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EARLY EMERGENCY ISSUE INCORPORATING NOTICE OF

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING ON 19th. MARCH.

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ALSO EARLY WARNING OF MAJOR RALLIES AND OTHER EVENTS FOR YOUR

DIARY.

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DONT FORGET YOUR SUBSCRIPTION FOR 1978. RATE FOR HOME MEMBERS
NOW £3.00 FOR ALL CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP. (Rates for overseas
members to be advised after EGM)

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Chairman.....Vacant.

Hon.Sec. (Until 19th.March) Phil Hall, 75, Morley Rd., Staple Hill,
Bristol.

Hon.Treasurer....(Until 31st March) Ted Berry, 13, The Greenway, Fishponds
Bristol.

Vice Chairman.....Terry Mills, 33, Woodside Rd., Kingswood, Bristol.

Hon Rally Sec.....Reg Varney, 32, Mackie Rd., Filton, Bristol.

Hon Spares Sec (temporary) Peter Burdge, Weeping Ash Farm, Yatton,
Somerset. Urgent enquiries only please.

C'tee Member 1.....R.R.Bussell, 405A, Wandsworth Rd., London SW8.

C'tee Member 2.....Malcolm Bath, 1, Royston Av., Chingford, London E4.

Mag. Editor.....Roy B.Bussell, Pinnocks, New Rd., Tadley, B'stoke

Archivist.....Peter Burdge (See above)

Ed's Piece

Well there's a turn up for the book! Just when we ought to be looking forward with delight and trembling anticipation to the coming season we are thrown into Bismay by the need to hold an Extraordinary General Meeting to provide four Officers of the Club. I do not propose to go into the reasons for this unhappy state of affairs. Suffice to say that the remaining members of the Committee regret the actions of their colleagues in resigning and have only reluctantly accepted the inevitable. We must now turn our minds to the best interests of the Club and get on with enjoying ourselves, which is what it is all about!

This issue is a brief one for two reasons, firstly the need to despatch notices of the EGM and secondly to let members have details of rallies etc. as soon as possible. There is a third reason in that I am arranging a weekend tour in North Wales for 20/21st May and the sooner I get the response of members the better. More of this later.

The only other thing I want to say is a plea for a volunteer to take on the job of printing, collating and posting off Flower-Power. This involves finding room for the Club's Gestetner duplicator and once per quarter operating the thing, stapling up the mag., addressing some 150 envelopes and posting off. From time to time there are other odd bits of paper to duplicate, but nothing much. Out of pocket expenses such as postage are paid out of Club funds and paper, ink, envelopes etc are all provided. I provide the stencils for Flower-Power already typed so all you have to do is print it. This is a vital job....any takers? This is a good one for a family, you can get quite a production line going.

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North Wales Weekend

20th and 21st May 1978

Saturday. Assemble at 'The Goat' at Maerdy on the A5 a few miles past Corwen between noon and 2pm. Visit Salmon Hatchery of the Welsh Water Authority (5 mins walk) at 2pm until about 3pm when leave for Bala some eight miles away. At Bala there is the option of camping or 2 star hotel (see booking form). Bala is a small market town just inside Snowdonia National Park, beside Bala Lake some 3½ miles long by ½ mile wide. If the weather is fine we will assemble about 6pm for a scenic run beside the lake and over the hills to Lake Vyrnwy returning by a circular route. Round about 8.30 pm we will all report at the hotel for the Rally Dinner (informal). If the weather is not good we might get there somewhat earlier and bend the elbow a little.

Sunday Strike camp or leave hotel and assemble about 10am for a run up the Tryweryn valley to Llyn Celyn reservoir, set in fine Welsh mountains (no nasty slopes for Mayflowers). Return for lunch at Bala round about midday, after which disperse.

Details of costs are given in the booking sheet, which you are asked to fill in and return to R.B. Bussell, Pinnocks, New Road, Tadley, Basingstoke, Hants as soon as possible with cheque made payable to the Triumph Mayflower Club. The charges given do not of course cover extras like drinks and other incidentals, only the basic fee. In the event that the trip is cancelled money will be returned in full. If it takes place but you do not appear, we will return as much as we can negotiate with the landlords.

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TRIUMPH MAYFLOWER CLUB
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

As a result of the resignation from the Club of Derek Goodyear, Ted Berry and Phil Hall the following vacancies exist on the Committee:-

Chairman
Treasurer
Hon. Sec.
Spares Sec.

{ NB Bell Hill Road is in the St George area of Bristol.

The first three of these require election at a General Meeting whilst the fourth, Spares Sec., is an appointment made by the Committee.

Accordingly an Extraordinary General Meeting will be held at The Bell Inn, Bell Hill Bristol at 2.30 pm on Sunday 19th March 1978 for the following business:-

- 1/ Election of Chairman, Hon Sec and Treasurer.
- 2/ Appointment of Spares Sec.
- 3/ To fix the subscription rate for overseas members (omitted at 1977 AGM).
- 4/ To consider a motion from the remaining members of the Committee that the following people be asked to accept Honorary Membership of the Club:-
Derek Goodyear, Ted Berry, Phil Hall and Eileen Mills,
for their services to the Club.

Nominations are sought for the vacant posts and should be sent to Phil Hall (who is prepared to carry on until the EGM) at 75, Morley Road, Staple Hill, BRISTOL. Any member wishing to nominate someone should ensure that his nominee is prepared to stand. Any member wishing to stand but not knowing anyone to nominate him (or her) should write to R.B. Bussell, Pinnocks, New Road, Tadley, Basingstoke, Hants.

This is an important meeting, if an unhappy one. Please do your best to attend. If possible let Phil Hall know if you are coming so that suitable arrangements can be made for refreshments.

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Duties..... Briefly the duties of the vacant posts are as follows:-

Chairman.. To take the chair at General and Committee meetings and generally accept responsibility for the proper running of the Club, aided by his fellow officers.

Treasurer.. Responsible for the orderly handling of the Club funds including receiving subscriptions, paying bills, keeping proper accounts and preparing statements of account, balance sheets etc.

Hon. Sec.... Dealing with enquiries and general correspondence, minutes of meetings, membership applications etc. and all matters concerned with the general running of the Club.

Spares Sec.. To locate, purchase, store spares (both new and second-hand) and to keep stock lists etc and despatch spares to members. Also to pursue possible sources of alternatives or special manufacture of non-available parts.

Rally Secs. Notice Board

Herewith Dates For Your Diary.....

March 26th. (Easter Sunday) Jubilee Rally, Weston super Mare.
Details from K.T.Palmer, 39 Chesham Road South, Weston-s-Mare.

April 8th. Grand Transport Ezzar and Fleamarket...details R.King,
74 St. Annes Road, Willington, Eastbourne, Sussex.

May 7th. Northampton Rotary Club..Festival of Transport...details A.P.
Goddard, 42 Church Street, Boughton, Northampton.

*May 20/21st. Mayflower Club North Wales Weekend...see elsewhere in this
issue.

*June 11th. 4th Mayflower Club National Rally...Dodington House..details
from Reg Varney, Rally Sec, 32 Mackie Road, Filton, Bristol.

June 25th. Historic and Classic Car Club, Bristol. Ashton Court.

July 2nd. Wessex Vehicle Preservation Club..Motorcade '78. Details from
R.J.Harding, 10 Chilbury Gardens, Owermoine, Dorchester, Dorset.

*July 9th. Triumph Razor Edge Owners Club Rally..Cotswold Wildlife Park,
Burford, Oxon. Details from M.Bath, 1 Royston Av., Chingford, London E.4

Aug 26 - 28. Eastbourne Historic Vehicle Club..Festival of Transport,
details from Ian Dean, 4a Church rd., Polegate East Sussex.

*Sept 17th. Standard-Triumph International Rally No.3, Roysam Park, Oxon.
Details from Colin Eastwood, 41 Hillside, Lichfield, Staffs.

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CLUB TRIUMPH MOTOR INSURANCE SCHEME

Club Triumph Ltd. has negotiated with a firm of insurance brokers in
Birmingham a special scheme whereby members of Club Triumph together
with members of clubs affiliated to Club Triumph can obtain 15% discount
on Motor Insurance premiums. The Scheme is designed for all members over
the age of 24 yrs. and for all makes of cars.

Rather than give an indication of premiums, it is felt that the most
effective way of operating the scheme is for members to contact the
brokers direct. Mention that you are a member of The Triumph Mayflower
Club which is affiliated to Club Triumph Ltd when you phone or write to:-

Attention.. Oakeley Vaughan and Company (Ins. Brokers) Ltd.
Tony Collins

Lichfield House
Smallbrook Queensway
BIRMINGHAM B5 4JJ

'phone 021 643 3401

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Cars for Sale

1953 Mayflower. Dark green body in good condition, engine fair. Circa £150
In storage for about a year hence no MOT or tax. K.L.Kipp, 10 West Drive,
AERE Harwell, Didcot, Oxon. Phone Rowstock 8804 (evenings)

1952 Mayflower. New pistons, rebore, bearings, welding and completely
resprayed. Minor work needed. £195 P.J.Goodwin, 69 Gipsy Lane, Swindon,
Wilts. Phone Swindon 39207.

Ed's Tailpiece.

Ah Well!! That's got the important stuff done, not very well, but done nevertheless and leaving me a modicum of time and space to bend your ears (metaphorically speaking). Firstly a few remarks about the EGM. Robin has said that 'he would'nt mind taking on Hon Sec if no-one else appears' (this of course is a fatal approach, you are as good as lumbered). Frankly I think he would do a good job but he might well have had enough by next AGM. Derek, our resigning Chairman, suggested that I should put up for Chairman (and I rather gathered from the remaining Committee members that their mumbles meant they were not averse to this notion). I am prepared to step into the breach if the Club members so desire but should point out that although I have always dearly loved the marque Triumph I have never owned a Mayflower. I joined the Club when my son Robin did, way back at the beginning, but even he no longer has a 'Flower'. (Perhaps if we get stuck with these jobs we will have to run one jointly to make it look right!). So although willing, neither of us will feel too aghast if others step forward...we will probably heave sighs of relief! I should also comment that if Robin does become Hon. Sec. there will be a vacancy on the Committee for one Ordinary Member (i.e. a member without portfolio as it were). If anyone would like to take this on if it becomes necessary, let us know.

Now, why should we offer the three resigning members the status of honorary membership? Well Derek was to all intents and purposes the founding member and has been Chairman from then until now. His deep interest in the Mayflower, the Club and his freely given help and advice to members is legendary. Ted was also one of the original members and has long held the post of Treasurer. His silver blue Mayflower and his happy smiling face are well known at all our meets. Phil has long been associated with the Club (after all, he is Derek's Dad-in-law) in fund raising and latterly as Hon sec. All three of these worthy men have done much for the Club. Whether they will accept Hon membership is not known, but at least we can try to coerce them to stay and do them the honour they deserve.

As for Eileen, well most of you will remember her as Hon Sec from the beginning of the Club until she felt forced to give the job up last October so that she could have a life of her own for a bit. She is literally known worldwide. What more can one say!

Now just a few words on progress with my TR4 (if you blighters would send me material we could say something about MAYFLOWERS!!!). At last the engine/gearbox is out (with Robin's help) and sufficiently dismantled to see the sizes of shell bearings, mains and rings for ordering replacements. Believe it or not, even after some 110,000 miles they are still all standard but showing the signs which explain why oil pressure was dropping off a bit when hot (in a TR this means dropping to around 50 lbs/sq" from 60-70). What really bothered me was finding that the g/b mounting bolts were loose and that the small amount of motion thus allowed had caused the mounting plate to wear right through the mounting bracket on the chassis on one side! If that had gone at speed...I hate to think! Hopefully 'My Four' will be serviceable about the end of March as I don't think 'Winnie' (the 59 Anglia) will last much longer without time being spent on her, and that defeats the whole object of the exercise..

Roy Bussell

STOP PRESS..Frank Lane is breaking an early 'Flower. Engine, Rad etc. etc. Notify your requirements.

There, just when I thought I'd finished, two more items....

Annual Rally Bring and Buy Stall Frank Lane is organising a Bring & Buy Stall in aid of Club funds. He therefore asks all members to give small, saleable items, e.g. those motor accessories you keep looking at but never use, interesting books, small household ornaments like china items or any knick-knacks you dont really want.

You can start sending things to him now...all donors will be acknowledged in Flower-Power.

The stall would be open to the public of which there are always a fair number. You will be aware from the last Balance Sheet that money is tight and it is essential to have ready cash as spares become available. If we dont buy them specialist firms will and then later resell them to us at enhanced prices.

Start sending NOW to F.C.Lane, 7 Grosvenor Terrace, Wantage, Oxon. Tel. Wantage 67234 or, if you are coming to the rally, bring it then.

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INSURANCE

(advertisement)

One of Eileen Mills last efforts as Hon Sec was to investigate a special insurance scheme which should offer substantially reduced premiums for Comprehensive insurance to all members whose 'Flowers cover only a small mileage (say, 5000 miles per year) which is probably the case for a majority of members of the Club. Higher mileage users can be quoted within the scheme.

The scheme is underwritten at Lloyds by the JSB Motor Policies at Lloyds Syndicate, which means 100% security.

The Underwriter recognises the fact that the owner of a 'Mayflower' will take extra care of his/her appreciating and difficult to replace 'investment' and will drive and maintain the car accordingly.

The JSB Motor Policies at Lloyds do not have 'knock-for-knock' agreements (where, when two cars are involved in a collision, the insurer of each pays for repairs to the car they insure, then forgets all about it until the time comes to delete a 'no claims bonus').

If you are involved in an accident which is not your fault, JSB motor Policies, after getting your car back on the road, will then recover from the motorist involved, or his insurers, the cost of repairs to your car, plus any other out of pocket expenses you might have incurred because of the accident.

The JSB Motor Policies agree, at the inception of a policy, the sum to be paid if your car becomes a total loss. This avoids a lot of haggling after an accident.

The scheme is restricted to 'Mayflowers' owned by members of the Club, but your other car(s) can be quoted for outside the scheme.

For a quotation-without obligation- complete the loose slip provided and send off too;- Everest Insurance Services Ltd.

P.O.Box 22, Worthing,
West Sussex, BN11 2ED

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I have spoken to the firms representative and what they offer really does sound quite reasonable...certainly worth a 7p stamp to find out. He also said that if you seek a new insurance, having only now put a 'Flower on the road and still also using your 'main' car then an introductory no-claim-bonus can be offered on the strength of that which you enjoy on your existing 'main' car's policy.

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Mayflower Club.....North Wales Weekend.. ..Booking Form

I intend to come on the meeting in North Wales on 20/21 May 1988.

Name..... No. of passengers.....
(Block Capitals please)

Address.....
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At Bala I wish to camp*

.....(No.) Tents.* Rates..Car and tent I person 75p
" " " 2 persons £1, extra persons
20p each.

Booking Deposit.....£1*

.....(No.) Caravan sites* £1 + 20p per person. Deposit.. ..£2*

At Bala I wish to stay in the Plas Coch Hotel*

Single person with wash basin, B&B...£6£ *
Twin bedded room with wash basin, B&B...£11£ *
" " " " " " and shower unit, B&B...£12.....£ *

All including VAT and 10% Service Charge.

I wish to attend the dinner on Saturday night*

.....persons @ £2.50 each.....£ *

I enclose a cheque for _____

Please make cheques payable to The Triumph Mayflower Club.

PLEASE PROVIDE TWO SAE'S FOR RECEIPT AND FURTHER INFORMATION.

*Delete or fill in as appropriate.

Please Note...Include full charge if you opt for the hotel. This will not be passed straight on to the hotel but held against any charge levied for an uncancelled booking. Difference will be returned to you, unless you cancel in time in which case full charge will be returned. (I imagine 'in time' means not less than 10 days beforehand). If you take up the booking the Club will pay the basic charge leaving you to make up extras like early morning tea, newspapers etc.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO R.B.Bussell, 'Pinnocks' New Road, Tadley, Basingstoke, Hants. Closing Date.....10th March.

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Pen-y-Bont Camp Site....Well drained field close to Bala Lake approx. I mile from Bala. Flush toilets, H & C wash basins, hot showers, razor points, laundry facilities, camp shop. Dogs allowed but must be tethered at all times.

Plas Coch Hotel...2 star. Not the Ritz but clean, friendly and adequate. Private car park or leave cars in High Street in front. Good bar.(Well, good enough!). There is a much larger and more elegant hotel in Bala but the price is accordingly more inflated. I can personally recommend the Plas Coch.

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