



# TR Register Devon Group

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2021

Held at The Travellers Rest at 8.00pm on Thursday 4th Mar 2022.

### Agenda Items:

#### 1. Welcome/Apologies for Absence

Alan Burgess welcomed everyone to this years' AGM. Apologies have been received from: Paul & Pauline Mogridge, Martin Lovell and Dennis Hobbs

#### 2. Vote of Thanks

2021 year had been another strange year with further restrictions interrupting our normal events. Once more relying upon zoom for meetings but highlighted and thanked Paul for organising, with help from Steve and Mark, our very popular picnics, that had been well supported during the nicer months.

Alan also thanked:

- Paul for creating and sharing his Review of the Year for our Devon members.
- Andrew for the continuing productions of our In the Garage newsletter as well as the contributors.

And we were pleased to hold some lunches during Oct, Nov and Christmas, kindly arranged by by Roger & Maureen, Mark & Jo and Paul respectively.

Alan also mentioned thanks for Fiona, Russell and team at the Travellers Rest for being such great hosts at these difficult times.

#### 3. To Approve the Minutes of Last Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020

There were no issues raised with last year's minutes. Phil Tucker proposed and John Vincent seconded the acceptance as a true record of the meeting.

#### 4. Treasurer's Report (Mark Radford)

- Opening and closing balance £652.06 – unchanged
- Purchase of a 'shorter lengths' flag pole for the third flag from TR register central funds.
- The account has been used successfully to collect deposits for Christmas meals and other events via personal bank transfers.
- This has simplified the capture of guests and provided an audit trail.

#### 5. Group Leader Report (Alan Burgess)

As had been mentioned earlier, it has been yet another strange year, working within restrictions and emerging from zoom meetings.

We were however keen to get outside when the weather was kind. Our evening meetings resumed at The Travellers Rest where we had exclusive use of their beer garden. Paul was instrumental in selecting suitable picnic locations, which proved extremely popular, and we even managed to have a presence at the delayed Staverton Rotary Club classic show.

Sunday lunches followed at the end of the year along with a Christmas lunch at a venue found by Roger & Maureen at short notice – so thank you and well done to them.



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Alan moved on to our Attendance Draw - he had been keeping a record of attendances at our regular evening meetings - and we held a draw of names, with Paul Gibson being the surprised winner! The prize being a copy of the Haynes Biography, book donated by Alan.

We also had the presentation of our 2021 Christie Award, recognising the member who had contributed significantly to the successful running of the club for its members, as voted upon by our members – and the winner was an unsuspecting Paul Gibson!

### 6. A few words from our Regional Director (Alan Burgess..)

Alan provided a few highlights from his regional role activities, which are summarised below. He has been in the position for just one year but has confirmed he is willing to carry on for another year.

- **The TR Register has a newly appointed Operations Manager** (part-time paid position) as advertised for in the TR Action magazine. Following a proper and transparent selection process, Phil Horsley has been appointed. His name should be familiar due to his previous roles (that he is resigning from) - Kennet Valley GL, Regional Director and Grinnal Registrar. Phil will be concentrating on Events and the operation of the club whilst Jo as Office Manager, will be able to concentrate on membership matters
- **We have a new Insurance Liaison Officer**, taking over the reins from Derek Hurford. He is Andy Dimpleby and Derek is busy transferring and sharing all of his gained knowledge of the Club's scheme.
- **It is proposed that a New Honorary President** for the club will be appointed at our AGM in April. Tom Purves - Previously CEO Rolls Royce and BMW and Chairman of the RAC, currently a Director at Motorsport UK, a TR Register Member and who races a TR3A in the Sprint & Hillclimb Championship seems to be a most suitable candidate and ambassador for the TR Register.
- **The TR Register is to provide a vehicle to the Classic Car Loan Project** ([www.classiccarloanproject.co.uk](http://www.classiccarloanproject.co.uk)) which will be loaned to a suitable young person that will be able to use the car and promote the TR Register. A suitable car has been found – a TR7 convertible which has been gifted to the club for that purpose by a member, after some 30 years of storage. It is bodily sound and is receiving a mechanical overhaul by Robsport. The car will be painted by Andy Holyoak East Midlands Director and is to be presented to the successful candidate at the Stafford Triumph & MG Weekend.
- **TS2 Round Britain Tour** – having been delayed from 2020 and the Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, TS2 will be making its round Britain tour this year. The car has been subject to some recent upgrades and checks, by Phil Tucker and is ready to go. Alan is coordinating the route and activities for the car in the south-west and will be sending information and asking for interest and help from Devon members shortly.
- **Members' benefits** many will have seen the double pages of members benefits in our TR Action magazine. This is an ongoing project to secure discounts with suitable suppliers to provide some specific benefits to our members. There are more items on their way.
- **5 Year Strategy** members of the management team (MT) have been working on a new 5 year strategy for the club. The findings and proposals so far, have been presented to the MT and



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are next due to be shared for review and comment, with Group Leaders at the upcoming GL meeting

Driven by key club metrics of numbers, an ageing membership and declining incomes, there are many factors under consideration but include the principle of 'if we do it well, keep doing it'; 'if you can do things better, improve it' and 'if we don't need to do it, don't'. This might also include a refocus of the roles within the MT for a wider representation of activities, such as: Membership, Marketing, Events, International, Motorsports, Technical, Financial and Youth. Further information will be included within future TR Action magazines.

### **6. To elect Group Leader, Treasurer and Social Secretary - nominations by midnight 10 February**

At this part of the proceedings, we are to elect officers for the Devon Group.

- **Social Secretary – Paul Gibson** standing again, no other nominations
- **Treasurer – Mark Radford** standing again, no other nominations
- **Group Leader – Alan Burgess** confirmed that he was stepping down.

As there had been no nominations, the Devon Group currently have no Group Leader. Alan explained some of his reasons for stepping down but wished to reassure the members that, he (and Christine) would still be around and would continue to help out when possible. Alan also confirmed that he would continue to have a Devon responsibility through his regional Director role.

Anyone interested in helping to run the Devon Group in this position were invited to speak with Alan, Paul or Mark.

### **7. Members Feedback, Comments and proposed activities for 2022 – discussion**

Alan highlighted that the updated Devon Programme was available on line and was now being kept up to date by Paul.

There are a number of future events, particularly lunches, for which volunteers would be required to help identify and arrange. Some are in the calendar being organised by Roger & Maureen, Mark & Jo, Peter & Sarah (thank you) but more are required please.

Paul will be issuing invitations for activity on Drive it Day on 24 April, similarly, interest to attend the shows at Powderham and others will be sent out, so watch out for the emails with details.

**8. AOB** – there being no other business, Alan closed the meeting.. but not before he was presented with a card and gift voucher from members to recognise his work as Group Leader and a lovely bouquet for Christine – thank you all!

**The meeting was concluded at 8.50 pm.**