



Meet the Members

Tim & Manda Crump



Most of you will know Tim as he's our Webmaster and I.T. guru, but you probably don't know much about him and his wife Manda. Even though they both grew up in Sanderstead they actually met in Worcester, Manda sang in a church choir and Tim helped out behind the scenes in another church choir, once a year the two choirs would join up and visit other areas. As the choirs were mostly young people they would inevitably finish the day in a local pub and there always seemed to be a chair left next to Tim which Manda took, Manda reckons that it was engineered and not just a coincidence. As a teenager Tim used to walk the family dog on the way to the train station with his father, en-route they would pass a house where his Dad met another chap and they then walked to the station together, it was years later that they found out that this chap was Manda's grandfather! When they got engaged part of the "deal" was that Tim would have to sing, he agreed which was obviously the right decision as they celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary this month. Tim and Manda stayed in Sanderstead until two years ago when they bought a beautiful country cottage in a secluded part of Crowborough.

Tim didn't really know what career path he wanted to take but took a job as an insurance broker, whilst there were some interesting aspects to the job he found it mostly mundane so he applied for a job at a Lloyd's syndicate, at the end of his interview the boss walked Tim down the many stairs rather than taking the lift, that gave him a chance to get to know Tim better which resulted in him being offered a job in the Aviation Syndicate. Strangely the Aviation Syndicate dealt mostly with travel insurance and insuring people,

one notable policy being covering the crew of a space shuttle. He continued as a Lloyds underwriter until he retired. Manda worked for ten years in the Housing Benefits department in Croydon Council but gave that up when she was pregnant with their first daughter. They have two daughters, Hannah and Sophie, who both now live in London. As the girls grew up Manda took a job as a playground assistant, initially covering for absent staff, then on a regular basis. She enjoyed it so much she went to college and qualified as a Teaching Assistant. She worked at the same school for 23 years and 'retired' when they moved two years ago.

A friend of Tim's raced old Minis and Tim used to help him out as he's always liked to get his hands dirty. Later Tim helped to organise some track days with instructors, participants could use the cars provided or their own cars, Tim had always fancied building his own car and building a Caterham was suggested, but he didn't want to own one. Looking around for something more practical but something that he could get his hands dirty with he finally came up with the idea of a Morgan. In 2008 they bought a 1997 +4 which they loved, unfortunately that car was T-boned by a Mercedes and the insurance company deemed it unviable to repair, but he bought it as salvage and sold it to BHM in part exchange for their +4 demonstrator which they still have.



Tim on the day he had collected their first +4. Having got home his parents visited and he took his mum out for a spin around the block.



Tim in a single seater during a BMW experience day at Brands Hatch that his family bought him in 2017. (his best lap was a 63.45 sec)

They haven't taken their Morgan overseas yet but are currently considering the Channel Islands and the Isle of Mann, they have however enjoyed trips to Malvern, the RNLI in Poole and Beaulieu. The Morgan was Tim's daily drive until recently when he became a victim of the dreaded potholes which over time caused cracks in the chassis, fortunately BHM where able to repair the chassis with some expertly made patches.



Tim & Manda's current +4, they kept the reg. number from their previous Morgan.

Tim and Manda both still sing in a church choir, highlights this year have been visits to sing at Canterbury Cathedral, St Paul's Cathedral and Romsey Abbey. Manda was part of a choir to sing at the Queen Mother's 90th birthday celebrations in Horseguards Parade. Tim's other main hobby for the last eight years is as a volunteer on the Bluebell Railway in the infrastructure department, that covers track, bridges, stations and any non-moving equipment, he's now qualified as a signal operator for non-passenger trains and hopes to extend that to include passenger trains soon.

Manda has collected bears, especially pandas (came about because a friend commented "Manda Panda"), Winnie the Pooh bears, and also thimbles for many years so has quite a selection of them all.

Since he was at school Tim has had an interest in amateur dramatics, he's played many different roles but two of the most surprising were as a Dame in panto and as Anthea Redfearn in a school performance of The Generation Game.



Tim as a pantomime Dame (on the right, minus his beard)

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