

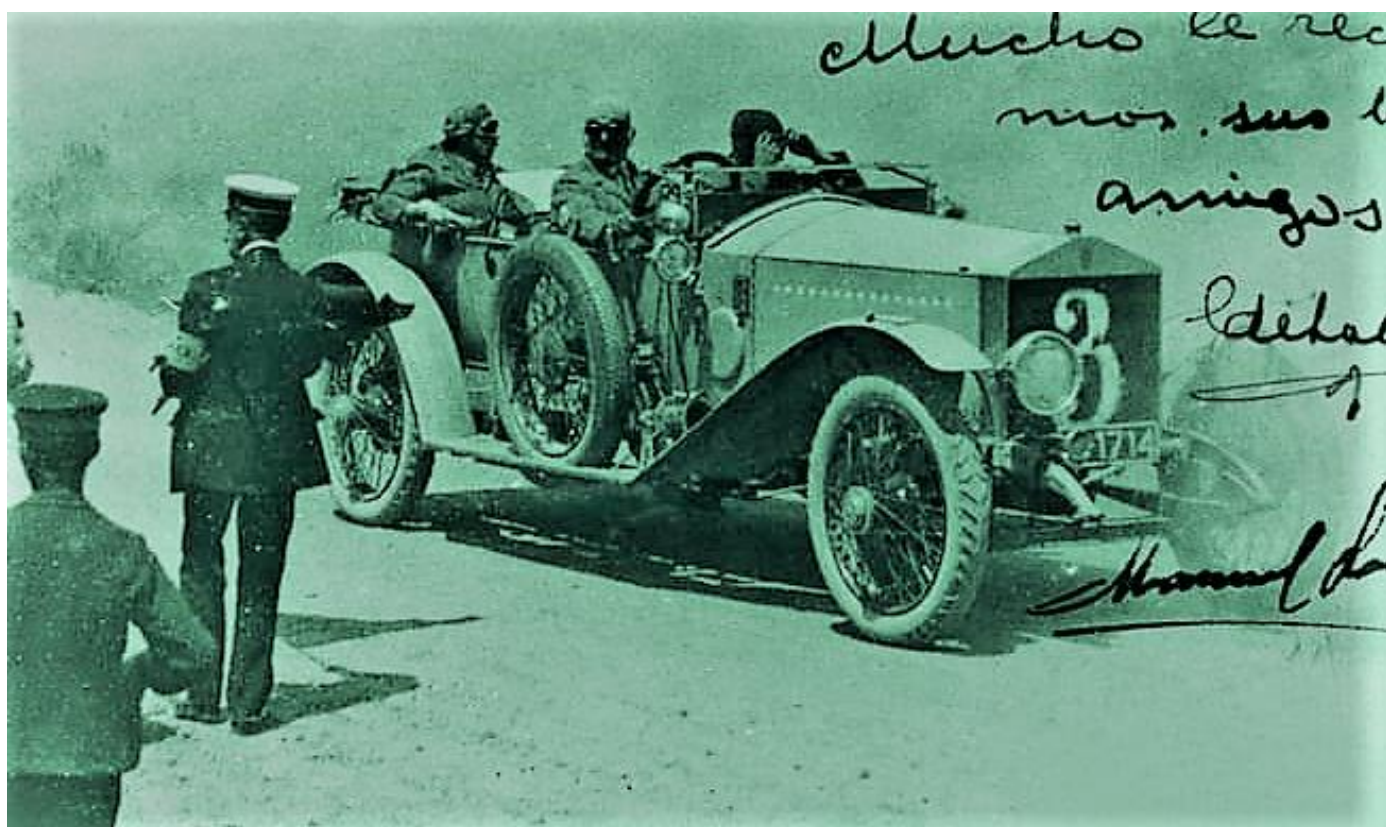


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ENTHUSIASTS' CLUB

**NORTH EASTERN SECTION
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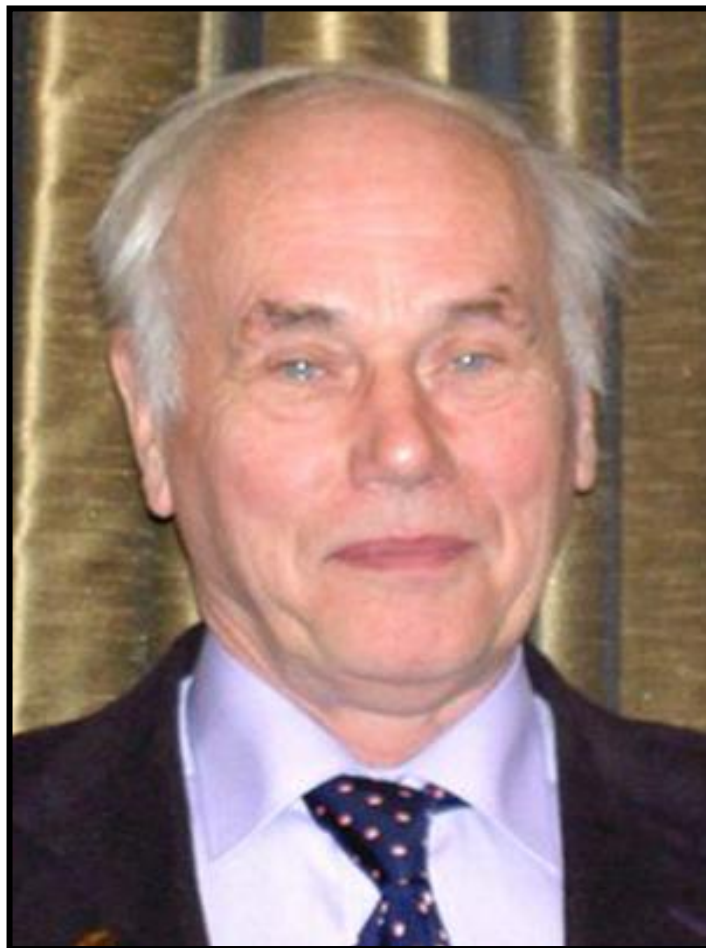


Rogers Ramblings

A friend of mine collects old motorbikes as an alternative to a pension investment. No longer able to enjoy the use of these bikes we discussed the alternative of classic cars, which era is the most practical and interesting and for a non-mechanic, a reliable car. My choice would be a 4 1/4 Bentley, just pre-war.

Roger.

September 2023.



A Bentley in Bratislava.

On a recent trip to Bratislava, Slovakia, I saw this splendid Bentley parked in the street.



Front cover picture: Rolls-Royce celebrating the 110th anniversary of the victory in the 1913 GP de Espana. The Silver Ghost that won the race had an engine with a higher compression ratio and the carburettor was of a larger capacity than the ones fitter to a standard Ghost engine.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



16 Section members attending the Old Mill

Noggin and Natter evenings are held on the third Wednesday of the month from 7.30pm at **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 section website 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

08 th October 23	Beam in Steam at Tees Cottage Pumping Station in Darlington.
29 th October 23	Wynyard Hall— Northern Bygone Years Society Society— AF
13 th December 23	Christmas Meal at Old Mill, Metal Bridge, Coxhoe.— RM
21 st January 24	Section AGM— Solberge Hall, Northallerton— RM



Spotted at Kiplin Hall, Gordon Blacklock's former car looking well.



**THE SILVER
DAWN PREVI-
OUSLY OWNED
BY GORDON.**

Kiplin Hall, Sunday 2nd. JULY.



A joint visit to Kiplin Hall with the very friendly Yorkshire section.



Kiplin Hall: What a very interesting house.

The owners of Kiplin Hall must have led very varied and interesting lives. Furniture and pictures from all over the world. I would highly recommend a visit to the Hall.



Ingleby Arncliffe Classic Car Show, North Yorkshire 26th August 2023.



Section members were well represented and provided a fine display of the marque, including David & Elizabeth Younger's 1963 Silver Cloud 3, Nick Clarks 1929 20hp Sportsman's Coupe', Allan Fishburn's 1934 20/25 Coupe', Tony Gray's 4.25 Bentley, Chris Durhams 1988 Bentley 8, Peter Kitching's 1936 25/30, John Harrison's 1965 Silver Cloud 3 and finally Graham Blackburn's 1971 Silver Shadow 1. All the cars were parked in line around the edge of the show ground on a slight incline making for an excellent display. Unfortunately, towards mid-afternoon, the skies started to darken with some very ominous black clouds. Within twenty minutes a few spots of light rain transformed in to a torrential down pour with thunder and lightning that could only be best described as monsoon conditions.





CONTACT POINT COMMENTS

The active Section Membership is getting older and more infirm with the passage of time and this now includes me, diagnosed with chronic complaints which can be managed with medication but will not get better.

This change of circumstance has had an impact on what I can do, but the only option is to get on with living my life secure in the knowledge that there are many in a worse situation than I am. So, like so many others, I have to make the best of it – onward and upward!

My message is therefore best wishes to all of our members who are not feeling as well as they would like to be.

One consequence for me is that I have to give serious consideration to selling my car because it does not have power steering and whilst there is an option to fit an electric power steering kit, the consequence would be a loss of originality on what is a very rare car.

My car is a 1948 Silver Dawn with a coach built body by Freestone and Webb who built just 5 bodies to this design to fit the Silver Dawn Chassis. Three survive with mine being the only one on the road in this country at present.

The car is in excellent condition and I would welcome any expression of interest in buying the vehicle from anyone reading this before the car is formally put up for sale. My telephone Number is 0191 285 2401.



Rod MacLeod. September 2023.

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Petrol filter cleaning



I found myself having a problem with the fuel system on my car after running out of petrol during my visit to Busby Hall. Debris from the fuel tank had been dragged into the AutoVac and the petrol filter. On opening the petrol filter, I noticed that the filter discs were very dirty and contaminated. I used a very quick and inexpensive solution, squeezed lemon juice. Just soak the brass filter discs in a bowl containing the juice. By just rubbing the discs gently between my fingers, the black discs become bright and shiny. Unfortunately, on a sad note, I ran out of lemons from my evening G&T.

John Mayhew driving "Bubbles", at Barnard Castle Classic Car Show on Sunday 13th. August, along with some of his good friends and neighbours from Lartington.



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

Do not run foul of the law.



Noise Cameras.

The UK already has a network of automatic number plate recognition cameras that read number plates for traffic and law enforcement purposes. The cameras are currently used to check the speed of vehicles on the motorway, pick up uninsured or untaxed vehicles, identify stolen cars, or even track the movements of criminals.

Noise cameras are ANPR cameras that are fitted with noise detectors that monitor the sound emitted by a vehicle. A microphone picks up the sound of an approaching vehicle and if it is above a set noise limit, the ANPR camera will be triggered to take a photo and capture the number plate information. These details can then be used by the police to identify a vehicle and penalise the driver, for example by requiring vehicle modifications to be changed or issuing a fixed penalty notice.

New-car exhaust systems can only produce up to 72 dB of sound to be within the legal noise limit in the UK. This noise level regulation is followed Europe-wide and has become stricter over the years. The maximum noise level was reduced from an 82 dB limit set in 1987 to the current 72 dB limit in 2016. There are plans to reduce this limit further to 68 dB by 2026.

The streets of the Borough of Kensington and Chelsea in London are home to many rich people, who have expensive taste in cars. The Knightsbridge area has experienced a real problem with excessive vehicle noise produced by luxury cars. To address the problem, the local council installed ANPR sound cameras to pick up inconsiderate drivers. The authorities say traffic noise reaches around 126 dB on some evenings, this is about the noise level of a rock concert. The cameras were triggered over 130 times in the first 11 days of usage, with many cars emitting over 100 dB. This is the equivalent to a helicopter flying nearby. Drivers found to be in breach of the law can be fined between £100 and £2,500, with repeat offenders risking the seizure of their vehicle.



Tony waiting patiently for his lunch. Come on Audrey, hurry up with that food.

A very good turn-out of enthusiasts and cars, considering the torrential rain the days before

Newby Hall Sunday July 16th.



The event was not at full strength. The auto jumble was about 40% down on previous years. But I did find a very early example of a Lucas Girder adjustable spanner on one of the auto-jumble stalls..





Newby Hall cont.

A good selection of Rolls-Royce and Bentley motor cars at Newby Hall Classic Car Show.



Weather was not the best at Newby, but it did manage to stay dry(ish). Lots of Bentley and Rolls-Royces were on display.





"Seafood and Champagne", that about sums Goodwood up.

Among some of the best cars in the world, David Evans found some very nice examples of W.O. Bentleys.

Left: a very impressive "Blower" Bentley.



Left: A trio of W.O. Bentleys in a stable.

**GOODWOOD
REVIVAL 23.**

Masham Steam Rally Sunday 17th July.



The weather over the Masham weekend was not kind at all. Unfortunately, the ground was so wet, only one traction engine was able to leave the field to attend the procession through the village.

Graham Blackburn and John Marshall attending and very much enjoying the steam event



Johns hat had two jobs that day. One minute it was used to protect against the sun, the next minute it was used to protect against the driving rain.



On the day, it did rain quite a lot, but that did not dampen spirits or spoil the enjoyment the event gave.



For Sale or Wanted.

For Sale:

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

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.



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://1934RollsRoyce2025CoupebyHooper.tradeclassics.com) (tradeclassics.com)



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

WANTED:

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

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.

**Eric Morecambe's
Mk.1 Silver Shadow
for sale.**



Eric Morecambe's 1974 Silver Shadow I as been auctioned by Silverstone Auctions on August 26th. And sold for £32625.

The legendary comedian bought the car new.



A computer-generated picture of a Bentley GT hitting a wall head-on at 300Km/hr.



North of England Rally. Harewood House Sunday 6th. August.



Who said ladies don't clean cars?

Tony and Audrey Gray arriving at the event.



After a horrendously rainy day on Saturday, Harewood House on the Sunday was sunny, dry with the ground conditions being firm and dry under foot.



Some very interesting and I suspect very expensive, number plates on display





**Harewood House
continued.**



A very practical and spacious 20/25 “estate” car.



Some very clean and
impressive engine
bays on display.



Putting the RREC Annual Rally at Burghley House to shame. Some very interesting
entertainment on display.



Croft Sunday 3rd September.



Several section members attended the Croft event. The weather was good and everyone had a splendid day.



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Beaulieu Autojumble Saturday and Sunday September 2nd. & 3rd.

Below: a stunning Auburn "special" with its own cocktail cabinet in the rear.



Weather wise, a beautiful weekend. Warm and sunny.

I would say that the trader numbers were down by about 20% from previous events. But people trying to find the "bargain" were back to pre-Covid levels.

Below: Two W.O. Bentley for sale a very nice red "special" and the blower 4 1/2 litre.





Beaulieu Cont.



A very "neat" 20HP for sale.



From a Silver Ghost, to a Silver Spirit. An excellent selection of cars for sale.



BOC 417B on Heartbeat.



David Evans is the current custodian of the S3 featured in recent re-runs of Heartbeat.

Vernon Scrips makes a small fortune after selling some art work. He decides he now needs to invest in a big country house and a Bentley.

Above: David played by actor David Lonsdale.

Below: Vernon Scrips played by actor Geoffrey Hughes.

