

CONGLETON BEARTOWN CLASSIC CAR CLUB

March 2020 NEWSLETTER

Announcements

We were reminded of the sad news from last month regarding the passing of Philip Shaw's partner. A card was passed around for members to express their condolences to Phil. A donation in memory of her was sent to Salford Royal Hospital as requested by Phil.

The next Hot Pot Social event is on the **16th February at the BULL'S HEAD**, from 12 noon on.

A company called J P Exhausts whom we've had something from previously, have sent some flyers for an **Open Day** they are holding on **9th May, 2020**. The advice is to get a quote and then tell them you are a club member, quote your club number and you should get a 10% discount. Anyone interested just pick up a flyer

Sealed bid Auction

Sadly, this is no longer going ahead because there were no bids that reached the reserve amount. Nevertheless Sandbach Carpets will make a donation to club funds and due consideration will be made as to how this donation is to be used.

Honorary Members.

We currently have four honorary members of the club, one of whom is effectively a 'sleeping' member. It has been suggested that Paul Facer and Brian Pye become Honorary Members in recognition of all the years they were Treasurer and Membership Secretary, respectively. The members present, which was quite a good number for an AGM our Chair noted, showed their agreement with a resounding round of applause.

AGM February Meeting

It's now time for the Chair to ask if there were any nomination's or volunteers for any of the roles on the Committee. The response was **NO** nominations and **NO** volunteers. "Well that's a surprise!!" exclaimed the Chair with a little laugh, reciprocated by the members. The Membership Secretary was asked for the report.

Membership Secretary's Report

The membership continues to ebb and flow. At the end of 2018 we had a total number of 90. In 2019 there were 5 members who did not renew their membership and we had 14 new members giving us a total of 99 members by the end of 2019 an increase of 9 members, a nice steady increase from 2018 something that would be good to repeat if possible.

Treasurers Report

The treasurer was then called upon to deliver his report. (Prior to the AGM commencing, financial statements were made available to members present for their perusal.) The figures showed that the account is running along a similar vein it has done previously. Our surplus income was reduced this year due to financing the purchase of lapel Badges and key rings and the dessert at the BBQ which was a treat for those who attended. These extra-ordinary items were in celebration of the Clubs 20th anniversary since being founded. Something that was not included in the balance sheets was the charity money collected at the Christmas Collection in Congleton of £289.44 because it was directly given to the charity. The subscription income has increased to a tune of £120 equivalent to 8 members. On the expenditure side the BBQ was more than 2018 because of the provision of a dessert. Stationery /postage/copying costs are kept relatively low not least thanks to the efforts of members who hand-deliver a number of items thus saving on the postage.

Chairman's Report

The chair thanked the Membership Secretary and Treasurer for their reports. He went on to talk about the highlights from the last year one of which was that the Club celebrated its 20th year since its foundation and was the reason the badges and keyrings were purchased to mark the event. Another highlight from last year was the Tatton Park 2nd Place trophy win we had for Best Club Stand. He said we had won various small trophies in the past but never 2nd place before so as an idea to repeat or better that he would not go Tatton this year because it had been won in his absence to which the members laughed. It has been spoken of in the past that the Club needed to attract some younger members as well as female members and over the last couple of years the signs have been encouraging with a number of younger members joining and more recently a number of younger female members (a double whammy). So we seem to be going in the right direction. For the coming year and future years it will be up to the members, as it has always been in the Chair's memory, who decide in what way the club develops and grows. You can do this by helping or becoming a Committee member it doesn't have to be anything spectacular. It could be a fresh new idea or looking at something older in a new ways. In fact it's the small things that make the Club what it is, things like the help given to the Club such as Road Runs, raffles, BBQ, Etc. The Chair spoke about looking to the future and who could take it forward had to be seriously considered. He added that this club is not just about cars, important though they are, it is also about the people, the club is like a community. The final item in his report was Facebook, he gave us his thoughts about the way in which it worked and how good it was to get information to the membership speedily and urged members to use Facebook to keep up to date with any changes.

FOOTNOTE

Come on guys 'n gals surely we have got some budding individuals who have a small amount of time to set aside to give the Club to help it flourish.

EVENTS UPCOMING

March 01 Newark Mega Autojumble, Newark, Notts. NG24 2NY

March 08 Malvern Classic Car & Bike Autojumble, Malvern, WR13 6NW.

March 15 Beartown Classic Car Club, Hot Pot Social, Bull's Head.

March 27-29 Practical Classics Classic Car & Restoration Show, The NEC