



ROLLS-ROYCE ENTHUSIASTS' CLUB

NORTH EASTERN SECTION NEWSLETTER



*January/February
2017*

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 2017

23 April (tbc)	Drive-it Day -
20 June	Silver Ghost round Britain Tour - RREC
23/25 June	Annual Rally, Burghley House - RREC
2 July	MGOC Vehicle Rally, Corbridge - BS
16 July	NECPWA Rally at Newby Hall
30 July	Ripon Old Cars Classic Gathering at Ripon Racecourse
28 August	Swainby Village Fete - AF
24 September	NECPWA Rally at Beamish - BS
29 Sep/1 Oct	Section weekend based at Doxford Hall, Northumberland - MV/TH
10/11/12 November (tbc)	Classic Motor Show, NEC - JC
20 December	Christmas Event - RM

The AGM location, date, time, Agenda and supporting papers will be provided to section members in accordance with the RREC Rules for Sections AGM timetable.

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Front photo:

Some of the radiator mascots at the Annual Rally last year.



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Roger's Ramblings

My how the RREC has changed. In the early days we were a niche in the 'Make do and Mend' brigade of the old car movement. The posh owners of Rolls-Royce Motor Cars were invited to join the 20 Ghost Club.

A set of spanners and an old Rolls guaranteed reliable motoring with the Rolls network trained to assist any Rolls-Royce, however decrepit. None of this seven years and scrap it.

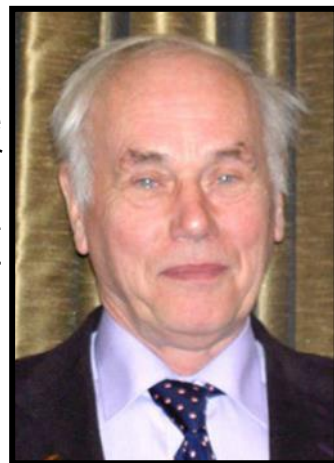
The cost of creeping technology has meant the enthusiast in his garage has had to change his spanners for special tools and a laptop, clearly impossible.

There is one thing that has not changed, the friendly people of amazingly diverse backgrounds and occupations, always interesting to talk to, and learn from.

If you are a member of the RREC, but have not joined the section, then reward yourself and join us.

Happy Motoring

Roger



Contact point comments

The Christmas event took place this year on 21st December at the Old Mill, Metalbridge and there were bookings from 13 households for a total of 26 people. However, 6 were unable to attend largely due to illness from the viral infection that has been laying people low, but four spouses attended alone and thoroughly enjoyed their night. The food was, as always, hot, plentiful and well cooked.

The AGM is, first and foremost, a business meeting at which the Committee account to the Section Membership for their management of the business of the Section during the financial year just ended. This year the AGM took place at the Allerton Court Hotel, Northallerton on Sunday, 15th January and was attended by 36 Section Members representing 19 households.

The AGM business was conducted with no controversy but there was some discussion around the corporate governance issue that the Section has been in dialogue with the RREC Chairman and Board since January 2016. Ian Hick was the RREC





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representative in attendance and at the Committee Meeting immediately after the AGM the Committee agreed to take his advice to seek to raise the matter as an item for discussion at the RREC Annual Conference, which is to be held on 1st and 2nd April 2017.

The AGM papers included an early indication of the programme of events for 2017 which still requires work to be done on it, but is included elsewhere in this Newsletter for information. (page 2)

The Report of the Secretary at the AGM advised that 2016 was my second year as Secretary and that the one issue of concern to me is the lack of engagement by a number of members in the events organised by the club. This would suggest that the events organised do not sufficiently tickle the fancy to attract those members and their cars out to play, whilst at the same time entreaties to suggest alternatives receive very limited responses.

The Section exists for its members and without support from the membership to form a Committee, support that Committee in its endeavours, and perhaps most importantly of all, participate in the activities of the Section, there will be no Section.

This Newsletter is being distributed to all RREC Members allocated by the RREC to the North Eastern geographic patch. I would welcome a positive response from as many as possible such RREC members to complete the section membership form to join the Section for £10.00 - £15.00 if the Newsletter is required by post.

The Section Membership fee of £10.00 is repaid to Section Members by way of subsidising certain selected events over the programme year. Any balance of membership fees not so paid out is paid out by a draw at the AGM.

The AGM stand-up/sit-down draw this year paid out £220.00 in total with the first number drawn seeing Allan Fishburn sit down in disgust with hoots of derision from his grandson. The pay-out for the first sit down was £10.00 and the look of surprise and amazement on the face of the grandson when this was announced was a picture to behold, and itself, an enormous amusement to the rest of the assembled company.

My thanks to all those who donated raffle prizes and also to Margaret Andrews for once again handling the sale of tickets and managing the draw to generate an income of £118.00.

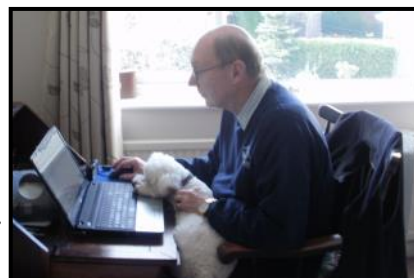
Finally, whilst looking forward to a year of onward and upward success for the Section going forward into 2017, my thanks to the households that supported the Section in 2016.

Rod MacLeod : Secretary : 17th January 2017

Newsletter Editor's comments

On the front page are photos of some of the mascots which I noticed at the Annual Rally at Burghley House last June, two or three of which would, perhaps, not have been considered as suitable in 1910! I understand that Claude Johnson's first brief to Charles Sykes, was to create a mascot based of a figurine of the Greek Goddess of Victory, Nike, then in the Louvre. However, Sykes is said to have preferred a more

human subject, and (it is said) chose Eleanor Thornton, who was the model for The Whisper, the mascot created for Lord Montagu's Silver Ghost. I suspect that the central figure in the collage is indeed a representation of Nike, and I also consider



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that Charles Sykes was correct in his decision! A statue of Nike, is, perhaps, more famously situated on top of the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin.

Now I am told that when teaching one should tell people what you are going to say three times. That is, first tell them what you are going to tell them, then actually tell them, then tell them what you have told them! Well I have already said it twice, but I am going to say it another six times. **I am going to tell you that I will be giving up the editorship of the newsletter at the AGM this year!** It needs a fresh input, and probably a complete overhaul. I have enjoyed the last sixteen years or so, but now is the time for a change.

For those who were not at the recent AGM, here is my report for the year, slightly edited.

"2016 has been an uneventful year so far as the newsletter has been concerned. The number of section members has reduced from last year, so that the number of copies, both e-mailed and posted has similarly reduced. I am particularly grateful to Roger for allowing Mark Wainwright, his office manager, to do all the printing for the paper copies, which saves me a considerable amount of time, and the section money. This year the only cost to the section has been postage, and this has been largely offset by the extra subscription paid by those who have asked for a paper copy.

Roger, I suspect aided by Janice, and Rod have kept me supplied with copy for their reports, for both the Chairman and Secretary, and also with respect to any events which they have organised. Bernie too, has been very helpful in this respect. John, also, has been very supportive in uploading the newsletter on to the section website promptly, and also pointing out mistakes that slipped through!

Could I encourage other members of the section to put pen to paper, or, preferably, fingers to keyboards. There must be many who are very knowledgeable and could usefully spread that knowledge of all sorts of subjects, which would be of interest to members. I do not think that it necessarily has to be car related.

Finally, as usual, without Jackie's support, John would have had many more errors to report!"

Can anyone explain why when I drove home from Coxhoe the other evening, the council were having the roads salted despite the temperature being at least 8^o C?

Martin

Welfare

I am very sorry to have to report that Malcolm Young passed away last November. Malcolm had not been in the best of health for a number of years, and Wendy was always a great support to him, and protected him from the stresses of his factory by taking him either to their villa in Spain, or away cruising. Malcolm was a quiet unassuming gentleman, always with a ready smile. He had many interests, but his interest in motor cars went back many years, and was not totally confined to the products of Rolls-Royce. As a result of all this, Jackie and I visited Wendy recently, and collected a number of Malcolm's books, for which Wendy wanted to find a new home. We thought that these should be offered to section members, and also members of other car clubs locally, and that any money should be given to the British Heart Foundation.

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The Motoring Encyclopaedia. Interwar. Waverley Book Co Ltd	1
Complete Encyclopaedia of Vintage Cars, Sports Cars and Sedans 1886 – 1940. Rob de la Rive Box. Rebo Publishers. 2nd Edition 2004	5
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The Motoring Century – The Story of the RAC by Piers Brendon Published by Bloomsbury. 1997	5
Classic British Cars by Jonathan Wood. Chancellor Press.	5
Great Classic Cars by Alan Austin and Chris Harvey. Chancellor Press. 1992	5
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Inside 100 Great Cars by David Hodges. Marshall Cavendish. 1992	4
The History of the Automobile. Gallery Books. 1990	3
Making of the Motor Car 1895-1930 by Michael E Ware. Moorland Publishing Co Ltd. 1991	5
Flywheel – Memories of the Open Road. Fraser Stewart Book Wholesale Limited. 1987	5
Motorcade – A Dictionary of Motoring History by Maurice A Hammond. G Bell and Sons. 1969	3
The Maintenance and Driving of Vintage Cars. 1964 And The Restoration of Vintage and Thoroughbred Cars. 1957 Both by Richard C Wheatley and Brian Morgan. B T Batsford Limited	3

The Batsford Guide to Vintage Cars by Cecil Clutton, Paul Bird and Anthony Harding. B T Batsford Limited. 1976	4
Automobiles of the World by Albert L Lewis and Walter A Musciano. Simon and Schuster, New York. 1977	3
The Encyclopaedia of Cars by Peter Henshaw. Regency House Publishing Limited. 2010	5
Motorists Manual 1956	2
Veteran and Vintage Cars by David Burgess Wise. Hamlyn. 1970	4
Sports Cars 1928-1939 by T R Nicholson. Blandford Press. 1969	4
The Ford V8 Handbook. Pitmans. 1956	3
The Austin Seven Book Sixth (Revised) Edition. 1947	2
Light Commercial Vehicles by S W Stevens-Stratten. Ian Allen Limited. 1991	4
Cars – A history in photographs, 1890s to the present day (1989) by Penny Marshall. Macdonald and Co.	4
The Rise of Road Transport 1919-1939 by Charles Dunbar. Ian Allen Limited. 1981	4
Miller's Price Guide 2003-4. Collectors Cars. Foreword by Paddy Hopkirk.	4
Motor Road Tests – 1961 Edition.	2
The Way We Were – Motoring from the beginning of the 1930s to the End of the 1970s. Paper pamphlet.	4
Imperial Palace Auto Collection. Paperback catalogue.	4
My Book of Motors by John Anderson. Oxford University Press. 1939	2
The Golden Age of British Motoring – Classic Cars from 1900 to 1940 by Roy Bacon. Promotional Reprint Company. 1996	5
The History of Formula One by Bruce Jones. Carlton Publishing Group. 2009	4
The Chequered Flag (100 years of motor racing) by Ivan Rendall with Foreword by Nigel Mansell. George Weidenfeld and Nicolson Ltd. 1993	4
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The Bluebird Years – Donald Campbell and The Pursuit of Speed by
Arthur Knowles with Graham Beech. Sigma Leisure. 2007 4

Cable Car by Christopher Sawn. Ten Speed Press, California. 1978 4

If anyone is interested in any of these, let me know. At present members have generously donated between £5 and £10 per book. I will have to talk to the local post office for an idea of postage and packaging, if necessary.

Where we are going:-

Section Weekend:

Friday 29th, Saturday 30th September and
Sunday 1st October 2017

Tony Henfry and I discussed the weekend briefly at the AGM, and felt that we should now go ahead with a booking form. As mentioned in the last newsletter the plan is to stay at the [Doxford Hall Hotel](http://www.doxfordhallhotel.co.uk), Chathill, Alnwick, Northumberland, NE67 5DN, for the Friday and Saturday nights. Anyone wishing to stay for the Sunday night should contact the hotel direct on 01665 567476 or e-mail at info@doxfordhall.com. There have already been two bookings for an extra night.

Tony Henfry is organising the Saturday, and suggests that we start with a coffee at his home, at Callaly Castle, and then travel on to Rothbury, where RREC member, Jonathan Radgwick, has invited us to look round his workshop. This will be followed by a tour of the house and grounds at Craggside.

On Sunday there will be a visit to Chillingham Castle with coffee on arrival followed by a guided tour. There is a café for anyone who would like a light lunch.

The cost is £450 for two people sharing, and including dinner bed and breakfast for the Friday and Saturday nights, and the visits on the Saturday and Sunday.

We have been promised our own dining room for the Friday and Saturday evenings. Please complete and return the form at the end of this newsletter if you would like to attend, together with a £25 non-returnable deposit.

Martin

French Section weekend

I have received the following from Jean-Pierre Boiroux, regarding a weekend that they are organising in October this year. If anyone is interested, please make contact direct. I have edited the English slightly. Please see details overleaf.

Dear Friends,

First, all the French Section wish you a GREAT NEW YEAR 2017!

One of our members, Jacques Mauffré, is preparing a rally in Alsace, from 5th to 8th October 2017, and all of our friends in all the Sections are welcome.

We would like to know if this might be of interest you in order to plan our reservations. This is not a firm booking but just an expression of interest at this stage.

Please feel free to respond to Jacques Mauffré or me. Jacques e.mail is:- jacques.Mauffre@t-online.de

I look forward to hearing from you.

All the best,

Jean-Pierre jean-pierre.boiroux@wanadoo.fr

ALSACE RALLY

5 to 8 October 2017

Since a couple of years a number of « Enthusiasts » have asked us to organize a trip to the nice Alsace region at vintage time.

We are lucky that board member Jacques Mauffré knows the region very well and he is ready to organize a rally open to all RREC sections assisted by Jean-Pierre Boiroux.

Jacques has already worked hard on the following program that includes surprises that cannot yet be revealed....

During the whole stay we'll be based at Château d'Isembourg at Rouffach near Colmar. This outstanding property has 40 rooms which will be at our entire disposal. Room fare is between € 150 to 300. Booking will be individual.



Nearby, another hotel offers rooms for less than € 90.

Arrival will be in the afternoon of 5 October, check-in, welcome drinks and dinner.

Starting next morning we'll discover the marvels of Alsace, its typical villages from medieval times, the "little Venice" on the river Lauch, lunch in a country cottage.



On Saturday we'll take the "Rhine route" through Neuf Brisach, built by Vauban (classified as cultural heritage by UNESCO)... arrival at the Schlumpf Museum. There is the possibility of having a Gala Dinner at the museum surrounded by automobiles... for an additional cost (approximately € 100) but it's a privilege and an unforgettable souvenir.

On Sunday we drive to Haut Koenigsbourg Castle through the "Weinstrasse" where we will be welcomed for a visit and wine tasting at Interviller Castle by Earl Andlau-Hombourg and his wife.

Lunch and end of rally. There is the possibility of staying one more night at the hotel.

If you like the project, please let us know so we can make an estimate on the number of potential participants and go on with the organization. Don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.



Please contact:- jacques.mauffre@t-online.de or jean-pierre.boiroux@wanadoo.fr.

Your reply will not be considered as an entry confirmation, but simply an indication for the number of possible participants.

With best wishes for a happy New Year and hoping to see you soon again,

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