



ROLLS-ROYCE ENTHUSIASTS' CLUB

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1926, Phantom I, Barker Tourer (Replica),
at the North of England Rally.

Roger's Ramblings

Ariel, Scott, Matchless, Norton, Humber, Triumph, Velocette, Sunbeam, AJS all British motorbikes owned by members of the Vintage Motorcycle Club at their meeting recently at Sutton Bank Gliding Club.

These members were all 60+ the camaraderie, exercise, and mental agility needed to use these machines must contribute greatly to the wellbeing of the rider.

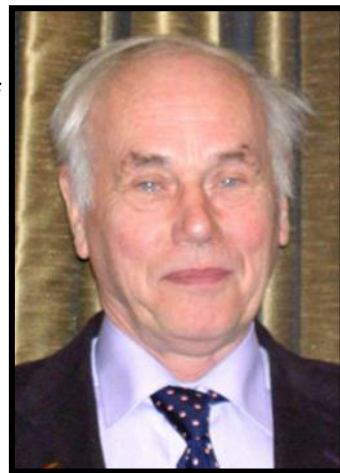
What has this to do with the RREC? Not much, except as an example of how to remain young and active. Can I request a 1924 AJS as a Motability scooter?

It seems that every weekend event, charity, gala, show etc. has to have a classic car attraction. Our members are often involved or pressed to attend.

This means that unless it is a major RREC event like Harewood or the National, members who are actively using their cars are unable to attend section events in the numbers to make events viable.

Is it not time for the RREC to fund sections out of the annual subscription on a per capital basis on section allocated members, instead of a section membership subscription? Just a thought.

Roger



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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

24 September	NECPWA Rally at Beamish - BS
29 Sep/1 Oct	Section weekend based at Doxford Hall, Northumberland - MV/TH
Oct/Nov (tbc)	North Yorkshire's 19C Iron Workings - RH
Oct/Nov (tbc)	Visit to RAF Leeming - JC
11 November	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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Contact Point Comments

I think that the RREC Northern Rally at Harewood House is the premier event for owners of cars of the marque in the North of England and the fact that entry was free of charge this year perhaps contributed to a good turn-out of cars on display – and the weather was pretty good too.

I did not get to see many of the cars on display as I had put my 2001 “Y” Plate Bentley Arnage Red Label into the selling plate, and naturally spent most of the day with my car responding to the interest that it attracted, though it remains unsold at this stage. Enquiries from anyone interested in purchasing the car would be welcomed as I am looking to acquire an older vehicle. Additional information is included in this Newsletter.



A visitor to the rally owning a Bentley Arnage and living locally explained that he was neither a member of the RREC or the BDC and expressed his surprise at seeing so many Bentley cars at what was billed as an RREC event. I found the experience interesting in that it reinforced the acknowledged need by the RREC Board to better promote the RREC as a club for Bentley owners, as well as for the owners of Rolls-Royce motor cars.

I have been watching the Womens' Rugby World Cup competition, which does not appear to have received a great deal of publicity, even though some good stuff is being played, and England have done well so far, and are through to the semi-finals. Apparently, the contingent of North Wales players in the Welsh squad travel four hours each way to Cardiff for training three times per week. What commitment! That really does make the invitations to our members to infrequently travel to meetings or section events in terms of commitment pale into insignificance.

Having said that, the second Committee Meeting of the Section to be held in the North of the patch in recent times took place earlier this month at the home of our Vice-Chairman in Gateshead who provided first class hospitality which was much appreciated by a full turn-out of Committee Members. The Section Newsletter Editor has made it crystal clear for some time that he is stepping down from his role at the end of the year after some 16 years of service. There have been no volunteers to take the role forward so far. However, there was some indication at this meeting that a willing and able replacement has been identified. Whether this translates into a light of salvation at the end of the tunnel or an express train coming the other way in the form of the arrangement falling through is currently an outcome to be awaited.

The Committee had some interesting discussion around risk assessment at events and membership arrangements, which probably tie in with the review of the “Rules for Sections”. The RREC Deputy Chairman in Annual Conference earlier this year stated that this review would take place. Some of the points raised had arisen from discussion with RREC members from other parts of the country at the Annual Rally and at this stage, all of this might just prove that as things move forward, we will find ourselves living in interesting times!

Rod MacLeod
Secretary

Welfare

I am pleased to report that Sheila is back on the mend, and will shortly be fully operational. One unfortunate by-product of the operation is that DVLA have taken away

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her driving licence. Luckily this is only temporary, and hopefully she will be back behind the wheel before too long.

Newsletter Editor's Comments

I received the following e-mail from Peter Kitching regarding the last newsletter. *Two corrections if I may from Bernie's report on Skylive: The Tornado was a Typhoon Eurofighter and my car is a 25/30 Park Ward and not a Hooper (I was confused as to why my number plate was blanked off?).* Apologies to Peter for the error with respect to the coachbuilder of his car. I should have checked! I am not sure what people think about photos which include number plates. In the past I have included the number plate, but I have noticed that some other clubs blank them off. However, the Bulletin does not, so in future I shall take my lead from them.

At the last committee meeting, John Harrison reported that there had been over 250k hits on the section website so far this year. I believe that this is pretty much the average, and therefore means that there is the opportunity for the newsletter to be seen that number of times!

But for how much longer? The next newsletter at the beginning of November will be my last one. I understand that there is someone who might take it on, and indeed I hope there is. I have enjoyed the last sixteen years, but feel that it is time for someone else to have a go. It has changed and developed over the years, since I took over from Cynthia Fairley, who had also edited it for a long time. It needs to develop again, especially to keep up with today's technology.

Martin

Where we have been:-

Some attended the MGOC Classic Vehicle show at Corbridge, some the NECPWA show at Newby Hall, and some the Ripon Old Cars



show at Ripon Racecourse. Here are a couple of photos.



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Peter Kitching has obviously fallen on hard times and has resorted to busking at Newby Hall, to support the upkeep of his 25/30!

The North of England Rally at Harewood House, was well attended this year, with a larger turnout of cars than in the last few years. Surely that cannot have had anything to do with free entry?



Where we are going:-

Evening Gala Dinner in aid of JPC Community Farm - Saturday 23 September

This is an event being organised on our behalf by Allan Fishburn. We are being invited to apply to display our cars, although Allan tells me that they will automatically be accepted, and/or attend the Gala Dinner. Ticket prices for the dinner are understood to be in the region of £60 to £80 per head.

The event will include:

Tiff Needell Ex Top Gear and Fifth Gear Presenter and Motoring Legend
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Beamish Open Air Museum - Sunday 24 September

This event is open to all pre 2000 model cars; i.e. no new style number plates, which will be sent to the main entrance.

Please do not arrive before 09.00, but if possible not later than 11.00. The event exit gate will not open before 16.00.

On approach, please prominently display your NECPWA annual car member, or guest, pass, for free entry, or pay £6 per person at the show gate.

If it is good weather the catering is always busy, so bring a picnic and chairs. Note the main entrance full price of £19pp applies to everyone else, and has no vehicular access to show field.

Would all who expect to attend let me know, and I will ensure sufficient parking space on our pitch as usual.

Bernie

If you will be attending this event please contact Bernie on: 01388 832941:
e-mail: berniesurtees@dsl.pipex.com

NEC Classic Car Show – 10/11/12 November 2017

This is the last call for members to show an interest in travelling to this very popular event. By the time the next newsletter comes out it will probably be too late to book a place.

We need members to show interest in going, so that I can arrange transport subject to numbers etc.

It may also help if any another car club is running a bus to the event.

This year's event is being held from Friday 10th November to Sunday 12th November. I propose that we go on Saturday 11th November as this the best day to hire a coach.

As a contingency plan if we end up with only seven people, or less, we could go on either the Saturday or Sunday.

Please let me know as soon as possible whether you would like to attend this year, there is a booking form at the end of this newsletter.

Jim Clark

Caption competition

Our chairman, Roger, was caught enjoying a pork pie at the North of England Rally at the beginning of August. Please e-mail your suggested captions to me, for inclusion in the next newsletter.

No prizes, but extra honours for the person who can name the model, and coachbuilder of the car at the top of the picture!

Answer on p11.



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Answer to question in the caption competition:-
The car is a 20hp, by Carlton.

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Swainby Village Show

This event took place at the end of the month, and after I had finished putting the newsletter together. However, it seemed easy to add an extra page to cover it. Allan Fishburn had gone to a great deal of trouble to arrange a display of Rolls-Royce and Bentley motor cars, together with some Jaguars replicas. It was very pleasing to see the pre-war cars outnumber the post-war for a change. The display of both Rolls-Royce and Bentley, and also the Jaguars, attracted much interest from the visiting public, and the site was crowded for most of the time. Below are a few photos which give some small idea of the event. Included in the line up was a very rare Mk V Bentley, a 20hp, three 20/25s, and a 25/30, a couple of Derby Bentleys, a



Cloud III, a Bentley Turbo R, a Shadow II and a Crewe Bentley. Of the Jaguar replicas, there were three C Types, a D Type, a Cougar (aka Geoff's motobility scooter) and a Suffolk SS100, and a real XK120. Apologies to any I have missed. An eclectic collection, congratulations to Allan for getting them all together.

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