

AGM report

**Held at the Holiday Inn Express
Walsall on Sunday March 20**

Attendees: M. Barnsley; P. Benfield; P. Benson; J. Castle; H. Forrest; J. Gogay; R. Horsfall; F. Newman; P. Norton; J. Oaker; R. Overy; H. Pryor.

Apologies were received from: S. Coulman; T. Gordon; C. Lungmass; I. Ritchie; M. Wilkes.

The Chairman opened the meeting promptly at 2.00 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting and added how nice it was to see three new faces attending for the first time. He thanked John Oaker for once again organising the venue.

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

Chairman's report

The Chairman gave his report verbally noting that the club's profile had declined over the last two or three years due to several factors. He gave the meeting some background of the club's recent history to refresh collective memories and also to bring the new members up to speed. This covered mainly the fact that as we had not had a Rally Secretary for the last couple of years we had not taken a very proactive role in organising an annual rally. Indeed we had tagged along with the Roadsters suggestions and had not that good in encouraging members to attend. This had seen our attendance drop from 18 cars in 2008 to 12 cars in 2009 and to only six cars attending last year. The Chairman stated that he hoped we would have a volunteer to fill the post from within the attendees today when we got to the election of Officers later.

The Chairman noted that he thought we had three options available for our rally this year and that we would discuss these later after the election of officers.

The Chairman then asked the Officers to present their reports.

Treasurer's report

The club continues to be in a very good financial state. Renewals suffered a little last year. This was thought to be the effect of the financial situation prevailing across the country.

The club can afford to reinvest in equipment, such as flags, banners and gazebos for use at rallies and national shows and the Treasurer recommends this is done. He also recommends that the subscription remains at the current level of £25 plus the usual £10 joining fee for new members. The cost of magazine postage continues to increase but this can be covered for UK members. However, our printer has suggested that we could e-mail out the magazine to our overseas members in PDF format in order to reduce costs as postage overseas is now running at close to £2 per copy for US, Australia, etc and equates to a third of the subscription fee. Overseas members are requested to make feelings known to the Membership Secretary.

2009/10	Receipts	2010/11
6627.86	Bank balance b/f	6361.46
12.12	Cash balance b/f	12.12
2686.00	Subscriptions	2340.00
50.00	Regalia sales	0.00
22.00	Misc	110.00
95.00	Secondhand spares	0.00
<u>9492.98</u>	Total income	<u>8824.48</u>

2009/10	Payments	2010/11
1910.00	Flower Power	1948.00
0.00	AGM/other meetings	40.00
11.50	Web site fees	72.84
30.00	Rally expenses	80.75
0.00	Subs FBHVC	57.65
1197.90	Misc	0.00
0.00	Regalia stock/float	60.00
<u>3149.40</u>	Total expenditure	<u>2259.24</u>

	Bank	Cash	Total
Opening balance	6361.46	12.12	6373.58
Receipts	2450.90	0.00	2450.90
Payments	2749.54	0.00	2749.54
Closing balance	6062.82	12.12	6074.94

Membership Secretary's report

This is my 17th Secretary's report. My initial statement from last year, "I think that this year I have written more letters or e-mails to and received more letters from more members than at any time during the last 15 years" has easily been beaten this year. The main theme in this correspondence was Mayflower memories! Babies born in Calcutta, Austrian holidays, the *Triumph World* Mayflower Club article, etc.

Talking matters Mayflower with members via phone or e-mail is very welcome. As someone with three years of retirement under their belt I do understand the problems that many members have in attending rallies and meetings and offering time. I have never been so busy! How did I manage to have such a time consuming job and run a life! The membership numbers show that cars new to the club continue to be found.

Despite this, the level of memberships being renewed is running at a lower level than is normally the case. This is possibly due to people taking a break from their restorations or taking their car off the road while money is a bit tighter and also at the same time not renewing their membership to reduce their own costs. Such cases often rejoin a couple of years later when the restoration recommences and/or spares are once again needed. Currently we are down to about 134 members. Normally our renewals and new members keep our membership level running at about 146. Amazing how we seem to hit this mark about every other year. Let us hope we do so again, or go even higher in 2012 when hopefully the financial situation will be more stable and confidence higher.

Membership numbers

1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
152	167	151	144	151	144	150	144
2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
131	142	148	141	139	139	145	134

Of the 134 member as at March 31: 105 rejoined; six former members rejoined; seven honorary members; and 16 new members.

Distribution is UK and Ireland 96; US and Canada 16; Australasia 3; Europe 10; Japan 1; India 1; Africa 1; Honorary 7. A very similar breakdown to last year as one might suspect.

Regalia Secretary's report

Once again the *Flower Power* binders continue to be our best selling line. The recession has probably reduced our sales over the last couple of years. At the rally in 2010 very few items were sold due to the very low attendance. I have made further enquiries about new lines only to come up against the same old problem, our volume of order quantity, determined by our possible sales target, is so low that the unit prices quoted to us make the end product unviable. The stock of

club mugs has been replenished and I have obtained a new line in mouse mats at just £4 that are now available. The regalia secretary advised the meeting that he does not run a club regalia bank account and does not wish to do so on the volume of sales made. However this means he has to obtain funds from the main account in order to purchase items and has to pay his proceeds from sales back into the main account. This can mean minor delays.

Credit		Debit	
Advance	60.00	Payment TMC	60.00
Sales	91.00	Stock	99.50
Post payment	20.00	Postage	48.67
C/F	37.17		
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New Spares Secretary's report

Generally sales this past year have been about 20 per cent lower and is probably due to the general economic situation. We had a few quarter light rubber sets made and as the cost for these is getting somewhat ridiculous it will more than likely be the last! I have one set left. I have acquired some headlight bowl seatings which will help anyone undertaking a restoration. New stocks of points, rotor arms, fan belts and front windscreen rubbers have been obtained.

I have been the Spares Secretary for the past 30 years now so if there is someone out there who fancies taking over don't be shy! All you need is a spare garage or large shed and a lot of patience.

	2010	2011
<i>Income</i>		
Sale of Spare Parts	3278.05	2904.50
Bank interest	1.97	1.36
Expenditure over income	687.23	2089.57
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	3967.25	4995.43

	2010	2011
<i>Expenditure</i>		
Purchase of Spare Parts	2978.01	4069.47
Stamps/Carriage	245.55	516.63
Rent	320.00	320.00
Packaging/Printing etc	173.69	89.33
Loan/Credit repayments	250.00	--
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	3967.25	4995.43

	2010	2011
<i>Bank balance</i>		
Deposit account	3747.82	3000.86
Current account	1637.43	265.53
Cash in hand	--	29.29
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	5385.25	3295.68

Secondhand Spares Secretary's report

There has been very little activity over the last year with enquiries mainly from the US where two carburettors have been sent and many queries by telephone have been answered.

About two weeks ago I had a visit from Brian Redshaw of Darlington. He is the owner of four Mayflowers, all to be kept within the family. He purchased many items, most of which were for Mayflowers '3' and '4' which are both recent purchases of his.

Generally at least the varied demand for odd items has managed to be met. Ideally of course it would be better if everything was kept under one roof but at present I hold the majority of spares and Fred Newman holds the remainder in Kent.

Whilst he was here we had an offer from Brian to take over the post of Secondhand Spares Secretary and would dispatch any future requests. I would like to accept his offer and so be able to retire from the position and pass the post on to him if he is elected in the election of officers coming up later. I intend to nominate him for the post.

The scarcity of spares is really due to the now rarity of "finds" of spares and cars for breaking and consequently stocks have not been replaced. I feel this could be helped with more of us using a "Sales and Wants" section in *Flower Power* and on the club website as most owners have collected spares over the years and unwanted items could be made available to members.

Present balance: cash in hand £111.00, in bank £217.78; total £328.78. I recommend that we pass a £50.00 float to the new Secondhand Secretary and the remainder to John Gogay to top up the main new spares account. (The Treasurer and the others at the meeting agreed this was sensible).

Rally Secretary's report

The Chairman reported that the 2010 rally for the Triumph Mayflower Club was held as a joint rally with our friends from the Triumph Roadster Club. We only had six cars in attendance whilst the Roadster Club had over 60 cars. The venue was in the south of England in the home-counties and we had competition from an England football match. This led to our very low turn-out.

I believe that we have four possible options for our rally this year.

a) We can tag along with the Roadster Club once again. They are rallying on June 5 at Caton Abbey near Daventry, Northamptonshire.

b) We can approach TROC to see if we can rally with them this year. They are rallying at Blenheim Palace, Oxfordshire on Sunday, July 17.

c) We can approach the TSSC club to see if we can have a site within their International Rally which this year is in Harrogate, Yorkshire on the weekend of July 29/31. Many activities and facilities available including camping on site and local hotel and B&B establishments. An all weekend pass is available at about £20 per person.

d) We could choose another venue or show to attend or join, time is very tight now to do this.

Election of Officers etc

The meeting considered the offer made by Brian Redshaw and accepted it subject to his confirmation of the offer. John Oaker to contact him to confirm he is happy to accept the position.

John Castle volunteered to stand for the post of Rally Secretary and Rob Overy volunteered to stand as a committee member primarily to assist the Rally Secretary

The other existing Officers all volunteered to continue in their posts as there were no nominations from anyone else. The committee members were all unopposed and volunteered to continue in post so the committee remains broadly as it was previously, apart from the three new members as above.

The Chairman suggested that a vote be taken on which rally venue the club should adopt. Many of those present at the AGM said they were unable to attend the June 5 rally and as this was felt likely to keep attendance low, the voters all chose between options b) and c) with each gaining five votes and one person abstained. The Chairman also declined to use his casting vote saying it was too close for him to call and he had a personal interest in option c) as he was already attending this show with his TR6.

He suggested the meeting discuss again under any other business

John Castle said that he would be prepared to review the detail for the rally options suggested by the Chairman and would make contact with the various organisations identified and would then recommend an option for this year.

Phil Benson confirmed that he has the old club gazebo, now in poor state, but that it could probably be used for another year if it could be got to the venue.

Phil offered to do a newsletter flyer in late April/early May giving details of the rally venue etc to the membership (once it has been confirmed) if he was provided with labels etc by John Gogay before he goes away.

Triumph World had run an article in January 2011 on the Mayflower Club. The general feeling was that the article was "disappointing", especially after members had given their time in providing background information during 2010 to help in the production of the article.

The Chairman asked everyone whether they were happy to have their addresses in the inside the *Flower Power* cover, or now wanted a shorter version that did not give full details. He asked anyone who wanted their details changing to contact himself or John Gogay.

He also noted that Peter Benfield was not being given a credit as "Life President" and asked John to rectify this in the next magazine and thereafter.

The Chairman closed the meeting just after 4.30 pm wishing everyone a safe and pleasant journey home and saying he hoped to see everyone again soon at one or other of the rally venues he was able to attend.