



ROLLS-ROYCE ENTHUSIASTS' CLUB

*North Eastern Section
Newsletter*



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Teesside *Noggin and Natter evenings* continue on the second Wednesday of each month at The Hotel Baltimore, 250 Marton Road, Middlesbrough. This is a social evening and not just technical talk about cars, though it is always possible that the subject of Rolls-Royce and Bentley may come up! Similarly the evenings at The Honest Lawyer, Croxdale, are a meeting between friends, with lively talk and much laughter. A hardcore of attendees is developing but new faces would be welcome. These meetings are definitely not men only! Just turn up, there is no need to book and certainly do not ring either hotel as they seem to be oblivious of our presence, whether we have booked a room or not!

Events for 2011

8 May	Open day at Stratstones, Stockton on Tees
18 May	7.30pm The Honest Lawyer, Croxdale
30 May	Ripley Castle Rally, Yorkshire Section
12 June	Visit to Sion Hill Hall, RH
13 June	Committee meeting at Ramside Hall Hotel
15 June	7.30pm The Honest Lawyer, Croxdale
18/19 June	Annual Rally, Rockingham Castle
3 July	Classics in Corbridge, MV
17 July	NECPWA Historic Vehicle Rally, Newby Hall, Ripon
30 July	RAF Leeming Open Day. Jim Clark Tel: 01677 425501 Office
31 July	Invitation to the TR Register Show at Great Yorkshire Show Ground Harrogate. Geoff Mansfield Tel: 01388 722570
6/7 August	North of England Rally, Harewood House
14 August	Ilton barbeque, LW
27 August	Visit to North East Theatre Organ Association. Geoff Mansfield Tel: 01388 722570
29 August	Durham Classic Vehicle Show at Witton Castle, Witton-le-Wear, Geoff Mansfield Tel: 01388 722570
4 Sept	Visit to Jervaulx Abbey, MV
16-18 Sept	Section weekend, Briery Wood Hotel. PF
4 December	Section AGM at 11.30am at Ramside Hall Hotel

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Cover: "You, too, can be the owner of our latest model!"
Photographed by Paul Frankie, while on holiday in the Caribbean.

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. At the time of writing Ian Hick, President of the Yorkshire Section, is in hospital, suffering from a heart attack. I hear that he is well on the road to recovery. All good wishes to him, Wendy and family.

Chairman's Challenge

Haven't we had some beautiful weather these last few weeks, such a good start to summer, long may it continue. Our first event of the season got off to a wonderful start with over 30 members and guests enjoying Sunday lunch at Walworth Castle Hotel. Our thanks to Margaret and Ray. You may remember in the last newsletter I was talking about the price of fuel in the budget - well we certainly have not seen a reduction in the price, now have we, at nearly £1.50 per litre? The good old government!



The events list is filling up for the season so please fill in your booking forms and return them to your relevant committee member/organiser as soon as possible. It's nice to know the Management Committee is finally about sorted with the new lease on The Hunt House. Lucy represented our section this year at the Conference in April for the first time and I am sure she has come back with some new ideas for the section.

The Auction front has been quite busy of late with some cars making very good prices and the odd bargain for some. The H & H sale on 8 June have a very nice 1937 Bentley 4¹/₄ litre Special, Chassis number B121JY, with an estimate of £45,000-55,000 - worth a look. RM auctions sale on 23 June have a beautiful 1929 Bentley Speed Six "Le Mans" VDP Tourer. Bonham's have a very nice 1933 Rolls - Royce Phantom II Continental Sports Saloon, coachwork by Barker at their Annual Rally sale at Rockingham Castle. Most of you will have heard the news about Ian Hick of the Yorkshire Section. Ian suffered a heart attack a few weeks ago, we wish him well and a speedy recovery. Now we have the light nights back, why not dust your car down and come and join your section at the monthly pub

meet at the Honest Lawyer? We next meet on Wednesday 18th May at 7.30pm. Bar meals are available if required.

An important date for your diary is this year's AGM, which is to be held at Ramside Hall Hotel, Durham on Sunday 4 December.

Derek

Secretary's notes

The last newsletter was the first to be produced by the copy shop in Bedale. At the committee meeting beforehand it was decided, in the absence of the treasurer, that the outside cover should be in colour. I hope that this was well received. On advice from the copy shop I agreed that the inside pages should be 90gsm instead of the previous 80gsm. This brought the thickness very close to the maximum permitted to class as an ordinary letter and not require the extra amount of postage for a 'large' letter, which would cost 20p more! I am now reverting to 80gsm for the inside pages.



The committee would like to build up a register of members' cars. I already hold some details supplied by The Hunt House, but it would be helpful if you could let me know what cars you own. This information is already held by The Hunt House, but is not disseminated to sections. If you do not want this information held at section level, then please ignore this request. If you are prepared to let me have the details please send them by any means, i.e. e-mail to swale_reach@btinternet.com, write to me at Swale Reach, Catton, Thirsk, YO7 4SQ, or text to 07513 528503.

You will note that the AGM is to be held at a new venue this year further north! Derek has negotiated a deal with the Ramside Hall Hotel which can accommodate both the meeting and lunch in separate rooms, which should make for a quicker turn round from the end of one and the beginning of the other! There were a few complaints last year about the lunch at Blackwell Grange, so the committee decided to have a change. It also takes the event further north and hopefully will attract more members from the upper reaches of the section.

I have just heard that The Club Shop now has a 10 year membership badge available to buy at £12 each plus postage. Members who are eligible and would like to purchase one should contact Linda Housden

direct so that we can ensure that they qualify and their details are updated on the database.

I was pleased to meet John and Marilyn Leadbetter at the Walworth Castle lunch, as I understand that it was the first section event that they had attended. I hope that it was the first of many.

Martin

Newsletter

As many of you will know, I have been asking for someone to take over as editor of the newsletter for some time. At the last AGM I indicated that this would be my last year. At present no-one has come forward and volunteered to be the editor, so I am asking again. It is not an onerous job, but reasonable computer literacy and typing skills are an advantage. Whoever takes it on gets to hold the section photocopier! I am happy to give advice to anyone uncertain about what is required.

My reason for wanting to give this up is that I have been doing the job now for ten years and feel that the newsletter is becoming stale and needs new ideas. As secretary I see other sections' newsletters and there are many which are very impressive and produced to a standard to which we should aspire, though financial considerations do have to be taken into account.

I am, however, determined that this will be my last year as editor, and consequently if no-one comes forward to take over there will be no newsletter next year. In this event as secretary I will produce a news sheet which will just be two sides of A4 and will be circulated by e-mail. For those members who cannot receive information electronically I will send a paper copy on receipt of six stamped addressed envelopes. Those of you for whom I have an e-mail address will by now have received the two page version as an example of what to expect!

Come on, there must be someone out there who is prepared to take this on.

Martin

New Members

Welcome to Mr Whickham of County Durham. We look forward to meeting you at any of our events. New members and their families are always welcome at any of our events and we hope that you enjoy your membership of the Club.

Where we have been:-

Lunch at the Walworth Castle Hotel

We were made very welcome at Walworth Castle, our first event of the year and enjoyed our Sunday lunch in the sunny ballroom of the castle, which is usually used for weddings and is a very pleasant venue. In all, 34 of our members joined us for good food and conversation. It was so nice to see old friends again after the long, and often snowy, winter and also to welcome some new faces into our midst. Judging by the constant buzz of conversation, the relaxed ambience and the many laughs, as well as the pleasant comments about the meal and venue from many people, everyone really enjoyed themselves. Let's hope that many members, including our new acquaintances will be joining us again for some of our other meetings, we would love to see them.

Margaret

Where we are going:-

Stratstones Open day - 8 May

This is an open day and no booking is needed. Just turn up and buy that new Jaguar that you have been promising yourself - go on you know you want to!

Ripley Castle Rally - 30 May

This is a large affair with many cars of many marques in attendance. The setting is ideal on gentle sloping ground overlooking the lake (no swimming). Last year there was a large turn out of cars and I think the RREC had more cars on display than any other club. The weather was perfect but those interested should consult Tony Dobbie of the Yorkshire Section to see what he has booked for this year, meteorologically speaking. Seriously Tony is the man to contact, before 20 May. £3.00 will permit your car two adults and two children to enter. Ring Tony for any more information, and an address to send your cheque, on 01274 582075. A most enjoyable day, but keep away from the paddock area, unless you are interested in the vehicles being displayed or have ear defenders!

Sion Hill Hall - Sunday 12 June

There is still time to book for this visit to an interesting house, situated close to Northallerton. If the weather is fine we will be picnicking on the lawn at the front of the house, but if wet in the village hall - as they say!



£3 per person gets you a glass of Pimms or soft drink and also provides a small contribution towards section funds. Parking at the house will be on the forecourt though, again, if wet there is good parking in Kirby Wiske, near the village hall. The House will not be open to the general public on this day. Please look for the section flag.

We will meet at the house at 1130 for 1200 noon. Entrance to the house has been agreed at £8.00 per person, to be paid on the day, and will include a conducted tour which will last about one and a quarter hours. Please make a note on the booking form to indicate if you would like a tour of the house. The birds of prey centre, nearby, is now in separate ownership, and details can be found at www.falconrycentre.co.uk. The entrance fee is £6.50, concessions £5.50. There are displays at 1130, 1330 and 1530.

Postcode for SatNavs YO7 4EU.

Classics in Corbridge - Sunday 3 July

This is another big affair, this time organised by the very efficient MG Owners Club of Northumbria. We have been going as a section for a number of years, and it always seems a popular event. Fill in the booking form and return it to me by the end of May so that I can give all our details to the organisers to ensure that your car is included in the programme. There is no charge for entry but there will be a collection for charity at some time during the day.

Martin

RAF Leeming Open Day - Saturday 30 July

I am trying to get a minimum of 12 people in total if possible. We will need full names and addresses of all the people nearer the time. I will arrange with the C.O. of R.A.F. Leeming regarding the tickets etc. Members are welcome to park their vehicles at our garage. We would like to set off at 10.30 am (to beat the rush and sign in at the guard room etc.) In the past the event has ended at about 4.00 pm.

Jim Clark

Ilton barbeque - Sunday 14 August

Lucy and Dennis Wheatley have, once again, invited us to their home for another barbeque in August. The format will be the same as in previous years, that is bring your own meat and booze, but salad, rolls etc will be provided. There is a small charge of £5.00 to cover the cost of these and to provide a contribution to section funds. For anyone who has not been before the postcode is HG4 4JY. The consultation of a map is encouraged as Ilton is a bit out of the way above Masham.

Visit to the North East Theatre Organ Association

Saturday 27 August.

Howden-le-Wear, DL15 8EZ, as last year, but we will probably stay longer as they will be showing old films etc. Also we have been asked to show a few of our cars. Donations are usually given as last year, but no formal charges are made.

Durham Classic Vehicle Show - Monday 29 August

At Witton Castle, Witton-le-Wear, DL14 0DE. This is a 'Mark Woodward' show, £3 entry. Contact Geoff Mansfield for tickets.

Visit to Jervaulx Abbey - Sunday 4 September 2011



By way of a change, Jackie and I thought we might visit one of the

many abbeys in North Yorkshire, which have suffered the attentions of Henry VIII in the sixteenth century. Jervaulx is situated on the A6108 between Leyburn and Masham. The plan is to meet at 10.30am to 11.00am for coffee in their café, which will be followed by a tour of the abbey. We will return to the café for lunch at about 1.00pm. There is a varied menu and it seemed easier if those wanting lunch were to order it on arrival, so that it will be ready when we return from the tour. Anyone not wanting to eat lunch at the café will find attractive walks or possibly an area to picnic. There will be a charge of £5.00 to include coffee and scone on arrival and a contribution to section funds. The full cost of the tour is £20, regardless of numbers, and there will be a collection for that on the day depending on how many turn up so the more the merrier. The natives are very friendly and scenery beautiful, all we need is a fine day. Please return the booking forms to me as soon as reasonably possible.

Martin

Section Weekend -

Briery Wood Country House Hotel -

16/18 September 2011

On the Saturday of the weekend we will be visiting Honister Slate Mine for an underground tour. This is mainly on the flat so most people will not have a problem with it.

After that we will drive past Buttermere and Crummock Water, over Whinlatter Pass, with views of Bassenthwaite Lake (the only lake in the Lake District) and then back to the hotel.

Paul

If you have not yet sent Paul your booking form, please do so as soon as possible. He needs the numbers to confirm to the hotel.

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