

TR Register Shropshire Group AGM 2024 Minutes

The 2024 AGM was held at The Fox and Hounds, Wytheford Road, Shawbury, Shropshire, SY4 4JG on Tuesday 20th February 2024 at 8pm. There were 39 attendees.

Apologies for absence were received from:

Chris Mountford Martin & Sascha Thomas

Jeremy & Lizzie Charlton Ian & Sue Wilde
Roger & Angela Boxall Ian & Pat Thomas
Ron & Sandra Jones Una Appleton

David Somerville Malcolm & Carolyn Ling

Group Leader, Roger Critchley, chaired the meeting and minutes were taken by Helen Critchley.

2023 AGM Minutes

The Minutes of the 2023 AGM were discussed. There were no matters arising. Acceptance of the 2023 minutes was proposed by Alan Edwards, seconded by Helen Beresford and passed by the meeting.

Finances

Group Treasurer, Stuart Heaton, presented the accounts and copies were distributed. These were made up to the end of 2023 which was our last accounting period. The Group's bank account now stands at £719.87. Stuart explained the problems he has experienced with Barclays and that to retain our account we have had to prove our existence. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Barrie Onions, seconded by Grafton Beddoes and was passed by the meeting.

Review of 2023

Roger reported that he has recently undertaken a lengthy exercise to consolidate our Group's Members Records with those of the TR Register, held at Didcot. This was necessary as everybody attending a Group Meeting or Event must be a member of the TR Register. This is for insurance purposes.

We now have 116 Members of which 56 Members regularly take part in events throughout the year. This gives us an active membership rate of 48%, which is above average. In addition, several members of other groups join our events.

In 2023, we participated in:

- 12 Club Runs
 - o Plus a further 8 runs to verify the route instructions for the European Meeting
- 11 Club Night
- 3 Shows
 - Including RAF Shawbury Families' Day
- Our Spring Tour of Dumfries and Galloway
- TR@70 at Shepton Mallett
- The Turkey Trot at which members donated £585 which has been split between Cancer Research and Prostate Cancer UK

In addition, small groups of Members, notably the Whitchurch Wanderers and the Stretton Strollers, had arranged their own runs.

Members' Resolutions

No resolutions from Members had been received.

Votes of Thanks

A vote of thanks was given to those Members who helped with The Dumfries and Galloway Tour:

Gordon Grant

Peter Napier

Greg Washington

Malcolm Lainsbury

Roger Boxall

Peter Napier was also thanked for editing the Group's magazine, TR Torque, and for maintaining our website.

Greg Washington, Gordon Grant and Roger Boxall were thanked for organising runs.

Malcolm Lainsbury was thanked for arranging our attendance at the RAF Shawbury Families' Day.

Alice Desborough was thanked for dealing with Regalia and designing the plaque for the Dumfries and Galloway Tour.

Helen Beresford, Anne Hazledine and Jo Hardy were thanked for organising the North Shropshire Run.

A special thanks was given to those who helped to verify the route instructions for the European Meeting:

Mark & Claudia Larner

Gordon and Sheena Grant

Robin & Carol Walker

Peter & Rosanne Napier

The Whitchurch Wanderers who were responsible for several routes.

It was necessary for them to start and finish the runs in Llandrindod Wells. This was, therefore, an arduous task.

The Chaz Perks Memorial Trophy

The Chaz Perks Memorial Trophy was presented to Greg & Debbie Washington for all their help over the last few years in

Organising many runs and longer drives

Sorting out routes and Places of Interest for our Spring Tours

Fixing the wiring and electrical gremlins in so many members' cars.

Election of Officers

There had been no nominations for office. As a result, the incumbents were overwhelmingly re-elected:

Group Leader

Roger Critchley

Proposed by Malcolm Lainsbury Seconded by Gordon Grant

Group Treasurer

Stuart Heaton

Proposed by Roger Critchley Seconded by Ray Heaton

Preview of 2024

Roger explained that a calendar of forthcoming events has been compiled and it has been sent to all Members and will be published in TR Torque and on our website. A copy was handed out to all attendees. "What's On" will be circulated every month and will detail events for the next three months.

- Monthly Club Nights will take place on the third Tuesday of each month at The Fox and Hounds, Shawbury
- The Snowdrop Run will take place on Sunday 25th February. We will visit the Snowdrops at Chirk Castle and have lunch at The Boat at Erbistock. Gordon Grant is organising this run.
- The March Hare Run will take place on 15th March. The plan is to visit The Hawkstone Park Follies followed by lunch at The Fox and Hounds in Shawbury.

- The TR Register's Annual Members Meeting will take place on Saturday, 16th March at The Stratford Manor Hotel, Straford-upon-Avon. Attendance must be pre-registered on the TR Register website.
- Weston Park Easter Motor Show. We will attend this show on Easter Sunday, 31st
 March. We will have a Group stand but members will need to buy their own tickets
 online from the organisers.
- FBHVC Drive-it-Day will take place on Sunday 21st April. Roger will supply details nearer the time.
- Loton Park Hill Climb. Roger is negotiating with the Hadley and District Light Car Club for us to visit the venue on Saturday 15th May and have a cavalcade run up the hill.
- The North York Moors Tour will take place from Sunday 2nd Juney to Thursday 6th June. We have taken all the rooms at The Malyan Spout Hotel in Goathland and further accommodation elsewhere in the village.
- Aldenham Park Run. The owners of Aldenham Park have agreed to conduct a tour of the mansion for us followed by tea and cakes. This will take place on 12th July.
- TR Register's Inter-Club International Weekend will take place on Friday 28tth June to Sunday 30th June at The Three Counties Showground, Malvern. Discounted tickets are currently on sale, but these will cease to be available after 29th February.
- A Seaside Run and Beach Picnic at Black Rock Sands, Porthmadog is being planned by Greg Washington for 4th July.
- The Shropshire Classic Car Festival will take place on Sunday 14th July at Longden Village Hall. There will be a short Club Run across the Shropshire Hills to the Show.
- Shelsley Walsh Classic Nostalgia. Greg is looking to arrange a run to this event on either Saturday 20th or Sunday 21st July
- We hope to join the Red Rose Group at the Oulton Park Gold Cup Weekend on Sunday 27th July.
- Drive the Dragon's Spine. It is proposed that we drive the length of Wales from Cardiff Castle to Conwy Castle. This will be a three-day / two-night event and the proposed dates are 6th to 8th August.
- RAF Shawbury Families' Day. We are waiting to hear from RAF Shawbury about this.
- South Shropshire Run. This is being organised by Gordon Grant and is planned for either 5th or 6th October.
- The Autumn Run. Details of this event will be announced nearer the time.
- The Turkey Trot is scheduled for early December. Details to be announced.
- Other runs will take place throughout the year. These will probably be on Saturdays
 or mid-week because it is becoming increasingly more difficult to book lunches for
 large groups on Sundays.

Any Other Business

- Regalia Alice Desborough explained that our regalia suppliers are Galaxy Print in Leyland, Lancashire. Members can choose from their online catalogue. Prices will be the catalogue price plus £3.90 for embroidery and extra for post and packaging. Orders should be sent to Alice.
- Charitable Events Roger explained that there are many cancer charities doing wonderful work caring for and supporting those affected. But we cannot help them all. Larger charities are conducting research into treatment and prevention. These can make a difference for the future. We have chosen, therefore, to support:
 - Prostate Cancer UK and
 - Cancer Research
- Roger reported that Paul Sedgley has just returned home from knee surgery and is looking forward to joining us in his TR2. A card has been sent, on behalf of all Members, wishing him a speedy recovery.
- Graham and Eleanor Goodwin will join us on The Snowdrop Run. Graham's TR3A has been recommissioned by Creed and Shore. However, Graham is no longer at his best.
- Helen Beresford reported that the Stoke Group would be willing to join us on Drive It
 Day. Roger will contact their new Group Leader about this.
- Helen also reported that the Stoke Group Leader has produced a Rally Plaque for members to attach to their TRs indicating their membership of that group. Helen supplied a sample and details will be sent to Shropshire Group members to see if we want something similar.

Close

Roger thanked the Members for attending and reminded them that the next Club Night will on Tuesday 19th March at The Fox and Hounds. The AGM was closed at 9:00pm

Auction

After the meeting had closed, Pete Gibbins auctioned his superfluous Wind Deflector. This raised £99 which will be donated to Prostate Cancer UK.