find me stuck inside. My garage my retreat. I've tidied all the nuts and bolts. It's really very neat.



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Scotland Report.

STEPHEN HALL

Proposed by: Steve Craig. Seconded by: Allan Gibb

I'm staggered that my first year as Scottish Director is now completed, and I suppose what's even more staggering is the level of support from our Scottish members for me to remain in post!

I vividly remember my first Management Team meeting, where I was warmly welcomed as the new chap and thanks to my fellow Directors and what I remember most was Allan talking about the future of the club and "keeping the spark alive". I can say that really struck a chord with me and I've endeavoured to conduct myself, whilst performing club duties, with that in mind.

On that topic It also gives me great pride to announce that we now have over 200 Scottish members, it's been sometime since we had over that threshold and in fact we have grown again this month with four re-joiners and two new members, so far this year we've had one single solitary leaver and he's intimated he enjoyed being part of the club. Lifestyle change has caused him to leave, he's sold all his classic cars and large house, bought a bigger yacht and is looking forward to retirement – can't complain about that. Oh, and he's forwarded our details to the new owner of his TR so hopefully a net neutral transaction.

So, we currently are at 208 members, and it's important to me that I recognize the people that's made this possible.

Firstly Jo at head office, thanks for answering all my stupid questions and encouragement, also thanks Wayne Scott for answering all my stupid questions and encouragement, thanks Allan for answering all my stupid questions and encouraging a willing novice to step up, bit of a theme going on there!

Unbeknown to Mick, he's also offered me great encouragement, last year at Bo'ness he encouraged me to volunteer for the post and all I can say is be careful of what you wish for! I believe the outgoing Scottish Director – Cliff McKinnon left a great legacy for me to build upon and the two stalwarts of the Scottish scene Steve Craig and Alan Gibb (forever known as Jack and Victor after their now infamous double act at Gaydon, which I'm convinced is available on YouTube) continue to run tight groups with an abundance of help for the Scottish members – thank you for your continued dedication to the Register. With hard working Duncan Menzies stepping down he was replaced in the Tay Group by Drew Scott long-term member and Steve Mutch stepped down in Highland being replaced by long term members' husband and wife team Christine and Bob Milton. Both Duncan and Steve also left a great legacy for us to build upon and continue to keep the spark alive!

Finally, we're working on a round Britain tour with TS2 to celebrate a delayed 50 anniversary of the Register, this should be from April to August ending in Malvern, watch out for more information.



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North - East Report

DAVE WORNE

Proposed by: John Browett Seconded by: Roger Taylor

In what has been a difficult year, I have to confess a great disappointment in not being able to carry on with the visits to the various club nights & activities which were achieved in my first year of tenure in the office. I feel that the effort I put in during last year has been undone by force of circumstance. It would be good to re-kindle this next year, but we must await events.

Below are the reports of the group leaders within the North East Region.

Wharfedale Group – G.L. Mike Sloan.

Mike reports that all TR activity in Wharfedale has been stopped for the duration. A group member did propose an activity in the summer, but after consulting the TR register website advice, it was found to be in contravention of the rules in place at the time.

East Riding Group – G.L. Ian Landen.

Ian reports that the East Riding AGM is in November & they are in the process of doing a simplified version by email. They intend to send out the minutes & accounts from last year together with officers for re-election & ask for approval. Locally, a few couples have met together, but normal events have been cancelled until further notice.

Ian also reports that given the age profiles of their members they aren't keen in getting involved at the moment anyway.

Rob Leonard, at his own initiative, tried to offer a socially distanced Christmas meal at his son's pub/restaurant. As you might expect from the above, there weren't any takers.

Cleveland Group – G.L. Allen Waller.

Allen reports that unfortunately, they have nothing planned with the group & have not been involved in any activities at all this year!!

White Rose Group – G.L. Chris Bowns.

Chris reports that the group have no plans at this time, for runs or meetings. They did however manage a Cleethorpes run before being locked down.

Northumbria Group – G.L. Bryan Archer.

Bryan reports that, as Cleveland above, nothing is planned. The group didn't want to have Zoom type meetings, so they have been emailing each other.

Bryan also reports that he has been sending round emails with news of people's cars/ Parts wanted/for sale/information required as members request. There have also been remote catch ups in the public parks with 6 people when this was allowed. Beyond this there has not been further activity.



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Vale of York Group – G.L. Roger Taylor.

Roger reports that

“ Well, we started off the year with good intentions & a fairly busy calendar, but unfortunately the plague put a stop to everything. As a group we have been keeping in touch by emails, phone calls & text messages for a bit of a natter & advice. I've also been sending out a news email showing what members have been up to in their cars etc.

Over the few months that the lockdown was eased a couple of members have dropped down in their cars for a coffee with me at my work (The Motorist, Sherburn-in-Elmet). On the plus side it has given us all time to do those jobs on the car that we have been putting off doing for a long time.

The group have still not decided on a new venue for the monthly meetings; we have several venues in mind but due to the present economic climate there is no guarantee that these venues will still be trading when we return to normal, so we have decided to wait until things improve before we make our choice.”

There are currently few activities proposed for next year, the Newby Hall classic car show, scheduled for the 18th July (TBC) & Ian Landen's Yorkshire Dales weekend scheduled for 9th – 11th July, are the only two shining lights in an otherwise bleak picture.



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Midlands Director Report

PAUL TUNNADINE

Proposed by: Andy Preston. Seconded by: Martin Birch

Again I would love to report on all the events/meets that I have been to recently but that would be a very short report. The consolation is that I have a tidy garage, shiny cars and mown lawns.

Birmingham Group

I plan, when conditions allow, on presenting Dave Gibson with a thank you gift for all his efforts as treasurer for Birmingham Group over many years. The group continues without a designated group leader. The annual Merve Parkes Concours was postponed due to Covid 19 prior to it being advertised. I have been in contact by phone with some of the members who are looking forward to using their fettled and very polished TR's.

Staffs and Warwicks

This group keeps members informed/annoyed and amused by their Whatsapp group in this period. Runs that were planned and hoped for were cancelled. This group has an outstanding AGM so Richard Dewis continues as Group Leader.

Cotswold Vale Group

This group has a regular Newsletter which has recently been sent by email to members. A facebook group has been set up. Keith Brown has stood down as treasurer. A volunteer to take on this role is awaited.

Trent Group

I have spoken to Group Leader Ian Viles who is busy with his day job helping businesses through this tough period. This is another group with an outstanding AGM. Ian is moving house and changing location to Lincolnshire and hence will stand down as Group Leader.

Coventry Group

I have spoken to Dave Dunkley who attended the BL day at Gaydon earlier this month. It was well attended with large queue to get in. TR Register members of Coventry group were in attendance.

I have been in contact with all groups and advised that I plan to stand again at the next club AGM. Nomination form sent to the office.



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East Midlands – new nominee

ANDY HOLYOAK

Proposed by: Dave Burgess. Seconded by: Brian Hardy
(Introduction to new Director standing)

I had my first TR at the age of 18 and have had several since plus Triumph Stags.

I have rebuilt 5 TRs, 2 from ground up. I rejuvenated my interest in 1997 when I joined Leicester Group.

I became Group Leader the first time in 1999 and have now served 4 times in this role.

I served on the Committee as East Midlands Co-ordinator for 3 years.

I set up a valuation service and currently receive 10 calls a week for advice on rebuilds or paintwork.

Over the last 20 years I have been active in the International Weekends. I am a Concours Judge and for the last 3 years I have organised the Bring & Buy and continue to do so.



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South - East Director Report

JEFF ROBERTS

Proposed by: Michael Heelis. Seconded by: Barry Green

I'm sure 2020 will remain in the memory for quite some time – to a large extent for all the wrong reasons. Surprisingly though, while the primary objective for many this year has simply been to survive the pandemic it will also be memorable for the creative ways many of us and our local groups have found to maintain contact with each other, to keep the spirit of our local groups alive and to find creative ways to enjoy driving our TRs. All this while keeping ourselves compliant with the guidelines and everyone we come in contact with safe.

The year started off well with many of the groups in SE holding Christmas and New Year celebrations. This was followed soon afterwards by the TRR 50th Anniversary meeting at Hopcroft's Holt which was very much enjoyed by those who attended. It was good to meet up with long standing friends and acquaintances and to hear from and spend time with some of the most significant founding members and Officers of the Register, especially in the place where our Club first started.

Two of the groups in SE reached significant anniversaries during the year. Thames Valley Group reached their 50th and Windsor Forest its 25th. Unfortunately, any celebrations planned at the time have had to be put on ice 'til next year. Nonetheless, these are major achievements for the groups concerned and for us all to be proud of. Another casualty of the lockdown and now rolled over to next year when hopefully it will take place was the SE Area combined Drive It Day and SE TRR 50th Anniversary celebrations that were to be held at Chatham Historic Dockyard. Much advance planning went into this event where over 100 TRs from the SE were expected to take part. Fingers crossed for 2021!

There are many initiatives that the various groups in SE have taken to keep their members active and interested and their TRs exercised: Here are just a few of the noteworthy examples:

- In recent months following lockdown members have been getting out on runs either individually or within the legal requirements regarding numbers and visitation requirements. The warm sunny weather and relatively quiet roads have been ideal for enjoying our cars.
- Many of the groups have engaged their members thru social media or by regular Zoom meetings and quizzes. Most recently Windsor Forest held a quasi-Club night at their regular location within restaurant/pub legal parameters for diners. Similarly, London Group have held ad hoc socially distanced meetings at an accommodating pub.
- Kent Group's Facebook seems to be working well as does South Downs Group WhatsApp with members linking up on this.
- Windsor Forest had good attendance at its annual Cream Tea Run in September. This year it was organised either by individual car or small teams of cars that navigated a route in whatever order they decided upon. They did not interact physically and were therefore Covid compliant. All participants were rewarded with scones at the end of the event to take away to consume at home. See the photos on the Group gallery.
- Goodwood TRs produced a calendar for 2021 featuring TRs. These have now sold out.



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- Several groups have passed their AGM dates, with meetings being deferred until meetings can again be held. These include Goodwood, South Downs and Kent Groups.

- Several of the groups have taken the initiative to write to new members to welcome them to their group. Surprisingly and of concern is that few, if any, have responded. Ideas have been proposed as to how this problem could be addressed and the matter raised with the TRR Office as to how it could assist in improving the situation.

In addition, there's lots of fettling going on (some of which is very 'in depth') across all groups and the whole range of TRs. The feedback on some can be seen or read about either on local websites, the TRR website, the TRR Forum or featured in TR Action.

Looking forward, some groups in the SE are well advanced with planning their programmes for next year, salvaging what can be saved from this year to carry over to next and adding new events and activities to fill in the gaps. Let's hope the coming year will see at least some return to normality with local groups being able to resume their activities - in particular their regular club nights and gatherings which have been sorely missed. In many instances virtual meetings, email, Facebook and other social media have taken their place as poor substitutes. In the end there's nothing quite like human contact and the social interaction it brings.



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South West – new nominee

ALAN BURGESS

Proposed by: Derek Hurford Seconded by: Phil Tucker

(Introduction to new Management Team member, a familiar GL to many in his region)

I retired from the position of Energy & Technical Services Manager at South West Water in 2019, where I had been responsible for Energy & Carbon management as well as managing the team of approximately 130 Mechanical, Electrical and ICA maintenance craftsman, covering the whole of the South West. I had been with the company for over 40 years.

During my career, I had also been Secretary to the Devon & Cornwall Energy & Environmental Management Group with over 300 members for 16 years and helped establish, then chaired a national forum of Water Company Energy Managers for 10 years. Prior to retirement, I wrote a book for the Major Energy Users Council, called Contracting for Power & Gas, and presented materials to forums at universities in Manchester and London.

I am therefore experienced in working with large groups of people, dealing with, and producing technical works and making presentations.

I initially worked in mechanical/electrical design and construction and studied both Mechanical and Electrical Engineering. I am a member of the Energy Institute and the Institution of Engineering and Technology and am a Chartered Engineer.

I have been the Devon Group Leader for the Register since August 2016 and I have continued the success of the Devon Group as well as introduced a number of initiatives, including our members' annual Christie Trophy, our mailchimp emailing system, our In the Garage newsletter, our Facebook presence and our new Group logo.

I originally owned a TR6, back in the mid-eighties, which was sold when we started our family but quickly re-joined the TR Register and bought my current 2 cars in the intervening period having now owned them for 11 and 26 years respectively. I am and will continue to be a long-term TR fan and owner.

I appreciate the work of the TR Register and its ongoing success, having achieved its 50-year anniversary. I very much like to be part of the workings of a club and believe that I can provide a useful service to the Groups in the South West as well as support to the Management Team.

I have recently appointed a new Treasurer and Social Secretary to the Devon Group and I therefore anticipate retaining my Group Leader position.



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South Central Report

PHIL HORSLEY

Proposed by: Mike Ellis (TR2/3 Registrar). Seconded by: Peter Bowden

ALSO STANDING TO REPRESENT REGISTRARS ON THE MANAGEMENT TEAM.

Well my second year as South Central Director certainly was surreal, difficult, worrying, frustrating, but above all great to see our GL's, Registrars & Members stoic and positive approach to these strange times. After the AGM in 2019, I had lots of plans and things to organise, especially for the 50th year of the TR Register, and to progress the RevUp database with the Registrars.

In January I attended the highly successful and memorable 50th Anniversary at Hopcroft Holt where it was great to catch up with former and current members hearing the history of the start of the Register and how it developed.

So, the year began normally, and I thought I heard a story on the radio about Corona pop, little did I know what was on the horizon. Early activities went well with a South Central 50th event provisionally arranged at RetroFest Newbury with the help of Robert Longstaff – Ridgeway GL.

I then had a series of conversations with Gaydon Motor Museum and negotiated a space for the TR Register to have a 50th Summer Celebration at the venue, this was a great venue for us as it tied in with the annual BMC Classic Show, the Mini 60th, the TR8 40th and 50 years since BL Motorsport's Abingdon operation closed. This was due on the 12th July and over 172 members booked via the website, of course we know what happened.

The Group Leaders Meeting just made it before lock down, the theme 'Keeping the Spark Alive' and prompted good ideas and conversations in the meeting, so great ideas were raised and will need to be developed as soon as we can.

Then Covid-19 hit us all, the last Group event I was able to attend was the annual Kennet Valley vs Glavon challenge which was in early March and this year was a pub skittles match which Glavon retained the cup, maybe next year KVG.

Despite the pandemic, Groups in the South Central Area have carried on with activities and have taken to Cyberspace with mainly virtual meetings, quizzes, cocktail evenings, etc., at this point, I would like to praise the GL's in the South Central area for the ingenuity, dedication and enthusiasm to keep members up to date during this very difficult times. As lock down eased for a while, some live socially distance events took place, Chiltern Group had a pub meet within all regulations and KVG had a picnic at Shaw House invitation, which relieved members welcomed after such a 'Classic Drought'.

We all tried to get back to norm and as Area Director I had contact from Brand Events who organise CarFest, they created what turned out to be a timely event just before it all tightened again at Bicester Heritage Centre, members were invited to display their cars free of charge over the weekend, the Saturday was the best attendance of TR cars, unfortunately after collating all the details, due to a personal reason I couldn't attend but, those who attended said it as a good event although attendance was curtailed for obvious reasons.

With my other hat, representing the Registrars, all contact has been via electronic messages, email or by the Registrars Forum, the database is more populated but still TR7/TR8 and derivatives to finalise. Again I would like to thank and praise the Registrars, who have continued working hard on with the very valued work of collating details about each of the TR & derivative marques, it is worth remembering that as with our GL's, Management Team, the



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Registrars role is voluntary and their dedication gives a great strength to our Club. Last year I also took on responsibility for Archives and started to sort out what TRR have on record, well of course virtually nothing has progress due to Didcot being close and staff working from home.

So, 2020-2021 there is a great deal of work to catch up with and to do, so I plan to stand for another year, continue the work I've started for Groups, Registrars and TRR members as a whole and continue to help make the TRR, a Club for all TRR enthusiasts to enjoy TR ownership and the camaraderie of like-minded people.

As always, I am very open to feedback, comments and ideas, so please do contact me to discuss and move this great club forward, I do hope I can count on your vote again this year. See you at the virtual AGM, another first for the TR Register.



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Wales and West Report

LESLEY SWAIN

Proposed by: Andrew West. Seconded by: Russ Cooper

Since my election last year everyone has experienced a very different year to that initially envisaged. Don't worry I am not going to drone on about the difficulties and disappointments we have all experienced this year, other than to say I have been impressed by how groups have adapted to new ways of keeping in touch – Zoom, Skype, Whatsapp, emails, not to forget the good old-fashioned telephone. I will admit it has been a steep learning curve for me, as it has been for many others but the TR community have risen to the challenge and kept the spark alive.

Talking of which, the Group Leaders meeting in March was the last major event I attended in person. Once again, we had a good turnout and the theme 'Keeping the Spark Alive' was thought provoking and prompted lively debate between attendees. It was good to see everyone participating and exchanging ideas.

Since then Management Team have held, due to necessity, virtual meetings even with events and group meetings cancelled the running and future planning of the club has continued.

During the year I have continued to keep in contact with Group Leaders not only in Wales & West region but also in the South West Region. Unfortunately, the South West region have been without an area Director for the past year and I felt it was important to keep communications with members and the Management Team flowing in both directions. As the Channel Islands and Apple County are at present without Group Leaders members have had to rely on the normal members updates sent from the office. Hopefully a new South West Area Director will be elected at the forth coming AGM. They can take over the mantel which will obviously benefit the regions members.

It was obviously disappointing that the planned regional events to celebrate the Register's 50th anniversary were unable to take place this year, I know other Directors also had events planned that included TS2. On a local level I am looking forward to working with Group Leaders in the planning and the eventual TS2 Tour around the region in 2021. I like others I am sure remember the last time TS2 toured the regions in 2007 let's strive to make this one even better.

Although groups will undoubtedly have a packed calendar of events to look forward to next year, I hope to hold a Regional Group meeting, this may be combined with a TS2 event.

The planning of the Inter Triumph Weekend 2021 is already underway. Paul Tunnadine & myself are liaising with Triumph Sports Six Club to organise a bumper weekend at the Malvern Showground. By the time of the AGM we would have held a COVID safe site meeting to discuss layout etc. As usual this weekend can't be put on without your help, we will be asking for volunteers to help with various aspects of the event.

Finally, I would like to thank my partner Robert for his support, without which I would have been unable, over the past year, to fulfill my role as Wales & West Director. Here's looking forward to a happy, healthy and terrific TR'ing year ahead.



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Youth Director Report

CHARLIE CRAWSHAW

Proposed by: William Chignell. Seconded by: Jake Cluley

Crazy to think 12 months has already passed since I stood up at the last AGM to chat to you all. Its safe to say the world is a very different place now. For my report ill give you a little run through what I've done for the Club since.

Previous events

Since the AGM I have been proud to represent the club at events held by the FBHVC. At the events I have talked about the importance of the next generation coming through out the classic car scene. Here I also went into great detail of TYRE Festival and what we had achieved for it. These were to great success and led to me making some great contacts with a large variety of classic car clubs all over the country.

The next and final event the TR Youth had was the 2019 Christmas Party. Held in Cheddar, it saw a large group of the TR Youth meet up to end the year in style. The weekend is full of eating drinking and being very merry.... And a few hangovers!

This is always a nice event to end the year as it pulls in youth members from all over the country. Its sad to say that this was the last time the TR Youth was able to meet together.

TYRE Festival

In 2019, the TR Youth joined forces with fellow classic car youth to but on own festivals with great success. This was all set to return in July this year, bigger and better than before.

Tickets went on sale in February and sold fast. In a short amount to time we had sold over 80 tickets. However like all good events this year, Covid-19 soon put an end to our event. This has now been postponed to 2021. We will not be beaten and will be back next year!! Thank you to all who have supported this event.

Social Media Presence

As Youth Director I try to push the club in the best direction to keep the TR Youth up to date with the modern trends. For this reason, in February I launched the new TR Youth Instagram page. Instagram is a social media site that allows users to share and post photographs, but also to look at photos in their related interests. This has been a great platform for the TR Youth to use as it allows us to get seen by our key target audience, where we can and have found new members. This is something I will keep continuing to push for the foreseeable future.

Magazine

Over the lock down months I have tried my best to keep filling the Youth Pages in the magazine full of interesting content. However, as you can imagine, with no events to talk about it has been a bit of a struggle. I hope they give the readers a little chuckle as a more light-hearted section on the magazine. Hopefully soon I will have something a little better to write about.

Going forwards.

Fingers crossed that 2021 will be a better year for events as I have many ideas on the back burner. Hopefully you will all be able to see the TR Youth at the IWE next year out and about. If you see us, come and say hello. We are a friendly bunch and always have a spare beer on hand if you want to stop for a chat.

Finally

Just to finish. I would like to thank the club, members and board, for the on-going support and advice they offer me in my role. Being on the board for the club is a something I am immensely proud to do and mainly really enjoy. At 23 years old, I am safe to say the



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youngest member on the board. I sit in the board meeting alongside men and women with many years of vast great experience and knowledge. But yet even as the young baby face in the room, I am treated no different to any other. My ideas and suggestions are treated with great respect.

I hope you all like the younger generation voice I offer to the club and hope my ideas help the club to succeed for many years to come.

East Anglia Report

DAVID SOLOMAN

Proposed by: Iain Fisher. Seconded by: Graham Andrews

The year started well for me as East Anglian Director for the TR Register. The 50th Anniversary at Hopcrofts Holt was a fantastic, well-organised and successful event. I had the chance to meet up with some good friends some I had not seen for years.

I had a lot planned for this year, then Covid-19 hit - which cancelled everything. Keeping in touch with Group Leaders by phone as circumstances arose, virtual committee meetings, keeping members informed by Emails, WhatsApp, messaging was the general rule.

A few small socially distant drives and get together in pub gardens, not organised by the local group committees but by enthusiastic members, all under government guidelines.

Next year looks very positive with TS2 visiting our East Anglian area in July for our postponed 50th Anniversary summer BBQ at The Manger in Suffolk, Lea Valleys Classic Car night, and Silverstone Classic. Stuart, Abbot and Stour Group Leader is organising the local press and radio Suffolk to publicise and live report on TS2's arrival in our area.

With some new TR Trips to be announced soon, the East Anglian Groups can hopefully make up for this year's cancellation of events.

I am expecting a good East Anglian presence at The Triumph weekend at Malvern building on the success of Stratford upon Avon last year.

I hope I can continue to help the TR Register as East Anglian Director to help my local groups enjoy their ownership of their TRs in the coming year.