



# ROLLS-ROYCE ENTHUSIASTS' CLUB

*NORTH EASTERN  
SECTION NEWSLETTER*

*MARCH/APRIL  
2016*

## 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 13 March</b>	Lunch at Simonstone Hall near Hawes - JC.
<b>Wednesday 16 March</b>	The Old Mill, Metal Bridge, Coxhoe
<b>Wednesday 20 April</b>	The Old Mill, Metal Bridge, Coxhoe
<b>Sunday 24 April</b>	Drive it Day at Middlesbrough & District Motor Club -
<b>Saturday 7 May</b>	61 Engineer Regiment Open Day, Ripon - BS
<b>Thur/Mon 5-9 May</b>	Invitation to join JDC Area 11 on their trip to Holland
<b>Monday 16 May</b>	Track day Middlesbrough Kart Track - JDC
<b>Wednesday 18 May</b>	The Mill, Metal Bridge, Coxhoe
<b>Sunday 22 May</b>	Stokesley picnic, Busby Hall - RM
<b>Sunday 5 June</b>	Picnic at Thorp Perrow Arboretum - JC
<b>Wednesday 15 June</b>	The Old Mill, Metal Bridge, Coxhoe
<b>Fri/Sun 24/26 June</b>	National Rally at Burghley House - Club event
<b>Sunday 3 July</b>	MGOC Rally at Tynedale RUFC, Corbridge.
<b>Sunday 17 July</b>	NECPWA Rally at Newby Hall.
<b>Wednesday 20 July</b>	The Old Mill, Metal Bridge, Coxhoe
<b>Sunday 24 July</b>	Summer barbeque - AF
<b>Sat/Sun 6/7 August</b>	North of England Rally at Harewood House - Club event
<b>Sun 14 August</b>	Raby Castle Classic Car show - JDC
<b>Wednesday 17 August</b>	The Old Mill, Metal Bridge, Coxhoe
<b>August (tbc)</b>	Road run/Tanfield Railway/pub meal by Aston Martin works, Beamish - TM
<b>Sunday 11 September</b>	Visit to Kilburn - RH
<b>Wednesday 21 September</b>	The Old Mill, Metal Bridge, Coxhoe
<b>Sunday 25 September</b>	NECPWA Beamish Rally at Beamish Museum - BS
<b>Wednesday 19 October</b>	The Old Mill, Metal Bridge, Coxhoe
<b>Sat 11/13 November</b>	NEC Classic Car Show - JC
<b>Wednesday 16 November</b>	The Old Mill, Metal Bridge, Coxhoe
<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?

### 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:**

Geoff Mansfield, squeezed into the co-pilot's seat in a Vulcan bomber at Sunderland, during our visit last summer.





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### Roger's Ramblings

**O**liver Langton and the 10hp Rolls-Royce, U44:  
I first met Oliver when he was competing in a VSCC Lakeland trial in a 1932 Chrysler. He was a builder with his brother Eric in Horsforth Leeds. They had both been speedway riders. The place to visit on a Saturday afternoon was the builder's yard in Horsforth. The fettling and tuning of J.A.P. engines with megaphone exhausts running on methanol, and lubricated with Castrol 'R', must have been as disturbing to the neighbours as it was exciting to me.

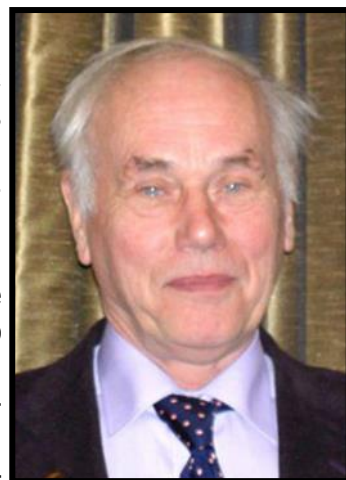
One of the other projects in the yard in 1956 was the conversion of a Phantom 1 hearse into a trails car, briefly... Body removed, chassis shortened by 2'6", front brakes removed, Twin rear wheels (ex-army 3 ton truck) fitted, twin hand brakes, one for each rear wheel, seats but no body. It sounds crude but it wasn't at all. (I wonder what Sir Henry would have thought about it?! Ed) In the 1950's there were over a thousand trades in Leeds, if you couldn't get it made in Leeds, it couldn't be made! I wonder if this car still exists?... I haven't heard of it.

In one of the sheds was what Oliver always called 'the old Rolls' when I first saw it Oliver had just started restoration, my memory was that it was complete except for lamps. The radiator was badly damaged and the fan bracket badly broken. After restoration U44 was used frequently, and was seen at many motoring events, one of these was on a VSCC Thursday evening at Burnt Yates, a pub near Harrogate. Oliver appeared in 'the old Rolls' with newly varnished coach work, explaining that it was because he was to take the bride to church for a family wedding. I was thinking this was to be in Leeds, but he explained that his son was getting married in Germany on Monday. "How are you getting there?" "Tomorrow we drive to Hull, ferry from Hull to Rotterdam, Saturday drive across Holland to Germany, Sunday clean 'the old Rolls' then back home on Thursday."

I don't think Oliver realised that U44 was the oldest Rolls-Royce in existence, it had a proper carburettor, automatic advance and retard, three speed gear box, a smooth clutch and good brakes, and it defined the motor car for the next 100 years.

Now the important bit.. If you search on Google for U44 all you get is an underwater pressure vessel with evil intent. A bloody submarine, not the most inspirational motor car I have ever been associated with. Mr Google, you've got it all wrong!

***Roger Hall***





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## Contact point comments

The AGM took place on 17th January 2016 at the Northallerton Court Hotel which provided the same excellent facilities and cuisine as in previous years to the 30 representatives of the 18 households that were present.

There were no nominations to join the Committee, and with the resignation of Mark Ramsey, the Committee for the forthcoming season is eight in number. Roger Hall continues as Chairman as does Derek Moss as Vice-Chairman, and Rod Macleod as Secretary and Treasurer. The five Committee Members are Jim Clark, Allan Fishburn, Tony Henfrey, Tony Minta and Bernie Surtees.

Martin Vinson continues as Newsletter Editor as does John Harrison as Webmaster.

Your Committee has prepared a substantial programme of events for the 2016 season and would greatly appreciate and welcome your support through your attendance at them. The first event of the season for the Section is a road run to Simonstone Hall near Hawes on Sunday 13th March.

The Drive-It-day is an important day to take older cars out onto the open road. Last year the Section joined with the event organised by the Middlesbrough and District Motor Club, which is being held on Sunday 24th April this year.

*Rod MacLeod.*



## Newsletter Editor's comments

First this is a gentle reminder for those who have not yet paid their subscription for section membership, that now is the time so to do. This newsletter is being sent to all those who paid last year, so do not think that you have paid just because you receive this one. Non payment over the next few days will mean that this is the last newsletter you will receive this year.

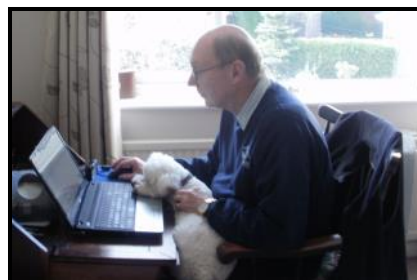
As you will have seen from Rod's report, the AGM

went off well, though I was sorry that Mark Ramsey had decided to come off the committee. However, when one is working, that must take priority, unlike us old

codgers with nothing better to do!

Ian Hick, President of the Yorkshire Section, was doing the honours for the Club's Board of Directors and gave a short talk bringing us all up to date with matters at The Hunt House. He then presented Peter Kitching with his 30 year badge, congratulating him on his long standing membership and enthusiasm.

Roger Hall had deliberated with himself with regard to the Ray Hornsby Memorial Trophy, and decided that it should go to Tony Gray for his 1936, Park Ward, 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Derby Bentley, Sports Saloon, B35JY.





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For some reason, best known to themselves, the committee very kindly awarded me the McGarr Trophy. I am honoured to receive this, now for the second time, and am grateful to the trust that is placed in me to produce this newsletter. As I said at the meeting, I am indebted to Jackie for all the assistance that she gives me. She is the one who can spell, and were it not



for her, the newsletter would be a load of rubbish, and probably never be circulated at all.

So - here we go again. I would welcome your contributions. We do not have a letters page, but why not start one? Write to me about anything and I will print it, provided it is not to do with religion or politics, as these are too divisive!

I have gone back a few months this time to find a photo for the front page. Geoff looks very pleased to have shoe-horned himself into that seat! It was obviously a good day, and I believe the JDC returned for another visit later in the year.

As you will see, below, we have again been invited to join the Middlesbrough and District Motor Club for the Drive-It-Day run on 24th April. It was a pleasant run last year, and, I think, enjoyed by the few who turned up. There was a catering problem at the lunch on our return, but this has now been addressed. Unfortunately I have volunteered to marshal on one of the HERO events in Scotland, which starts on that day, so I will have to give it a miss.

There are also details, below, of an invitation to a picnic at Busby Hall, near Stokesley, from Barry Dodd CBE, Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, and long time Yorkshire Section member, who, I believe, has recently bought the place. There is also a booking form to complete.

The MGOC Northumbria Classic Vehicle Rally is on again this year. I understand that the field was flooded up to the level of the rugby post cross bars, in December, and that the MGOC organisers have not yet managed to gain access to the field, or their container holding all their equipment. Anyway the date is set for Sunday 3rd July, and booking will again be via the Eventbrite website. More details in the next newsletter.

There is a note about the North of England Rally and a booking form towards the end of the newsletter.

Geoff and Sheila Mansfield are currently swanning around New Zealand. In fact most of our friends seem to have been over there recently. Of course, motor cars were not forgotten and Geoff sent a couple of photos which are of interest. Can anyone identify the two Rolls-Royce Motor Cars? My reference books cannot cope with NZ number plates! (see over)

*Martin*



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## Welfare

I am sorry to have to report that Derek Moss is currently in hospital with a poorly leg. This seems to have been going on for some time, so we all wish him a very speedy recovery. Also Colin Hutchinson has been back in hospital, this time with suspected heart problems after an operation. Poor Colin and Gladys do seem to be going through it at the moment, and we wish them both well. I spoke to Colin recently and he seemed very cheerful despite all the problems he has been suffering.

## Where we are going:-

### 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. We have been offered a discount on the cost of the meal, but in order to qualify for this we need 20 people to attend. At present just eleven have booked, so more support is needed.

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 1230hrs for 1300hrs 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 1030hrs, 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 13th 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 though, and don't quote me!) Alternatively you may prefer to have a wander around the town, or even visit the Wensleydale Cheese Factory where we were a couple of years ago. 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. 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, I have put my name on the booking form. 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. According to their list of events the cost of entry is £5 per person.

*Martin*

## 21 Engineer Regiment, Ripon – Saturday 7 May

**W**e have been invited by the Yorkshire Dales Classic Car Club to join them at Claro Barracks, Ripon, on Saturday 7 May. The regiment are having an open day from 1100hrs to 1600hrs and are hoping for a good turn out. Our friends at the JDC have also been invited to join in.

Bernie Surtees has kindly volunteered to co-ordinate the event from our end so please contact him (Tel: 01388 832941 e-mail: berniesurtees@dsl.pipex.com, also a booking form on page 21) if you would like to attend. I am sure that there will be some security, as it is a military venue, so they will want names of attendees and details of cars, plus ID on arrival.

See page 20 for their flyer .

*Martin*

## Busby Hall Picnic, Carlton in Cleveland, near Stokesley – Sunday 22 May

**W**e have been invited by Barry Dodd CBE, Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, to attend a picnic at his home at Busby Hall. Barry Dodd is a long standing member of the Yorkshire section, and the invitation comes via them.



Busby Hall is a Grade II listed building built in 1764 for members of the Marwood family. It is pleasantly situated in a spacious park, closed in on the South by the Cleveland Hills, and with views to the front over the Leven Vale. In the grounds are some fine specimens of the Indian and Black Cedars, Wellingtonia, and other species. On the lawn is a magnificent specimen of the Spanish Chestnut, which covers about one-fifth of an acre, and is supposed to be about 500 years old. The Estate includes extensive woodlands stretching for around one thousand acres.

For those history buffs, the Marwoods were seated at the Hall for over 250 years. George Marwood Esq High Sheriff of Yorkshire in 1651/1674 was created a Baronet by Charles II but after four descents the title became extinct. The family of Marwoods seem to have lived in the area since 1600. The Marwood Estate title deeds from 1544 - 1769 are retained in NYCC Archives. The Busby Hall records contain details of three related families; Marwood, Metcalfe, and Hitch. Interestingly Henry Hitch was the Receiver of General Window Tax in the West Riding and the City of York.

The present Busby Hall is said to have been built after a fire in 1764. It is in L plan in the classical style. Constructed from finely-coursed herringbone tooled sandstone, with a Lakeland slate roof. Off the Grand Hall to the left is a branching cantilevered staircase of admirable proportions. The Hall was commissioned by Jane, a descendant of the Marwood family, wife of Cholmley Turner MP. On his death his estates passed to others in the Family and Jane returned to Busby Hall. In the year she was widowed Jane Turner did what everyone else in Yorkshire was doing, she called in John Carr of York. He was the most famous Yorkshire Architect of the day with one of his greatest creations being Harewood House. The archives still contain details of Carr's design proposals. However for reasons unclear Jane Turner eventually gave the job to Kirkleatham builder Robert Corney, who, whilst retaining many of Carr's features, executed a less extravagant design, though one clearly based on the drawings of Carr.

Issues of inheritance with Jane refusing to allow the property to descend to the female of the line became the inspiration for Ford Madox Ford's book *Parade's End*. This book formed the basis of the 2012 BBC II series of the same name directed by Sir Tom Stoppard. It starred Benedict Cumberbatch as the central figure. His family home Groby Park being based on Busby Hall. In the final act of the series the 500 year old Spanish Chestnut on the lawn of Busby Hall is felled. However in reality a polystyrene model was used and the tree survived.

For our visit we will park on the side lawns and on the approach to the House. Toilet facilities will be available in the House. A tour of the surrounding woodland and specimen trees will be available, conducted by an expert woodsman, for those who are interested in nature.

Members are reminded that this is a private house and a family home.

It is not open to the public and we are privileged to be granted permission to picnic here. Please bear that in mind and ensure that litter is cleanly disposed of and that no damage is done to any part of the Estate.

The Hall is located just outside the village of Carlton in Cleveland North Yorkshire. Postcode TS9 7DQ. This does work and takes you to the Hall. For those without Satnav, enter the village of Carlton in Cleveland and drive past the Pub on your left. After approx 400metres there is a sharp Right Hand bend in the road with a minor road straight ahead. Follow the minor road. Busby Hall is on the left after about 100metres.

The venue has been made available free of charge. However a collection of £5.00 per car will be made on the day. The proceeds from this will be donated to a Charity selected by the Lord Lieutenant.





## Picnic at Thorp Perrow Arboretum – 5 June

This is a visit to the arboretum not far from Bedale, and we can either have a picnic in the grounds or visit their café. We have been offered a discounted entrance fee, provided at least ten people are present. This will give full access to the site, including a birds of prey demonstration.

There is ample parking, and the visit should be a leisurely and enjoyable experience.

Fill in the booking form on page 23 and return it to Jim Clark as soon as possible, as he will need to know numbers.

## North of England Rally – Sunday 7th August

It is time to remind you to book for the major event in your Section calendar. The North of England Rally at Harewood House, near Harrogate.

It will again be held in the beautiful grounds of Harewood House where we are allowed to park in front of the magnificent stately home, as usual.

The Rally provides many pleasures from the initial entrance down the impressive tree lined drive, to the unique opportunity to study, at close quarters, a range of Club cars, which are rarely seen elsewhere. There will be the Club shop, a variety of food and refreshments, plus a very interesting house and gardens to visit. Combine this with the delight of meeting old and new friends, and you have the recipe for a perfect day.

Many members make a full weekend of it, and book in at the Majestic Hotel in Harrogate. The food is excellent and the staff very friendly. On the Saturday there will be an interesting drive of approximately 40 miles through the stunning Yorkshire countryside, followed in the evening by a Grand Gala Dinner in the ballroom of the hotel, including a drinks reception and entertainment by “My Favourite Things “ The UK’s No 1 vintage song and dance act.

Further details and a booking form are on pages 25-27 below.

Don’t delay - book today!

**Jeff Dennis**

Another blast from the past! I think this was taken at Barry Pickering’s caravan site, but I do not know when! Note Gordon’s Silver Dawn centre stage!



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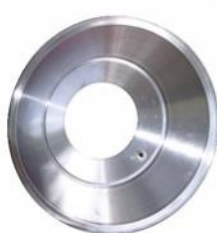
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