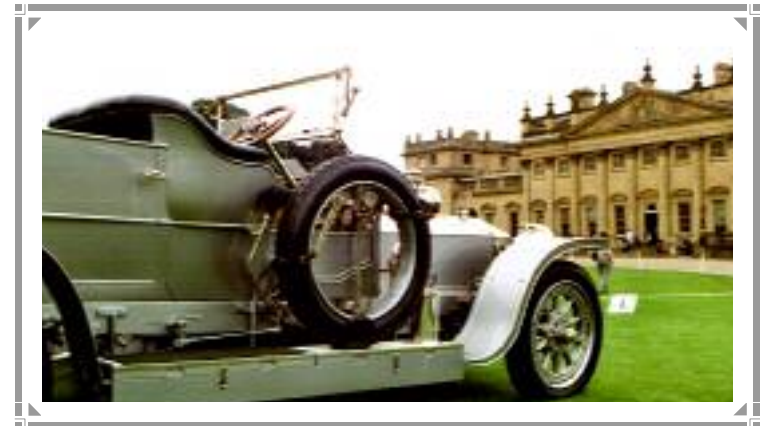




**Rolls-Royce Enthusiasts' Club**  
**North Eastern Section**  
**Newsletter**  
**September 2002**



*AX201 at Harewood - August 2002*

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***“The quality remains after the  
price is forgotten”***

***Frederick Henry Royce  
1863 - 1933***



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are always especially welcome.

Next year the newsletter will revert to being produced on a bi-monthly basis, that is at the beginning of each 'even' month starting in December of this year. I hope that this will overcome the difficulties experienced this summer when it had to be sent out early in order to give adequate notice for some events, then others were missed out.

*Martin*

*From the Barnsley Chronicle - "Police have said they will keep a closer eye on Wombwell Cemetery after further complaints from the residents"*

## COMING EVENTS

The Teesside Noggin and Natter evenings continue on the second Wednesday of each month at The Hotel Baltimore, 250 Marton Road, Middlesbrough. The next meetings will be on:

Wednesday 9 October

Wednesday 13 November

Wednesday 11 December

Wednesday 8 January

## EVENTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2002

The dates for the events for 2002 are as follows.

### October

13th 7 Bridges Sightseeing Cruise - Ray & Florence Hornsby

### November

1/2nd Section Weekend Solberge Hall Hotel, Northallerton  
- Paul Frankie

24th Section AGM and Christmas Lunch, The Gosforth Golf Club, Gosforth, Newcastle

## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2003

### September

6/7th Belgium Flemish Section 10th Anniversary Rally  
For details contact Cynthia or Martin

## CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

We have had a Summer of varied events, all successful and by and large the weather has been kind especially the garden party *chez nous* in July when Dibble Bridge had its sunniest day of the year. At the time of writing there is just one double room left on the weekend at Solberge Hall 1-3 November so any last minute booking please to Paul Frankie. Anne and I had a recce to the hotel for dinner a few weeks ago and if the food then is anything to go by we are in for a splendid time.

I finally decided to sell the 20/25 and she has gone to a good home in Aberdeen via an advert in the Club Advertiser (very efficient and at reasonable cost, by the way). 12 years of great fun but replaced by a Turbo R with Club pedigree and already becoming part of the family. Our cars have such amazing individual character-which brings me to.....

The last Rolls-Royce car left Crewe on 30 August, a Corniche Convertible. We wait to see what VW Bentley will bring. The water tower on the Crewe skyline has gone already, recently demolished; otherwise "watch this space." One sad piece of news to report is the death of long-standing member Jimmy Rowell from Prudhoe. I sat next to Jimmy at a Section lunch when he told me of his life-long passion for motor vehicles. He will be greatly missed. (*Obituary p 12*)

Our AGM and lunch returns to Tyneside on 24 November. Cynthia has organised this at the Gosforth Golf Club, a new venue so a good turnout please. We need in particular a new committee member, if at all possible someone younger, to bring down the average age! So please can I have a volunteer. It really is not that onerous and great fun. In the meantime, Happy motoring.

*Richard*

## SECRETARY'S SAUNTERINGS

I notice that there has been a distinct lack of publicity for the NE Section in the Bulletin of late. This, I hasten to say, is not my fault and before the mud is thrown at me I thought that I would get this straight! I am happy to send articles off to the Bulletin on events that have happened if the organisers of the events will send me the copy. Alternatively, event organisers can send copy to Hunt House themselves. Having got this little matter out of the way, I can now go on to other things. Tony and I went to Richard's Garden Party at Dibble Bridge and had an excellent time. More about this later in the Newsletter. By the time this is published, Harewood will have been and gone. Hopefully we shall all have enjoyed nicer weather this year. You will notice that our AGM is publicised in this newsletter. It was thought that the North of the Section deserved some ease of travel for a change. The Golf Club in question can cater for 45 people, so bookings will be on a first come

first served basis. Like a lot of Private Clubs, there is a dress code - open necked shirts may be worn but they must have a collar, no trainers or jeans and as long as we respect these rules, we will be OK. The drink is cheap and the food is good. A map is also published but if anyone needs more travel directions, please get in touch with either Tony or myself. Tony and I will be away for the whole of October in America as part of our celebration for our Ruby Wedding Anniversary which took place on 15 September (Battle of Britain Day!!) so we shall not be at the Section Weekend this year. However, we wish Paul all the best for a successful one and hope that the weather is good for the whole of the weekend. Neither shall we be on the River Boat trip down the Tyne but we know that in the capable hands of Ray and Florence Hornsby, only good things will happen. After that, some of your cars will be put to bed for yet another winter (but where has the summer been this year - again?) and your Committee will be planning the next season's events. Please send any ideas for outings to any Committee Member - we are always on the lookout for new venues. I hope to see many of you at the AGM and please return your booking form ASAP

*Cynthia*

## EDITOR'S EDICTS

Well June was a bit of a mix up! I have learnt my lesson to read **everything** as soon as it is sent to me and that way I hope that in future I shall get details of all the events in plenty of time. Many apologies for the need for three mailings! I was getting the newsletter out early, it was not really due until the end of June, and thought that I had plenty of time for the later events. Do not forget the Section Weekend in November. Again, booking forms are enclosed.

*Martin*

## CONGRATULATIONS

As usual, we had a great time at the Annual Rally which was, once again, held at Towcester. In spite of the cold wind, we managed to have the important hours free of rain. Going fore-armed with brollies and boots, seemed to ward off the heavy clouds.

The main events of the weekend come and go with much pleasure for all who join in. Bonhams' marquee bravely accepts all members to the review on the Friday evening and even rewards them for coming - wine and tasty-bites! Saturday brings the Auction, interspersed with stalls and exhibits and lots of happy meetings with friends and making new acquaintances. Sunday is the important Concourse Day and hundreds of cars arrive onto the field, as if by magic, ready for the judging. What a joy it is, to wander at leisure, taking in all the beauty and excellence of so many prestigious limousines - both Rolls-Royce

computing and keyboards. He's making music for all of us - young and old. Oh yes, the men are here; mingling with cars, croquet and conversation. The wine, water and juice flow freely from the summerhouse!

The food - well imagine a banquet - starting with salmon and assorted savouries - filling the plate to provide us all with a very tasty treat. And talking of treat - well wait for it! The difficulty is deciding how many portions of the delicious offerings will fit inside the "pudding" dish! Quite a few, actually, topped up with cream! Get the picture? You missed it? Oh dear!!!

*Florence Hornsby*

## NEWBY HALL - Sunday 21 July

For many years Ray and I have been visiting and enjoying the Newby hall Concourse and Autojumble. This year was a little bit different!

As usual the autojumble was really extensive and inviting to the enthusiasts. The weather was warm and sunny (*not in Cold Kirby - ed!*) The crowds were here, there and everywhere! The cars - hundreds of makes; models; condition; and ages - stood in row upon row! Everyone was having a fantastic time.

Over to the left-hand side of the field entrance was the much bigger, much busier (than usual) Rolls-Royce site. A lovely turnout of Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars, enhanced by our members, made a noticeable difference and attracted many close inspections and compliments. It was most gratifying that the NECPWA and the RREC Yorkshire Section welcomed us to their party!

Those of you who missed the fun this time, why not try your best to be there next July?

*Florence*

## ADDENDUM

I am greatly indebted to Ray and Florence Hornsby for their contributions to this newsletter and for their help and encouragement and also apologise for not including Ray's photo with his CV!

Thank you also, of course, to Cynthia, who keeps me up to date and to everyone who has sent articles in to me. If they have not yet appeared please be patient - they will in time. There seemed to be so many important matters to be dealt with in this edition. Photos



## KNOW YOUR COMMITTEE

*[I am sorry that this is a bit on the late side. Tony let me have this months ago, hence the 'future tense' in places. Here it is just before he leaves the committee].*



"I am Tony Fairley and currently your section Treasurer (but not for much longer!). Most section members know that I have been married to Cynthia, the section secretary, for almost 40 years - it seems like yesterday - and you know what a dreadful day it was yesterday - ha ha! I am coming up to retirement in August and can't believe that I am still working as hard as ever. Most of my contemporaries have been retired for years.

I am a director of a training company - in addition I am the current President of Longbenton with Killingworth Rotary Club - in addition I am the District Training Advisor for our Rotary District - in addition I am a facilitator for Rotary in Britain and Ireland - in addition I do freelance training for a number of high profile national companies - no wonder I am looking forward to 12th August.

Cynthia and I have run a wedding car business since 1983 and this was the reason to join the R-REC in 1988 when I purchased our first Rolls-Royce, a 1972 LWB Shadow. We are in the process of running down the car business but will retain at least our Silver Spirit after full retirement. Hobbies, when time allows, include membership of the Northern Magic Circle and music; having been a professional musician years ago. I still play on a semi-professional basis with local brass groups when the chance occurs. I am also into steam railways being a member of Tanfield Railway and intend to spend some time working on the railway when I retire.

I love good food, good wine and stimulating conversation and have few dislikes. I would like to do some car restoration having got the bug plus some superb experience working on our old 20/25 under the expert tutelage of Barry Pickering.

The next twelve months should prove to be very interesting.

**Tony**

## MORE THOUGHTS ON THAT GARDEN PARTY

Beautiful sunshine and scenery! Warm welcome! Into the field, full of lovely limousines. Up to the lawn and lots of laughing ladies! Climb up the stone steps to the terrace. Here we find Keith, wizard of



and Bentley. During our saunters, we were pleased to meet Alan Bentley, while he was busy preparing two of his cars for the judging. These cars were magnificent and we went on our way, after wishing Alan good luck. We left Towcester earlier than planned (that's another story) and imagine our delight when we read in the newspaper that Alan had won the award for "Best Car in the Show" with his 1947 Bentley Mk VI Coupé! Congratulations, Alan! A big honour for you and indeed, for all of us here in the North Eastern Section.

**Ray & Florence Hornsby**

## HELP LINE

We are fortunate in having a member who is prepared to give verbal help with both pre and post war cars. (Shadows and 20/25)

Ray Stroey: Tel: 0191 252 3863

## SECTION WEEKEND 1st - 3rd NOVEMBER 2002 BASED AT SOLBERGE HALL, 3 MILES FROM NORTHALLERTON

This year's Section weekend has been arranged from Friday 1st November to Sunday 3rd November and will be based at Solberge Hall near Northallerton. This is a small 3 star Hotel with 24 bedrooms and is set in 16 acres of grounds. We have booked all the double and twin-bedded rooms, and there is still one left.

The price will be £145 per person and this includes Dinner, Bed and Breakfast, admissions on Saturday and Sunday, as well as lunch on both Saturday and Sunday.

The itinerary will be as follows;

Friday 1st: Sherry reception followed by dinner.

Saturday 2nd: 10.30 visit to Theakstons Brewery in Masham then a short drive to Kiplin Hall. A light lunch/afternoon tea will be served and then we will have a conducted tour of the Hall.

Sunday 3rd: 10.30 visit to The World of James Herriot at Thirsk. Lunch will be served back at Solberge Hall.

Should anyone like to join us for the daily visits the prices will be:-

Saturday: £37 per person to include visits, lunch and dinner.  
£15 if you do not require dinner.

Sunday: £20 per person to include lunch and the visit to The World of James Herriot.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COME ON THIS WEEKEND WE NOW HAVE ONLY ONE ROOM AVAILABLE SO COMPLETE THE BOOKING FORM ENCLOSED IN THIS NEWSLETTER AND RETURN IT TO PAUL FRANKIE AS SOON POSSIBLE. TEL: 01642 318008

## GARDEN PARTY AT DIBBLE BRIDGE

Having spent Saturday night at Dibble Bridge helping Anne and Richard get ready for the Sunday and having had a sunny Saturday, we prayed for an equally sunny Sunday. However, Sunday morning dawned



grey, cold and windy! But, the farmer from next door came and told us that there would be no rain and that it would be a hot sunny day - and his forecast proved to be just spot on. After we had huffed and puffed our way blowing up balloons, hung them around the outside of the verandah and summer house, the weather turned exceptionally



gorgeously hot, the crowds came over the moors (95 folks in total), the food was good, the drink magnificent, the music was great and Anne hobbled around all day on a poorly foot, which did not seem to stop her dancing - in a hobbly sort of way! Richard and Anne move in very high circles as 'Camilla Parker-Bowles'

graced us with her company, (we have photos to prove it) having come on her own to this event. Games of croquet, skittles and miniature golf were all played. The afternoon was punctuated with bangs as many of the balloons, by now expanded to extremes with the tremendous heat, exploded. The proper cars were all lined up in the adjoining field where many photos were taken of them.



Quite a few guests were not R-REC members but we forgave them for this and impressed them with our cars. Thanks must go to Anne and Richard for allowing us the use of their beautiful home and garden. Also thanks to Keith Fairley for being a very professional DJ for the day.



Knowing that the caterers were coming back to clear up the crockery etc. Tony and I cunningly left before the big garden clear up took place later in the evening but I understand from Richard that there were almost 100 empty wine bottles to dispose of! Will we do this again? - we hope so Richard.

*Cynthia*

## DEFINITION OF 'YOUNG'

*You are still young if the morning after the night before still makes the night before worth the morning after!*

## ADVERTISING RATES

Yearly:	full page	£75.00
	half page	£50.00

## Members' private advertisements - maximum space $\frac{1}{4}$ page

Under £200	Free
Over £200	£5.00

Wanted advertisements Free

## WELFARE

Members are asked to let the Chairman or Secretary know if they are aware of other members of the Section who are unwell or in hospital.

## OBITUARY

### JIMMY ROWELL (1923 - 2002)

It is with sadness that I write a few lines about fellow member Jimmy Rowell who died on Thursday 26 September following a massive heart attack.

Some of you may remember Jimmy and his wife Kath who were at the Harrogate weekend four years ago and also at Rothbury earlier this year.

I have known Jimmy for over 50 years and he was always a hard-working, honest and friendly man.

Jimmy was born in 1923 and started work in the coal mine when he left school at 14 years of age. Sometimes he rode his bicycle to work but often had to walk. In 1952 Jimmy bought an old Bewick car which he used for a Taxi and in 1954 he bought a 14-seater Austin bus. He and Kath worked long hours and eventually they owned 6 Executive Tour coaches, the last new one costing £200,000!

Their daughter, Brenda, who now owns and runs the business with her husband Stewart, was driven to her wedding in her Dad's Rolls-Royce. A happy day, indeed, for Jimmy!

As I sat with Kath and Brenda today, a Rolls-Royce in the garage and a Mercedes in the drive, looking out from his luxurious bungalow, I was thinking how successful Jimmy had been in his life, since starting as a pit boy!

Well done Jimmy!!

*Ray Hornsby*

*These days I spent a lot of time thinking about the hereafter. I go somewhere and I wonder what I'm here after.*

## **SECTION AGM AND CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

**SUNDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2002**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General meeting of the North Eastern Section of the R-REC will be held on Sunday 24 November 2002 at 11.00am at the Gosforth Golf Club, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, to:

1. Confirm the minutes of the last AGM held on 25 November 2001
2. Receive the report from the Chairman and Secretary
3. Receive the Financial report from the Treasurer
4. Elect Officers and a Committee for 2003
5. Raise any other business

Commencing with morning coffee at 10.30am the AGM will start promptly at 11.00am after which a Sherry Reception will be held preceding lunch which will be at approximately 1.15pm. The total cost for the day of £12.50 per person will include a four course luncheon menu of:

Minestrone Soup  
Fruit Juice  
Roast Beef  
Roast Lamb  
Vegetarian option  
served with Potatoes and Vegetables  
Choice of desserts  
Coffee

Please be aware that numbers for the meal presented to the Golf Club 48 hours prior to the AGM will have to be paid for. Members wishing to have sight of the Financial Report before it is presented to the Meeting should send a SAE to the Treasurer for a copy. A raffle for Section Funds will be held and donations of prizes from members would be gratefully received. A cash bar will be available and bottles of wine may be ordered on the day. New members are especially welcome and should not be put off coming by the formality of the term "AGM". This very informal meeting is executed as quickly as possible giving way to the serious business of the day, namely making new friends, re-acquainting with old ones and eating and drinking. Our guest from the Management Committee will be David Dudley. A booking form is enclosed.

### **Resolutions and Committee**

Any Resolutions for the AGM should be sent to the Secretary by Thursday 13 November, ten clear days prior to the AGM. Names are always welcomed for new committee members and nomination forms can be obtained from the Secretary to be deposited completed back to her at least ten clear days before the AGM.

## **KILLHOPE LEAD MINING CENTRE**

We couldn't have had a better day for our visit to experience the work, the history and the wonders of Killhope Lead-Mining Centre on Sunday 1st September. A respectable collection of 'special' cars added to the enjoyment of the many other visitors to the centre, who were not in our party.

Donning wellies and jumpers, most of our group disappeared into the mine and it was a relief to see them emerge safely after about an hour. It is amazing how difficult it can be to recognise individuals once they have been equipped with hard hat and cap-lamp!



Lunch was enjoyed in the café or picnic areas in the sunshine, before a tour of the living-quarters; the washing floor; the jigger wheel; the woodland and the mineral exhibition. The collection and variety of

specimens on show was fantastic and fascinating.

Thank you to the members who were prepared to face the perils and arduous tasks on site. You all get full marks for perseverance and determination on our Rolls-Royce Mining Exhibition!

### ***Florence Hornsby***

***From the Portsmouth News - "The limousine is powered by a Bentley 400bhp twin turbot"***

***SENILITY PRAYER: God grant me the senility to forget the people I didn't like anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do and the eyesight to tell the difference.***

***I started out with nothing and I still have most of it.***

***If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees.***