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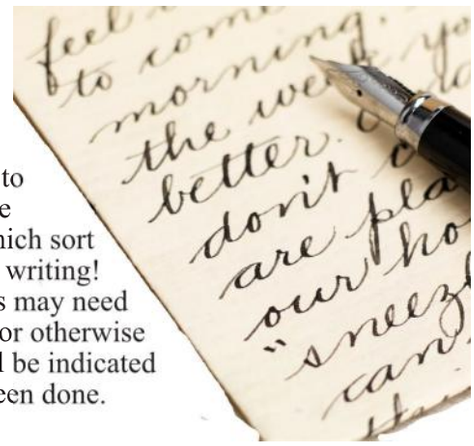
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The Custodian is your magazine about your Section of the Club.

We would like to hear from you about Club activities and what you would like to read about in this newsletter.



Letters may either be for publication or just a communication to the editor. Please make it clear which sort of letter you are writing! Published letters may need to be shortened or otherwise edited but it will be indicated when this has been done.

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Chairwoman's Letter



Debbie Howard

Hi everyone, I would like to introduce myself as the new chairwoman of the East Midlands Section of the Rolls-Royce Enthusiasts' Club.

Let me start by thanking Martin Carnell for all his good work and enthusiasm as Chairman and being an active committee member for many a year, and also agreeing to be our deputy chairman.

My husband David and myself have been club members joining RREC in 1988, we have owned several Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars over the years. We have been active members during those years and David has served on the committee, with me still being on it!!

The committee have lots of events planned for 2025 so please get your booking forms in and we hope to see many of you for these events.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next event.

Debbie Howard
Chairwoman ■

Christmas Lunch – 2024 – Report



John Prentice

The months keep on speeding by like traffic on the A1(M) on a Sunday morning and so 49 members, guests and partners met at Morley Hayes for our Section lunch on 8th December 2024. Russell and Sue Taroni joined as the Committee's guests by way of a "thank you" for all the wonderful picnics arranged by them at their home.



One would not expect balmy days in December and the best the weather could do was for the rain to ease by lunchtime. Club cars were in the main cosily tucked up in their garages but some were bravely testing their weather sealing.

As is tradition the event starts with a Christmas card speed writing competition and after pre-lunch drinks we were seated in a beautifully decorated room and enjoyed the excellent food so skilfully, yet unobtrusively, served by the staff.









Christina Wild was thanked for her careful planning that makes things flow smoothly and everyone departed before dark exchanging the usual seasonal best wishes. ■

New Year Lunch 2025 – The Roebuck – Report

Clare Poyser



In recent years, since Covid, we have been adventurous in choice of venues for the traditional New Year lunch. This year we went to *The Roebuck* a family run pub near Draycott.

This fully lived up to its claims for quality and value and did an excellent job of feeding a large party of us.





We hope everyone was able to get away safely from the car park as it contained a very nice bit of temptation in the form of the Silver Cloud I (Silver and Midnight blue) complete with For Sale notice.

Anyhow, a New Year starts with the promise of many opportunities to keep meeting our friends and their machines. ■



Section AGM and Lunch – Report

Mike Wild



AGM for 2023-2024. The Minutes

AGM held on February 16th 2025 at Morley Hayes Golf Club, Derbyshire.

The AGM was opened at 11am.

With the unanimous support of the RREC Est Midlands Section Committee, **The Chairman appointed David Towers as East Midlands Section President.**



1. Apologies for absence – John Newton, David Preston, Rob and Jo Bell (50 year members), Michael Foster (60 year member)

2. Approval of minutes of 18th February 2024 as published in the Custodian.

There were no questions. Proposed – Pat McGrath, Seconded – Glyn Sanders Vote in favour – Unanimous.

3. A brief report on the new governance procedures for Sections was made by the Chairman.

He outlined that the original governance meant payment of VAT on all Club purchases would be likely (including Registers and Sections), these new rules, giving more autonomy to Sections, would avoid that. The opportunity was taken to simplify the rules, provide 10% of the membership income to Sections, and a £50k reserve was available if a Section found it was in financial problems.

Question: Does the Affiliate Agreement for Sections alter the insurance cover?
Answer – All insurance cover is retained as before.

Question: What about members outside the East Midlands territory who want to be part of the East Midlands Section.
Answer- Any RREC members can become eligible (i.e. full) members of the East Midlands Section, and this aspect will be covered in the next item on the agenda.

4. Welcome of members from outside the East Midlands territory as Eligible Members by reason of an invitation under SECTION 1.10 of the Section Affiliate Agreement (AA)



Question: Does the Committee know how many members will be included?
Answer – about or less than 10% of the total exiting members.

Question: Do we know what payment we will receive?
Answer: Not at the moment as it would be difficult to administer.

5. Resolution - To vary the Section Affiliate Operating Handbook Section 4.1 to increase the number of Committee members from 9 to 10.

Proposed – East Midlands Section Committee – Seconded Martin Carnell.
Vote – in favour – Unanimous.

6. Election of Committee members. The ten current Committee members are happy to stand for election and it was proposed to vote them en-bloc. Proposed – Pat McGrath Seconded – Glyn Sanders Vote in favour – Unanimous.

7. Treasurer's report - The Treasurer published the annual accounts in *The Custodian* (January 2025 pages 10 & 11) and reminded the membership that we were a "not for profit", nor a "loss making", Section.

He reported an increase in the net value of the Section finances from £14836.21 on 1st November 2023 to £15551.89 at 31st October 2024, caused by a surplus of £725.68 arising from activities arranged within the Section. This surplus had increased from £572.07 in the 2023-2024 financial year. The coming year's finances will be adversely affected by the decision to re-introduce free printed copies of the January *Custodian* to all members which will cost the section almost £800.00. The effect of the 10% Disbursement to the Section, by the central club, cannot yet be predicted. The bank balance shows a healthy £16009.03.

Approval of accounts - There being no questions the Accounts were accepted unanimously.

8. Chairman's report. The Chairman thanked Section members, welcomed David Towers as our new President and thanked David Robinson, representing RREC and John Neale representing SHRF for coming.

He highlighted the past year's events, and the typical arrangements problems and increased costs facing us today. Fairfield lake and Smite Brook railway was a good event that raised £938 for the Air Ambulance Charity, well done Derek.

Workshops continue to be well supported providing not only a social event but learning opportunities. Our time at Graham Mead's home has come to an end, and we thank him for thirty years Section support.

Question: Is the "Foundation " SHRMF separate from the RREC?
Answer: Yes.

Question: It seems that lately the East Midlands Section has become the "Derby Section", with events centred in and around Derby City.
Answer: The Committee are aware of a lack of Committee members living in the East and South of the Section. To counteract this Kevin McCormick has come on the Committee to organise Nottingham and Eastern area events.

Kevin stated that he was finding it difficult to find venues that were good, but did not charge for room hire.The Secretary made a note to add a review of the events around the Section to the agenda of the next Committee meeting.

Workshops – Nicholas Simons stated that despite the loss of Graham Mead's facilities, new locations were available for Small Horsepower and Shadow workshops.

The AGM was closed at 11:50 am.



Presentation by David Robinson, Company Secretary RREC.

He outlined his role in the RREC as not being complicated, but akin to managing your home or business. It included: addressing Costs, Revenue, Issues, and the Future, but in this case how it affects the RREC members.

Some of the unaddressed historic issues were simply resolved by telephone calls, other issues required more effort, like the lack of continuity in management causing "drift" in contracts which increases costs unnecessarily, covering such matters of: Governance, Finance and Legislative obligations, a number of such contracts have been terminated.

In particular, Regal Press Ltd – publishers of the RREC "yearbook" contract, which spanned 2021 to 2028 required attention, for although a reasonable revenue was provided, there was not a lot left after taxation and costs were taken out.

The Section Affiliate Agreement was introduced to mitigate risks for the Club.



The RREC team, those that the RREC club employ, need to be housed in safe, secure premises that are efficient. The move to Silverstone resulted in a savings and efficiency.

The future arrangements will look at creation of a Heritage Centre for members and public alike to visit and see R-R products and history, maybe even the East Midlands could include a visit to a possible Heritage Centre in their future events calendar.

Question: I was surprised at the £190k loss of money at the Annual Rally last year.
Answer- we are aiming for a cost neutral rally in the future.

Question: Can the £190k cost be broken down?
Answer: I do not have that information at hand.

A commitment to provide the breakdown was given by the Company Secretary.

John Neale – speaking for the SHRMF – The Foundation is separate from the RREC and whilst the RREC had high legal costs in dealing with SHRMF matters, the SHRMF costs were £0.

Maybe the East Midlands Section could arrange one of their workshops at the Hunt House .

The talks terminated at 12.30 and following the presentation of the Ken Brittan award to John Prentice we all made our way to the bar as I think we heard John announce drinks all round!

The meeting was followed by the usual excellent Morley Hayes lunch and Christina Wild was thanked for her hard work in arranging this. ■





Welbeck Hall – West Bridgford – Lunch



Kevin McCormick

Sunday 13th April 2025

We have planned a new venue for April's lunch. The Welbeck Hall is South Nottingham's masonic centre on the banks of the River Trent just upstream from the old County Hall buildings.



We are booked for a delicious two course carvery lunch and will be eating from 12:30.

This site has a large car park which is free of charge provided you enter your car registration mark at the screen on Reception. They have menacing notices but this is only to be expected as they are so near Trent Bridge and the City Ground!

To book please sent the form to Kevin McCormick (kevinmccormick7@gmail.com) or make an online booking at https://rrec-eastmids.club/booking.html.

The cost is £23 per person and the new booking deadline 4th April 2025.

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Arrangement have been made so that groups of us can have a tour of the Masonic Temple when we are there for our lunch. It should be interesting to understand the work, ceremonies and regalia of modern freemasonry. ■



Shadow Hands-On Workshop



David Howard

Tuesday 20th May 2025

The Tuesday following Wings and Wheels will have one of our regular hands-on car workshops aimed at owners of a particular range of models and members thinking they might purchase one.

This workshop will concentrate on the Silver Shadow and related Bentley T-series cars.

The event is being held at Great Northern Classics facility on Osmaston Road, Derby (The old Rolls-Royce Light Allow Foundry and later Heritage centre).



We will be covering many aspects of ownership of these cars which are arguably one of the finest designs from Rolls-Royce and perhaps the last model range that can truly be maintained by their owners without access to expensive factory tooling.

Expert instruction will be available on general periodic maintenance procedures, the range of documentation available to support maintenance and fault finding, how to ensure continuing safety on the road, the hydraulic system used for braking and ride control, the basic car electrical system, fault-finding techniques and how to handle the more elaborate window and seat motorisation on these cars.

Please use the form or online booking at https://rrec-eastmids.club/booking.html. to reserve one of the limited places for the event. ■

Wings and Wheels

Friday 16th – Sunday 18th May 2025



Mike Wild

You have probably seen information about this event already and many members have already booked their hotel rooms for the weekend.



If you have been waiting to make a decision about coming until there are full details, then please read on. If you do decide to come it would be wise not to delay claiming your hotel room. A very varied programme of events is planned for Friday, Saturday and Sunday as follows:

Friday: In the day we have three parallel activities for you to do in turn.
(i) A tour and demonstration of car maintenance techniques (including the innovative and almost magical use of dry ice for cleaning and surface preparation) at Great Northern Classics who have refurbished the old Light Alloy Foundry on Osmaston Road.
(ii) A visit to the Rolls-Royce Learning and Development Centre on Wilmore Road. This has an exhibition of Rolls-Royce products from the earliest years of the company up to current-day jet engines. We will be hosted by specialist guides to explain the exhibits and answer any questions.
(iii) A visit to the legendary Nightingale Road premises which were the Company's headquarters on moving from Manchester in 1908. We will visit the Board Room and see the Marble Hall with its Battle of Britain Memorial Window. There will be a chance to be photographed with your car at the historic frontage.



Friday Evening: There will be a dinner in the Old Bell hotel in the centre of Derby. Our guest speaker will be local historian Richard Felix who will take us in our mind's eye to the days of the Second World War and happenings in Derby around that time. Free transport will be available from and to the Mickleover Hotel for this event.

Saturday: We will be the honoured guests of the City with the opportunity to display examples of the Rolls-Royce and Bentley Cars built at Derby. We are expecting that there will be wide publicity coverage to attract members of the public from far and wide. There will be a host of visits possible in the city including the Museum of Making, the Cathedral, Pickford House, Derby Gaol, boat trips on the Derwent and shopping in the city.

Saturday Evening: There will be Gala Dinner at the Mickleover Hotel. Here the speaker will be Will Hives who is grandson of Ernest Hives one of the central players in the story of Rolls-Royce. Hives started with the Company in its earliest days as a test driver, led the team during the standard setting Alpine Trial of 1913, was a design engineer, head of the Experimental Department, Works Manager and eventually Managing Director and ennobled. Will has a range of interesting objects of his grandfather's and we also hope to have unique items from the Club's collection. This should be an evening to remember for a long time.


Test chassis line up near Nightingale Road Works

Sunday: We have a gentle start after breakfast. Following from the historical themes of the previous days, you will be encouraged to try your car, modern or classic, on the old test routes used by the factory to check car performance. The printed programme will give you exact details including some target timings and rather unconventional tests for the quality of ride.

The test routes lead us out into North-West Leicestershire and Calke Abbey for our lunch. The house is a remarkable time-capsule of the early part of the 20th century. Rooms

are untouched; showing the decoration and furniture of a grand house and the junk rooms show that decluttering was not a high priority!
The gardens are splendid at all times of the year and should be a real treat in May. Food can be purchased on site or, you can if you prefer, buy ingredients for a picnic on your journey out of Derby.
The formal programme ends in the afternoon but, as the hotel deal is particularly good on Sunday, you might wish to extend your stay with friends and go home on Monday morning.



Tuesday: Informally linked to the weekend, but to be booked separately, there will be a hands-on Workshop for Silver Shadow and Bentley T Series owners organised by the East Midlands Section at Great Northern Classics.



Booking

Hotel accommodation is booked directly with the hotel using the following short and easy-to-type internet link. https://tinyurl.com/4wdtvtsc

You **must** now use the "calendar" buttons to choose the check-in and check-out dates and then the other blue button to state the number of rooms needed. Payment is only due for the hotel at check-in; i.e. there is no deposit required.



Next: Please book with the Section for the weekend activities on the form with this issue of *The Custodian*. The cost is £170 per person. This is inclusive of the two Dinners, all printed materials, a souvenir car-plate and the event at Great Northern Classics. Your only extras will be refreshments during the day, commercial attractions in Derby and admission to Calke Abbey (it is National Trust so bring your cards). This Section cost needs to be paid before your booking is firm.

It is possible to book "day tickets" for individual activities for non-residents. See the separate booking form at the end of *The Custodian* for this or make an online booking at https://rrec-eastmids.club/booking.html. .

The easiest way to pay is online by BACS Account name: Rolls Royce Enthusiasts, Sort Code: 20-63-25, Account: 70086088. The Reference should be DERBY and your surname. If you have not sent in a booking form, please do so online at www.rrec-eastmids.club/booking.html. Alternatively send a cheque payable to RREC (East Midlands Section) to Mike Wild Lea Holme, Mill Lane, Holloway, Matlock, Derbys, DE4 5AQ with the form. ■



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DRIVE IT DAY

Invitation to Open Day at Flying Spares

Saturday 21st June 2025 10:30 am start

We have received this kind invitation to an open day at Flying Spares new facility in Leicester.



Programme:

- Welcome and meet the team
- Guided tour of the site. This will include Warehouse, workshops, recycling, reconditioning workshops.
- Customer area including our Denison collection of Rolls-Royce and Bentley memorabilia.
- Technical demonstrations – this is likely to be linked to dismantling and reconditioning – basically what we do to bring these items back to life.
- Food will be provided - this will be a buffet style.
- Looking to wrap this up around 3 pm.



Members will be able to purchase parts on the day if they need to and they will receive their RREC discount.

A few members of the RREC HQ team will also be there.

Please send your booking form to Debbie Howard (debbie.howard@rrec-eastmids.club) or make an online booking at https://rrec-eastmids.club/booking.html by 7th June 2025 . ■

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East Midlands RREC Badge and Clip



Show your affiliation with our section by displaying a beautiful enamelled club badge celebrating the formation of the section in 1969. The badge comes with a clip for easy mounting on a ¾" (19 mm) diameter badge bar or can, of course, be mounted anywhere convenient using the two pre-drilled holes.

The badge and clip costs £25.00. If you want it posting then this is an additional £3.00. Send a cheque payable to "RREC East Midlands Section" with your address to Derek Randall, 1 Brick Hill Lane, Allesley, Coventry, CV5 9BU or contact him to arrange collection at a Club event that you are both attending. ■

Picnic at Lupin Farm

Sunday 22nd June 2025



Mary Mulholland

Edwin and Linda Tipper ran an big open car event on their farm but despite no longer doing this have invited the Section to join them for an RREC Picnic.



Arrive around 11 o'clock. Their address is Lupin Farm, Orgreave, DE13 7DY. Google Maps knows about the entrance on the A513!

To book please sent the form to Mary Mulholland (mary.mulholland@rrec-eastmids.club) or make an online booking at https://rrec-eastmids.club/booking.html.

The cost is £6 per person (children are free) and the closing date is 6th June.■

Visit the Taroni's home, Haselour Hall

Sunday 6th July 2025
Picnic including Tom Telfer Award



Mary Mulholland

Our Section members, Sue & Russell Taroni have again kindly invited us to picnic in the grounds of their home at Harleston.



Most of the building (except the modern west wing built after 1885) is unmistakably Tudor, but the Manor dates back to Norman times. The chimney-piece in the great hall is a splendid example of oak carving, which depicts the battle of Hastings. The family chapel is from around the 13th century. Russell has several R-R cars, together with BMC Minis!

We shall hold the Tom Telfer award here in the afternoon. This is for the best maintained post 1965 car (subsequent to Silver Cloud III). All members with an appropriate car can submit it for this award, except the winners of the prize in 2022, 2023 or 2024 The cars will be judged by one of our Section members, with a special knowledge of these cars.

We should arrive between 10.45 and 12.00 with our picnics.

To book please sent the form to Mary Mulholland (mary.mulholland@rrec-eastmids.club) or make an online booking at https://rrec-eastmids.club/booking.html.

The cost is £6 per person with children going free and the closing date is 20th June.■



Thornbridge Hall – House and Cream Tea

Nicholas Simons



Sunday 20th July 2025

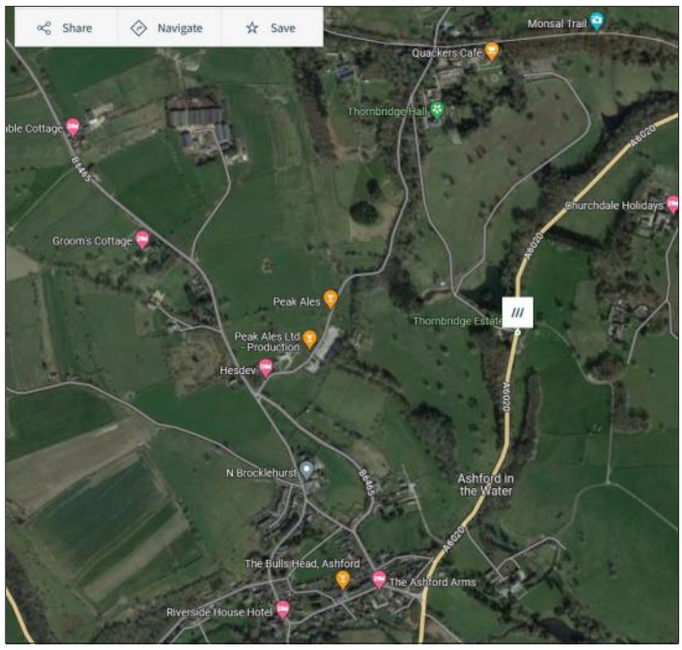


Thornbridge Hall bills itself as Britain's most quirky stately home. Whatever your view of that it is undeniably an splendid house with wonderful gardens set in Derbyshire's countryside.

Our visit will include the opportunity to tour the house, to admire the gardens and it is inclusive of a cream tea.

The Hall is extremely grateful to its visitors as every visit to Thornbridge helps to fund underprivileged children who can't afford to visit. Their cafe is an important fund raiser and visitors are expected not to use the venue for picnics.

The cost for us will be £24 per person with a limit of 20 people attending. Provisionally, arrive between 12 noon and 1 pm for a coffee and the house tour will start at 2 pm.







The address is Ashford In The Water, Baslow Road, Derbyshire (2 miles from Bakewell town centre). Please use what3words to find us: ///gather.mango.tank

We are warned that using the postcode and Google Maps will get you into trouble. *What 3 Words* is an excellent location finder that is accurate to a few metres so will even find the right door on a building. Its map is printed here to help you.

To book please sent the form to Nicholas Simons (nicholas.simons@rrec-eastmids.club) or make an online booking at https://rrec-eastmids.club/booking.html. Closing date 5th July 2025 but please note the limited numbers possible. ■

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Harrogate Weekend 1st – 4th August 2025



Jeff Dennis

Including the North of England Rally on the Sunday

Now is the time to consider booking for the Harrogate Weekend and including the 45th 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.

On SATURDAY: Participate in the drive on Saturday seeing the stunning Yorkshire countryside plus a visit to an attraction. Alternatively travel just 10 miles to Wetherby racecourse and attend a large antiques fair. A well-known TV antiques programme may be filming on site.

Complete the day with a memorable Gala evening consisting of a "Black Tie" drinks reception, an excellent dinner followed by musical entertainment by the UK's top Elvis Presley Tribute Act. A night of nostalgia listening to some of your favourite songs and dancing the night away.

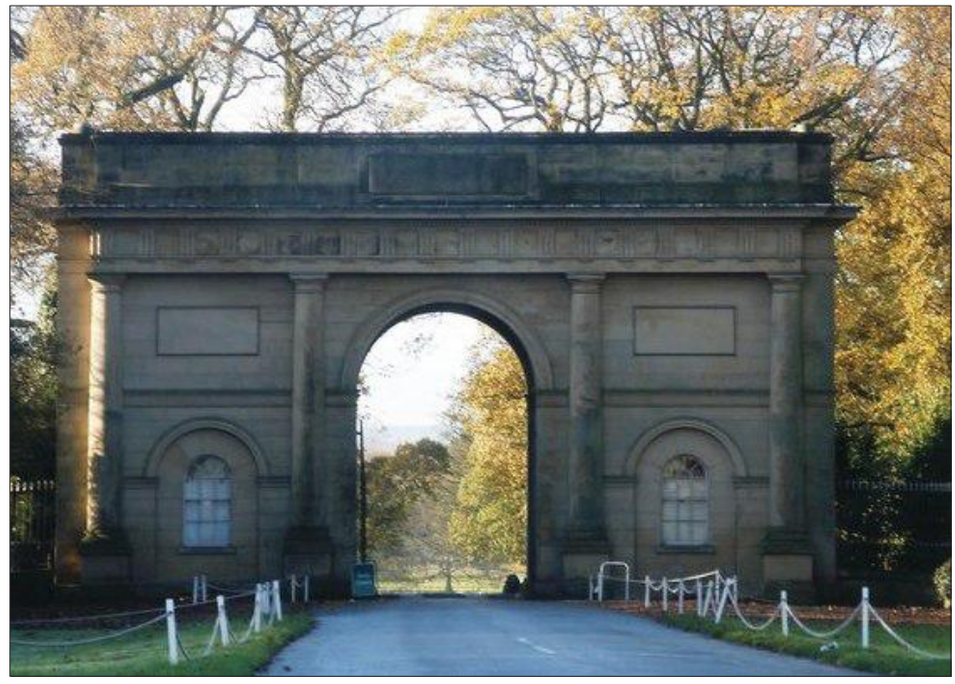
On SUNDAY: Travel to the North of England Rally and meet old friends and view over 200 elegant cars in the unsurpassed setting of Harewood House – one of the North's most impressive stately houses. Stay at the Majestic Hotel for an evening meal and travel home refreshed on Monday morning or, if you wish, leave for home on Sunday after the Rally.

Option 2. **Enjoy the Gala Dinner and the Rally.** Arrive on the Saturday, enjoy the hotel's leisure facilities or have a look around Harrogate, travel just 10 miles to Wetherby Racecourse and attend a large antiques fair, then enjoy the Gala Black Tie evening's drinks reception, dinner and entertainment. Stay in the Majestic on Saturday evening and visit the Rally on the Sunday.

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

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

NORTH OF ENGLAND RALLY



The North of England Rally is the pride of the Yorkshire, East Midlands, Northern and North Eastern Sections and the envy of the rest of the Club. It not only continues to attract large numbers of our own members but attracts many members from the rest of the UK and overseas.

It is held in the beautiful grounds of Harewood House, and we are allowed to park in front of the magnificent stately home. The Rally provides many pleasures from the initial entrance down the impressive tree lined drive to the unique opportunity to study at close quarters a range of Club cars which are rarely seen elsewhere.

Your ticket allows you to visit the house and all the other attractions, such as the gardens, grounds, art galleries and much more. Many members like to bring a picnic to enjoy with friends and some like to eat in the restaurant at the rear of the house.

This year we are pleased to have a mobile food facility and an ice cream van, so members can buy food to enjoy in the car display area. Combine this with the delight of meeting old and new friends and you have the recipe for a perfect day. The North of England Rally is generally referred to as the "Friendly rally" and any member who attends for the first time will quickly appreciate that the word friendly is indeed most apt. Also on the field to entertain

members whilst they enjoy their picnics will be a roving jazz band and an accordionist.

Administration: Car number cards and entry tickets will be sent out **one week** before the event, on receipt of your completed entry form. If you require confirmation of receipt of entry, please send stamped addressed envelope with your entry form or provide an e-mail address.

CAR NUMBER CARD AND WINDSCREEN STICKER MUST BE DISPLAYED IN THE CAR WINDSCREEN ON ENTRY TO THE GROUNDS.

PLEASE NOTE this event is only open to members, their cars and their guests and subject to the Club insurance cover, and Harewood House health and safety requirements.

No refunds will be made

So why not join us and have a thoroughly enjoyable day and maybe travel home with a well deserved trophy. There are 8 trophies in total and judging is more relaxed than at the Annual.

Rally and Hotel Booking

The booking slip for the North of England Rally is with this Newsletter, in *Spirit and Speed* and on the Club website.

N.B. the Rally pricing which is £21 per car **plus**, if you are staying at the Majestic on Saturday night, add £12 per person as a contribution to the cost of the Gala Evening.

We have 40 rooms reserved at the Majestic Hotel until the 2nd July.

If you are going to make a booking at the Majestic Hotel please indicate this on the booking slip.

The hotel has recently completed a multi-million pound renovation and is now back to its former glory and with superb leisure facilities. Our hotel costs are:

Friday & Saturday – Dinner, bed & breakfast: Double room £226, Single room £174
Sunday – Dinner, bed & breakfast: Double room £206, Single room £154.

Superior rooms are available at £60 supplement per night.



Book your accommodation direct with the hotel. Telephone No 01423 700 300 (Option 1) – ignore the recorded message - between 9:30 and 4:30. Outside office hours use Option 2 for central reservations. Mention Rolls-Royce event and the event date to benefit from the discounted rate.

If you wish to book on-line, email Jeff Dennis, Hotel Coordinator, jeff@jeffdennis.co.uk and he will send you a link.

Do not book on-line by any other booking agency as you will not be included in the Group and will not be on the table plan for the gala evening dinner.

The postcode for the hotel is HG1 2HU

After you have booked the hotel, inform Jeff Dennis, by email jeff@jeffdennis.co.uk or 07966 492333, and he will send you details of the weekend activities at the hotel two weeks before the event.

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

Visit & Picnic Fairfield Lake and Smite Brook Railway – Pailton

Derek Randall



Sunday 10th August 2025



Fairfield Lake is in a beautiful privately owned estate and is the home base for the Smite Brook railway. The owner is passionate about railways and steam powered transport. A steam powered launch takes visitors on a tour of the lake (subject to favourable weather and availability of the skipper). The railway is 7¼ inch gauge and runs around the estate. The whole circuit takes around 10 minutes. The trains are operated by enthusiasts who are keen to take passengers around the beautiful countryside of the estate without extra charge. There have been no reports of strikes or problems with leaves on the line. If you have children or grandchildren, bring them along. They will love it. So will you. Please arrive between 10:30 and 11:00 am.

You can see more on https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=piPgymDC9LY.



Coffee/tea will be available plus the use of a gas BBQ (bring your own sausages burgers etc.) please contribute £1 for drinks or to use the BBQ as a contribution to Air Ambulance.

The owner of the estate makes no charge for the facility but hopes to raise money for the Air Ambulance service. We are therefore making a charge of £9 which includes £7.50 for the charity. Children come free. An urn and ingredients for making coffee on a DIY basis will be provided. This will be inside an awning in case of showers (heaven forbid). The use of a barbeque is available. We ask for a small donation for coffee/tea or use of the BBQ. All contributions to the charity.

The address is Fairfield Lake & Smite Brook Railway, Fairfield House, Coventry Road, Pailton Nr. Rugby CV23 0QA.

The site is located about 800 metres west of the triangular junction in the centre of Pailton village (Warwickshire) which is on the B4027 Coventry Road.

From the A5 west of Lutterworth, take the B4027 (right turn) to Pailton. On leaving the village centre west bound on the B4027 pass a closed pub (White Lion) on the left and go through a speed limiting chicane 150 m later. Shortly the road goes downhill through some S bends and there are a few (misleading) farm entrances. Half way down this hill is a narrow gateway (not very visible) and some RREC signs will be placed by the entrance.



Travelling via Coventry, take the A46 eastern bypass northwards from the A45. Take the third exit from the first roundabout signposted A428 through Binley, Binley Woods, Brandon then turn left at Bretford and after the road turns sharp to the left, take the A4455 on the right to Brinklow and Stretton under Foss. The road turns sharply to the right to Monks Kirby and becomes the B4027. The site is a few hundred yards or so on the right.

On reaching the site: Some RREC signs will be placed by the entrance and we will wrap a union jack round a telegraph pole which is directly opposite the site entrance to help you.

Turn into the gate and drive forward, ignoring a side turning on the left, for about 100 metres until you reach a gateway in front of you slightly to the right. Someone will guide you from there.

Please send your booking form to Derek Randall derek.randall@rrec-eastmids.club) or make an online booking at https://rrec-eastmids.club/booking.html by 31st July 2025. ■

Bank Holiday Picnic – Somersal Mill Farm



Clare Poyser

Sunday 24th August 2025

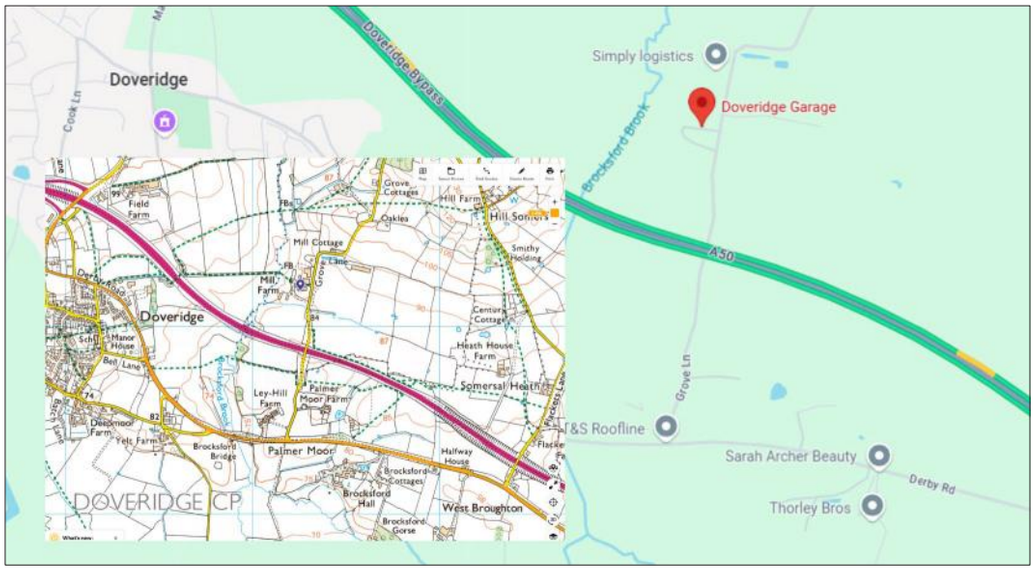
This year we are going to a different venue for our Bank Holiday picnic having had a very kind invitation from Clare and Mark Poyser to their home.

The address is Somersal Mill Farm, Grove Lane, Doveridge, Ashbourne, Derbyshire, DE6 5PB. Somewhat unusually for these days, Google does not know the house but the Postcode will get you warm and as you see Mark's garage is shown.

The main road is the A50 and the insert is from an OS map

Arrive from 11 am with your picnic lunch – avoiding leaving it near the resident alpacas!

The cost is £6 per person with children going free.



Please make an online booking at https://rrec-eastmids.club/booking.html by 10th August 2025, or send your booking form to Clare Poyser, clare.poyser@rrec-eastmids.club. ■



Pre-war Small Horsepower Workshops

Nicholas Simons



9th and 16th September 2025



The next workshops for the Small Horsepower pre-war motorcars will take place on Tuesday 9th and 16th September 2025. The instructors are Roger Cockfield, (20/25 for twenty-five years and now a 20hp), Martin Carnell, (20/25 for fifteen years and a Silver Dawn), Nicholas Simons (20/25 for ten years, Derby and New Phantom), John Prentice (20/25) and David Howard. The team are keen to impart their knowledge and experience to other enthusiasts. All club members are welcome, but numbers are restricted so please book early to ensure your space.



The workshops will be held in Derby. The theme is hands-on experience at dismantling and re-assembling a variety of components for these motorcars. This builds up the confidence to tackle jobs oneself. These workshops are an invaluable source of gathering knowledge, experience and confidence as the more you work on or look at these cars the less daunting they become.

The ultimate objective is to encourage more people to maintain these cars and enjoy their regular use on the highway.

Components available include, a rear hub, front axle, Autovac, carburettor, distributor, clutch, water pump, brake servo, steering column and side steering tube. The Workshop also owns a full set of Dunlop steering measuring equipment. Identification of likely faults and rectification for each of the components is also covered. There is no substitute for taking a component apart yourself compared to watching someone else do it. These workshops provide an ideal opportunity to get to grips with the pleasure of owning and running a pre-war motorcar.



If you are interested in attending either of the workshops please contact Nicholas Simons on nicholas.simons@rrec-eastmids.club

The price is £20 for each day and full details of the location and nearby places to stay will be provided on acceptance.

Please indicate your chosen day and any specific areas of design or maintenance that you want to have covered.

For insurance reasons there is a minimum age of 18 for participants.

These workshops are separate from and in addition to the Seminars taking place at The Hunt House. ■

Neil Prestwich 1937 - 2025 and his cars

An appreciation by his son Andrew

Neil was born on 3rd August 1937 and was studying mechanical engineering at Manchester University when he obtained a two-month placement at R-R in Crewe for August and September 1957 – where he worked on Clouds in the Automatic Gearbox Department. At the end of his time there, he was required to write a report for his university tutor who gave it a rave review. The professor did not realise quite how much of the report had been cribbed from R-R publicity material!

An interest in older R-R cars came a decade later. The five cars, the fifth of which is still in my parents' garage, are as follows:

- 1929 'Twenty' cabriolet by Windovers, chassis GVO 3, photographed in Burnage, Manchester, circa 1969
- 1928 'Twenty' limousine by Hooper, chassis GFN 23, photographed in Barnwood, Gloucester, summer 1974
- 1968 Silver Shadow in Cardinal Red, photographed at RREC National Rally, Englefield, 18th June 1978
- 1926 'Twenty' landaulet by Barker, chassis GOK 48 (which won the Maurice Booth Memorial Trophy at RREC National Rally, Yarnton in 1980) photographed at Stonehouse Traction Engine Rally, early 1980s
- 1929 'Twenty' three-quarter coupé by Page & Hunt, chassis GFN 44, photographed at RREC National Rally, Burghley, 2019.

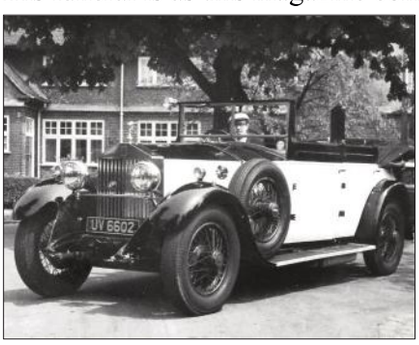
Neil was a member of the Northern Section, being secretary for a couple of years (with Roy Brooks as Chairman) before moving to Gloucester in 1972 and joining the West Midlands Section.

On selling the 1926 Barker landaulet in 1984, Neil pursued other interests (including 1950s motorcycles and model engineering) before becoming once more enchanted by Rolls-Royce when I acquired 1922 Silver Ghost 312 KG.

This led to Neil joining the East Midlands Section and then buying GFN 44 from the Real Car Company in 2017. He brought the car to a few section events including a trip to Nottingham High School and a picnic at Graham Mead's and enjoyed several of the East Midlands Section workshops.

Covid confinement was not kind to my parents and GFN 44 has had limited use in the past few years.

His funeral is as this magazine come out to you on 31st March. ■











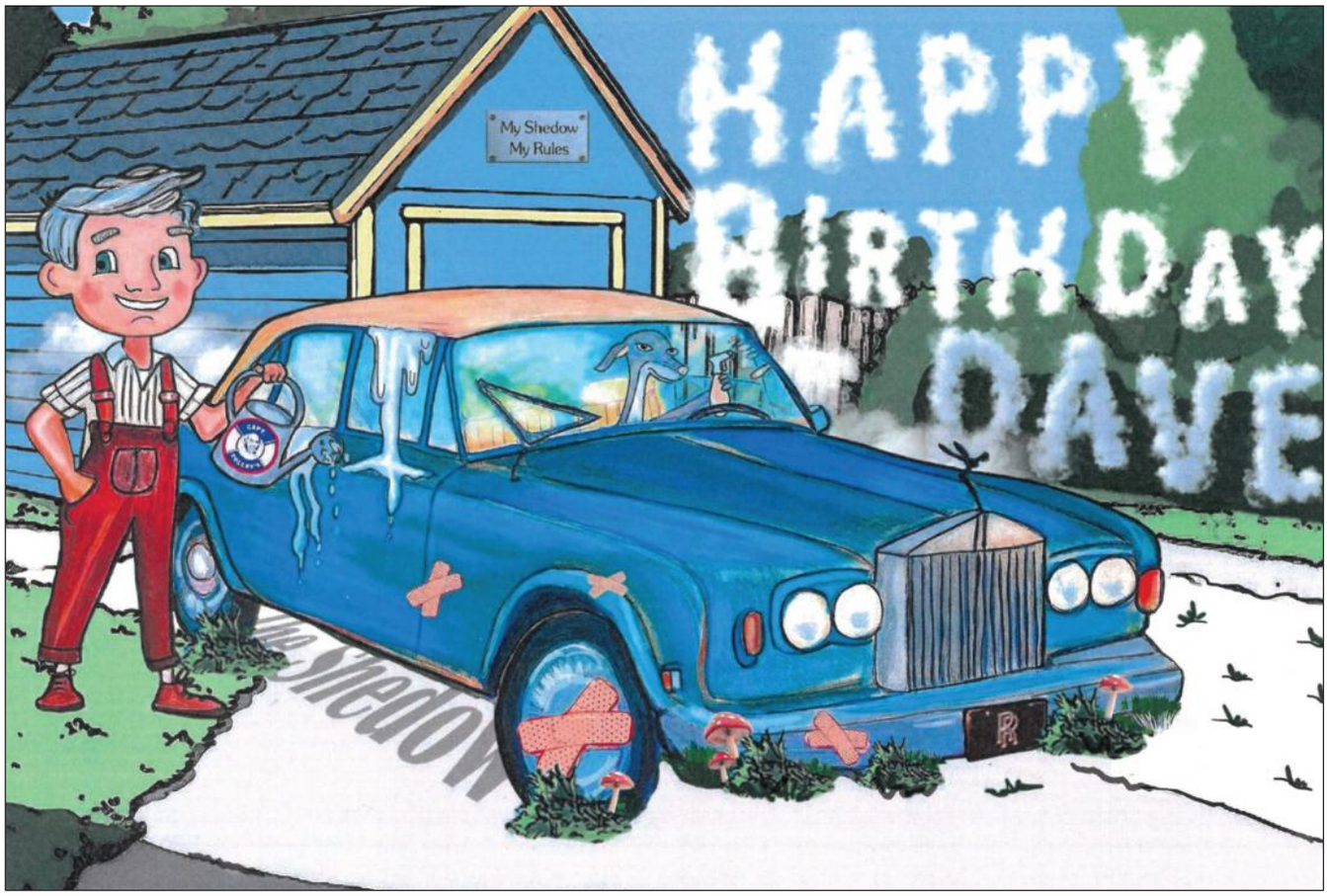
Event forms and booking note

Bookings for most Section events can be made online on the Section website:
https://rrec-eastmids.club/booking.html

Most paper booking forms are now in a separate leaflet rather as past of the main Newsletter. In the PDF version they appear at the end of the file (i.e. after page 24 of *The Custodian*).

You can post the booking form to the organiser's address given with a cheque for payment. A separate cheque must be used for each event being booked. Confirmation of postal bookings will not normally be given unless you enclose an SAE.

David Howard's birthday - 15 March *(the white smoke makes me think head gasket? (ed.*



Changes to Club Governance



Martin Carnell

The Affiliate Agreement for Sections

This article was in the January issue but is repeated here for reference as the agreement is implemented on the ground.

Andrew Whittaker, on taking over the Chairmanship, has done a lot of work to mitigate two big risks that faced the Club. These were: a) HMRC might determine that VAT should have been charged on all transactions including those of Sections, b) Breaches of the licencing conditions for trademarks belonging to the motor companies (RRMC and Bentley Motors) "spun off" after the failure of Rolls-Royce Ltd in 1971 damaging relationships between the organisations.

Fortunately there are tax precedents that offer a solution to the VAT problem. Organisations "affiliated" to an umbrella club or such are considered separately when looking at the threshold for VAT registration (currently £90,000). Thus if Sections can be affiliated they will all be comfortably out of the VAT system.

The requirements for an organisation being part of a bigger "club" to be considered Affiliated are (i) It must be constitutionally independent of its umbrella and (ii) It must manage its own financial affairs. Sections have always complied with (ii) and with modest amendment to existing rules can be meet requirement (i)

These changes entered into a very extensive consultation process with emailings of draft documents, Zoom meetings and one-to-one 'phone calls. The result of this is a new set of rules for Sections that became operative on 1st December 2024. This process allowed clarifications to be introduced that gave comfort to the motor companies that their trademarks remain secure.

One of the problems of the extensive consultation was that many ideas were included that were later found to be too complicated or unnecessary. This does mean that if you have heard rumours about the Affiliate Agreement it is quite likely that they are not actually features of the final agreement; this has led to some futile arguments at cross-purposes!

The new arrangements are highly beneficial to Sections. We are not subject to bureaucratic controls, can give active members anywhere in the country voting rights and the ability to serve as officers of the Section, and we will receive an annual disbursement of 10% of the Club membership subscription of our members so we can better serve you. ■

Silver Shadow climate control problems

Identifying a faulty relay

David Howard



My Silver Shadow II had many issues that were apparent before purchase, but I enjoy a challenge.

After sorting the basics out, electric windows, engine etc. etc. I have "been told" that the car needs to have the climate control working during summer as it is too hot. We are all used to having air conditioned cars these days, the Shadow II has a powerful air conditioning system fitted as standard so why not get it working again. My car had no blower fans and the only part of the a/c system that worked was the "remote-facia" switch on the dashboard. There was an obvious fault with the a/c system.



The easy checks on the system are both fuses, there is one fuse inside the car, and another under the bonnet, both fuses on my car were intact so further checks were needed.

My investigations then focused on the electrical system controlling the climate control system, especially the electrical relays. Mike Wild had told me of problems with the a/c system on his car that needed a replacement relay; this is where I focused my checks.

Many electric relays are fitted to the Silver Shadow type cars.

An electric relay is a remote-controlled electrical switch, the relay is used to switch devices on and off within the car.

There are three relays for the a/c system under the bonnet adjacent to the electrical fuse. These are on the left-hand below the heater trunking from the heater fan viewed from the front of the vehicle.

Starting next to the fuse, the purpose of the relays looking from the front of the car:

The left-hand relay purpose is to supply power to the fuel filler door release when the ignition is off and stop supply to the fuel door when the ignition is on, this is to prevent a mistaken opening of the door when driving When the ignition is on this relay powers the a/c fans, compressor and mechanisms within the a/c system. (I later found that my car had a bodge wire to the fuel filler door circuit and the door could be remotely opened with the ignition on or off)

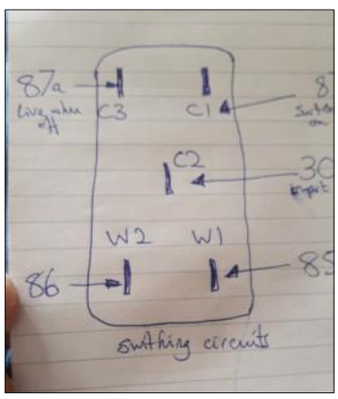


The centre relay purpose is to switch the a/c system off when the engine is turning over to start the car so the battery supplies full power to the starting system so the engine starts readily with maximum battery power.

The right-hand relay switches the a/c off when the engine is not running (the oil pressure switch is the controlling factor for monitoring the running of the engine for a/c)

To access the relays and fuse I removed the heater blower motor and trunking on the drivers side (RHD car) only 6 nuts to undo, three for the blower/fan and 3 for the housing.

I checked the under-bonnet fuse, this fuse has a permanent power supply irrespective of the position of any switches, there was 12v showing. This 12v supplies the left relay with a permanent 12v to terminal C2 on the left relay. When the relay is "off" power is supplied to C3 for the fuel door circuit-so an indication of the under bonnet fuse condition is, does the fuel door open?



The relay is switched on by the ignition (power to W), when this happens 12v to C3 is switched off and the 12v is supplied to C1 terminals- a/c has power.

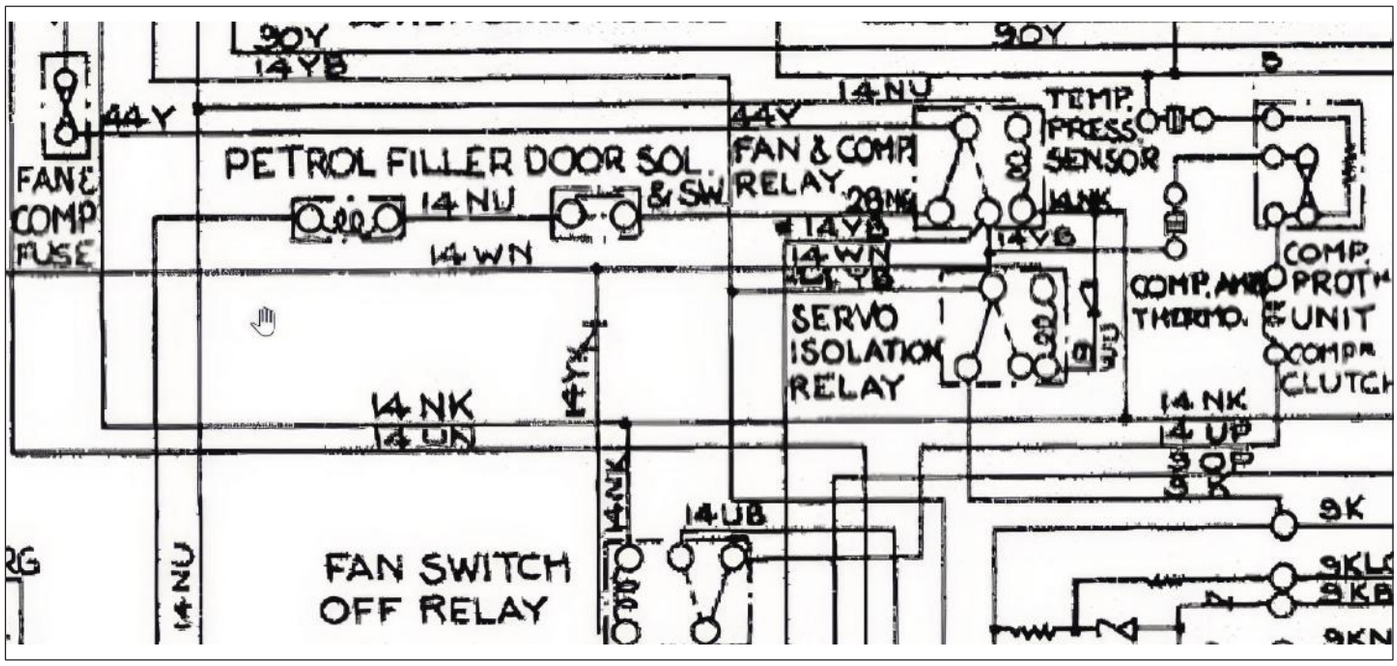
This is where my car had problems, there was 12v supply to the left relay C2 but no output to either C1 or C3 irrespective of the ignition switch position.

The relay was replaced with a modern relay to fix the problem. This fixed the supply to the a/c system and the fans and compressor worked on demist-progress, also the fuel door works as it should.

A simplified description of centre and right relay purpose: → ***continued overleaf***

→ ***From page 21.*** Centre relay receives 12v from left relay, if starter is not in operation relay passes 12v to right relay, if the engine is running/oil pressure light is off 12v is sent to a/c system. Both these relays are on at all times and are switched off by the starter and/or oil pressure monitoring.

To bypass the right relay and run the a/c system without the engine running, disconnect the connectors from the oil pressure switches as a quick check.



To understand the details of the logic you need to understand the car's circuit diagrams. These come in two forms: the Theoretical diagram (that would now be termed a schematic diagram) – a fragment of which for the Shadow II, showing the three relays discussed, is shown above and the Wiring Diagram. The former gives the logic of the interconnecting wires (rather like a London Underground map) and the latter how they actually run in the car body.

Other items are not still working on the a/c system, but we have fans and a/c compressor. I will document the repairs in my next instalment. ■

Too hot to handle – or perhaps to survive

John Prentice



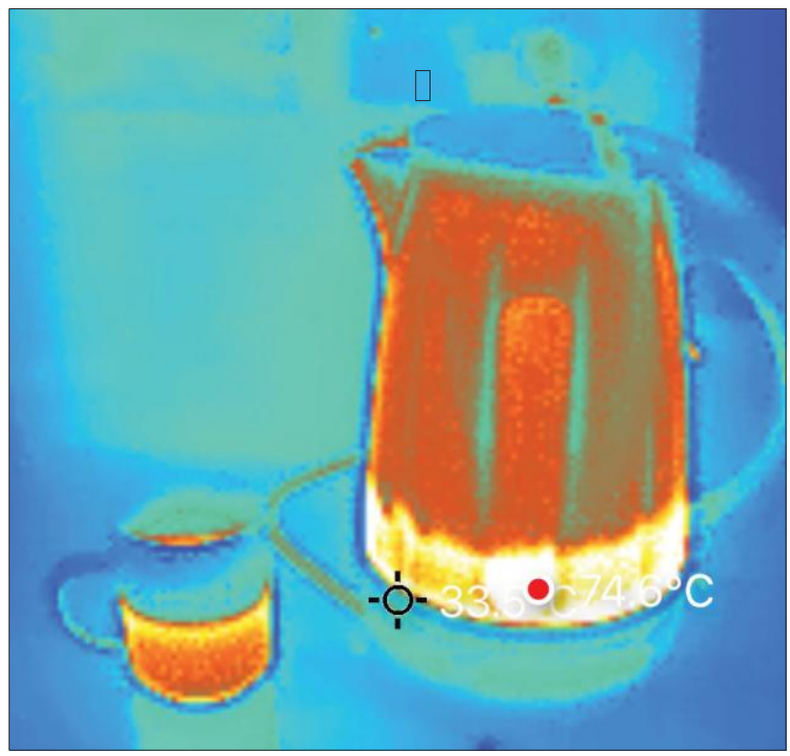
Reading David's article on a relay fried by current through a tired Lucar connector, I thought I would show an iPhone accessory that I have found invaluable in identifying trouble in electrical and mechanical systems.

The miniature infra-red camera merely plugs into the charging connector of the phone. It comes with a close-up lens for looking at small items like chips on a circuit board but the standard lens can be used for macro-sized objects. Here is a



view of the camera and its plug with a 50p for scale.

To the right is a picture of a kettle that has just boiled with a hot drink in the mug next to it. This display shows the spot temperature at the target and the location of the highest temperature. ■



Diary – Spring/Summer 2025

Sunday 13th April 2025
Lunch at the Masonic Hall, Welbeck Road, West Bridgford, (Kevin McCormick – kevinccormick7@gmail.com)

Friday 16th – Sunday 18th May 2025

Wings and Wheels event in Derby (Mike Wild – mike.wild@rrec-eastmids.club)

Tuesday 20th May 2025
Silver Shadow and Bentley T Hands-on Workshop (David Howard – shadow.workshops@outlook.com)

Saturday 21st June 2025
Open Day at Flying Spares (Debbie Howard – debbie.howard@rrec-eastmids.club)

Sunday 22nd June 2025
Picnic at the Tipper's (Mary Mulholland – mary.mulholland@rrec-eastmids.club)

Sunday 6th July 2025
Picnic at Haselour Hall (Mary Mulholland – – mary.mulholland@rrec-eastmids.club)

Sunday 20th July 2025
Thornbridge Estate – Tour of house and cream tea (Nicholas Simons – nicholas.simons@rrec-eastmids.club)

Saturday 2nd August/Sunday 3rd August
Harrogate Weekend and North of England Rally (Jeff Dennis jeff.dennis@rrec-eastmids.club)



Sunday 10th August 2025
Smitebrook Railway and Fairfield Lake Picnic (Derek Randall - derek.randall@rrec-eastmids.club)

Sunday 24th August 2025
Bank Holiday Picnic Picnic (Clare Poyser - clare.poyser@rrec-eastmids.club)

Tuesdays 9th & 16th September 2025
Pre-war Small Horsepower Workshops (Nicholas Simons nicholas.simons@rrec-eastmids.club)

Planning ahead

Put this events in your diary – more details of this and other events for 2025 in July's newsletter.

Sunday 21st September 2025
Heage Windmill - Martin Carnell..

Sunday 7th December 2025
Section Christmas Lunch - Christina Wild

From the Editor

John Prentice



Thank you for reading this issue.

The Custodian is distributed electronically. Any member can subscribe for printed copies as explained overleaf.

You should have received a paper copy of the January issue. You get the emailed copy of each issue if you have an email address known to Club membership system. That meant that everyone will got a paper copy of the Accounts and of the calling notice for the AGM. It also gave you a taste of reading the physical newsletter in comparison to the electronic version and helped you decide if you want to subscribe for all the copies on paper.

There is a risk that you might fall into the trap of expecting a paper copy every quarter. **I am afraid that if you do not subscribe** then this will not happen!

Finally your contributions to our content would be most welcome. It has been rather quiet on that front recently. Have you any thoughts about things going on in the world of classic cars? Have you had an interesting journey recently? Have you done or had done for you any major maintenance which transformed the car or was a nightmare? If so please do email me a letter or short illustrated article. ■



Welcome to our new Section members

Robin Carr, Kneesall; Graham Pope, Bury St Edmunds; Sunny Basra, Great Glen; Adrian Jump, Shepshed; Andrew Cater, Peterborough. ■

Newsletter Subscription

All Section members will receive a paper copy of the January issue of *The Custodian* which includes the Agenda for the AGM on 16th February 2025 and the accounts for the financial year ending 31st October 2024.

Please note: that if you want to continue receiving paper copies in July and October then you will need to subscribe.

Many people prefer to read a hard-copy or like to file their collection. Any member can get a printed copy posted to them for a subscription of £5.00 for each issue to cover costs. If you pay £15.00 now you will get this issue posted to you immediately and the remaining two issues for the year. This is cheaper than the cost of the ink for many home printers and the printed images are higher resolution than the emailed ones.

To subscribe, please send a cheque payable to *RREC (East Midlands Section)* to John Prentice at 141 Loughborough Road, Ruddington, Nottingham, NG11 6LQ with a note giving your name, your address and a contact 'phone number **or** send the money by BACS to Account name: *Rolls Royce Enthusiasts*, Sort Code: *20-63-25*, Account: *70086088*. The Reference should be CUSTODIAN and your surname. ■

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Wings and Wheels For Non-Hotel Visitors – Form

Friday 16th May – Sunday 18th May 2025

I/We would like to attend this event

This form is for booking individual events on the weekend if you do not wish to come for the complete event and are not staying at the Mickleover Hotel.

If you want the whole package then there is a separate form for this (page 2)

Name | Address

Postcode

Telephone | E-mail

Car model | Year | Reg. mark

Weekend Souvenir information pack — Number - *Probably you only want one per car but will be lost without it!* | Price per pack £15 | £

FRIDAY - 16th May

Daytime excursions. £20 per person for the day. Give expected number going on each (for our planning)

GNC displays and demonstrations (something for everyone here) | £

plus R-R HQ on Nightingale Road | *plus* R-R LDC Exhibition

Dinner at the Old Bell, Derby — Number of people | £60 per person including free transport from and to Mickleover Hotel car park | £

SATURDAY - 17th May

Reserved space in city centre. For Grand Display of R-R or Bentley cars — Tick box | **£0.00**

Gala Dinner at the Mickleover Hotel — Number of people | £60 per person | £

SUNDAY - 18h May

Drive the old South Derbyshire Test Routes and visit Calke Abbey — Number of people | Starting from GNC, Osmaston Road. Get your own picnic stuff on the way (see Info. Pack for suggestions) Calke Abbey is National Trust so pay or show membership on entry | **£0.00**

Grand Total | £

Payment c.f. from the Grand Total

Cheque | £ | payable to RREC (East Midlands Section)

Or BACS to Sort: 20-63-25 A/c: 70086088

Send form to Mike Wild, Lea Holme, Mill Lane, Holloway, Matlock, Derbys DE4 5AQ
or email to mike.wild@rrec-eastmids.club
or book online at https://rrec-eastmids.club/booking.html

Dinner places are LIMITED so please do not delay.

Welbeck Hall - West Bridgford – Form

Sunday 13th April 2025

I/We would like to attend this event

Name | Address

Postcode

Telephone | E-mail

Car model | Year | Reg. mark

No. attending | Cheque | (£23 per person payable to RREC (East Midlands Section) | Or BACS

Menu

Main Course

- Carvery with a reserved dining section for the Club
  - ***(Please indicate any special dietary requirements when booking)***

Dessert

- Drinks and Freshly made coffee or tea are available from the bar

Send form to Kevin McCormick, The Paddocks, Farriers Green, Clifton Village, Nottingham. NG11 8ND.
Or book online at https://rrec-eastmids.club/booking.html **Closing date 4th April 2025**

Wings and Wheels For Hotel Residents – Form

Friday 16th May – Sunday 18th May 2025

I/We would like to attend this event

Please make your hotel booking on a bed and breakfast basis for the class of room you want online with the hotel using the link: https://tinyurl.com/jzmz8bkm

THEN online on the Club website, or by this form, pay the event cost of £170 per person.

You may, if you wish, not stay in the hotel and attend individual events. There is a separate form for this (page 1)

Name | Address

Postcode

Telephone | E-mail

No. attending | Cheque | (Residents £170 per person payable to RREC (East Midlands Section) | Or BACS

Car model | Year | Reg. mark

I would like a space for my car in Derby:

	Thurs	*Fri*	*Sat*	*Sun*
Hotel Nights Booked				

Send form to Mike Wild, Lea Holme, Mill Lane, Holloway, Matlock, Derbys DE4 5AQ
or email to mike.wild@rrec-eastmids.club
or book online at https://rrec-eastmids.club/booking.html

Hotel and Dinner places are LIMITED so please do not delay.

Shadow Hands-On Workshop at GNC – Form

Tuesday 20th May 2025

I/We would like to attend this event

Name Address

Postcode

Telephone E-mail

Car model Year Reg. mark

No. attending

No payment is necessary yet and the cost will be notified to you using the details above
Send form to David Howard, 3 Clifton Drive, Mickleover, Derby, DE3 9HS
or email shadow.workshops@outlook.com
or book online at https://rrec-eastmids.club/booking.html
Closing date 6th May 2025 but please register now as places are limited

Flying Spares Open Day – Form

Saturday 21st June 2025

I/We would like to attend this event which is free of charge and for adults only

Name Address

Postcode

Telephone E-mail

No. attending

Car model Year Reg. mark

Send form to Debbie Howard, 3 Clifton Drive, Mickleover, Derby, DE3 9HS
Or book online at https://rrec-eastmids.club/booking.html
Closing date 7th June 2025

Picnic at the Tipper's – Form

Sunday 22nd June 2025

I/We would like to attend this event

Name Address

Postcode

Telephone E-mail

No. attending Cheque £6 per person (children free of charge) payable to RREC (East Midlands Section) Or BACS

Car model Year Reg. mark

Send form to Mary Mulholland, 12 Ellis Drive, Kirby Muxloe, Leicester, LE9 2LT
Or book online at https://rrec-eastmids.club/booking.html
Closing date 7th June 2025

Haselour Hall Picnic – Form

Sunday 6th July 2025

I/We would like to attend this event

Name | Address

Postcode

Telephone | E-mail

No. attending | Cheque | £6 per person (children free of charge) payable to RREC (East Midlands Section) | Or BACS

Car model | Year | Reg. mark

Send form to Mary Mulholland, 12 Ellis Drive, Kirby Muxloe, Leicester, LE9 2LT
Or book online at https://rrec-eastmids.club/booking.html
Closing date 21st June 2025

Thornbridge Estate and Cream Tea – Form

Sunday 20th July 2025

I/We would like to attend this event

Name | Address

Postcode

Telephone | E-mail

No. attending | Cheque | £24 per person payable to RREC (East Midlands Section) | Or BACS

Car model | Year | Reg. mark

Send form to Nicholas Simons, 173 Blagreaves Lane, Littleover, Derby. DE23 1PW
or email to nicholas.simons@rrec-eastmids.club
Or book online at https://rrec-eastmids.club/booking.html **Closing date 4th July 2025 but note numbers are limited**

Fairfield Lake & Smite Brook Railway – Form

Sunday 10th August 2025

I/We would like to attend this event

Name | Address

Postcode

Telephone | E-mail

No. attending | Cheque | £9 per person (children free of charge) payable to RREC (East Midlands Section) | Or BACS

Car model | Year | Reg. mark

Send form to Derek Randall, 1 Brick Hill Lane, Allesley, Coventry, CV5 9BU
or email to derek.randall@rrec-eastmids.club
Or book online at https://rrec-eastmids.club/booking.html **Closing date 25th July 2025**

North of England Rally – Form

Sunday 3rd August 2025

I/We would like to attend this event

Name | Address

Postcode

Telephone | E-mail

Car model | Year | Reg. mark

Body style | Coachbuilder | Chassis number

I am willing to drive my car in the parade if it is selected ☐

Any points of interest and brief history (for commentary) - attach another page if necessary

I wish to enter for the *Graham Pearce Memorial Trophy* – give mileage to event

I am prepared to do a hour of marshalling ☐

I will be taking part in the Saturday Tour ☐

I will be staying at Majestic Hotel so include the entertainment supplement in my payment ☐

No. In car | Amount (£21 per car plus £12 per person as contribution to Gala evening **if** you staying at the Majestic Hotel)

My cheque payable to RREC North of England Rally is enclosed ☐

OR

I have made payment by BACS to Sort Code 20-35-84, A/c 80381365, ref NOR 2025 ☐

Notes: Admission is by ticket only. Rally entries need to be received by **17th July** to be included in the programme.

Send form to Mike Blunsom, 4 Acacia Drive, Sandy Lane, Bradford, West Yorks. BD15 9JY
or email mblunsom@blueyonder.co.uk

Bank Holiday Picnic – Somersal Mill Farm – Form

Sunday 24th August 2025

I/We would like to attend this event

Name | Address

Postcode

Telephone | E-mail

No. attending | Cheque | £6 per person (children free). Cheque payable to RREC (East Midlands Section) | Or BACS

Car model | Year | Reg. mark

Send form to Clare Poyser, Somersal Mill Farm, Grove Lane, Doveridge, Ashbourne, Derbyshire, DE6 5PB
or email to clare.poyser@rrec-eastmids.club
or book online at https://rrec-eastmids.club/booking.html
Closing Date 10th August 2025.