

The Murvi Club

Officers' Reports for the year ended April 2020

Chairman – Julia Wright

What strange times we find ourselves in. I was expecting to be writing of the numerous successes of the Murvi Club on the occasion of our 10th Anniversary and looking forward to spending a great time with many of you in Stratford celebrating that fact. Instead I offer my commiserations to those of you who have had to cancel planned trips or who may be stuck abroad, or even worse, be suffering from the dreaded Covid 19!

I suppose I am in a relatively good position having made no plans, other than the AGM, because of a planned house move. I managed to get that done, completing the sale by the skin of my teeth during the first week of lockdown. I now have a great deal of sorting out to do, so I see no prospect of getting bored for several months, given my current slow progress.

With the benefit of hindsight we were right to cancel the AGM, as things became steadily worse during the following few weeks. It proved a difficult decision which we didn't take lightly. I would like to thank the committee who had to make the difficult call about it. This wasn't made any easier because some of them were on skiing trips at the time, particularly Karin who was having to field numerous enquiries from worried members about whether we were going ahead.

We are all wise enough to know that this too shall pass. I am sure that when we do get together to celebrate our milestone 10th Anniversary we will make up for lost time with our celebrations. I very much look forward to that time and to catching up with many of you when we are finally released from lockdown.

Secretary – Roger Pepper

Committee meetings took place on 4 April and 9 November 2019. The committee have been in regular touch by email between the meetings.

Adrian Sumption was co-opted to the committee to act as our Editor

Membership of ACCEO and our public liability insurance have both been renewed.

There were no objections from the membership to the executive committee's proposal to override the constitution following the cancellation of the 2020 Annual General Meeting. I can therefore confirm the following:

- 1 The current members of the executive committee will remain in office for the forthcoming year.
- 2 Martin Sweet, our auditor, will remain in office for the forthcoming year.
- 3 Unless any comments are received that require the attached audited accounts to be amended, they will be deemed to be accepted.
- 4 The above items will be confirmed at the 2021 Annual General Meeting.

Treasurer – Alan Major

A copy of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019 is included with these reports. They have been audited by Martin Sweet and on your behalf I would like to thank him for his time.

With 10 years under our belts it can be seen that the Committee's objective to operate a club with low overheads is being achieved. By using electronic communications and utilising a free community bank account offered by HSBC our overheads are minimised.

When the club was established new members were asked to pay a joining fee to ensure that the club had sufficient funds to prepay booking fees or cover any unforeseen expenses which might be incurred when arranging events. As the membership grew and the yearly surpluses had added to the general funds it was decided to remove the requirement for new members to pay a joining fee. Now that the general funds held by the Club are sufficient to fund its operations the Committee has decided to give any member who paid a joining fee a subscription credit for 2020. This is reflected by the reduction in the Contingency Funds as shown in the accounts.

As in previous years I will be recommending to the Committee that the subscription remains at £5 per year.

Rally Secretary – Karin Sumption

As in 2018 we had eleven meets again last year. The November and February meets continue to attract the biggest numbers, showing the rugged nature of Murvi members. We had over thirty vans in Devon in November and eighteen in Devon in February.

Our new method of advertising festivals to all members worked well last year. The Murvi Club was represented at 10 over the summer. I was hoping this year would be similar, but at the moment that looks unlikely.

Brian Biffin has made a provisional booking with Hendre Mynach Campsite, Barmouth, North Wales for the weekend of 5-9 November 2020. If Government restrictions on travel and camping have been lifted by then, this rally will take place and Brian will circulate booking details. When things get back to normal I'm sure there will be a plethora of members wanting to arrange things. Hopefully we will be able to reschedule a meet in Stratford later in the year, but maybe not on the scale we were planning for the AGM. If anyone would like to organise a meet, but is daunted by the idea, just email me and I will be happy to help. I am hopeful that there will be some Christmas meets again this year. Last year's were, once again, very successful. When we get through the current lock down I'm looking forward to meeting up with lots of Murvis again, in the not too distant future. Best wishes to everyone.

IT and Membership Secretary – Nick Mawby

At the first A.G.M. of the club there were 89 members, and each year we have seen a significant growth, reaching 300 at the 2019 A.G.M. However, this year we have only increased to 303, representing 543 people. 29 members resigned during the 12 months since the last A.G.M. 27 members have elected not to share their details with other members. In the last 12 months the website has had 45,047 visits from 16,263 visitors. At the 2019 A.G.M. the members indicated that they did not wish to proceed with a forum but were happy to continue with the chat group, which has had over 200 topics posted in the year. We have 68 people who have subscribed for automatic emails when a new item is listed for sale on the mart, 38 are not current Murvi owners.