

# ROLLS-ROYCE ENTHUSIASTS' CLUB

NORTH EASTERN SECTION NEWSLETTER





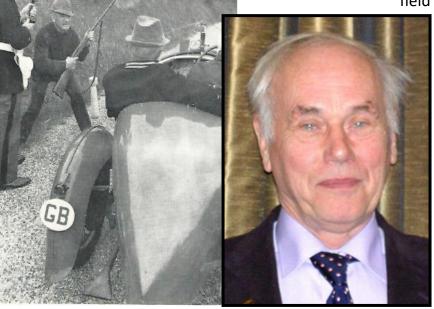
It is that time of year where we look back with nostalgia at past events and people.

The adjacent black and white photo was taken 50 years ago for Geoff Mansfield's benefit, a full expla-

nation of how and where will be given next year.

Happy New Year

Roger, December 2018





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#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The *Noggin and Natter evenings* on the first Wednesday of each month are now taking place at the **Crathorne Arms, Crathorne, TS15 0BA**, just off the A19 near Yarm. A busy pub, but within easy reach of most of us. Bar food is available for those who want it. It is a very select gathering at present, so why not come along and swell the numbers!

The third Wednesday evening meetings involve much lively talk and laughter at: **The Old Mill, Metal Bridge, Coxhoe, DH6 5NX.** 

A hardcore of attendees has developed, but new faces are always welcome. These meetings are definitely not men only! Just turn up at about 7.30pm, there is no need to book. Order food and drink at the bar and ask where we are - they usually know!

#### **Events for 2019**

13 January
16 January
17 February
18 Gold Mill, Metal Bridge
19 The Old Mill, Metal Bridge
19 Club Conference and AGM
20 March
20 April
20 April
21 Section's AGM Allerton Hotel.
The Old Mill, Metal Bridge
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**5 May** Ripon Spring Classic Bike show. Ripon Race Course \*

**12 May** Hurworth Village Fate, Hurworth Nr Darlington\*

15 May The Old Mill, Metal Bridge

Wynyard Hall Rose Garden\*

**26 May** South of England

27 May Yorkshire Classic Vehicle Show - Ripley Castle \*

Stokesley Rotary Club; Classics on Show \*

9 June Ripon Classic Car & Bike show - Ripon Race Couse \*

Rockcliffe Hall Showcase La Grande Automobile \*

**12 June** Mid week section run to Barnard Castle

**19 June** The Old Mill, Metal Bridge

Rockcliffe Hall JPC Motor Sport Event.\*

**21/23 June** Annual Rally, Burghley House, Stamford

MGOC; Classic Vehicle Rally Tyndale Park, Corbridge \*

**14 July** NECPWA; Newby Hall Rally \* **17 July** The Old Mill, Metal Bridge

3/4 August North of England Rally, Harewood House

3/4 August Croft. \*

**21 August** The Old Mill, Metal Bridge

25 August Ripon Summer Classic Car Show Ripon Race Course \*

**25 August** Swainby Classic Car Show.\*

Durham City Classic Car Gala \*

**18 September** The Old Mill, Metal Bridge

Wynyard Hall JPC Motor Sports Event\*

NECPWA; Beamish Rally \* Section Weekend Event Wynyard Rose Garden.\*

**16 October 20 November**The Old Mill, Metal Bridge
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**18 December** The Old Mill, Metal Bridge Christmas dinner

<sup>\*</sup> These are not RREC events but are open to all marques, and are also open to the general public, and are commercially organised, usually in order to raise funds for charity. If you are interested in attending any of these events, please contact a member of the committee to find out whether there will be a Section presence. If not, entry forms can be found on the relevant organisers' website.



#### **CONTACT POINT COMMENTS.**

Heavy rain, high winds and cold temperatures signal that winter is upon us and most cars of the marque are safely tucked up until better weather in 2019. This also means that there are only the festive and formal events of the 2018 season to come, namely the Christmas Event in December and the AGM in January 2019. I tried to book the Christmas event at the beginning of September for our normal meeting night in December only to find that I had been beaten to it by another booking and our booking could not be accommodated that night. Our booking is now for Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018, and undaunted by the change in meeting night, we will

have 37 people at this event. To avoid the same difficulty next year, I have already made a provisional booking on our normal meeting night in December 2019! The diary of events last year was busy but with very few events organised by the RREC NE Section for RREC NE Section Members. Your Committee agreed at their meeting in November that every Committee member should organise at least one such event to take place in the 2019 year. The programme is incomplete at present and will remain an ongoing piece of work in progress.

My attendance at events this year has been almost non-existent for both health reasons and having no car. My Bentley Arnage has been on consignment for sale with a well-known dealer since February 2018, however, older Bentley models with the Volkswagen W12 engine are now in the same sort of price range slowing Arnage sales, or so I have been advised. I have previously commented that what appears to be a choice between the power and performance of the W12 model and the lines and presence of the Arnage. I prefer the latter.

Late summer saw agreement reached for me to acquire a 1954 coach-built Silver Dawn which had been agreed in principle for some time and would allow me to attend the Section weekend in an appropriate vehicle. I thoroughly enjoyed that experience of driving a car from a different era with the big steering wheel generating memories of the Rover P4 models I drove from around 1970 to the early 1980's. I remember standing before the showroom window of the Bentley and Rolls-Royce dealer in my home town of Halifax as a teenage schoolboy gazing at mainly new or nearly new Bentley S models and Rolls-Royce Cloud models ranging in price from £3,500.00 to £5,000.00 and saying one day, I will have one of those, though my preference has always been the Bentley R Type or Rolls-Royce Silver Dawn because of the lines of the bodywork.

To illustrate relative prices at that time, an over 18 labourer for a building contractor in 1964 earned 4/10d per hour, just under £2.00 per day or £10.00 per week which is

around £500.00 per year for 40 hours per week. Beer was around 1/8d per pint, 12 pints for £1.00. 2018 for me has meant the ambition of Rolls-Royce ownership of my preferred era has been achieved even though a long time after standing in front of that showroom window.

Rod MacLeod. Secretary, RREC NE Section, December 2018.

# **Wynyard Hall JPC Motor Sports Event**



A very nice Bentley Bentayga. Hybrid. Note the 22" wheels.

May the force be with you. Star War Characters entertaining the crowds.



A very well presented S3

Bernie in the line up with the "Bentley Boys".

Allan and Peter's cars in the lineup. Incidentally not shown in the picture was a Testa. I was thinking to myself, will that car be around in 84 years?







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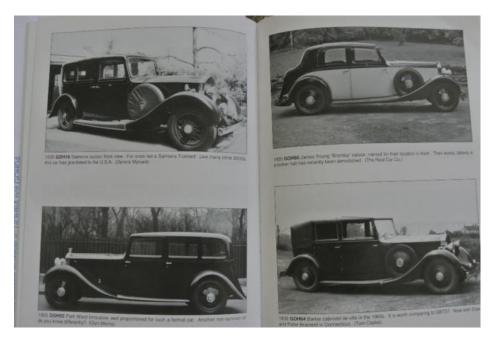
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#### **GOH 64**

# A chance meeting reunites a 1935 Rolls-Royce 20/25 with its original Guarantee.

John Craig was admiring Allan Fishburn's 20/25 at West Rugby Club in Hartlepool on June 3 <sup>rd</sup>. John from Millfield Road, Wickham happened to mentioned to Allan his grandfather used to own a Rolls-Royce just after WWII. He thought the Chassis number was either GOH 04 or 64. John went on to tell Allan he still had the original Guarantee for the car and would like help to reunite it with the present owner.



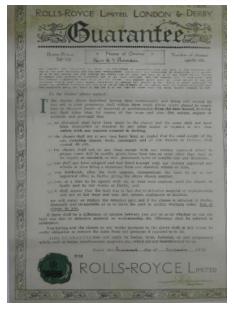
Allan did some research when he got home from the Rally. After reading Tom Clarke's book he discovered the car was GOH 64 a very unusual 1935 Barker bodied 20/25 Cabriolet De Ville. The first owner was a Miss ES Paterson. Speirsfied Paisley. John's grandfather, Frank Binks a Cutler from Richmond North Yorkshire owned the car after WWII until early 50's. The next piece of information he discovered was the car was exported to America 2003. Mr. Brainerd was then the owner of the car. Allan asked me to do some further internet work for him to help find the current owner of the car. I contacted the Rolls-Royce Owners Club in America, Eileen Dilger the office manager contacted Mr. Brainerd. Fortunately, he was happy to assist in the search. He said he owned the car for three/four years and then sold the car to Peter Kumar Gullwing Motors. He was told the car was exported to Germany and was in a Berlin museum. I posted a message on the RREC members forum, Bernard King replied confirming the first owner and that the car had been exported to the States. No reply from Gullwing Motors. I wrote to Antje Zogbaum, the RREC German Section Secretary who passed my message to Klaus-Josef Roßfeldt a renowned Rolls-Royce and Bentley author and historian. Klaus-Josef informed me that the car indeed has been imported into Germany; although the car was not in Berlin but in small village in Westphalia. He knew the car owner and enclosed a recent picture.



A recent picture of GOH64 in Westphalia. Klaus-Josef told me he was taking one of his cars to the RREC Annual at Burghley house. This would be an ideal opportunity to hand over the guarantee.



John handing over the Guarantee to Allan. The guarantee is still enclosed it its original 2d postage stamped postal container addressed to the first owner Miss Paterson.



The original Guarantee for GOH 64



Handing over the Guarantee of GOH 64 to Klaus-Josef Roßfeldt at Burghley House. In the back ground is Klaus-Josef's 1955 R-R Silver Wraith, ELW15

From Burghley the guarantee was transported to Germany in a 1955 R-R Silver Wraith, ELW 15. Then from Klaus-Josef's home in Allemagne to Westfalia the guarantee was transported on board a 1951 R-R Silver Wraith, WME 14. Klaus-Josef thought that, "the icing on the cake" would be if the guarantee arrived to the current owner in style, so the last section of the tour to the village of Wadersloh in Westfalia (nr. Warendorf) the guarantee was on board a period Rolls-Royce. Dr Otto Baldus drove the final section in his 1934 R-R 20/25, GWE 7.

Arriving in Wadersloh they meet Mrs. Hedwig Soebke-Stoeppel the present owner of GOH 64 and her husband Mr. Stoeppel. Plus, one final family member, "that happens to live in their garage", their sparkling Rolls-Royce 20/25 H.P., Cabriolet de Ville by Barker.



#GWE 7, Hooper Sports Saloon, Dr Otto Baldus WME 14, Hooper 'Teviot III' Touring Limousine, Katharina & Klaus-Josef Roßfeldt GOH 64, Barker Cabriolet de Ville, Hedwig Soebke-Stoeppel and Rolf Stoeppel.



The final piece in the puzzle, The "Handover Ceremony"

Klaus-Josef handing over the guarantee to the current owner of GOH 64. Mrs. Hedwig Soebke-Stoeppel and her husband Mr. Stoeppel. It was obvious to see during the 'Handover Ceremony' that both were deeply touched by receiving this 80+ years old document. They thanked John for his generous gesture and anyone concerned in the reuniting process.



Klaus-Josef, Mrs. Hedwig Soebke-Stoeppel and her husband Mr. Stoeppel standing next to GOH 64.



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NECPWA
Beamish Sunday
30th. September

The day was unseasonably fine bright and dry. I arrived early to secure a good pitch for the NE RREC overlooking the main display area (and only a short stroll from the "facilities").

The show ground soon filled up. The adjacent field filled with anniversary displays of BMWs, Fords and Renaults. The event attracted the largest ever number of display cars and I was told the public car park to the museum had to be closed at 14.00 hrs. due to lack of space.

#### Bernie Surtees.



An extensive collection of cars attending the Beamish Rally.





# Tees Cottage Pumping Station at Darlington Sunday 7th. October

From 1849 Tees Cottage Pumping Station revolutionised water supply in Darlington and Teesside by offering cleaner, piped water to inhabitants who had previously relied on wells and rainwater tubs. Tees Cottage has Lancashire Boilers from 1902, a 1904 steam powered Beam Engine and a 1914 Gas engine. The engines pumped water from the River Tees, which was then filtered and supplied to the water company's customers. Boilers and Beam engine are all still in operation and still pumping water from the River Tees although no longer supplying the town's water but to the fountain, which represents the original supply. The electric pump house represents a further move forward in technology. The first two sets of motors and pumps were installed for river water and treated water pumping in 1926. The river units are vertical spindle, the motors and all electric systems are well above any flood levels and the pumps are housed below river level.





Shinning bright, members cars on a sunny day at Darlington





# 2018 Section Weekend 28 to 30th. September.



Sunday a scenic drive over the North Yorkshire Moors to Ruswarp just outside Whitby, meeting up at the Riverside Cafe for tea, coffee and a scone.



On our return to the hotel some members decided visited Eden camp and others The North Yorkshire Moor Railway in Pickering. It was their Steam Gala Weekend with guest steam locomotive 92 Squadron a Bullied Battle of Britain' class pacific locomotive N°34081 being the main attraction.

After our evening meal on Saturday night we were treated to a 'feely night by Nick and Anita Clark, I will leave this to your imagination.

By mid Sunday afternoon members started to drift away on their homeward journeys. A

good weekend was had by all.



All aboard the miniature train. Excellent picture of Sheila's hair.



This year's section weekend we were based on the edge of the North Yorkshire Moors. Cottage Lea's Hotel is set within its own beautiful private grounds just 3 miles from the market town of Pickering. Cottage Lea's is a family run independent hotel, owned by mother and two daughters Liz, Charlotte and Rebecca.



On Saturday we visited Castle Howard were the cars were briefly parked in front of the house for a photo opportunity



Members cars lined up outside the Cottage Lea's Hotel.



Evening dining at Cottage Lea's Hotel





# Small and Large Horse Power seminars at Hunt House, 27th. to 28th. October.

The seminars are a must for new or seasoned owners. They are very well organised and the food is excellent. Information you receive is invaluable. I attended the weekend for pre-war cars, but other dates are available for both pre-war and post models made by Rolls-Royce and Bentley.

In the breaks and during meal times, you get the chance to meet some very interesting and like minded people. I would highly recommend the weekend seminars so you get a greater understand of the workings of your car. Topics included: oil, maintenance, trim, upholstery, brakes etc.

Peter Charlton.

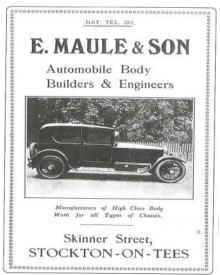


# Coachbuilders of the North Part 1 – Maule & Son of Stockton-on-Tees

The coach built body of the Edwardian and vintage period was beautifully made 19<sup>th</sup> century carriage in its manner of execution. Coachbuilders of horse drawn carriages had to adapt their business to cater for the influx of motor carriages from around circa 1887. Steel or aluminium panels had replaced the previous wooden ones but the framework and ironmongery involved had changed very little. The style of coach work had their own names carried on from the horse drawn period such as coach, saloon, landaulette, cabriolet, coupe, sedanca and limousine to name just a few.

Coach building became an art and at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century coach builders were popping up on every street corner but only the ones who could provide the correct styling and quality survived. One company of local interest, which although little known about provided that high quality, was Maule & Son of Skinner Street, Stockton-on-Tees. The Maule family began as traditional horse drawn carriage manufacturers in 1825 and from the start of the twentieth century went on to design and build some of the finest motor car

coachwork.

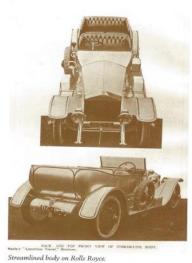


Alex Maule who was a professor at Edinburgh University around 1700 had three sons one of whom became a school master in Alnwick. His grandson, William James Maule, born in 1804 became a carriage builder in the town. He lived to a great age and died in 1897. One of his three sons, Edwin Davison Maule, born 1837, moved from Alnwick to Stockton-on-Tees in 1876 where he successfully carried on the business and established 'E Maule & Son' at 20 Skinner Street. The company were forward thinking and happy to develop their skills in order to satisfy the growing demand for purpose-built bodies for motor cars.

In the 1887 edition of Kelly's Directory, Edwin Maule & Son are now shown as being carriage builders employing 14 men and boys at Skinner Street and again in 1894 by

which time their address was 'Wickliffe House' in nearby Norton. By 1906 they were building motor car bodies as well as carriages. Their splendid designs included semi-pullman limousine, torpedo, cabriolet coupe, phaeton saloons and others mounted on vehicle chassis from Rolls-Royce, Daimler, Lancia, Austin, Hispano Suiza and Arrol Johnson just to name a few

A number of Rolls-Royce Silver Ghosts (40/50) were bodied by Maule (as mentioned in Ghosts of the North part 2) including at least one London-Edinburgh under slung suspension chassis before World War 1. This was chassis number 1869, a 1912 tourer registered DC-8 (pictured) which was owned by the Gjers family of Busby Hall as mentioned in my article



'Ghosts of the North, part 1'. They also built a saloon on a Minerva in 1923, and two Bentleys and a Dodge in that decade. They also had a 'Weymann licence' to build fabric bodies which was a great honour.

The company of E Maule & Son were in business for 108 years until, in the early years of the depression in 1933 the company finally closed down after operating in Stockton-on-Tees for over fifty years. The premises were taken over by a lorry body manufacturing company which traded until the 1950's and now well gone, the buildings were demolished and the site is now a car park.

By Nick Clark



# The club stand at the **NEC Birmingham.** 11th November.

Sir Henry Royce Memorial Foundation

# **NEC 2018**



A stunning Springfield Rolls-Royce Phantom I on the stand, owned by David Williams. David has had his car for 17 years. It is obvious he has spent most of his spare time perfecting his car.

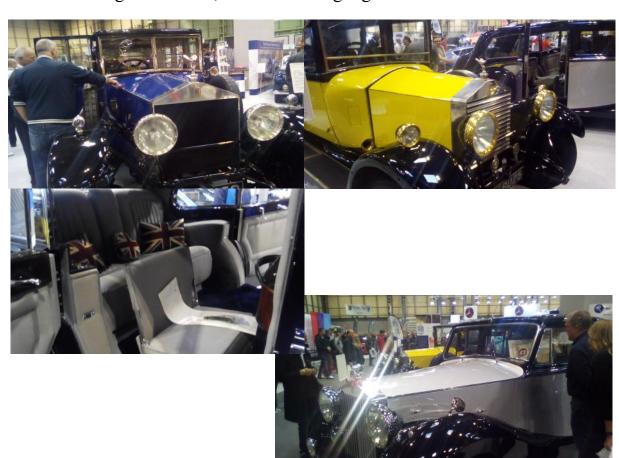
I have never seen this before, the engine was fitted with a pair of period Mallory DSM coils.



Gleaming Rolls-Royce "biscuit tin" headlights.



A brace of 8 litre Bentleys. Very similar to London buses. You never see one for an age and when , two come along together.



A gleaming 1911 Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost for sale. Unfortunately I left my cheque book at home.





# Do not run foul of the Law.



Look at the above picture, a common sight on our roads, two lanes perhaps going up a hill and a single lane going down the hill. The question is: What is the national speed limit for the section of road with the two lanes? *See below for answer*.

We all know that traveling above the speed limit can result in a fine, and up to 6 points for each offence. Multiple speeding offences may result in a driving ban. Insurance companies have jumped on to the band wagon by putting up premiums, even with a single 3 point offence. So it's best to know the law as rules can change between Scotland and England. Speed awareness courses, if available and passed can prevent you obtaining 3 points, but once again insurance companies may ask. "Have you been convicted of a speeding offence". You may invalidate your insurance if you answer "No" even if you have passed the speed awareness course and have no points on your driving licence.

The National speed limit for a duel carriageway is 70mph if not stated otherwise. Unfortunately the road in the picture is not a duel carriageway and the speed limit is only 60 mph. A duel carriageway is not defined by the number of lanes, but there must be a solid barrier between the opposing lanes. If you can bowl a ball from one side of the road to the other, then it is not a duel carriageway. Local speed restriction such as 20mph may also apply.

#### National speed limits

Type of vehicle	Built-up areas mph (km/h)	Single car- riageways mph (km/h)	Dual car- riageways mph (km/h)	Motorways mph (km/h)
Cars, motorcycles, car-derived vans and dual-purpose vehicles	30 (48)	60 (96)	70 (112)	70 (112)
Cars, motorcycles, car-derived vans and dual-purpose vehicles when towing caravans or trailers	30 (48)	50 (80)	60 (96)	60 (96)
Motorhomes or motor caravans (not more than 3.05 tonnes maximum unladen weight)	30 (48)	60 (96)	70 (112)	70 (112)
Motorhomes or motor caravans (more than 3.05 tonnes maximum unladen weight)	30 (48)	50 (80)	60 (96)	70 (112)
Buses, coaches and minibuses (not more than 12 metres overall length)	30 (48)	50 (80)	60 (96)	70 (112)
Buses, coaches and minibuses (more than 12 metres overall length)	30 (48)	50 (80)	60 (96)	60 (96)
Goods vehicles (not more than 7.5 tonnes maximum laden weight)	30 (48)	50 (80)	60 (96)	70 (112) 60 (96) if articulated or towing a trailer
Goods vehicles (more than 7.5 tonnes maximum laden weight) in England and Wales	30 (48)	50 (80)	60 (96)	60 (96)
Goods vehicles (more than 7.5 tonnes maximum laden weight) in Scotland	30 (48)	40 (64)	50 (80)	60 (96)





Gordon enjoying his evening. Jim could not eat another sprout.



Everyone had a splendid time. Lots to eat and drink. The Old Mill staff did an excellent job.

kept to a minimum.

# ROLLS-ROYCE ENTHUSIASTS' CLUB NORTH EASTERN SECTION

### PROPOSED VISIT TO TENNANTS, AUCTIONEERS, LEYBURN FRIDAY 10 MAY 2019 COST: £28 PER PERSON

#### **Details of the event:**

Together with the Aston Martin Owners' Club and the Jaguar Drivers' Club, I have arranged a visit and tour to Tenants, Auctioneers of Leyburn.

The proposed date is the first day of viewing for their Classic Car and Auto Memorabilia auction which will be held on Sunday 12 May

The proposed day will comprise :-

11.00	TEA OR COFFEE AND BISCUITS ON ARRIVAL.
11.30	INTRODUCTION WELCOME AND HISTORY OF TEN-
	NANTS.
12.30	TWO COURSE LUNCH.
13.30	BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR WITH DISCUSSION ON
	FORTHCOMING SALES AND CURRENT EXHIBI-
	TIONS. INDEPENDENT BROWSING IF APPROPRI-
	ATE.
14.45	QUIZ.
15.30	TEA OR COFFEE, CAKES AND SCONES.
16.00	AT LEISURE BEFORE DEPARTURE.

I am not sure what form the quiz will take, or indeed if it will be relevant, as we might prefer time to look round the items which will be coming under the hammer on the Sunday.

If you would be interested in attending this event, please complete the form below and return it to me.

If you have an questions, please contact me on 01845 522416, or jmartin.vinson@btinternet.com

## PROPOSED VISIT TO TENNANTS, AUCTIONEERS, LEYBURN FRIDAY 10 MAY 2019

### **BOOKING FORM**

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## Newsletter Editor's Comments.

## Seasonal greeting to everyone.

With the help of the 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. Even if you could put a picture with a couple of lines, it would be well appreciated.

We have lots of members that own non-RR or Bentley classic cars. There is now a section in the Newsletter where that car can 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

# **Cambridge Concourse** 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

The West Midlands Section invites you to join us for a spectacular break, close to Cambridge, following on from the National Rally at Burghley.

We will be spending 3 nights at The Quy Mill Hotel at Stow-Cum- Quy, a premier hotel with excellent free Spa facilities including swimming pool, jacuzzi, and sauna.

Our programme consists of a polo match organised by the Cambridge County Polo Club, with a picnic hamper and bubbly provided, a visit to Duxford Air Museum with an opportunity to photograph your car alongside a Spitfire and, finally, a day out at Ely, where a visit to the Cathedral and Stained Glass Museum are included. There are many other attractions in the city, all within easy walking distance.

This is a full and varied programme, all conducted at a leisurely pace.

The cost of the hotel for dinner, B&B for the 3 nights is £594 for a twin/double and £402 for a single. However, no payment is required until our visit. The cost of our various outings, entertainments, refreshments and table wines is £124 **per person.** 

If you would like to join us, just take the following three steps;

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Bookings taken on a strictly first come, first served basis

I so look forward to seeing you in June Regards Mike Ridley 01952 796579



