

President's Report 2021

Hi all,

Well, 2021 has still been a challenge, but not nearly as challenging as 2020 was. As I write this, the AGM is approaching and we haven't even had to move the date back once yet. COVID has of course had an impact on some events, notably causing the cancellation of the Marlborough wine tour, and postponing Brit and Euro which in turn clashed with Kimber's Breakfast. We have, however, had a number of successful events – a great showing at the Eilerslie Concours with two Teams entered and a number of MGs represented in the Past Winners display. The Pre 56 Rally in Cambridge was well attended and well-run by Greg Martin and his team, with a lot of very positive feedback. We had another successful Track Day with 35 MGs entered amongst the 50+ cars – a number of those at their first track event of any kind.

Over the past year, the committee has been looking at how best to digitise our old records and preserve them for future generations. Currently, we're in the process of scanning all the old MaGs prior to the days of the electronic MaG. The intent is to have these all available to all club members in the future.

Our committee this past year has been very hard working, particularly over the last few months as we navigated our way through all the changes. I'd like to thank the out-going committee, especially Derek and Mark – our first-time committee members – who have stood up and taken a lot on in their first year on board. Obviously they haven't been put off yet, as they've both indicated they're willing to stand for committee next year. Also thanks to Nick de Wit, who stood down earlier in the club year, and to Sue Martin, who is standing down as Membership Secretary after many, many years on the committee in various roles. Tony Simmons has agreed to help out with looking after membership in Sue's absence. Norm Harvey as Secretary, Paul Walbran as Club Captain, Colin Upchurch as Treasurer and John Campbell have continued to serve the club excellently and tirelessly. It makes my job as President much simpler to have such a capable team.

Outside of the committee, Dave Addison as Webmaster and Steve Jones as MaG editor have continued their hardwork, together with Tony Simmons who helps coordinate the email blasts. The Pre '56 team, and the Team Waikato and Team BOP teams have run some great events, as always.