



ROLLS-ROYCE ENTHUSIASTS' CLUB



*North Eastern Section
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NORTH EASTERN SECTION JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2015

Chairman's Notes

Following the AGM, the North Eastern Section of the RREC now has a new committee, a mixture of old and new, old for continuity, and new for ideas.

The retiring members, Derek Moss, Martin Vinson, Margaret and Ray Andrews, have had a combined stint of 80+ years. Well done, and thank you!

We have four means of communicating with members, each with advantages and disadvantages:

The Club Bulletin; this reaches members not in the Northeast who might want to join in the Fun. But information will probably be out of date.

Section website; with up to date information and photos too.

Section newsletter by post; additional time and expense, but can be read whilst eating your cornflakes.

Section newsletter by e-mail; instant information about as reliable as SU fuel pumps. (cannot be mended with a hammer) (eh? Ed!)

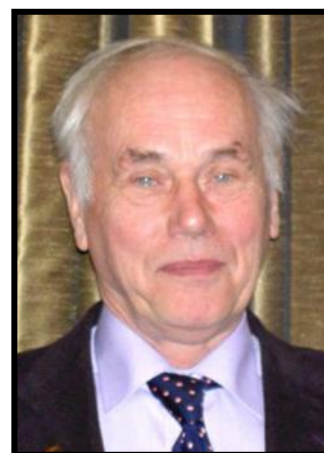
We intend to use all these methods.

Now the good news. Martin is to continue editing the newsletter. But if we do not give him the news, no newsletter. Derek has been co-opted as Vice Chairman.

The Northeast's Mr Fixit's advice and help will, I am sure, still be needed.

Happy New Year.

Roger and Jan Hall



Contact Point Comments

RREC NORTH EASTERN SECTION – MEMBERSHIP FEE.

Section membership details are maintained by the RREC at Hunt House and available to the Section secretary on request. The section is small with around 125 members of which around 20 are spouse members. The number of members active in participating and supporting the programme of events arranged by the committee of the Section are considerably less than 125 with the number having reduced year on year in recent times reflecting an apathy which culminated this year with no nominations for Secretary or Newsletter Editor to serve on the Committee. The situation was then compounded by the nomination for Chair having to stand down for reasons of ill health. This led to the calling of an Extraordinary General Meeting - EGM - to be held immediately before the Annual General Meeting – AGM - to which all members of the Section were invited.

The EGM and the AGM were also attended by Trevor Baldwin, an RREC board Member. He indicated in the discussions that took place that his understanding was that the North Eastern Section was the only Section not charging a membership fee to be a Section Member. I



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have received support for my proposal to implement the charging of a fee to become a member of the RREC North Eastern Section from a significant majority of your new Committee the details of which are set out below.

I should perhaps make it absolutely clear at this stage that I do not see a membership fee as wholly a fund raising initiative.

I do see a membership fee as a commitment from the individual member to influence, participate in and support the programme of events put together by your Committee. This would mean arrangements being agreed by your Committee to put in place measures to provide membership benefits. This approach needs to be seen in the context of the underlying financial position of the Section first and foremost and also needs to be part of a wider debate for the Committee with the issue already raised by one member of the Committee about the level of resources that the Section should seek to accumulate and what purpose such resources might be used for.

The fundamental issue for me with this matter is whether the response of RREC members living within the geographic boundary of the North Eastern Section to pay a membership fee to become a member of the North Eastern Section is significant enough to evidence that the work done by your Committee is valued by you, the individual. Clearly if the efforts of the Committee are not valued then the debate opens on whether the Section has a future as an independent Section.

The approach to charge a fee to become a member of the North Eastern Section of the RREC which is supported by the majority of your new Committee as referred to above is:-

A : RREC members within the North Eastern Section geographic area are invited to become Section members for a fee of £10.00 per household to which 5 further Newsletters are sent by e-mail during the year of membership.

B : Those requiring the Newsletter to be sent by post pay an additional fee of £5.00 to cover the additional costs incurred of printing, stationery and postage.

C : This new Section membership arrangement to be made known to RREC members resident within North Eastern Section geographic area the in the January Newsletter.

D : An application form to be attached to the Newsletter for completion and return to the Section Secretary at the address indicated together with the appropriate fee by 28/02/15.

E : Newsletter distribution after the January 2015 edition to be limited to Section Members.

Rod

Newsletter Editor's Wishful Thinking

Well that did not last long! Having successfully lumbered Rod with the job of secretary, I have volunteered to carry on with the newsletter, as that is what I actually wanted to do in the first place. Jackie said that I had such a sad little face after the AGM, that she suggested that I just carry on! No one else seems to want to, so here goes.

We shall see how things pan out following the decisions made by the new committee regarding the distribution of the newsletter and cost of membership of the section, as set out above. Whatever happens it seems to me that my life is going to be somewhat easier than it has been, thanks mainly to Rod.

Martin

Extraordinary General Meeting

In view of the problems regarding the future of the section, and the lack of volunteers to

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take on the role of secretary, an EGM was called to take place immediately before the AGM. There was a lively discussion and the brief minutes are as follows;

1 Chairman's welcome: Derek Moss welcomed all present, and thanked them for coming early so that this discussion could take place, to decide on the future of the North Eastern Section of the RREC, and whether we have a committee, chairman, secretary and treasurer. DM then asked for comments from those present.

2 To discuss the future of the section – the way forward:

MV reported that 104 questionnaires had been sent to the membership and that 26 had been returned. All replies stated that the section should continue, but only six volunteered to come on to the committee, and one of those volunteered to be chairman. Of those six, two have had to withdraw owing to ill health, including the volunteer for chairman.

MV confirmed that the Club needed a contact between The Hunt House and the section.

At that point no-one seemed willing to be secretary.

There followed a general discussion about the section and events that had been organised.

Grahame McDonald said that he and Peter Tong had been discussing the problem privately and that they would be prepared to come back onto the committee as chairman and secretary, respectively, but on certain conditions. Owing to GM's disability and not wanting to have to rely totally on PT for transport, it would be necessary to arrange committee meetings in Tyne and Wear, where he could gain access by public transport. Both GM and PT said that if they were to come back they would expect every committee member to pull their weight and organise at least one event each year. PT said that while he had not wanted to come back on the committee, he was prepared to do it for Gordon Blacklock's sake.

Pam Haw offered to help with typing, and Edwin Hargreaves also offered support. John Harrison mentioned the section website, where information could be found.

After some further discussion it was decided in principle to accept GM and PT's offer, subject to ratification by the new committee after the AGM. However the proposed new committee would meet immediately after this meeting in order to discuss this, and make a decision as to whether GM and PT should be co-opted on to the committee.

3 Any other business: there being no further business, the meeting adjourned for a short break before the AGM.

While the new committee elect were meeting the rest of those present took advantage of coffee and biscuits!

Members present then re-assembled for the AGM, and the minutes are as follows:

Annual General Meeting

1 Chairman's welcome

DM welcomed everyone back and informed the meeting that those who will comprise the new committee had met and discussed the proposal by Graham McDonald and Peter Tong. The feeling was that if GM and PT had wanted to re-join the committee they should have applied and been proposed in accordance with the section rules deadline. Accordingly they do not wish to accept the proposal that GM and PT join the committee as Chairman and Secretary, and have agreed amongst themselves who will take on the roles of Chairman and Secretary.

2 Apologies for absence

Tony Henfrey, Tony Minta, Gordon Terry, Colin Hutchinson, Viv Moss, Janice Hall. GT and CH are unwell, and the meeting expressed their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

3 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 19 January 2014

Agreed to be a correct record. Proposed by Jackie Vinson. Seconded by Bernard Surtees.

4 Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5 Chairman's Report

It has been quite a turbulent year again with the previous twelve months, as we all know. We have had excellent support from the committee, but not such good support from some of the members.

As discussed this morning, we have a membership of 104, and we have not had the support this year. Some events this year with as little as four people attending. Hopefully our new committee will resolve that, with some new ideas, and take the section forward.

We have had a very extended meeting this morning with an extraordinary general meeting, which I have never known this section to have to call; this is the first time we have had to do it, and hopefully it will be the last and it does not happen again. We have RM, who I am sure will see the section through and make sure the finances are well looked after, and take this section forward along with the new chairman and secretary, and committee members.

As I said before I am standing down, I think having served about 18 years on this committee, Ray and Margaret about 26 years, each, and Martin about 14 years. I thank them very much for the hard work they have done over the years, and also for the rest of the committee. We have all worked well as a team, we have had good support from our President, Gordon Blacklock, who has over 50 years in the Club, and it was very nice to see Gordon receive his 50 year badge about two months ago. Some of you were there to see that and I think it was absolutely fabulous that that took place, and it is a pleasure to see Gordon and Margaret here again this morning.

With regard to myself I have served on the committee over the years, and I think it is now time to stand down, and let new blood come in, and I know that that is also Martin's and Ray and Margaret's reason. There are no other reasons at all as to why we are standing down this morning. I wish the section well and will help where I can even though I will not be chairman.

6 Secretary's Report

According to The Hunt House there are currently 124 members, including joint members.

This year information has been disseminated almost entirely by e-mail, and this has included the newsletter, in its new format. It has also included all the information coming out of The Hunt House, together with other section newsletters received. Furthermore, I have been contacted, and circulated, e-mails from traders, including one from China, I suspect from information on the website, offering parts or services. I do not know if these were of any interest to members, apart from one, where I received thanks from both the vendor and purchaser of certain items.

At this time last year no-one had come forward to undertake the role of secretary following Peter's resignation, and there were no offers at the meeting. Consequently at the short committee meeting immediately after the AGM, when I asked who was going to take the minutes, there was silence. Owing to this, I said that I would take on the role of secretary again, but that I was not prepared to do this and produce a newsletter as well. I repeated this to all those present at lunch afterwards, and I was extremely disappointed, though not altogether surprised, that after twelve or so years hard work, it appeared that a newsletter was not thought worth having. However, I was not prepared to let it go completely, and consequently this year I have continued to produce a newsletter, which has been generated in an easier format, and sent by e-mail, thereby saving me time, and the section money. If there is anyone here that has not had any newsletters since March, then you probably do not have e-mail or I do not have your e-mail address.

Subsequently as no-one was able to support the section as secretary, or newsletter editor; as it appeared that the newsletter in its then format was not appreciated; and most particularly as I was finding it frustrating trying to keep up with technology, resulting in errors, which were time consuming to correct, I decided that the time was right for me to go.

I do not intend to resign from the Club, and will be around to offer assistance to whoever takes over as secretary and/or newsletter editor.

7 Treasurer's Report

INTRODUCTION.

RM advised that after completing the Accounts, he had written some explanatory notes picking out key issues from them. He apologised for the fact that the first of those notes contained a transposition error in that the figure of £145.40 should have read £154.40 which was the surplus for last year. However, the point of the note was to advise of the increase in profit for 2014 compared with 2013 which was correctly stated at +46.7%.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT.

RM advised that he had made a couple of changes in the presentation of the Accounts this year. The first change was by showing events income as a surplus rather than presenting gross income with payments shown as expenditure with this information presented as "Note 1" to the Accounts. The second change was to show raffle income separately as this had increased significantly in year.

RM advised that total income for the year was down compared with the previous year by £151.20 where income for events and raffles for the two years was broadly comparable and the major point to note was the reduction in income received for the 2013 Harewood rally at £400.00 compared with that of £750.00 for the 2012 rally.

RM advised that total expenditure for the year was down compared with the previous year by £223.38. Committee expenses for the two years were broadly the same with the administration costs increase of £58.73 largely attributable to photocopying machine costs of £40.32 which were in previous years included as Newsletter costs, though this year the photocopier was not used for that purpose.

The expenditure charge for depreciation increased significantly from £20.00 last year to £47.00 this year. This arose from the uncertainty around the future of the Section when the Accounts were being prepared and the decision to write assets down to a realistic disposable value with three each written down to just £1.00 to maintain a record of them in the accounts. "Note 2" to the accounts set out asset written down values at 31 October 2014.

The overall reduction in expenditure of £223.38 was attributable to a reduction in the cost of producing the Newsletter which reduced by £352.11. This reduction was achieved through action taken by the Committee to change production and distribution arrangements in the year. Attention was then drawn to the net cost of the newsletter last year of £485.22 compared with just £32.38 for this year. RM then made the observation that if the measures taken in the year were applied for the full year, his expectation would be that the newsletter would become an income source but to deliver that it would be necessary to appoint a newsletter editor.

The final point made with regard to the Income and Expenditure statement was that it shows a surplus for the year to 31 October 2014 of £226.58 compared with the surplus of £154.40 achieved last year.

BALANCE SHEET

RM advised that the Balance Sheet represents a snapshot in time of the financial worth of the North Eastern Section which is increased by the surplus of £226.58 for the year to £3936.19.

He then advised that "Note 3" and "Note 4" to the Accounts set out the detail of debtors and creditors, respectively, as at 31 October 2014.

RM advised that the financial worth of the club was effectively represented by the cash at bank balance of £3904.77 which had increased by £835.60 during the year with the "Source and Application of Funds Statement" at "Note 6" to the Accounts setting out the factors contributing to that increase in the bank balance.

RM'S CLOSING COMMENTS

Concluding his presentation of the Accounts, RM observed that the timeframe for the

completion of the Accounts between the year end of 31 October and an AGM date of 7 December was not very long and he particularly wanted to thank Edwin Hargreaves as the Honorary Auditor to the club for his swift response and turn round of his audit work which enabled the audited Accounts to be forwarded to the Club Secretary to meet the timetable for distribution to club members with the AGM Agenda.

Edwin Hargreaves congratulated Roderick Macleod on the preparation of the accounts, which, he said were very clear and easy to audit.

DM asked for a proposal that the accounts should be adopted. Proposed by Allan Fishburn, seconded by Edwin Hargreaves. Carried nem con.

8 Election of the Committee to serve for 2014/5.

The following members have put their names forward for election or re-election to the committee:-

Jim Clark, Allan Fishburn, Roger Hall, Tony Henfrey, Rod Macleod, Tony Minta, Mark Ramsey, Bernard Surtees. These members were duly elected to serve on the committee.

9 Presentation of the McGarr Trophy

This trophy is presented to a section member, or members, who have supported the section over the year, and shown particular enthusiasm for the Club. This year the trophy was presented to Margaret and Ray Andrews in recognition of their many years of service on the section committee.

10 Presentation of the Ray Hornsby Trophy

This trophy is presented to the owner of the car most admired by the chairman during the year. Derek had no hesitation in presenting it to Allan Fishburn for his 20/25, which he had restored, and which was previously owned by late Club member Richard Harrison.

11 Any other business

Grahame McDonald proposed a vote of thanks to DM, MV and R and MA for their long time service to the section while on the committee.

Notes on the Address by Trevor Baldwin, Management Committee representative, RREC Ltd.

Trevor said that he was impressed by the way the section had approached a problem, discussed it and resolved it.

The new board was working well together, and new teams had been formed to deal with various aspects of the Club. These were reporting back to the board. One of the regions where the board is keeping a very close watch is the cost of running the Club. One of the matters being considered is the Club Shop, which must run at a profit, yet be there for the benefit of members. A new SZ register has been formed to cover the Silver Spirits and derivatives, as these cars are now taking the place formerly occupied by the Silver Shadows. One of the teams is now responsible for the Bulletin rather than an editor, which was considered too costly. The last three Bulletins have been put together by a volunteer. Jackie Rowbotham is the team leader for the Bulletin.

Seminars are still well supported, and will continue for the future.

The Annual Rally next year will be at Burghley House, Stamford, and the guest car club will be the Bristol Drivers Club, and Bristol Owners Club. There will be special events to celebrate the Silver Cloud and S Type, and also the 50th anniversary of the Silver Shadow. In addition to the events on the field, there will be attractions in Stamford itself, about one mile distant. It was hoped that members would be encouraged to stay for the weekend.

The Club again attended the Classic Car Show at the NEC, and recruited 27 new members. The Club stand was well up to the standard of previous years.

There is now a good working relationship with the Sir Henry Royce Memorial Foundation, and the Club is assisting by storing Club, Foundation and also Bentley archives.

The scanning of archives previously held on behalf of Rolls-Royce Motors, and subse-

quently VW, is progressing. This takes time and money but is considered worthwhile, as without it the records would be lost for ever. While the ownership of the paper copies is uncertain, the scanned records will belong to the Club and could be a source of income in the future. Conditions



in The Hunt House are not ideal for storing archives, but archive storage space can be hired quite cheaply, if needed. Some of the training rooms in The Hunt House have been re-organised, together with the Club's tools.

Duncan Feetham is proving to be an excellent chairman, and has the support of the board.

Trevor thanked the section for its hospitality

today, and for the members who joined him and Patsy for dinner on the Saturday evening.

DM Thanked Trevor and Patsy for attending the meeting, and there being no further business the meeting was closed.

Following the meeting the new committee met for the first time in order to decide who would take on the role of section officers.

Roger Hall was elected Section Chairman.

Roderick Macleod agreed to take on Secretary as well as Treasurer.

No-one put their name forward for Newsletter Editor, but that was sorted some time later, see above.

I do not think anyone asked John Harrison if he was willing to carry on as Webmaster, it was just assumed that he was!



As mentioned above, Margaret and Ray Andrews were awarded the McGarr Trophy, in recognition of the many years that they have both served on the committee.

Following this Allan Fishburn was awarded the Ray Hornsby Memorial Trophy for his 20/25, as mentioned in the minutes.

While all this was going on the rest of us were imbibing

sherry, or for the drivers, orange juice. Everyone then repaired to the dining room for lunch. The Allerton Court Hotel does a very popular carvery for Sunday lunch, and judging by the size of the portions that everyone piled on their plates, it was much enjoyed. Following the meal Margaret Andrews conducted the raffle. Many members had brought prizes, which were many and varied, for which we were all grateful. A sum of about £137 was raised for section funds.

Martin



*Classic Motor
Show 2014*

Christmas Dinner at The Old Mill

In the end there were thirty of us for dinner. Two extra booked at the last minute, but two fell by the wayside owing to the lurgy, being Margaret Andrews and Jim Clark. Hopefully it will prove to be a short lived lurgy and that they are both, by now, fully fit and raring to go for 2015 (that is twenty fifteen please!)

Judging by the noise and reluctance to leave, a good time seems to have been had by all. It had been decided, rather at the last minute, to hold a raffle after the meal, and this was



efficiently organised by Mark and Charlotte Ramsey. Despite the lateness of the decision, there were many prizes, and a sum in the region of £96 was raised for section funds.

New Members

We welcome Colin Liddell to the Club. He tells me that he did, in fact, join us at Beamish in September this year, and that he uses his cars all year round. Hopefully we will see him again before too long, perhaps with family or friends.

Martin

Visit to the Classic Motor Show at the NEC.

Jim Clark arranged a day trip to Birmingham to visit the show on Sunday 16 November. We duly met at Leeming Bar, at some unheard of hour, and boarded a minibus for the journey, which took about three hours. Apart from one short but unscheduled stop on the side of the M1, owing to modern technology, which we ignored, the journey was uneventful. The show was excellent, although tiring. I think we were all pretty knackered (technical

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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. Ask at the bar to find out where we are.

Events for 2015

21 January	The Old Mill, Metal Bridge, Coxhoe.
18 February	The Old Mill, Metal Bridge, Coxhoe.
18 March	The Old Mill, Metal Bridge, Coxhoe.
22 March	Lunch at The Honest Lawyer, Croxdale - MV
15 April	The Old Mill, Metal Bridge, Coxhoe.
26 April	Drive It Day, Middlesbrough - MR
20 May	The Old Mill, Metal Bridge, Coxhoe.
6 June	Harewood Classic Hill Climb
17 June	The Old Mill, Metal Bridge, Coxhoe.
20 June	Classics on show at Stokesley
19-21 June	Annual Rally Burghley House, Stamford
5 July	MGOC Classic Vehicle Rally, Corbridge - MV
11 July	North East Land, Sea and Air Museum, Sunderland - MR
15 July	The Old Mill, Metal Bridge, Coxhoe.
19 July	NEPCWA, Newby Hall Classic Car Show.
2 August	North of England Rally - Harewood House
8/9 August	Croft Nostalgia Weekend
16 August	Raby Castle Classic Car show
19 August	The Old Mill, Metal Bridge, Coxhoe
16 September	The Old Mill, Metal Bridge, Coxhoe
21 October	The Old Mill, Metal Bridge, Coxhoe
18 November	The Old Mill, Metal Bridge, Coxhoe
16 December	The Old Mill, Metal Bridge, Coxhoe

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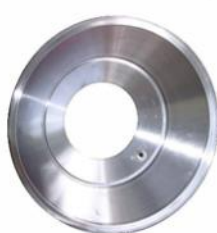
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