



## 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 2016

<b>Sunday 17 January</b>	AGM, Allerton Court Hotel, Northallerton - RM
<b>Sunday 13 March</b>	Lunch at Simonstone Hall near Hawes - JC.
<b>Sunday 24 April</b>	Drive it Day -
<b>Sunday 22 May</b>	Stokesley picnic - RM
<b>May/June (tbc)</b>	Visit to Kilburn - RH
<b>June (tbc)</b>	Picnic at Thorp Perrow Arboretum - JC
<b>Fri/Sun 24/26 June</b>	National Rally at Burghley House.
<b>Sunday 3 July</b>	MGOC Rally at Tynedale RUFC, Corbridge.
<b>Sunday 17 July</b>	NECPWA Rally at Newby Hall.
<b>July (tbc)</b>	Summer barbeque - AF
<b>Sat/Sun 6/7 August</b>	North of England Rally at Harewood House - JC
<b>August (tbc)</b>	Auckland Castle Classic Car Show - BS
<b>Sun 21 August (tbc)</b>	Raby Castle Classic Car show
<b>August (tbc)</b>	Road run/Tanfield Railway/pub meal by Aston Martin works, Beamish - TM
<b>September (tbc)</b>	Stanhope Show - RM
<b>Sunday 25 Sept (tbc)</b>	NECPWA Beamish Rally at Beamish Museum - BS
<b>Sat 11/13 Nov</b>	NEC Classic Car Show - JC
<b>Wed 21 December</b>	Christmas Event at The Old Mill, Coxhoe - Secretary.

### **Other possible events, details of dates and organisers yet to be confirmed:**

Tan Hill Road Run and meal  
North Yorkshire Railway visit – Joint visit with YS?

**For Middlesbrough and District Motor Club events, see page 20.**

### Events for 2017

<b>15 January</b>	AGM at the Allerton Court Hotel - Secretary.
<b>October (tbc)</b>	Section weekend somewhere in the borders.

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### **Front photo:**

A collage of cars that attended some of the events this year, with, of course, Harewood House in the background.



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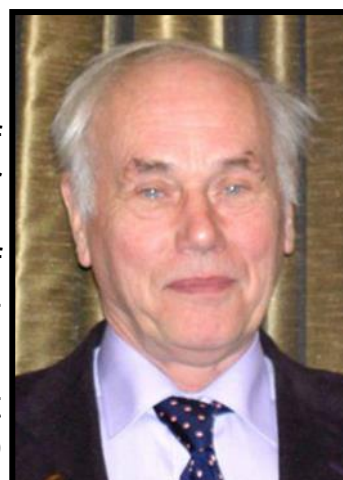
## NORTH EASTERN SECTION NEWSLETTER JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2016

### *BEST WISHES FOR 2016*

#### **Roger's Ramblings**

Reminiscing about the Rolls-Royce cars I have driven, it was only when I compiled the list of cars that I realised that I have driven all the pre-war models except one. They were all amazing cars owned by amazing interesting people. Some of these cars I drove only briefly, they all left impressions:

- The 2 cylinder car U44 was the only one that would be comfortably driven around the Tesco car park.
- The 1910 Silver Ghost had the most light and sensitive steering of any car I had driven.
- The 1922 20 HP was mechanically SILENT.
- The 1926 PI was the most imposing.
- The 1934 20/25 the easiest to drive.
- The 1934 PII with overdrive the best brakes and the fastest.
- The 1938 PIII the most comfortable and luxurious.



I have never driven a post war Rolls-Royce motor car; someday maybe but not around a Tesco car park!

<u>Model</u>		<u>Owner</u>
1904 2 Cylinder U44	-	Oliver Langton
1910 Silver Ghost	-	Jimmy Skinner
1914 Silver Ghost	-	Pip Lancaster
1922 20 HP	-	Mike Clarke
1926 PI	-	Bill Meredith-Owens
1934 20/25	-	Laurie Dalton
1934 PII	-	My Own
1938 25/30	-	Rippon Bros
1938 PIII	-	George Norbury

***Roger Hall***





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U44, the oldest surviving Rolls-Royce motor car, and the only one entitled to take part in the annual London to Brighton run for veterans. Note the V.C.C. plate. Note, also, SU13 in the background, now owned by VW. but which, together with AX201, has been a regular attendee at the Annual Rally over the past several years.

I understand that U44 was sold, not long ago, by Bonhams at Olympia for over £3.5M, including the buyers premium.

This photo was obviously taken a little while ago, and I suspect that it is Oliver Langton at the wheel. Can anyone identify the location?

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## Contact point comments

The excesses of Christmas have been survived and New Year celebrations are imminent bringing with them a new season in which to prepare drive and enjoy our cars of the marque in the company of like-minded individuals.

This is a bit of an “in between” period of time with the AGM on 17 January looking back on last year whilst also preparing for that new season.

All existing Section Members should have received the AGM Agenda and supporting papers on or before 27 December in line with the AGM timetable determined by the RREC board and set out in their “Rules for Sections”. **Please print the Agenda etc. and bring them with you to the meeting.**

This Newsletter is being sent to RREC members resident within the geographical area of the North Eastern Section as well existing Section Members based on the membership information held by the Club.

The Newsletter includes an application form to join the North Eastern Section at a fee of £10.00 if receiving subsequent copies of the Newsletter by e-mail or £15.00 if by post with the additional £5.00 contributing to the cost of postage stationery and printing.

The programme of events so far proposed for the 2016 season is included elsewhere in this Newsletter and members old and new will be most welcome at all events. The Section also meet once a month on the third Wednesday of the month at the Old Mill Inn Metal Bridge to informally dine and discuss whatever is of interest.

This will be the second year that the Section has sought a membership fee to join the Section and the objective, as it was last year, is to seek a commitment from local RREC members to support the elected Committee of the Section and the programme of events organised for the season. Without support for the Section, there will be no Section.

I believe that I made it crystal clear at the start of last year that the membership fee was not a fund raising exercise and that the income received would be paid out as member benefits through subsidising selected events in the programme over the season. The Annual Accounts distributed with the AGM papers evidence that to have been the case for the year just ended.

The same principle will apply for the coming season.

I think that last year was a reasonably successful year for the Section and in the expectation of moving onward and upward for next season I wish you all a happy New Year for 2016.



*Rod MacLeod. Secretary.*

## Newsletter Editor's comments

**A**pologies to Rod, I have just realised his photo is out of date, and I do not have a recent one. I will remedy this for the next newsletter.

According to my records I have been doing this job for fourteen years. I reckon that is three prime ministers, and four parliaments. (See Roger's Dairy Farm report, in a previous newsletter). Surely I should have been chucked out of office by now. Not even Tony Blair went on that long, and we all know the trouble he caused!





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Last year saw the advent of the e-mail newsletter. It was not the disaster that I was expecting, although I did have some requests for paper copies from other section secretaries. This did surprise me, as I would have thought that circulating an e-mail was much easier than bits of paper. North Eastern Section members, however, seemed to accept the change without a murmur. The result to the section was a greatly reduced production cost.

This year saw the introduction of section membership, and this, and its consequences, have been fully explained by Rod. Again this saw a further reduction in the cost of the newsletter, so that for the first time in those fourteen years, it did not run at a loss.

Surprisingly I still find enjoyment in its production, so unless anyone else wants to have a go, I will give it another year.



I am grateful to all those who have sent in contributions, especially Bernie, Rod, and Roger, and, of course, both Roger and Rod for their support during the year.

Grahame McDonald sent me this photo. Knowing Grahame's interest in steam, I suspect that it was the locomotive that caught his attention as much as the Bentley. I understand that it (the locomotive) is a "Bullied Pacific" named City of Wells, and has only recently been restored after many years of inactivity.

For the steam fanatics, here are the details! Technical detail specifications of locomotive 34092: Boiler pressure of 34092: 250 lbf/sq.in., Weight of 34092: loco 86.0 tons, tender ~42-48 tons, Wheel diameter of 34092: 3' 1", 6' 2", 3' 1", Valve gear of 34092: Bullied chain driven, Cylinders (diameter x stroke) of 34092: 16<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" x 24" (3), Tractive effort of 34092: 27720 lbf., BR Power classification of 34092: Class 7P, RA ?

Bullied SR 4-6-2 pacific design with 'air smoothed casing, thermic syphons and Boxpox driving wheels.

The Bentley, of course, is a 1948 Mark VI, chassis number B139DZ and belongs to a RREC member from the Northern Section.

Neal Huitson has suggested that we have an archive section in the newsletter, for old photos of past events, cars and personalities. This seems like a good idea to



me, so I hope that you will be able to trawl through your photo albums and send some contributions. By e-mail would be easiest, but prints will do, as I can scan them, and will undertake to return them. Here are a couple to start things off. On the left is one of a somewhat younger Neal and Gordon, but I do not know where!

The other (below) is of Richard Hall, and Tony and Cynthia Fairley, taken at the 2006 lunch after the AGM.

There is not much under the 'Where we are going' heading in this edition.

Three past Chairmen, one looking a bit fierce, but I'm not saying which one!



Jim Clark is organising a lunch at Simonstone Hall Hotel, Hawes on 13 March. There is going to be another Drive It Day in April, nationally. As last year we have been invited to join the Middlesbrough and District Motor Club's event, on 24 April, and I hope that we can achieve a better turn out this year. Indeed the M&DMC have invited us to join them at any of their events, and a full list will be found on page 20.

*Martin*



### **Where we have been:- Classic Car Show, NEC.**

Jim Clark organised another trip to Birmingham this year, and I am told by two members who went that it was an interesting but tiring day. As I was not there myself, I do not have any more information or photos.

### **Christmas Dinner, The Old Mill, Coxhoe.**

In the end there were twenty four of us who sat down to a Christmas dinner. The Old Mill was very crowded, and there were several cars that did not find a parking space in the car park. This is not unusual, however, as on the monthly Wednesday evening meets, one often has to park on the road. It just seemed a bit more chaotic on the 16th, so much so, that we had to share the room with two other parties. As usual, judging by the noise, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. It was good to see John Marshall there, as a guest of Graham Blackburn. John has been a Club member for many years.

Both food and company were good, and got the 'eating festival' off to an enjoyable start.

### **Where we are going:-**

#### **Section AGM - Sunday 17 January, Allerton Court Hotel, Darlington Road, Northallerton, DL6 2XF, 10.45am for 11.15am.**

This is the last call for the AGM. Section members should by now have received all the necessary papers, including the agenda, minutes of last year's meetings, and the section accounts. **Please print these and bring them with you.** Proxy forms are included again with this newsletter, and should be returned to Rod MacLeod by 10 January at the latest. For those who have not yet booked, there is a booking form at the end of the newsletter, although I understand that in accordance with the Club rules members attending should be members of both the Club and the section. Again the deadline is 10 January.

The meeting will start with coffee or tea on arrival, followed by the meeting itself, which should start promptly at 11.15am. After the meeting there will be a glass of sherry or orange juice before we adjourn for lunch.

**As usual it is proposed to have a raffle, and as usual we are asking for prizes! Please bring something, all donations will be gratefully received.**

#### **Hawes and Lunch at Simonstone Hall - Sunday 13 March**

This will be the start of the season meeting, so it will be an opportunity to catch up with everyone after the winter lay-off. Simonstone Hall is the posh hotel famous for ending the BBC career of Jeremy Clarkson and is situated about two miles outside Hawes. A private room for a two course lunch has been arranged at 12.30pm for 1.00pm at a cost of £21.50 per person. If anyone would like a dessert, please ask on the day, and there will be a small additional charge to pay. For those using satellite navigation the postcode is DL8 3LY, or the co-ordinates are 54° 19' 07.8"N, 002° 11' 51.0"W. For those travelling longer distances and not wanting to risk salt on the roads, it is understood that a helipad is available at no extra cost. (I've looked on Google Earth, but cannot see it!)

We thought that it might be an idea to meet up beforehand at the Dales Countryside

Museum from about 10.30am, and this is on the north side of the A684 in the old railway station building, as you enter Hawes from the east. It is just before Brunt Acres Road, which leads to Simonstone Hall. There may be a café on site by 13 March, but if not there are plenty within easy walking distance in the town. There is ample parking by the museum, (so it should still be possible to accommodate helicopters with care! - not guaranteed) Alternatively you may prefer to have a wander around the town, or even visit the Wensleydale Cheese Factory. There is a booking form below, which please return to Jim Clark by 1 March at the latest.

### **Drive It Day - Sunday 24 April**

As mentioned above, we have again been invited to join the Middlesbrough and District Motor Club for their run, probably in the direction of the North York Moors, as last year. There will be a booking form in the next newsletter, but put the date in your diaries now. I hope that we can entice some more members to join us this year. At the time of writing I do not know who will be organising the day on behalf of the section, however, in the meantime, if you have any queries, let me know and I will try to answer them, or alternatively contact Richard Adams direct on 07742002808.

*Martin*

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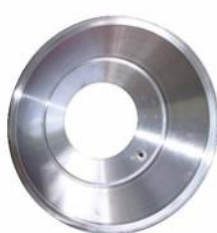
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