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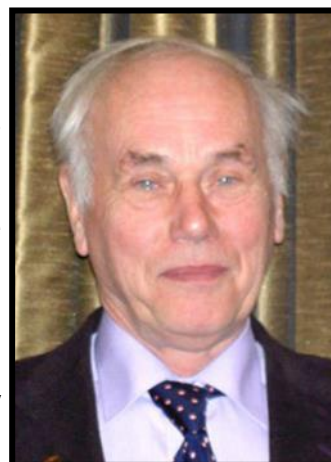
1925 Silver Ghost, 120EU, Barrel Tourer
by Barker, on the RREC Stand, at the
NEC last November.

Roger's Ramblings

Bernie has taken on the role of membership secretary, primarily to encourage new members to the RREC, and existing members to join us in the North Eastern Section. The cars members own, and the postal areas members live in, will help us plan events to make them more local and appropriate to members interests. A tall order I acknowledge, but there were some interesting ideas at the last committee meeting.

In 1972 Jan and I, together with our PII, toured Denmark with the RREC. One of the interesting cars in the party was Bill Meredith-Owens 1926 PI (Chassis No. 71 DC). This was an ex Mahajan's car, an open 4 seat tourer with polished alloy body, tiger lamps, and gun supports. Total mileage 5300 miles. It had occasional problems with its starter when it had to be started on the handle.

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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 2017

14 May	Hurworth Village Classic Car rally - AF
27 May	Skyline Middlesbrough Air Show - BS
4 June	Ormesby Hall, Middlesbrough - MV
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 - BS
30 July	Ripon Old Cars at Ripon Racecourse
5/6 August	North of England Rally - see details and booking form below
13 August (tbc)	Raby Castle
28 August	Swainby Village Fete - AF
September	North Yorkshire's 19C Iron Workings - RH
24 September	NECPWA Rally at Beamish - BS
29 Sep/1 Oct	Section weekend based at Doxford Hall, Northumberland - MV/TH
Oct/Nov (tbc)	Visit to RAF Leeming - JC
10/11/12 November (tbc)	Classic Motor Show, NEC - JC
20 December	Christmas Event - RM

It is also proposed to arrange a visit to RAF Boomer, and resurrect the Tanfield Railway event, at a time to be arranged.

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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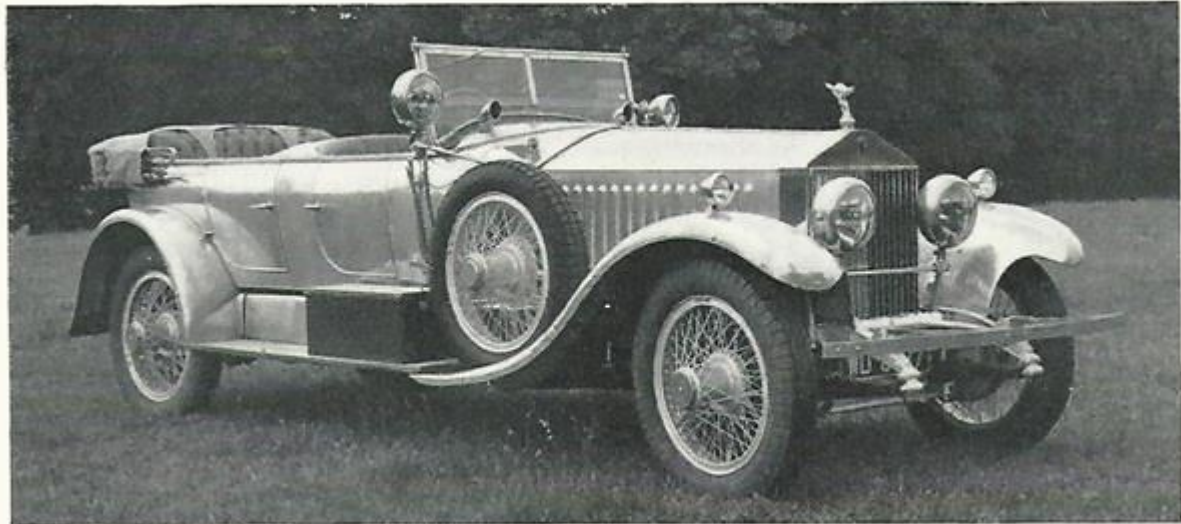
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One evening Bill invited one to accompany him into the nearest town for fuel. Riding in the back of what was a brand new 1926 PI was a not to be repeated experience. We arrived in the town, stopped at the pumps, and were soon in the centre of a crowd. Bill asked me to check the oil. We got back in, Bill pressed the starter button.. nothing.

The crowd were beginning to enjoy the embarrassment of two Englishmen in a Rolls-Royce that would not start. I got out, starting handle to hand, and as I passed the front of the car I noticed the flying lady was not facing forward. I adjusted the lady, nodded to Bill who pressed the starter, the engine started. We drove off doing our best to keep straight faces.



1926 ROLLS-ROYCE New Phantom

Chassis No. 71 DC

So if you have supposed it to be a myth that our cars will not proceed unless the lady is looking forward, this is not so, it is true! As witnessed by Danish onlookers.

Roger

Newsletter Editor's comments

At the time of writing, I understand that the take up of members to join the Section is down again this year, so I am sending this to all those who joined last year. This means that this will be your last newsletter if you have not joined. I have left the form to be filled in, and returned to Rod, if you would like to join the section, and have not already done so, at the end of this newsletter

Some of you may have noticed that I have done away with the front cover. There is still a photo on the first page, but this way it means that I can use either a portrait or landscape image.

I admit to being biased, but the Silver Ghost in the photo on page one, was, to me, by far the most interesting car at the NEC show. One does not see cars like this on the roads everyday, yet the majority of the public visiting the stand chose to look at the modern products of Goodwood and Crewe in preference to those of Derby - strange!



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Omitted from the last newsletter were the names of the members awarded the McGarr and Ray Hornsby Memorial trophies, at the AGM in January. Roger was pleased to announce that the McGarr Trophy had been awarded to Derek Moss, for his support to both Roger and Rod during the year, and that the Ray Hornsby Memorial Trophy was awarded to Peter Kitching for his 25/30 Limousine.



Don't forget we need a new newsletter editor next year.

Martin

Welfare

Just a quick note to say that Jackie and I have managed to sell a substantial number of Malcolm Young's books, and have given over £200 to Wendy for a donation to the British Heart Foundation. Many thanks to all those who have supported this venture. There are still a few more to go!

Where we are going:-

National Drive-it Day - Sunday 23rd April 2017

Visit to Kirkharle, Capability Brown's Coffee House followed by Lunch at the Highlander Pub, Higham Dykes.

On Sunday Morning, we can either meet at the Washington Services North Bound car park, on the A1, to leave at 0945hrs, for a Leisurely drive to Capability Brown's Coffee House, or alternatively we could meet at Kirkharle. Travel on the A696 (Jedburgh road) past the airport, through Ponteland and Belsay to the B6342 crossroads. Turn left there to Hexham and Kirkharle is 700yds on the right down the slope. The post code is NE19 2PE.

Either way, on arrival there will be tea/coffee, and freshly baked homemade scones at 1030hrs. In addition there are courtyard shops to visit, a walk round the lake or even a Grade One Listed church, dedicated to St. Wilfrid (634-709AD).

Robson Green, the actor and television presenter, recently filmed at Kirkharle for episode one of the series Further Tales of Northumberland.

At about 1300hrs, we will leave to travel to The Highlander PH, at Higham



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Medium beef or pork	£ 9.50
Medium Chicken	£10.95
Buster beef or Pork	£11.95
Buster Chicken	£12.95
Vegetarian lasagne	£ 9.95
Broccoli bake	£ 9.95
Dessert of the day	£ 5.25
Tea	£ 2.00
Coffee	£ 2.00

Please note there is £2.50 per Household Contribution to be deducted from your total cost, if you are a section member.

Please make Cheques payable to RREC North Eastern Section

And return to:-

Derek Moss Scots Villa Rockcliffe Way Eighton Banks NE9 7XT

No later than Saturday 8th April

Derek

Hurworth Village Classic Car Show, 14 May 2017

Please contact Allan Fishburn if you are interested in joining this event.

Skylive Air Show, 27 May 2017

The following has been received from Noel Lindford, Chairman of the Tyne Tees Centre of the MG Car Club. For further details contact Bernie Surtees.

I'm managing the **Classic Cars Display** for **Skylive 2017**, taking place at **Durham-Tees Valley Airport** on **Saturday 27th May**.

Details of the event can be found on the Skylive Events website at <http://skyliveevents.co.uk/> The event last year was a major success, with huge public support on the day, and I am sure that this year will be equally as good.

You are invited to mount a display of your **Rolls-Royce Enthusiasts' Club (NE)** members' cars, and I have allocated you space for **up to eight cars**.

To encourage interesting displays, the Skylive Events team are awarding a trophy for the most imaginative and creative Club Display of the Day, which will be chosen by a distinguished guest judge. With over 200 cars on display from 20 clubs, plus individual entries, I hope your club will rise to the challenge!

I would suggest you compile a list of your eight (or less) agreed cars. The name of the game is to display the range and variety of your members' cars.

(Unsure how many cars you displayed last year, so if you will need less than eight spaces, please let me know, so I can free up overall space for other marques)

Once you have the agreed collection of cars, then please advise those owners to complete the attached booking form for their car and send in direct to me.

Please let me have a copy of your agreed list of cars, once known, so I can check off the individual entries once received....thanks.

I aim to ensure that all invited clubs have enough space to allow the cars to be displayed at their best and allow the public to get round your display to see the cars with no harm to themselves, or, just as importantly, your cars!

The booking form allows free entry for the driver and one passenger in one vehicle. Any additional passenger(s) in any larger cars being displayed will need to pay the appropriate entry fee as shown on the booking form.

All booking forms to be sent by each entrant direct to me please, along with any cheques for extra passengers (made out to Skylive Events). I am keeping a spreadsheet tracker for all the club entries and it would help if you could also track the number of your club entries.

Deadline for entries is 17th May.

Please note: as the classic car displays are effectively "airside" there is a time window for **entry between 7:45am and 9:45 am**. Any cars arriving after that time will not be allowed to take part in the display. For safety reasons this will be strictly enforced. It is a working airport! I and my team will be there from 7:30am, ready to go. It also means we are all located in the very best place to see the air displays!

I will have the master site layout with me, and my team of MGCC marshals (with hi-viz tabards) will direct all vehicles to their allotted display area.

Arrangements will of course be in place to allow anyone and their car off site in an emergency, but effectively the event takes place from 10:00am until no later than 6:00pm, after which time all display cars will be able to leave.

There will be plenty of caterers on site from early morning, so that people can get breakfast refreshment, and of course, food and drinks throughout the day.

If you need any further information at any time, please email or call me. Here's to a great day out, and I look forward to welcoming you on the day!

Best regards,

Noel Lindford 07432 152095

Chairman

Tyne-Tees Centre

MG Car Club

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Visit to Ormesby Hall, Middlesbrough - 1100hrs 4th June 2017

Ormesby Hall, a Grade I listed building, is a predominantly 18th-century mansion house built in the Palladian style and completed in 1754. As I expect you all know, it is situated in Ormesby, on the outskirts of Middlesbrough.

The home of the Pennyman family, originally dating from c.1600, the property has been much modernised. Now described as a "classic Georgian mansion", it comprises a main residential block and an adjacent stable block. The stable block housed the horses of Cleveland Police Mounted Section until their disbandment in



December 2013.

The Pennyman family, which began acquiring land in Ormesby in the 16th century, bought the Manor of Ormesby in about 1600 from the Conyers/Strangeways family. The Pennyman family then acquired a Baronetcy granted by Charles II for fighting on the side of the royalists in the English Civil War.

The Pennyman baronetcy became extinct in 1852 with the death of Sir William Pennyman, however, the family continued to live in the house until 1983 when the National Trust opened the property, and its 110 hectares (270 acres) of land to the public after the death of Mrs Ruth Pennyman.

The rooms that are open to the public are on two floors, and include significant plasterwork, a Victorian kitchen and laundry areas, gardens and estate walks. There are also model railways.

I thought that we could arrive at about 1100hrs, have a look round then adjourn to the Treebridge Hotel for a two course lunch, which is booked for 1415hrs (2.15pm).

The cost would be £20 per person to include entry to the hall, and the two course lunch and gratuity. Entry to the Hall is free for National Trust members, so if you are a member the cost would be just £15 for the lunch. Remember to bring your membership card.

Please complete the booking form and return to me as soon as possible.

Martin

Harrogate Weekend, including the North of England Rally. Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th August 2017

The following has been received from Jeff Dennis:-

Now is the time to consider booking for the Harrogate Weekend and include the 38th North of England Rally, which takes place on the Sunday in the beautiful grounds of Harewood House.

The whole weekend is very flexible.

Option 1. Make a full weekend of it.

Arrive on the Friday and stay 2 or 3 nights at the Majestic Hotel. Enjoy a pleasant Friday afternoon experiencing the delights of Harrogate and enjoy an excellent evening meal amongst friends. Participate in the drive on Saturday, seeing the stun-

ning Yorkshire countryside, followed by a Gala Dinner, which includes a drinks reception, and evening meal followed by entertainment. Travel to the North of England Rally on the Sunday and meet old friends and view over 200 elegant cars in the unsurpassed setting of Harewood House, one of the North's most impressive stately houses. Stay at the Majestic Hotel for evening meal and travel home refreshed on Monday morning, or leave for home on Sunday after the end of the Rally.

Option 2 Enjoy the Gala Dinner and the Rally; Arrive on the Saturday and stay at the Majestic Hotel for 1 or 2 nights.

Option 3. Travel on the Sunday and enjoy the North of England Rally.

Whichever option you choose you are guaranteed some fantastic leisure time.

This year's 38th North of England Rally is going to be something very special.

First. This is the 60th anniversary of the Club, so the Directors have agreed that entry to the Rally this year will be **free** to members. Yes - you heard that correctly, **Free**. Now you have no excuse. Get yourselves booked in. Fill your boots with picnic paraphernalia and come and join the fun.

Secondly. We are having a raffle for which the prize is! Are you ready for it? **A test drive in one of the new Bentleys.** How is that for something special? This is offered by JCT600 Leodis Court, the Bentley main dealer in Leeds. Half the proceeds will go to their corporate charity.

The entertainment at the Gala Dinner and on the Rally field will be provided by Victoria Yellop. A brilliant female violinist of international repute. Victoria has had the honour of performing for Her Majesty The Queen. Her music ranges from light classical to vibrant Irish jigs.

The booking slip for the North of England Rally is in this Newsletter. Booking slips are in the April and June issue of the National Bulletin and also available on the Club website, so you have no excuses.

We have 40 rooms reserved at the Majestic Hotel until the **end of June**. The cost for dinner bed and breakfast is held at last years prices. £78 per person per night, standard double. £96 single room, £94 premier room per person per night. There will be a supplementary charge of £7 per person to cover the entertainment costs.

Non residents are most welcome to the Gala Dinner. Cost, including the £7 entertainment supplement, is £37 per person

If you wish to stay for the weekend and book into the Majestic Hotel, please indicate on the booking slip. **Book your accommodation direct with the hotel.** Telephone No 01423 700 300, quoting 'RREC member', to obtain the reduced rate. **After you have booked the hotel inform our hotel co-ordinator, Jeff Dennis,** by email jeff@jeffdennis.co.uk or 07966 492333 and he will send you details of the weekend activities at the hotel.

Non residents need to book and pay for the Gala Dinner **direct** with the hotel and also inform Jeff Dennis. Post code for the hotel is HG1 2HU.

Whatever you decide to do, whether it is the full weekend, part weekend or just the Sunday Rally, you know you are going to have an enjoyable time and be made most welcome.

Remember – the North of England Rally is one of the best. Make sure you are part of it.

DO NOT DELAY – BOOK TODAY

There is a booking form at the end of this newsletter, or one can be downloaded from the Club Website.

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



Originally I had booked ten rooms at the Doxford Hall Hotel, as I was not sure how many would be interested in coming. Currently we are fully booked, although it is possible that one more room may become available in the event of a cancellation at the hotel. I have removed the booking form from the end of the newsletter, but if you would still be interested in joining us, let me know and I will start a reserve list.

Martin

Contact point comments

There is not much to write about in terms of events in the winter months of January and February though this winter so far has been appreciably better than some in recent years.

The Section held a Committee Meeting in early February at my house in Newcastle, the first in the North of the patch for some considerable time. This brought together Committee Members from as far afield as Alnwick and Thirsk, and in recognition of this a cooked meal was provided for those present, with baking by my wife adding some sweetness to proceedings.

The story of the night was the experience of our Chairman who rightly acclaims the engineering quality of his Phantom II, but for some reason chose to put his trust into the modern miracle of satnav in his everyday car rather than the directions provided



and ended up getting lost and arriving late, though everything thereafter ran like clockwork.

I am however delighted to advise you all that Bernie Surtees has volunteered to take on the role of Membership Secretary. This appointment was formally confirmed at the February Committee Meeting and I anticipate that Bernie will put his own stamp on the role and make a success of it going forward.

I missed the club night meet in January but attended the February gathering where I met new members David and Elizabeth Younger for the first time. I have to applaud the speed with which David and Elizabeth got their act together in joining the Section. The timeline was buying a car in December, joining the RREC with effect from 1st January, and introducing themselves to the Section at the January meeting on 18th January.

The club nights are gatherings where the subjects are not wholly car related, thus in February, whilst the car related issues discussed included innovations by car manufacturers and their subsequent "adoption" by others, there were reminiscences about the experiences of life, investments and insurances, no references to politics or religion, but sufficient interest in the discussions to keep the group together until almost the end of the evening.

This time of year is the time that the Section Membership Fee of either £10.00 - or £15.00 to receive the Newsletter by post – is payable. I am seeing membership forms and fees come in, but would welcome more from those who have become RREC Members for 2017, but so far not chosen to join the Section for the 2017 season. There is a reminder and form elsewhere in this Newsletter, and I look forward to hearing from those of you who have yet to join the Section.

The events programme has been updated – an ongoing process - and is elsewhere in this Newsletter. I look forward to seeing Section Members at these events going forward.

Rod MacLeod.

Secretary

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