

15. 2025 members meeting following AGM

Members meeting commenced promptly at 12.30pm on 25th October 2025 at Christopher Whitehead School in Worcester.

The Chairman welcomed all members to the meeting and hoped they had been refreshed with drinks.

The Chairman announced that a new community bank account has been opened going live from November at NatWest. This account offers free accountancy software training course for both Chairman and Treasurer. They also are paying 3.5 times the interest on savings account as Lloyds who are only giving us 1% at present.

Looking at the group assets, there is some equipment that has not been used for over twelve months and is considered that PAT testing this equipment is a waste of money. There is a box of equipment if members would like to take for a small donation which will go back in to the club.

Chairman asked members if there is anything they would like or want incorporated at future rallies and opened the floor for questions.

John Kiby would like to propose reducing stock value and help reduce even further. To also put more Professional/ different types of entertainment on at rallies.

Sally Sunter asked if it would be possible for members to visit a rally on a daily basis at a set price or come for evening entertainment if they weren't able to stay for the whole weekend. Pat Kirby commented that this has been noted in the past if people only want to stay for one night.

Chairman response, yes this can be put in the rally diary as well so members are aware of it. He will also make members aware that if they host a rally they don't have to pay for that rally which again will be highlighted in the rally booklet.

Richard Lamberton suggested people Marshall as it can be lots of fun engaging with members and getting to know people.

Pat Kirby went through the MCC website and said the rallies that should have been advertised was Halloween with AGM but on the website, she saw Yorkley and Xmas, advertised first.

Chairman's reply, unfortunately the committee have been short staffed and the Go daddy website we use needs updating, Phil is going to liaise with Go daddy why this is happening and is going to update web page next month.

Derrick Harrison seems to think it could be down to cookies used. John Kirby asked if any members on the Committee had any IT skills in reference to webmaster, Phil said Julie Stephens has some IT experience.

Richard Lamberton enquired whether members are aware they have to put money in an envelope, along with registration number etc.

Chairman Phil Care replied by saying we have done this method but unfortunately, we have had times where people have put foreign coins in. We are now trying a system where a Marshall can take membership cards from members to whoever is booking in, so members can be parked up quickly and pay after parking to redeem their membership cards, and this method has worked well at the last rally.

Derrick Harrison suggested whether a card machine could be used, Phil has already looked in to this and prices can be phenomenal charging around a £100 a month. We do have a bank transfer system which can be used up to 24 hours before a rally and are welcome to do this but need to know if members wish to pay this way.

Anthony Barnsley Vice chairman has been talking to members who have said they feel the MCC signs are too small and near the ground which can be easily missed. Needs to be discussed with COMS and will look into it. Jason Carter suggested Marshalls could stand by the entrance to the rally venue but at some venues the entrance is a distance from the parking area and weather may be bad.

Sue Williams suggested that what three words could be used and put in rally booklet and members agreed.

Chairman Phil Care thought it was very important to be mindful of members with single occupancy vans and look at prices that reflect it as well as rally vouchers. The Christmas meal has taken this into account and at Victorian Market Rally is stated on the website if members only want to come for the evening and pay a set price they are more than welcome.

John Kirby asked if any monies have come from transfer of Avon Orphans yet and Andrea Care Treasurer stated not yet.

Mike Cooper is going to set up a WhatsApp group for Severn Valley members to provide information to the group and getting messages out. John Kirby stated that the Motorcycle group have one and lots of rubbish comes through with members putting thumbs up etc. Pat Kirby asked if there was anyway of filtering non relevant info coming through. Mike has already set up a group for his neighbours and so is happy to do this for members.

Richard Lamberton suggested that photos and videos of rallies could be sent via the WhatsApp group. Sally Sunter said members could ask who is going to SV rallies and Di Moore asked if there could be two WhatsApp groups, one for posting information and one for members to communicate. Phil said he look in to it as rules need to be set up also.

Phil Sterry asked if when a Marshall is hosting, how can they be contacted beforehand? The reply is members can contact Phil via the website, or telephone. Mike Cooper suggested that it can go on the Website of who to contact.

There was no other business discussed, the chairman thanked everyone for attending the rally and the meeting was closed at 1.06 pm.

John Kirby stood up and asked members to join in thanking the Committee for all their hard work over the past year and wish them well in the future.

(Applause from members)