



# ROLLS-ROYCE ENTHUSIASTS' CLUB

**NORTH EASTERN SECTION  
NEWSLETTER**

**July 2023**

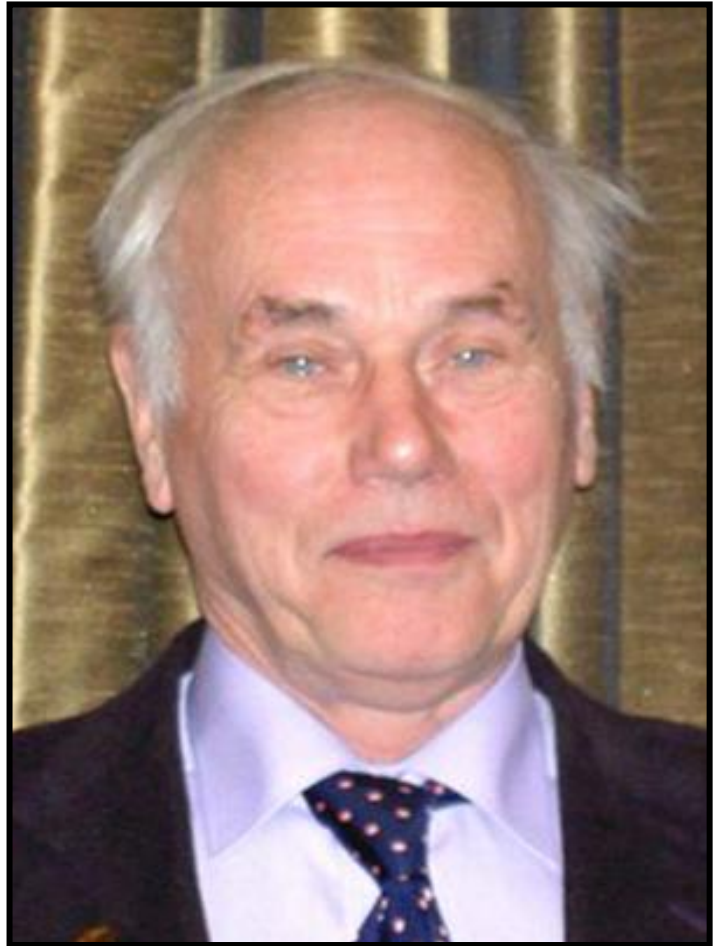


## Rogers Ramblings

My other car an AC Aceca is now at the restorers. It is a very original car that needs sympathetic restoration. I am having difficulty in convincing the restorers not to over finish and destroy originality on parts that were never painted or polished e.g. the engine bay. My intention is to make it work properly, make it look nice, then use it.

Roger.

June 2023.



### **Front cover picture: A fantastic Phantom II on display at the RREC Annual Rally at Burghley house.**

The chassis is 168SK. The car is a copy of 42PY, currently owned by Lord Bamford.

With razor edge wings, full length louvres, metal sunroof (carefully avoiding any rubber tubing joints which eventually fail), spats, hidden door hinges, sun visor etc

Aluminium work and design advice by Gary Pitney of GPPanelcraft, Bracknell,

Design by owner Ric Nash, drawing up and wood frame by Jason Rangecroft of the Coachbuilding Company, Lymington, painting by Adam Redding of AMR Ltd, Fulmer and trimming by Alan Geater of Geater trimming, Thatcham.

None of whom advertise and normally deal with Hispanos, pre-war Alphas, Mercs and regard R-R as a bit down-market and unexciting.

Wood polishing by Silvercrest, Iwer, who works on very high-end modern car conversions.

Mechanical work Carl Ford - very well known in R-R circles.





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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Noggin and Natter evenings are held on the third Wednesday of the month from 7.30pm at **16 Section members attending the Old Mill The Old Mill, Metal Bridge, Coxhoe, DH6 5NX.** The venue provides an excellent food and drinks menu for the connoisseur, but if Fish & Chips, Mushy Peas and a pint of Guinness are your thing, then you definitely will not be disappointed. Much lively banter takes place during the evening especially when Jim Clark puts his 'Boysie's' hat on. The conversation is definitely not just about cars, all sorts of subjects come up in the conversation from 'Einstein's Theory of Relativity' to the cheapest 'Bottle of Plonk' at the local supermarket. We have a hardcore of attendees but new faces are always welcome, so come along and join us, you're heard the saying "the More the Merrier". Please just turn up, there's no need to book, order your food and drink at the bar and ask where we are and the bar staff will point you in the right direction. You never know, you may find where to obtain a cheapest bottle of Shiraz or Pinot Grigio in the North East!!!!

For the latest information, please visit the Section Website by either logging into the RREC's Website at <https://rrec.org.uk> and select from the menu bar, Sections. From the map of the UK mouse over North East shaded area and left click, follow the link to the North East home page. Scroll down this page and click <http://www.rrecnortheast.org.uk> to open our sectionwebsite home page in your browser, Alternately, Google rrec-northeast, and open the home page from the link: <http://rrec-northeast.org.uk>

## ROLLS-ROYCE ENTHUSIASTS' CLUB - NORTH EASTERN SECTION EVENTS PROGRAMME FOR 2023/4

02 <sup>nd</sup> July 23	Visit to Kiplin Hall near Scorton, Richmond.— John Harrison
16 <sup>th</sup> July 23	Newby Hall — NECPWA
5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> August 23	North of England Rally at Harewood House
12 <sup>th</sup> August 23 (Saturday)	Ingleby Arncliffe—Arncliffe Classic Car Show— AF
29 <sup>th</sup> September 23	Beamish— NECPWA
08 <sup>th</sup> October 23	Beam in Steam at Tees Cottage Pumping Station in Darlington.
29 <sup>th</sup> October 23	Wynyard Hall— Northern Bygone Years Society Society— AF
13 <sup>th</sup> December 23	Christmas Meal at Old Mill, Metal Bridge, Coxhoe.— RM
21 <sup>st</sup> January 24	Section AGM— Solberge Hall, Northallerton— RM



# Beaulieu Spring Autojumble. Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>. May.



The RREC Midlands section provided a fine display of club cars.

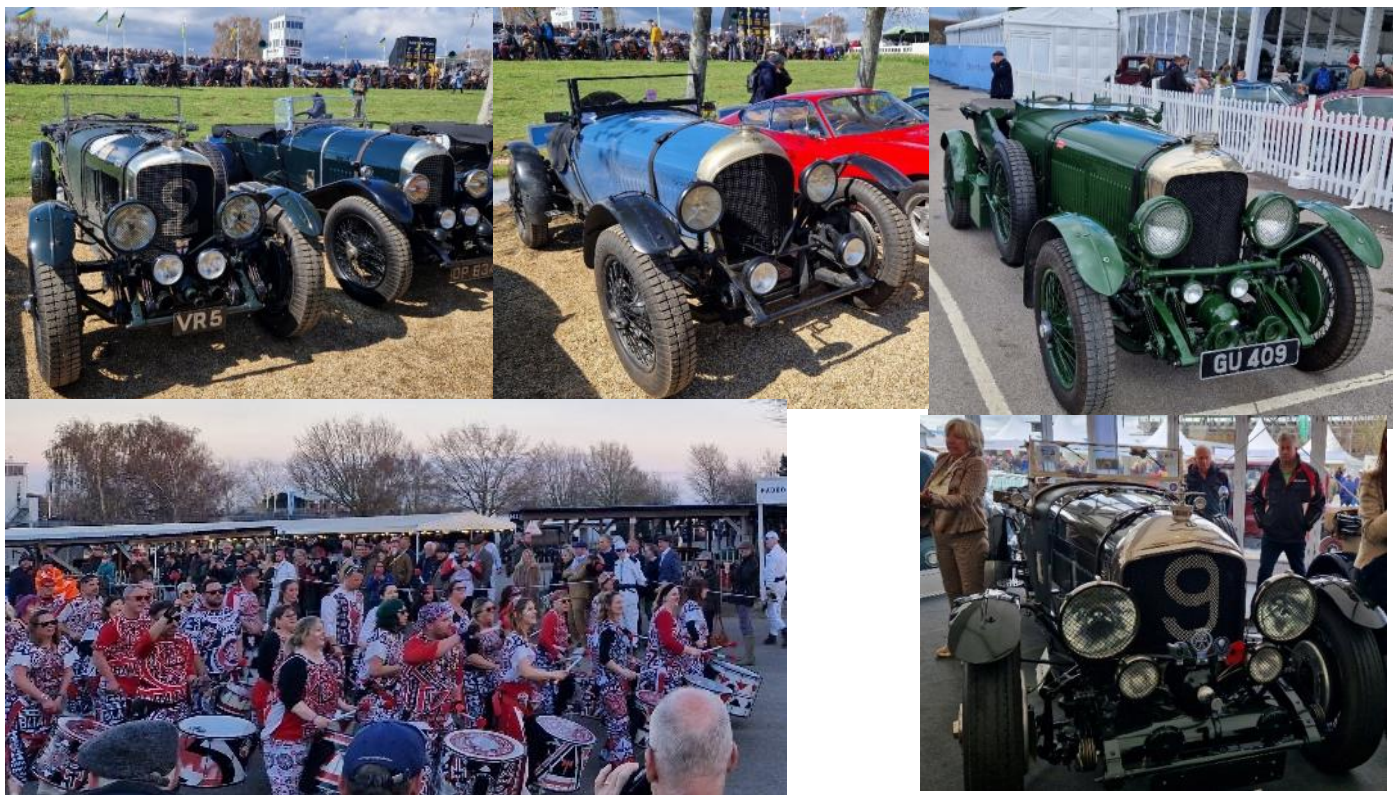
For me, this year's spring autojumble was poor in comparison with previous events. Stall holder attendance a lot lower than normal.



Some interesting cars were on display with some being for sale.







Always a fine selection of Rolls-Royce and Bentley motor cars on display at Goodwood this year.



## Goodwood 2023

Pictures thanks to  
David Evans.





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## Newsletter Editor's Comments.

With the help of the section members, I would like to continue adding technical articles into the Newsletter. We have a wealth of talent and knowledge within the membership of the North East Section. If you could send me a picture with some associated words, it would be greatly appreciated. Any comments positive or negative, suggestions, all taken on board.

We have lots of members that own non-RR or Bentley classic cars. There is now a section in the Newsletter where that car could be featured in: members "The Other Woman",

If readers have any ideas, comments, articles, or pictures of their, "Other Woman", please contact me by e-mail on: [petercharlton1@yahoo.com](mailto:petercharlton1@yahoo.com)



# Do not run foul of the law.

## Frosted windows and snow on your roof.

Tempted to get going in winter as soon as you've cleared the area of windscreen right in front of you? Please do not.

Rule 229 of the Highway Code dictates that drivers must demist and clean all mirrors, clean all lights, ensure number plates are visible and make sure they can see out of all windows before starting any journey. Failure to comply could lead to a fine under the banner of careless driving.

It's also illegal to start a journey with snow on the roof of your car, because it could slide onto your windscreen when you brake, thus impairing your vision. It also poses a danger to other road users were it to fly off. If convicted, you could be charged with driving without due consideration or using a motor vehicle in a dangerous condition. If convicted, you could receive a fine and three penalty points on your driving licence.



## Undercover Speed cameras.

Apparently, it is not a legal requirement for the police or local authorities to warn motorists about mobile speed cameras. A new generation of 'stealth' speed camera vans that are painted grey making them harder to see, are being trialled in Northamptonshire. If the trials prove successful, they could be rolled out nationally.

Existing speed vans have been rewrapped in a matt grey coating rather than the typical bright orange and yellow markings normally seen on UK roads.

Police say unmarked speed camera vans encourage consistently safe driving rather than the yo-yo effect of drivers slowing down for brightly coloured speed camera vans, then speeding up again afterwards. Police also emphasise that this scheme is not a new cash cow, but a safety action.



# Wynyard Hall Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>. April.



It was a horrid, drizzly and rainy Sunday at Wynyard. Still, despite the weather a handful of Rolls-Royce and Bentleys turned up, proving they are not made of sugar and do not melt in the rain.



**Hurworth Grange**  
14<sup>th</sup>. May.





# Stokesley Classic Car Show Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June.

A very popular and well attended show. Well over a dozen section members cars in attendance. Cars ranged from a Silver Shadow to a Silver Ghost, with a Mk.V Bentley in the middle.



Derik Mathewson of, “Bangs and Cash” fame, was in attendance doing some comparing.

## For Sale or Wanted.

### For Sale:

Auto-Vac gaskets. Pair of top gaskets £9.99, fuel switch gasket £7.99. All £2 p&p.

petercharlton1@yahoo.com

20HP, 20/25 and Phantom engine linkages. Offers. E-mail: petercharlton1@yahoo.com

20/25 Starting motor. Overhauled running well. £350. Phone: 01429 421841

20/25 Ace Wheel discs for sale. £30. Phone 01429421841

Silver Shadow tool box, £150. Phone: 01429421841.

Pre-War Rolls-Royce ammeter gauge. £275 Phone: 07906068622



**For Sale:** 1934 Rolls-Royce 20/25 Hooper 2 door Coupe. One off designed car, overdrive fitted. Phone 01642551835 or further details on "Trade Classics" [1934 Rolls-Royce 20/25 Coupe by Hooper](http://1934Rolls-Royce20/25CoupebyHooper.tradeclassics.com) ([tradeclassics.com](http://tradeclassics.com))



Bentley Mulliner: Perfect condition, originally supplied by Jack Barclay. £80000 ovno. Contact H. Tones. Oxford Road, Hartlepool.

### WANTED:

A good 20/25 Cylinder Head and Block Wanted. Phone: 01429421841.

The two Silver Cloud combination spanners, Phone 01429421841.

20HP Radiator, must be in good condition. Phone, 07906068622

Any RR or Bentley Bakelite electrical fittings and junction boxes 01429 421841

20/25 Temperature gauge complete with bulb. 07906068622.

20HP Starter solenoid. 01429421841.

Pre-war floor mounted dip button. Phone: 01429421841.





A very nice sunny Monday evening in Elwick village.

A great turnout of cars and motor bikes.

Elwick village is a great setting, hosting two good pubs that serve fine food and drinks.

## Elwick village Monday night June 19<sup>th</sup>.

Good turnout in Northallerton High Street. A classic car show catering for all ages of cars.



## Northallerton Car Show Sunder 09<sup>th</sup> April.







**Sunday 2nd. April. The first outing of the season, a run from Strikes Garden Centre in Northallerton to the Queens Head in Finghill nr. Layburn, for Sunday lunch.**

The weather was perfect for our first event of the season.

There were one or two steep hills going over the moors to Lofthouse.

Rod made the full run in his 1954 Silver Dawn Empress Saloon.







Everyone enjoying the delicious food at the Queens Head.







Busby Hall 14<sup>th</sup>. May



A delightful day with the Yorkshire section







Champagne reception followed by a guided tour of the gardens.



Everyone enjoying their lunch at Busby Hall. Allan Fishburn was in charge of the catering and provided an excellent pie and pea lunch. This was followed by sponge or fruit cake accompanied with morsels of Yorkshire cheese.



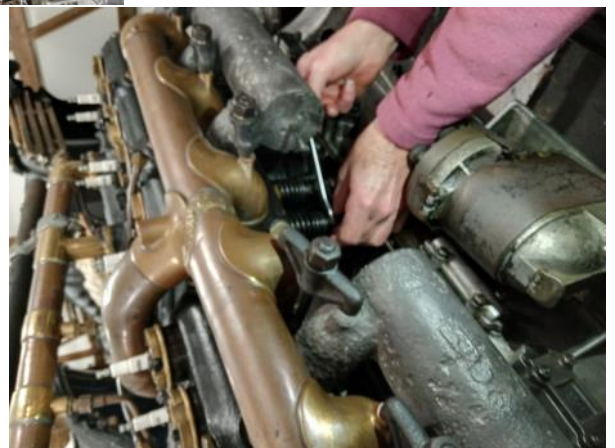
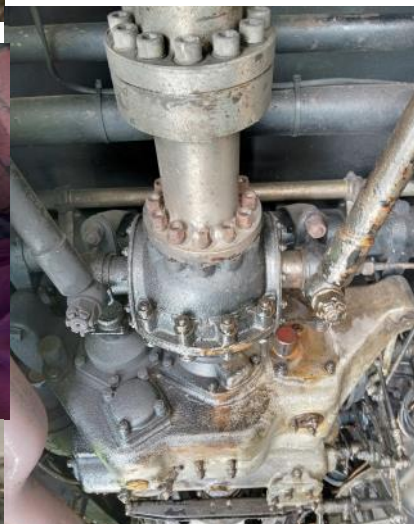


## Silver Ghost/Phantom and small HP workshop, by the East Midlands section Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

An excellent day, I would recommend to any section member to attend. Very friendly and knowledgeable instructors. You also meet up with members with the same interest.



Lots of good “hands-on” help and tips.





# Have you ever seen a Rolls-Royce on tracks?

The picture below is a Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost that was converted into a 'track-sled' by Adolphe Kégresse. The car was originally modified for Nicholas II of Russia in 1916, then later used by Vladimir Lenin. The car is now in the Gorki Leninskiye Manor Museum in Moscow.



## Have you seen our signs?

**Anyone knowing the whereabouts of our signs please contact the editor.**



The sad loss of Pauline on the 14th April.

Pauline had been bravely fighting a long illness. She always enjoyed section and National events. Pictured at Beaulieu, Hampshire, last year.





## **RREC Annual Rally, Burghley House, Friday to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>. to 25<sup>th</sup>. June.**



Always the best selection of Rolls-Royce and Bentleys in the world.





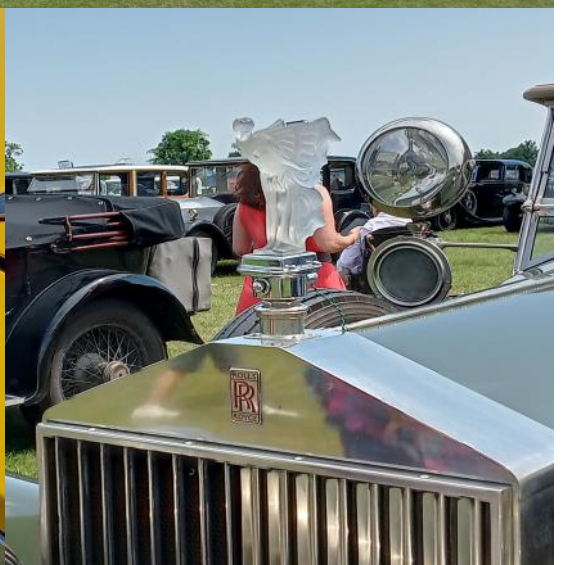
The weather over the weekend was excellent with bright sunny days.

There are a couple of area where improvements could be made at next year's rally. There was a lack for trader's stalls, who were apparently put off by the price of the pitches. The members spares were lacking this year with a limited selection on offer. There was also a lack of food outlets, I had to walk to the Burghley House café for my lunch.

Below: Nick's Bentley Continental GTC on display.



A couple of different mascots on display. One, a resin mascot on a new Rolls-Royce? Does not quite fit for me.







# The Mount St. John Charity Rally. 27<sup>th</sup>. and 28<sup>th</sup>. May





**Pictures taken on the first day of the rally at the Black Bull at Moulton on the 27<sup>th</sup> May.**



The Yorkshire rally covers approximately sixty miles a day, passing through Yorkshire villages such as Kilburn, Ampleforth, Helmsley, Bransdale and Nunnington.



Francis standing next to her Silver Ghost in the Black Bull car park in Moulton.





## West Hartlepool Rugby Club Sun- day 4<sup>th</sup>. June.

How does he do it? Peter Kitching winning yet another trophy at the show for the best pre-war car.





An excellent turn out of over 300 cars.

Sausage and bacon bun with a cup of tea, £5. Can not be robbed.

Only problem with the day. It was freezing, while the rest of the country sweltered in the heat.





## The “chauffeurs’ penny”.

Then, in those days if your Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost would not start when the weather was cold and damp. The chauffeurs of the day had a sure way to start their cars. A penny with the same date of the car, was placed under the slow running jet of the carb. Once the car started, it was very important that the penny was removed from under the jet thus avoiding excess fuel going into the bores.



### **North of England Rally at Harewood House on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

Jim Clark requires marshals to assist in directing members to their allocated parking area.

If you could spare an hour or so, would you like to volunteer, if so please contact Jim Clark via the contact details listed at the rear of this Newsletter.

### **New Members**

We would like to welcome the following people to the North Eastern section of the RREC and hope to see you at some-up and-coming events.

Chris Durham, Stockton-on-Tees.

Tony Hurst, Whitley Bay.

Angus Kish, Seaham.

Stephen McKew, Stockton-on-Tees.

Andrew Pereira-Young, Yarm.

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## Raby Castle Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June.



A rainy start to the day, but that did not dampen members enthusiasm. The sun came out and it turned out to be a delightful day in the superb grounds of Raby Castle.





