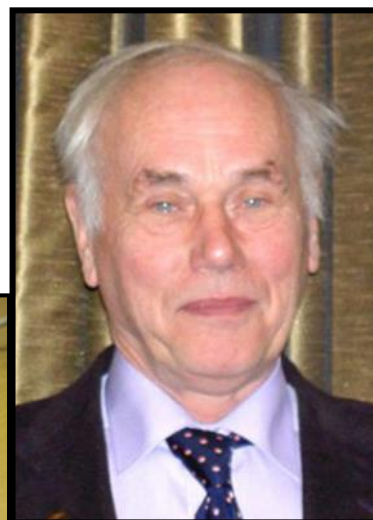




## Roger's Ramblings

I promised myself that I would attend to the seized exhaust cut-out on the Phantom. As with all things Rolls-Royce one thing leads to another. The cut-out is the original fitted to a replacement silencer. Dismantling revealed a crumbling and corroded inlet flange. A new stainless steel flange was made and brazed to the sound butterfly body, now good for another 80 years.



This complicated device has more than 25 components including a floor plate engraved with the warning 'Not to be used in Great Britain'

Opening the cut-out reminds me of a colliery band playing land of hope and glory.

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

### Events for 2015

<b>Wed. 20 May</b>	The Old Mill, Metal Bridge, Coxhoe, 7.30pm.
<b>Sun. 31 May</b>	Visit to Kilburn, Gilling and Byland Abbey - RH
<b>Sat. 6 June</b>	Harewood Classic Hill Climb - JDC
<b>Sun. 14 June</b>	Scampston Hall, Nr Rillington, Malton – NECPWA, York - BS
<b>Wed. 17 June</b>	The Old Mill, Metal Bridge, Coxhoe, 7.30pm.
<b>Sat. 20 June</b>	Classics on show at Stokesley
<b>Fri-Sun. 19-21 June</b>	Annual Rally Burghley House, Stamford
<b>Sat-Sun. 27-28 June</b>	Sledmere House Rally and Nostalgia weekend – NECPWA, York - BS
<b>Sun. 5 July</b>	MGOC Classic Vehicle Rally, Corbridge - MV
<b>Sat. 11 July</b>	North East Land, Sea and Air Museum, Sunderland – MR
<b>Sun. 12 July</b>	BBQ at Allan Fishburn's - AF
<b>Wed. 15 July</b>	The Old Mill, Metal Bridge, Coxhoe, 7.30pm.
<b>Sun. 19 July</b>	Newby Hall Classic Car Show, NECPWA - BS.
<b>Sun. 26 July</b>	Ripon Old Cars, Yorkshire Section.
<b>Sat-Sun 8/9 August</b>	North of England Rally - Harewood House on Sunday
<b>Sat-Sun 8/9 August</b>	Croft Nostalgia Weekend
<b>Sun. 16 August</b>	Raby Castle Classic Car show - JDC event.
<b>Wed. 19 August</b>	The Old Mill, Metal Bridge, Coxhoe, 7.30pm.
<b>Sun. 31 August</b>	Swainby Village classic car show
<b>Wed. 16 September</b>	The Old Mill, Metal Bridge, Coxhoe, 7.30pm.
<b>Sun. 20 September</b>	Visit to automated dairy farm - RM
<b>Sun. 20 September</b>	Croft Track Day – JDC event.
<b>Sun. 27 September</b>	Beamish Open Air museum - DM
<b>Wed. 21 October</b>	The Old Mill, Metal Bridge, Coxhoe, 7.30pm.
<b>Sun. 15 November</b>	NEC Classic Car Show - JC
<b>Wed. 18 November</b>	The Old Mill, Metal Bridge, Coxhoe, 7.30pm.
<b>Wed. 16 December</b>	The Old Mill, Metal Bridge, Coxhoe, 7.30pm Christmas dinner, Provisional for booking for 30 made.

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### Front photo:

1926 Phantom I Barker Torpedo Tourer, exhibited in the Louwman Museum, Netherlands. Originally owned by the Nawab of Hyderabad. The bodywork is finished in polished aluminium and the doors are of polished teak. It is understood the car was used for conveying visiting members of the British Royal Family.





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The glory of Britain in the mid 1930's empire and all that. Hope that the clouds of war would blow away. The collieries have disappeared but the bands are still with us.

A back seat lady passenger once complained of a terrible vibration under her seat and "Turn the damn thing off."

Why did Rolls-Royce fit this device? I don't know, my experience is that the performance is not increased but noise certainly is.

Happy Motoring.

***Roger Hall***

## **Contact Point Comments**

The Sunday lunch event organised by Martin and Jackie Vinson at the Honest Lawyer on 22 March was an enjoyable start to the events season for the section with 35 people in attendance on a fine sunny day resulting in some attending in their "club" cars which is always good to see. The layout of the dining room resulted in a bit of a squeeze, which was probably a contributory factor to a couple of accidents during the serving of the meal and I trust that those affected by those accidents have taken up the offer of redress made by the Honest Lawyer Management.



Derek Moss was not present on 22 March, but had indicated that the numbers at that stage looking to attend the Garden Centre event on 29 March that he had organised, were so low that it looked like the event would have to be cancelled. However, this led to a vigorous promotion of the event at the Honest Lawyer resulting in 20 attending the Garden Centre for what has been described as a relaxed social outing. The event was supported by a £50.00 cost subsidy from Section funds in line with the policy adopted for membership benefits.

This experience perhaps reinforces the need to be somehow more proactive in verbally seeking your support to attend events, but as a relatively new kid on the block I think that task needs to be picked up by a long standing member who is more familiar than I am with individual section members – is there any-one out there willing to take that job on of contacting members on an individual basis to try to garner support for forthcoming events?

The situation with events going forward is that with only seven responses the Bowes Museum event on 19 April had to be cancelled. The Drive it Day event, on 26 April, is being organised by the Middlesbrough and District Motor Club and Jaguar DC but so far only 3 Section members have signed up. The £30.00 cost per car of two people includes refreshments on arrival and a carvery two course lunch. Additional passengers cost £12.00. I have never been on an organised drive like this before and am participating despite the 100 mile round trip to get to it and would hope that more of our members living in the Middlesbrough environs would look to join in. Finally, and recognising that it is not until 11 July, the Sunderland Air Museum event has attracted just two responses to date. The organisers have specifically asked if the

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club would exhibit up to 10 “club” cars.

I continue to be ably supported by Martin Vinson in my attempts to discharge the many and varied tasks that fall to the Secretary of this Section to address but, given that I am also Treasurer of the Section, I will be looking to hand the baton of Secretary on at the AGM. The implementation of a membership fee does suggest that the introduction of a Membership Secretary also to deal with correspondence from Hunt House relating to new Club members and resignations from the Club, would assist in spreading the load of managing the administration of the Section and ensuring that everything is efficiently and effectively dealt with. I would therefore ask if each of you would give some serious consideration to taking on one or other of these two important roles at the next AGM.

I look forward to your continuing support for the Section and the events that have been organised by your Committee for your delectation in the forthcoming months!

**Rod**

### **Newsletter Editor's Wishful Thinking**

There is nothing really to report so far as the newsletter is concerned. I have had no feedback with regard to the last one, so must assume that everyone is happy. Jackie and I have recently been on a weekend trip to Holland, actually arranged and organised by Area 11 of the JDC. We visited the Keukenhof gardens and a “touristy” fishing village, but the main attraction for me was the Louwman Motor Museum at Den Haag. This was a fantastic collection of carts, carriages and motor cars showing the development of the motor vehicle from the horse drawn carts of the nineteenth century, through the luxury vehicles of the 1920s and 30s to the everyday and racing cars of the 1930s, 1940s, 1950s, 1960s and later. It is a family museum dating back to 1934. Most of the cars are in their original condition, alt-





Reconstruction 1896  
Benz Patent Motor Car



though some have been restored. It is the policy of the museum to retain the patina



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12 hp Darracq





of age, but also, whenever possible, to use the exhibits on the road. As a result of

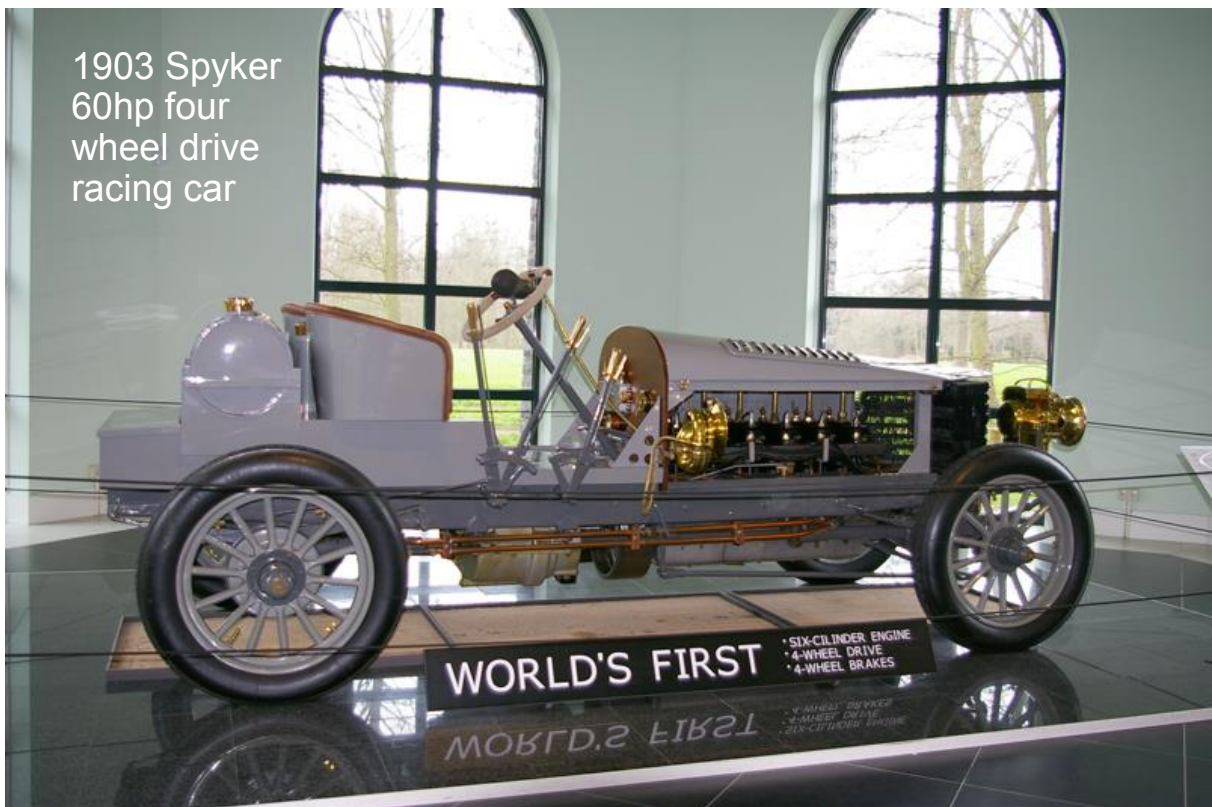


this there was at least one empty space, I think in this instance because the car was in use on the Mille Miglia. It is my guess that there are about 250 vehicles on display, some of which are unique. I would highly recommend a visit if you are ever in that part of the world, but you will need a full day to do it justice.

1912 Detroit Electric Clear Vision Bougham



1903 Spyker  
60hp four  
wheel drive  
racing car







1910 Silver Ghost  
Croall and Croall  
Shooting Brake



1936 Mercedes Benz  
500K Spezial Roadster.

And finally the really weird - 1910 Brooke 25/30 Swan Car. The car was built for a wealthy Englishman who lived in Calcutta. Apart from the normal lights there are bulbs in the swan's eyes which glow in the dark. There is an exhaust driven eight



tone Gabriel horn, operated from a keyboard in the back. Brushes are fitted to the wheels to keep the elephant dung off the tyres. The beak is connected to the cooling system allowing the driver to spray steam onto pedestrians who get in the way. Not least; whitewash could be dumped onto the road from the rear to give an even more life like appearance! Not surprisingly the car caused chaos and panic on its first appearance and police had to be called. It was later sold to the Maharaja of Nabha, who kept the car for over seventy years. Well well, put this museum on your bucket list.

*Martin*

### **Where we have been Sunday lunch at The Honest Lawyer, 22 March.**

There were about 35 of us in the end. It turned out to be a sunny day and there were even some cars of the marque on show in the car park! It was good to see Gordon and Dorothy Terry, especially after Gordon's sojourn in hospital some months ago, and also John and Marilyn Leadbeater and their stunning S3!

After many years of correspondence with The Hunt House, dating back to the time of the Wing Commander, we were all pleased to hear that Colin Hutchinson had, at last, received his 20 year badge. This was duly presented to him by Ian Hick who is not only a member of the Board of Directors, but also President of the Yorkshire







Section.

There was a slight mishap involving a bowl of tomato and red pepper soup, but no permanent damage was done, apart possibly to Ann Snaith's coat. My jacket and Jackie's top went to the dry cleaners, who sorted it all out. It was surprising how far a dropped bowl of soup could travel!

It was a noisy party and no-one seemed to want to leave, so I suppose everyone enjoyed themselves.

*Jackie and Martin*

### **Coffee and a Scone, Brambles Coffee Shop and Garden Centre, Shincliffe Village, Co Durham**

There has been no official report, but Jackie and I were there. After a flurry of late booking forms, there was quite a crowd of us on a somewhat showery Sunday, and a not surprising absence of Cars of the Marque! There were some old faces and some new. We were especially pleased to welcome Kath and John Marlow to what, I think, was their first venture to the North Eastern Section. I hope it will be the first of many. We were also pleased to welcome Keith and Jan Beadle from the JDC.

Tea or coffee with bacon butties were served all round, apart from Jackie who, being a veggie, got a special double fried egg roll. I am not sure if anyone bought much in the centre, but it was certainly given a good going over, after which we repaired once again for more sustenance, this time in the form of tea or coffee and jam and cream scones! It was a very pleasant way to spend a Sunday morning and the North Eastern Section members certainly seem to be a noisy lot when enjoying themselves.

*Martin*

### **Visit to Bowes Museum - 10.30am Sunday 19 April**

This event was, unfortunately, cancelled owing to lack of support. However nine members and friends met for lunch at the Allerton Court Hotel, Northallerton, venue of the last two or three AGMs. A good time was had by all and it was particularly pleasing to see Colin Hutchinson out and about again. Colin and Gladys invited us all back to their house, where the chat continued and videos were shown of a professional organist playing Colin's electronic organ and an excellent video of the last three Lancaster bombers, the Canadian and Memorial Flight aeroplanes flying and the Lincolnshire one taxiing.

### **Drive it day - Sunday 26 April**

An embarrassing turn-out of only three cars booked at the time of writing.

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

#### **Kilburn-Gilling-Byland - Sunday 31 May**

We will meet at the Mouseman Visitor Centre, Kilburn, YO61 4AH, at 11.00am where refreshments of our own choice will be available for those who would like them. At about 12.15pm we will leave for a short scenic drive to Gilling East to visit the Ryedale Society of Model Engineers and their extensive layout of model steam locomotives. ([www.rsme.org.uk](http://www.rsme.org.uk)) Also at Gilling is an interesting church and



the Fairfax Arms!

We will leave at 2.15pm for a short drive to the Abbey Tea Rooms, opposite the ruins of Byland Abbey, ([www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk)), for a light lunch of vegetable soup and Tuna, Ham or Cheese sandwiches with a portion of chips, tea or coffee.

The cost for the lunch is £12 per person including a gratuity and a small donation to the Engineering Society.

A map of the route will be provided at Kilburn.

*Janice Hall*

### **Stokesley Classic Car Show - Saturday 20 June**

If anyone is interested in attending this event, the booking form is not yet available but information will be posted on their website in due course.

<http://www.classiconshow.co.uk/> please keep a look out and make you own arrangements.

### **Annual Rally - 19/21 June**

There is a booking form on the Club website.

### **MGOC Classic Vehicle Rally, Tynedale Park, Corbridge - Sunday 5 July**

This popular event is taking place again this year. I have not managed to attend for the past two years, but hope to this July. An entry form is included at the end of this newsletter, so please complete this and return it to me in due course. Those who have attended in the past may be contacted direct by the MGOC, with an invitation to book direct via a booking website. If you do book this way, do not forget to include that you are members of the RREC so you can be included on our stand. Also it would be very helpful if you could let me know so that I am aware of numbers. As usual there is no charge for entry for exhibitors. It is understood that the show, as in previous years, will be open to all makes of vintage, veteran and classic vehicles classified as follows:

Cars: Pre-war, 1940s, 1950s, 1960s, 1970s; Historic Commercial Vehicles; Classic Motorcycles; Other Interesting Vehicles.

MG Northumbria have agreed that we may have a Club Stand again, so the more entries the better, to give a good display.

The show will open to entrants at 9 am and to the public from 11 am. It will close with the presentation of awards at 4pm.

There are usually other attractions, probably of a musical nature, various stalls, a bar and refreshments.

As in past years, proceeds from the show will be donated to several local charities.

*Martin*

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## **North East Land, Sea and Air Museum, Sunderland**

### **Saturday 11 July**

So far there has not been a good response to this invitation. Possibly because of the requirement for cars to be on site before 0900 and not allowed to leave until after 1600. (Sorry that's just my opinion - ed!) However, if you would like to join the North East Land, Sea and Air Museum, Sunderland on Saturday 11th July 2015, please complete the form at the end of this newsletter and return it to Mark Ramsey. A booking form is also on the website.

The Trident aircraft, which will be officially opened, will be attended by many of its former pilots, some of which went on to fly Concorde. They are also having a few cars from the Sunderland classic car club, as well as bouncy castles and face painting for children, and a flight sim. group will bring the flight deck experiences, as well as all the museum's exhibits and the Vulcan open. More is being added in the coming weeks.

### **Allan's BBQ - Sunday 12 July**

Allan Fishburn has kindly offered to host a barbeque at his house at 10 Pinder Close, Norton, Stockton on Tees, TS20 1TN. Please note there are three 'sittings'! A booking form is attached below. Please bring your own drink.

### **North of England Rally - 8/9 August**

The booking form is attached below. No doubt Jim Clark will be looking for volunteers for some marshalling, so please rally round to give assistance at, what to many members in the north, is the only rally they attend.

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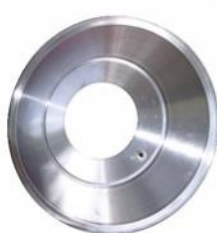
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