

## GTC Website Administrator's report 2017

It's been another busy year looking after the website and consolidating the new design since the site's major overhaul last year. As usual, we have been ably supported by the team at Diablo who designed and built the site. Mostly the site is now very stable and runs day to day with relatively few queries from the many GTC members who take advantage of the varied features it offers. However, if you do come across something that doesn't work quite as you would expect, please do give us your feedback and we will look into a fix for it.

Major new aspects this year have included:

- The online application process for the new PLI scheme – which involved building a new secure payment stream as well as developing the application forms and workflow.
- Setting up the 'front end' website access to the PageSuite-hosted archive of Zerb and GTC In Focus.
- Working to bring the website members' database in line with the current membership database.
- Keeping up with the steady and increasing stream of news releases from GTC sponsors in order to post as many of these items as possible to help our sponsors.

Of course, there is still much more content we could put up on the site (there always is) – but there are only so many hours in the week!

And on that note... after nearly 10 years of looking after the site for the GTC, taking it from its conception, launch in 2008, and through four phases of development, sadly, I think it is time for me to give up running the GTC website. While I have greatly enjoyed building the site up to the effective platform I feel it now is, the workload associated with it is constant, often urgent and unpredictable, and never-ending – there is simply always something more you can do on it! I have told the GTC Council that I will carry on for up to a year while they think about how best to fill this role and to get the right person/people in place. If you are interested in taking this – or even part of it – on, I'm sure they would be glad to hear from you. Also, if you would like to know what is involved, I will be happy to talk anyone through it. By the way, I intend to carry on with Zerb – it's just the website I'm giving up!

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