

Cambridge & District MGOC – AGM 3 Nov 2020

Chairman's report.

A funny year to report on this time, what with the onset of lockdown due to the Coronavirus Pandemic in March and the patchy unlocking leading to the new normal (i.e. anything but normal!).

I usually only report on 2 events – the Christmas Dinner and the Snowdrop Run – and in fact these were almost all we managed to get in since the last AGM, although Chris will report on his sterling efforts for the few full events in the new year and the valiant promotion of some post lockdown adventures.

The 2020 Snowdrop Run did prove to be momentous – it was just about the last National MG Run to be held and it so nearly didn't happen at all. A week before the run Storm Clara created havoc on many minor roads in our region and then on the day, Storm Dennis chased us all the way to Ely. The idea of a whole town (or city in this case) as the destination sounded very good, however in practice it caused a huge amount of work, mainly due to the bureaucratic workings of the Council and the threat of damage repairs to public car parks. Many thanks to David Coventry and his tireless efforts in sourcing alternative (private) car parks around the city centre. In the end the run took place & some very hardy souls even completed it topless! Special thanks also to the Rotary Club of Ely who sponsored printing of the routebook & provided local marshals on the day.

The Run does take some effort and depends on volunteers giving their time - many thanks to all those who contributed to the staging of this event – especially David Parker for sorting the entrants & collecting the money, Chris Shurlock for finding the snowdrops, Roger & Michelle Taylor for organizing the charity, Glenn & Ros Pascoe for producing the routebook (and stuffing envelopes etc.), and the helpers on the day, Pat & Barrie at the Registration Desk, Liz & Janet at the ever popular tombola and the essential marshals at both ends, for keeping parking & traffic under control.

As I write this, in September, we are currently pre-planning for a 2021 Snowdrop Run (although may not be on 13 Feb as we might hope), but it will of course be dependent on what happens to the Pandemic. Roger Plummer has agreed to take over the job of Run Co-ordinator, so please give him your support.

The Christmas Dinner held at The Golden Ball in Boxworth was well attended and enjoyed. Many thanks, to Liz & Tweed and Tim & Barrie for organizing. This year's might be more challenging – we'll discuss it at the AGM.

Unfortunately, we lost 2 of our longstanding members this year, Mike Gavin and Ros Pascoe – both are sadly missed.

The Pandemic has been annoying to say the least, but MG owners do like to keep active and I know many of you have embarked on lockdown projects to improve cars and garages - let's hope that 2021 allows us to get back out in our MGs and show the improvements off.

Des Chalk
Chairman – Cambridge & District MG Owners' Club
Sep 2020

Club Secretaries Report for 2019/2020 season.

First off I must second the Chairman's comments re the season we have just had due to the corona virus, and the sad loss of two loyal club members. The outbreak of corona virus has completely dictated how the season has gone, of which we have had little, if any control. The sad loss of club members Mike Gavin, and Ros Pascoe has been a big blow, both gentle people in their own ways, I will remember them well.

The season got off to it's usual good start with the Chairman's New Year's Day Run, and the Snowdrop Run, then we were hit by the corona virus. Something new from China, it won't last long then will it, how wrong was that assumption. As the season went on it became clear that things would be different, the most common event went under the heading of "cancelled" As much as I tried it proved very difficult to get events organised, major MG/Classic car shows fell by the wayside one by one. Our two most popular events, Ely Aquafest and Kimbolton Country Fare were sadly cancelled. I hung on to the hope that I would be able to organise our club BBQ & Concourse Day, but sadly had to admit defeat in the end, hopefully delayed until 2021. Aidan Joy and Bob Footner planned an Autumn Leaves Run, but sadly due to logistics and legalities this also had to be cancelled. I did however manage to get some events underway in September, these being of the "see you there" type of meetings rather than Drive Outs. Of note was the visit to Kathy Brown's excellent garden near Bedford, where I hope we can return in spring, who knows. The Treasure Hunt Run went ahead over four sessions, each being of maximum three cars and six people, this proved to be a success. Much to my surprise the Sywell Pistons & Props show went ahead where we had two cars join Northampton MGOC for a combine MG display. At the time of writing I am hoping that we will still be able to attend the Morgan Car Factory visit, details to follow. Finally, the season came to an end with a meet up at the RSPB Reserve in Sandy for a well attended Fungi Hunting Walk. In all of my efforts, and enthusiasm for events I have to admit that at times our chairman has had to pull rank on me, all for the good of the club, and that is how it should be.

I have tried desperately to keep the club in tact in this most unusual of time's with the use of emails, well you know me! My thanks go to Glenn Pascoe and Colin Vincett for their quizzes, which proved very popular. I have also invited members to submit details of their own "lockdown projects" and it has been

interesting to see the range talents we have within the club. From outdoor kitchen construction, to miniature model ships, even a garage makeover I believe, all good stuff.

Natter Nights have had to be cancelled, but thanks to Aidan Joy we have had Zoom Natter Nights, not as good as, or as well attended as the real thing, but it has helped to keep contact with members.

Our club Member of the Year was Roger Plummer for his work on runs, and events throughout the previous season.

My hunt for new club members has of course suffered as you would expect in the current climate, but hopefully this will resume in the future.

As usual my thanks go to all the club committee for their help, and backing in the running the club. Due to the unusual season though I have yet to have the opportunity to test the resolve of our new club Treasurer, though we do have an as yet unused new banner.

Finally, should the club membership wish I would be happy to continue for another year as Club Secretary serving you, and the club as best I can. Let us hope the coming season will be more as we would like it to be.

Ps, don't forget Pat Shurlock's efforts in the back ground.

Cambridge & District MG Owners' Club Membership Secretary's Report – AGM 3 Nov 2020

This is the first annual report for this new Committee position, with previous membership information having been contained in the Treasurer's report.

Since the 2019 AGM:

- 65 members renewed
- 4 MG owners joined the Club
- 3 members sold their MGs or moved area and left the Club
- 4 members did not renew

The current membership is 69, comprising:

- 67 paid members
- 2 honorary members

Membership Renewal for 2020/21:

- Current members will be invited to renew notwithstanding the current Covid 19 Pandemic
- The Committee is reviewing what membership renewal fee would be appropriate for 2020/21

Tim Clark

Cambridge & District MGOC Membership Secretary

20/09/2020

The Club Christmas Dinner 2020

Because of the Covid 19 Pandemic it is currently unlikely that a Club Christmas Dinner will be held in December 2020. However, the Committee is considering possible arrangements which could apply should the current situation change.

Cambridge & District MGOc Treasurer's Report

AGM 3rd November 2020

Note: the previous year's figures are shown in brackets.

1. Starting Balance:

We started the financial year on 22nd September 2019 with a balance of **£2,684.80** (£2,174.09).

2. Income:

After paying expenses, the 2019 Snowdrop Run produced an income of **£2,387.49** (£2178.24).

Club membership generated **£1,030** (£1,030) the same as the year before.

Other income during the year was: 2 x £80 payments for articles written by Chris Shurlock and Des Chalk.

The Club annual income for 2019/20 was thus **£3,577.49** (£4,124.5), or a total of **£6,262.29** (£6,298.59) including the opening balance.

3. Expenditure:

Major items of expenditure were: a donation of **£2,250** to dogs for the Blind (£2,000 to Cherryhomes Trust charity), plus a one off donation payment of **£200** to Mollie Childerloy for a Community project.

Subsidy of last year's Christmas Dinner **£243.93** (£331.15);

In addition, we spent £198.90 (£883.41) on prizes, stationery, Club Web site, image library and new club banner.

During the financial year Club expenditure totaled **£2,892.83** (£3,613.79).

4. Current Balance:

Bringing the above figures for annual income and expenditure together, the Club balance at audit on 28th September 2020 was higher this year at **£3,369.46** (£2,684.80). Many thanks go to Lin McCreith for auditing the accounts once again.

5. Financial Situation:

Due to our current situation regarding the fact that members of the club have been unable to enjoy our usually packed program of events and the strong position of the club finances it is agreed that club member's subscriptions from 2019/20 will be carried over to the new year of 2020/2021.

David Parker

Cambridge & District MGOc Treasurer

28th September 2020

Cambridge and District MG Owners Club

2020 AGM Web co-ordinators report

There is not really much to say in this year's report. The website continues to function and there have been no real changes or upgrades to its functionality.

I think it does what it needs to, costs very little to operate in terms of real money and takes probably an average of ½ to 1 hour per week to maintain.

Its biggest use remains for Snowdrop Run entrants to download entry forms.

Addition of new event photos has been very limited this year and I seem to have spent most of my time adding the words cancelled or postponed to events.

As ever any suggestions for ways to improve the website are always welcomed!

Glenn Pascoe

Web Co-ordinator

October 2020