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Tregrehan Hillclimb – by Lesley Weeks, Event Secretary

Another successful Tregrehan hillclimb, held over the weekend of 6th and 7th June, was enjoyed by many spectators as well as the marshals and officials. The weather was absolutely glorious and the sun shone all weekend long.



We had good positive feedback from all of the academy entrants who thoroughly enjoyed their first hillclimb event and have been well and truly bitten by the motorsport bug and are all looking forward to their next event.

As the new secretary of Tregrehan hillclimb. I feel the weekend went well. It was well organised and everything went without a hitch. I would personally like to thank all officials, marshals and volunteers who helped over the weekend. We couldn't have done it without you.

All photos by Dave Brenton.

A few statistics from Tregrehan - by Jeremy Thomas, Entries Secretary

There were 15 Academy entrants on each day. This was everyone who registered this year, and included vehicles ranging from a 1400cc MG ZR to a 6.3 litre Jensen C V8.

Saturday had 48 entrants start. FTD went to Mike Lee driving his OMS 2000M. Sunday had 55 entrants start with FTD again going to Mike Lee.

1st in class winners: Ryan Freeman, Jerry Walters, Jonathon Lannon, David Edwards, Richard Sanders, Nathan Prisk, Mathew Ewer, Ian Ingleheart, Andrew Williams, Christopher Crocker, Andy Stoddart and Philip Montgomery-Smith.

Cornwall Urology Trust had collectors present on both days, although only one on Saturday. He was



assisted with the collection by our two youngest marshals Amy Ewer and Belisha Cotteril. They also assisted Lesley Weeks throughout the weekend by running errands.

Thanks should be recorded to all the senior officials for contributing to another successful weekend. Special thanks to Richard Weeks for stepping in at the last minute to fulfil the role of Deputy Clerk of the Course and radio controller, and to John Collins for his tireless efforts as Chief Marshal to ensure that the event ran smoothly from Friday to Sunday evening.

Thanks also to all those who helped on Friday afternoon completing the layout of the parkland after Tony Wood had pegged out the paddock.

Allen Iggulden and our president David Richards had a very good interview on Radio Cornwall, with most areas covered.

Our next hillclimb event at Tregrehan is on the weekend of 10th-11th October.

Full results and more photos are available on our website www.truodmc.co.uk/tregrehan.php



Truro and District Motor Club - Extraordinary General Meeting

On Monday 13th July 2015, at 7.30 pm, the Truro and District Motor Club will meet for an Extraordinary General Meeting. The EGM will be followed by a full committee meeting. Both these meetings will be at Truro Golf Club. The EGM agenda will consist of:

- a) Voting in John H Collins as TDMC temporary Treasurer.
- b) Voting in Nicholas Vincent as TDMC new Treasurer from October.

Recreation Alliance Community Sports Award Nomination – Letter received from MSA

Dear Allen and Truro and District Motor Club Committee

We are delighted to inform you that we have nominated you for the Sport and Recreation Alliance's Community Sports Awards in the 'Community Sport and Recreation Overall Winner' category. The awards showcase the very best that sport and recreation activities bring to communities across the country.

Your nomination has been made in recognition of the activity that you have undertaken to not only develop your club and the sport as a whole but also the links and benefits that you have given to your local community. Well done for your efforts!

The winners will be announced at an awards ceremony on 8th July in London by HRH Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex. We wish you all the best with your nomination and thank you for all the work that you do, it really is appreciated and it is key for us in growing our sport for the future.

Good luck and please let me know if there is anything that we can help your club with as you continue to develop.

Kind regards, Jess Fack, MSA

Other Events

Camel Vale MC will be running Castle hill climb next weekend 11-12 July. More details on their website: www.camelvalemotorclub.co.uk

Plymouth MC is organising a clubman permit rally time trial and endurance rally together with Pentillie Festival of Motorsport to take place on Sunday 26 July. Entries close on 15th July.

More details from the website: www.pentilliefestivalofmotorsport.co.uk

TDMC Annual Awards Lunch Sunday 13th December

To be held at The Alverton, Truro. Please put the date in your diary. The lunch is open to all award winners, club members and anyone else who would like to join us to celebrate our end of year. Please come along and make it a special event for everyone who is coming to be presented with their award.

We have booked the Great Hall at The Alverton and will have a Christmas lunch for around 100 people. A booking form will be available in October.

Paul Munro, Cornish motorsport enthusiast – by Allen Iggulden, TDMC Chairman

After a long battle with prostate cancer, Paul passed away at 3 pm. on Sunday 14 June, at Mount Edgumbe Hospice, near St Austell.

His history in Cornish motorsport spans many decades from the early days when he navigated for Chris Cocks, in Chris's Sunbeam Stiletto. Then there were the Escort years, when Mike Tregoning told me that Paul was a formidable opponent when they drove against each other in various motorsport disciplines.

I have only known Paul over the past few years since he competed in John Collins' AutoSOLOs at Cornwall College, Camborne. On a few occasions, when we had taster days and passengers were allowed alongside the drivers at the AutoSOLOs, I was privileged to sit next to Paul several times and I can confirm Paul's enthusiasm to drive as fast as he could. The last time was earlier this year when Paul was driving his fast Lotus Sunbeam and he still had all the skills to race it and to get its optimum performance. Tregrehan Speed Hillclimb was another of his loves where he competed last October. A friend told me recently that in competition Paul still drove like a teenager, which I think is a massive compliment to his driving. Whenever Truro and District Motor Club had a quiz night or treasure hunt, Paul was always the first to donate a good number of prizes for winners and raffles.



Mike Tregoning and I were two of the last people to see Paul at the hospice, a few days before he died, and he talked, joked and smiled with us and obviously had no fear of his approaching fate. Wherever he went he brought cheer and happiness to all, and everyone who knew Paul could not help but warm to him. No local motor club could wish for a better ambassador of Cornish motorsport. He was one of life's great gentlemen and will be sadly missed by us all.

It was dreadful when Paul broke news to us of his illness but at last year's club luncheon he was looking very much better. However this year as we all know he lost his brave fight. Over more years than I can remember the love of motor sport brought us together and when I took up competing again he was very supportive. I will miss his chats, RIP my friend.

Bob Eddy, TDMC committee

I first met Paul in the mid 70's when we were both Tregrehan regulars. The hillclimb in those days was a much bigger affair with people coming from far and wide to compete and entries of 80+ cars was the norm. In those days Paul was in his yellow Ford RS 2000 and me in my RS 1800 (TGL944S). We had some great class battles and Paul was always totally committed to drive the wheels off his car. Things between us were always very close. I lost touch with him for a while as you sometimes do with fellow competitors but whenever you met up again with Paul you could always pick up where you left off and the time gap never mattered at all. I will remember him as a quiet, gentle, mild mannered man, a great sportsman and very fair competitor in every sense of the word and in every way a real gentleman. Recently we had kept in touch a bit more since his illness and I'm so glad I managed to see him with Allen Iggulden for the last time on the Thursday before he passed away at the Hospice, we chatted for about twenty minutes and he recalled all the old motorsport memories we had enjoyed together. After we had said our good bye's Allen and myself remarked on just how brave he was as I'm sure he knew he didn't have long to live. Paul may be gone from us but I'm sure he won't be forgotten and I'm so proud to have known him. May he rest in peace.

Michael Tregoning, St Issey

TDMC received numerous tributes, photos and videos. Many of these can be seen on our website www.trurodmc.co.uk and also on the Facebook group page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/truromotorclub/>
