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April edition copy deadline

Copy to be received by the editor by 28th February 2026 please.

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The 1908 Commer omnibus at Stonehurst Farm and Motor Museum. Members enjoyed an atmospheric though bumpy ride through the village of Mountsorrel in it.

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Chairwoman's Letter



Debbie Howard

To encourage members to attend events, the East Midlands section will be posting quarterly printed newsletters in 2026, free of charge to all members.

Martin Carnell is stepping down from the committee after many years of service to the East Midlands section of the RREC. Martin also served on the main RREC board.

Despite stepping down from the committee, Martin has volunteered to take over the East Midlands section of the Northern Rally organisation.

I am sure that you will want me to say a big thank you from the EMS committee and section members to Martin for all his hard work and input.

The committee has been viewing new venues for events. Bosworth Hall has been booked for a 3-night event in September. The Black tie dinner at Mickleover Hotel has now been transferred to the Bosworth Hall Hotel event in September as part of the long weekend.

Debbie Howard

Chairwoman ■

Heage Windmill – Report



Martin Carnell

Sunday 21st September

Our hosts at the Mill had reserved us a good parking space where we could all line up together.

The weather was sunny but there was a light breeze which you require, the clue being in the name! The windmill was in action with the sails winding round in the wind. The name Heage is derived from "high edge" and so a naturally excellent spot for a mill.

Included in our administration charge, the miller took us on a tour which was excellent.

Mike Stark, one of our new members, managed to navigate to the event, after his unfortunate failure to proceed on the way to Clare's picnic at the previous event.

At the round up gathering, I presented Debbie the ribbon of honour that states that she is the Chairwoman, Debbie was first to say that the colours of the ribbon were that of the suffragettes which I thought was apt.

Video of mill in action

Debbie presented Ian Beatson with his 40-year badge which is for continuous membership and is a high achievement. ■









Stonehurst Farm and Motor Museum – Report

Sunday 12th October 2025

Mary Mulholland



The 12th of October which heralded the visit to Stonehurst Farm started with thick fog and, on the journey, a road closure. This didn't augur well for those travelling from a distance.

However, how wrong I was. All those booked arrived on time and those who couldn't be accommodated came as members of the public, knowing that they would be able to meet all the members and take advantage of the food in the popular cafe.

The event attracted new members which was good. In all there were six children who thoroughly enjoyed it.

Thankfully the day stayed dry enabling all to take advantage of the tour round the motor museum and the farm. An added attraction was the tour round the village in a 1908 bus.

The three course buffet was excellent and the staff accommodated the younger children by providing sandwiches of their choice. ■











Kedleston Country House – Report

Sunday 9th November 2025



Martin Carnell





It was nice to see a lot of members turning up in their Club cars and parking them in the car park which made a great display.

As it was Remembrance Day, there was a large party of military veterans in the opposite room and everyone was wearing poppies, including our members.

Was nice to see members socialising and I congratulated Nicholas Simons on taking the Deputy Chairman's post, after I stepped down from the committee. **Note:** I am still involved as I have taken over organising the Majestic Hotel, Harrogate at the North of England Rally. ■



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. ■

Section AGM and Lunch – Morley Hayes



Mike Wild

Sunday 15th February 2026

We are returning to Morley Hayes (near Derby) for our Section AGM, which is being organised by Mike Wild. Morley Hayes is a 17th Century farmstead refurbished to a very high standard, set in 270 acres of beautiful Derbyshire countryside. Our meeting and lunch will be held in the **Pavilion Suite,** as it was last year. To access the Pavilion Suite: Instead of bearing left at the bottom of the drive to the main car park, carry straight on past the hotel entrance, which is on the right and follow the road round to the Pavilion where reserved parking for our cars will be made available.



There will be complimentary coffee and tea available on arrival. The cost of lunch is from £40. Attendance at the AGM itself is, of course, free of charge. Please send your booking form to Christina Wild (chris@mwpolymers.co.uk or make an online booking at https://rrec-eastmids.club/booking.html by 24th January 2026.

Arrive at 10.30 am for coffee prior to the meeting which starts at 11am. Drinks will be available for purchase before lunch which is served at 1 pm.

At the AGM we will elect committee members and hear reports of past events and details of future events. The financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2025 will be presented.

Notice of East Midlands Section 2025 AGM.

Election and Rules
The East Midlands Section work under The Section Affiliate Agreement (SAA) as published in the RREC Website (under Documents). Under the SAA rules a ballot is only called if the number of candidates standing for election exceeds the number the number of vacancies.

The number of members on the East Midlands Section Committee is ten.

Should the proxy votes returned give **no** "against" votes, then an enbloc vote will be asked for at the AGM meeting.

The Committee feels that an annual vote of Committee members meets the requirement of the Operation Manual section *4.2 Committee election* whilst being both democratic and gives the opportunity to recruit new Committee members.

Although not a requirement, a request will be made for a representative from the RREC Main Board, David Robinson, to be present. This is an opportunity for members to ask questions and make any comments regarding the main board activities.

Proposed Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the East Midlands Section of the Rolls-Royce Enthusiasts' Club to be held at Morley Hayes, on 15th February 2026

1. Apologies for absence
2. Approval of the minutes of the previous Section AGM, published (on pages 8-10)
3. Election of the Committee by proxy votes and show of hands (proxy nominations form on Form 3)
4. Chairwoman report
5. Treasurer's report (see pages 11-13)
6. Approval of the accounts
7. Motions for discussion or determination
8. AGM Closes

Followed by:- RREC main board Representative presentation and if time permits questions.

In accordance with Club rules you will receive a copy of the Final Agenda and a voting paper, allowing proxy voting if you cannot attend the meeting, by email (or post if you do not have email) by 5th February 2026.

Location
Morley Hayes is off the A608 between Derby and Heanor. Main Road, Morley, Derbyshire DE7 6DG.

AGM 2024 – 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 as accepted - 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

The Chairman outlined that the original governance meant payment of VAT would be likely; these new rules would avoid that. Also the opportunity was taken to simplify the rules, and provide 10% of the membership income to Sections, and a £50 K reserve was available if Section found they were 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 associate 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 this stage.

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

Proposed John Prentice – 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 enbloc.

Proposed – Pat McGrath Seconded – Glynn Sanders Vote in favour - Unanimous.

7. Treasurers report - The Treasurer published the annual accounts in the Custodian and reminded the membership that we are a Section that is not-for-profit, nor-not-for loss!

He reported the balance sheet down from 2023, was as predicted at last year's AGM down with a bank balance of £16009.03 and the Surplus on the year of £715.68.

Next year the AA contribution along with events' surplus will increase the surplus substantially.

Approval of accounts - There being no questions, the Accounts were voted unanimously in favour.

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 SHRMF, for attending. He highlighted both the events at Gulliver's Kingdom, that was a combination event with the Jaguar owners' club, and Winstanley House, organised by Mary Mulholland, a difficult event to organise but successful in the end. This reflected the typical arrangements problems and increased costs facing us today where event establishments, look to burden Section members with increased costs. The North of England rally saw increased numbers participating which must result in a surplus, although we have yet to establish the final situation.

Fairfield lake and Smite Brook railway was another good event that raised £938 for the Air Ambulance Charity, well done Derek.

Workshops – they continue to be well supported and provide not only a social event but learning opportunities.

It would seem that our time at Graham Mead's home is at an end, and we thank him for thirty years section support.

Thanks were given to Mike and Chris Wild for their open house barbecue, which coincided with the Chairman's seventieth birthday, and provide a pleasant Carnell family gathering opportunity.

Future – We look forward to the Wings and Wheels event in May, which celebrates the one hundred and twentieth anniversary of Rolls–Royce coming to Derby.

We also have the opportunity to visit Edwin and Linda Tipper's again, although the event will be smaller it will be no less welcoming.

The Chairman thanked Committee member John Prentice for the work he undertakes as Editor and distribution of The Custodian.

The Chairman felt that the issues concerning the RREC and SHRMF in his opinion worked well when it was amicable, but with legal costs for RREC last year at circa £35K, this showed a breakdown in RREC/ SHRMF communications. Although it was noted that the RREC and SHRMF representatives were talking together prior the start of the AGM. Let's hope it is the beginning of a new understanding.

The Chairman then asked if there were any questions.

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 they had approached Kevin Mc Cormick to come on the Committee and 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 (see this report regarding Winstanley house). 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, a new location was available for small horsepower and Shadow workshops.

The AGM was closed at 11.50 am.

RREC Main Board Presentation by David Robinson, Company Secretary RREC.

He outlined his role in the RREC as not being sophisticated. It included revenue, current issues and the future, and how it affects the RREC members.

Some of the main issues concerning the RREC and SHRMF were simply resolved by a telephone call, some other issues required more effort, like the change of Directors every three years resulted in no continuity, some contracts concerning important issues like governance, finance and legal aspects were wrong and would be terminated.

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

He added the Section Affiliate Agreement sought to mitigate risks for the Sections.

He then told us that the legal requirement of the RREC Board was to ensure the RREC employees were in safe, secure premises, that met HSE standards.

The move to Silverstone resulted in a savings and efficiency. 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 £190 k loss of money at the annual rally last year can you tell us what the future plans are?

Answer- We are aiming for a cost neutral rally in the future.

Question- Can the £190 K cost be broken down?

Answer – Yes it can, but I do not have that information at hand.

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 meeting terminated at 12.30 and following the presentation of the Ken Brittain award to John Prentice when all made our way to the bar as we think we heard John announce dirks all round! ■

Accounts to 31st October 2025

Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31st October 2025

		Income	Expenditure	Surplus/ deficit	2024 Net
14-Apr-24	Biggin Hall				£139.00
18-May-24	Black Tie Event Mickleover				-£486.50
05-Jun-24	Spring Break				£359.46
04-Aug-24	Harewood				-£94.65
25-Aug-24	Picnic at Derbyshire Location				£425.45
10-Nov-24	Remembrance Day Lunch	£1,700.00	£1,542.70	£157.30	
08-Dec-24	Christmas lunch at Morley Hayes	£2,093.00	£2,310.20	-£217.20	-£382.45
19-Jan-25	New Year lunch	£783.00	£754.00	£29.00	
16-Feb-25	AGM & lunch at Morley Hayes	£1,720.00	£1,754.90	-£34.90	-£134.80
13-Apr-25	Wellbeck	£713.00	£588.00	£125.00	
16-18 May 2025	Wings and Wheels (See note 4)	£13,380.00	£10,385.51	£2,994.49	
20-May-25	Shadow Workshop	£315.00	£247.83	£67.17	
22-Jun-25	Lupin Farm	£354.00	£59.98	£294.02	
06-Jul-25	Taroni - Haselour Hall	£336.00	£45.75	£290.25	£514.50
20-Jul-25	Thornbridge Hall	£648.00	£598.00	£50.00	
10-Aug-25	Fairfield Lake & Smite Brook Railwa	£1,386.50	£1,449.73	-£63.23	£72.38
24-Aug-25	Somersal Farm	£296.00	£50.45	£245.55	
9th&16th Sep 25	Workshops (Pre war cars)	£380.00	£99.90	£280.10	£494.95
21-Sep-25	Heage Windmill	£138.00	£120.00	£18.00	
17-Oct-25	Stonehurst Farm	£808.00	£1,194.00	-£386.00	
09-Nov-25	Keddleston				
07-Dec-25	Makeney Hall				
	Sales of Badges	£30.00	£3.95	£26.05	£49.66
	Donations (See note 5)	£1,386.49		£1,386.49	£140.00
	Other 2023/2024 Events				£294.56
		26,466.99	21,204.90	5,262.09	£1,391.56
	Newsletter Jan	£75.00	£847.31	-£772.31	-£55.50
	Newsletter Apr	£206.67	£245.00	-£38.33	-£97.12
	Newsletter Jul	£206.67	£245.00	-£38.33	-£97.12
	Newsletter Oct	£206.67	£284.75	-£78.08	-£97.12
		£695.00	£1,622.06	-£927.06	-£346.87
				£4,335.03	£1,044.69
	Deposit account interest			£141.75	£86.99
				£4,476.78	£1,131.68
	Committee expenses		£298.20		£269.20
	Write down of stock items		£83.00		£58.00
	Website		£151.04		£88.80
				£532.24	£416.00
				£3,944.54	£715.68

RREC East Midlands Section
Balance Sheet at 31st October 2025

		2024
Current Assets		
Stock - Badges, Rosettes, Signs etc.	£328.48	£295.64
Debtors - deposits for future events	£900.00	£825.00
Bank deposit account	£10,273.11	£10,131.36
Bank current account	£9,193.84	£5,877.67
	£20,695.43	£17,129.67
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	£1,199.00	£1,577.78
	£19,496.43	£15,551.89
CAPITAL		
At 1st November 2024	£15,551.89	£14,836.21
Net Surplus (Deficit) for the period	£3,944.54	£715.68
At 31st October 2025	£19,496.43	£15,551.89

Notes

1. Stock

	Brt Fwd & Additions	Write Down	Carried Forward	
Badges	£5.00	£1.00	£4.00	£5.00
Rosettes	£215.98	£43.00	£172.98	£38.14
Road Signs	£73.00	£15.00	£58.00	£73.00
Events Shelter	£117.50	£24.00	£93.50	£117.50
Postage Stamps	£62.00	£62.00	£0.00	£62.00
	£473.48	£145.00	£328.48	£295.64

2. Debtors

Morley Hayes AGM deposit 2026	£250.00	£250.00
Morley Hayes Christmas deposit	£0.00	£250.00
New Year Lunch Deposit	£0.00	£175.00
Black Tie 2026	£100.00	£0.00
Izaak Walton Lunch Nov24	£0.00	£150.00
Makeney Hall	£250.00	£0.00
Keddleston House Hotel	£300.00	£0.00
	£900.00	£825.00

3. Creditors

Keddleston House Hotel	£599.00	£0.00
Makeney Hall Christmas 2025	£360.00	£225.00
Biggin Hall New Year 2026	£240.00	£128.00
Event Shelter	£0.00	£147.50
Chairman's Event	£0.00	£198.28
Newsletter Printing Oct 2024	£0.00	£185.00
Newsletter 2025	£0.00	£30.00
Remembrance Day Receipts	£0.00	£664.00
	£1,199.00	£1,577.78

Notes to the Accounts (Continued)

4. Wings and Wheels Event

Between the 15th and 18th May 2025, the section ran one of the biggest and most successful events ever. It was a partnership with Derby City Council and was subsidised by the central RREC Club.
The following is a further breakdown of the financial aspects of the event.

	Income	Expenditure	Surplus
Weekend Souvenir info packs	£1,190.00	-£520.15	£669.85
Daytime Excursions	£2,290.00	-£280.11	£2,009.89
Dinner at the Old Bell Derby incl. transport	£4,320.00	-£4,284.00	£36.00
Gala Dinner at the Mickleover Hotel	£4,080.00	-£3,439.85	£640.15
Subsidised Events (Lunch Boxes etc.)		-£1,546.40	-£1,546.40
Charitable Contribution		-£315.00	-£315.00
Grant from Central Club	£1,500.00		£1,500.00
	£13,380.00	-£10,385.51	£2,994.49

5. Donations

Following the Affiliation of the East Midlands Section to the Central Club, we now receive a donation representing 10% of the membership fees.
The figure is calculated on the basis of the membership fees excluding VAT and is based on geographic membership calculated by member's post codes.

Ye Olde Bell Hotel & Spa, Barnby Moor

Sunday 22nd March 2026 (with Yorkshire Section)

In March we are invited to join the Yorkshire Section at the historic Ye Olde Bell Hotel and Restaurant at Barnby Moor.



Originally, in 1635, Ye Olde Bell was a coaching stop on the London to York route. It has welcomed many guests including Queen Victoria, Charlie Chaplin, Bing Crosby, Shirley Bassey and One Direction, to name but a few. It has also been a checkpoint on the Monte Carlo Rally.

Lunch will be served at 1.00pm in the Bradgate Suite, which has its own bar. The bar will be open from 11.30am. Following feedback from last year's event, tea and coffee will be available from a side table in the Suite, so service will be quicker at the bar.

The three course lunch will cost £39.00. Please let us know if you wish to sit with friends. Cheques should be made payable to RREC Yorkshire Section, or use BACs Sort Code 20-35-84 A/C No 40926507 (Reference: Ye Olde Bell). The deadline for bookings is Sunday 8th March 2026.

If you wish to make a weekend of it, please contact the hotel and mention you are attending the RREC Lunch. On Saturday night, the dinner, bed and breakfast rate in a classic double or twin room (including a £30 allowance per person for the evening meal) is £220 or similarly for a single room £145. On Sunday night, for bed and breakfast in the double/ twin room will be £140 and in the single £105 with dinner being charged as taken, or a sandwich and some fries costing £11.50 per person.



There is extensive car parking. We will have our own reserved car park spaces at the front of the hotel. You will be parked in the order that you arrive.

Ye Olde Bell is situated on the A638 and is 5½ miles south of Bawtry. It is only a few minutes from the A1.

From A1 Southbound: After Junction 34, Blyth Flyover, follow the A1 for approx 3½ miles and take the next left exit signed Barnby Moor. Turn left at the end of the road and the hotel is diagonally opposite at the next T-junction
From A1 Northbound: Exit at A620 signed Ranby and Retford. Turn left at the end of the sliproad and follow the road past Ranby village and Ranby School (signed Worksop College Preparatory School - junior school) for approximately 1 mile, then take the next left to Barnby Moor. Follow this road, the Old London Road, for approximately 2½ miles and the hotel is diagonally opposite at the next T-junction.

Address: Ye Olde Bell Hotel & Spa, Barnby Moor, Retford, DN22 8QS. Google knows the way there. ■

Baslow Revival – Charity Picnic

Sunday 5th July 2026



Clare Poyser

We have been invited by Joe Anwyl, one of our members to join him an event he and his friends will be hosting. It is a 1950s and pre-War children's charity 'revival' event at Baslow Sports Pavilion (Church Lane, Baslow, DE45 1SP) – next to Chatsworth – at 1pm on Sunday 5th July. There will be a significant number of pre-1960s cars along with post-vintage thoroughbred car enthusiasts from across the Midlands and Peak District.



The cost will be £9 per car of which £6 will go to the charity.

Cheques payable to RREC (East Midlands Section) Closing Date 19th June 2026. ■





Visit the Taroni's home, Haselour Hall

Sunday 12th July 2026
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. 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 2023, 2024 or 2025 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 (mary1742pc@gmail.com) 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 28th June.■

Visit & Picnic Fairfield Lake and Smite Brook Railway – Pailton



Derek Randall

Sunday 9th August 2026



The 2025 event was the most successful so far with 111 people enjoying trips on the miniature railway and steam-launch trips on the lake. We invited members from the TVR and Jaguar clubs and their cars added to the interest in the event. Music was provided by a local Folk Music duo.

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=yay1sJ8phxQ

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. The event raised more than £1300 for the charity last year.

An urn and ingredients for making coffee on a DIY basis will be provided. This will be under an awning in case of showers (heaven forbid). There will also be the use of a gas BBQ (bring your own sausages, burgers etc.). Please contribute £1 for drinks or for use of the BBQ as a contribution to the Air Ambulance.

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

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 26th July 2026. ■

Edwin's Funeral – Report



Linda Tipper

Linda writes:

Just a quick email to say that I recently received a letter from Midlands Air Ambulance, to say that they had received a total of £3410 in donations from Edwin's funeral which was amazing.

In the letter they did say that "Edwin's legacy would live on through the lives saved by the service he had championed for so many years" which was lovely.

Dan and I thank you so much for such wonderful support. Edwin would have been delighted for sure.

Many thanks, Linda. ■



For Sale by Section member

Bentley Mulsanne S



1991 light oyster colour in very good condition with 123000 miles. Cream leather seats.

Chassis no is SCBZS00AOLCH33409

Selling due to owner ageing!

Phone: 07772 845922 or 01332 386259.

Email: gmulliner@hotmail.co.uk.

Location Derby. **£5,500 ono**.

With that registration mark, this beautiful car must be the perfect late Christmas present to yourself ■



Bosworth Hall Hotel – 3-Night break



Sunday 6th to Wednesday 9th September 2026

Debbie Howard

Save the dates



We have arranged a 3 night stay at Bosworth Hall Hotel Nuneaton, CV13 OLP.

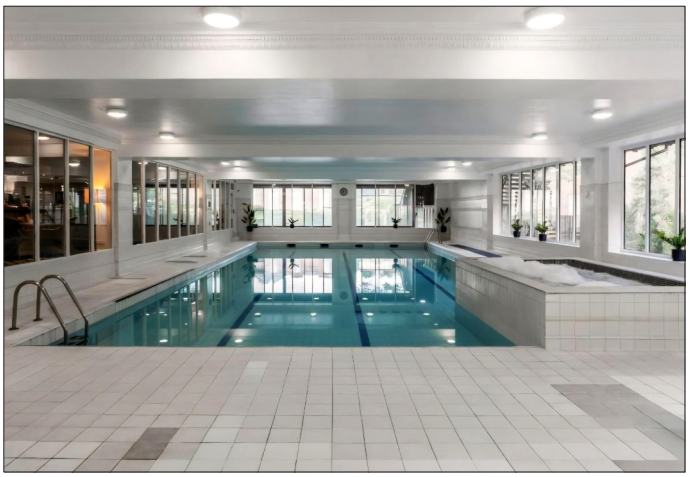
Arrive Sunday 6th September, checkout Wednesday 9th September. We are having a Black tie gala dinner on Monday evening with a Neil Diamond tribute act to entertain us.

On Sunday and Tuesday evenings, we will have a 3-course dinner. We have managed to obtain a good deal on the rooms, £99 per night for a double room, including breakfast, £89 per night for a single room, including breakfast. There will be an additional charge for your extras and evening meals, approximately £164 per person for all 3 evening meals and the extras.

There will be plenty to do; we have an open day at Flying Spares arranged, plus other attractions....

Please let me know if you are interested in joining us, email debbie_howard1@hotmail.com or telephone 07890148451

I can send you information on how to book hotel, and pay separately for extras and evening meals ■





Diary – Spring / Summer 2026

Sunday 18th January 2026
New Year's Lunch – Biggin Hall – Clare Poyser (deadline long passed but contact Clare in case there are any cancellations)

Sunday 15th February 2026
AGM and Lunch – Morley Hayes (Christina Wild)

Sunday 22nd March 2026
Lunch Ye Olde Bell, by invitation of Yorkshire Section. (Gina Scholfield)

Sunday 5th July 2026 - Baslow Classic Car Show

Sunday 12th July 2026 - Picnic at Haselour Hall (Mary Mulholland)

31st July - 2nd August - Harrogate Weekend and Northern Rally at Harewood House (Martin Carnell)

Sunday 9th August 2026 - Smite Brook and Fairfield Lake picnic (Derek Randall)

6th - 9th September 2026 - Autumn Break at Bosworth Hall Hotel (Debbie Howard)



Planning ahead

Put these events in your diary – more details of this and other events for 2026 in April's newsletter.

Sunday 10th May 2026 - visit to Great Northern Classics – Heritage Day, Derby (Nicholas Simons)

26th-28th June 2026 - RREC Annual Rally - Kelmarsh Hall

July 2026 - Picnic at Lupin Farm (tba)

30th August 2026 - Summer Section Picnic (Clare Poyser))



John Prentice

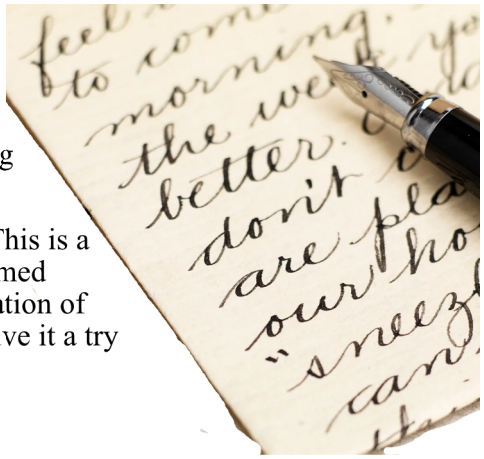


Tailpiece from the Editor

Thank you for reading this issue.

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.



You might see there are some gaps in this issue. Contributions of articles of a historical nature, on technical matters or general thoughts on motoring as a hobby would be welcomed with a view to publication.

Finally, a while ago we introduced an online booking system for events. This is a very reliable way of keeping the Treasurer and each event organiser informed about what is happening and, of course, giving you an automatic confirmation of what you have booked. If you have not used it before can I suggest you give it a try for booking your next events? ■



Welcome to a new member to our Section

Graham WASS, Derby. ■

Newsletter Distribution

As a one year experiment, all Section members will receive a paper copy of the all issue of *The Custodian* for 2026. If you have an email address known to the club then you will also be sent a machine readable (PDF) copy to this address each quarter.

If you have already anticipated paying to subscribe then any money you have sent will be refunded. ■

Event forms and booking note

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

We strongly recommend this way of booking it saves postage and payment by BACS is very easy for our Treasurer to track provided you use your name and the name of the event in the Reference field.

Most paper booking forms are now in a separate leaflet rather than as part of the main Newsletter. In the PDF version they appear at the end of the file (i.e. after page 20 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.

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AGM and Lunch - Morley Hayes – Form

Sunday 15th February 2026

I/We would like to attend this event

Name Address

Postcode

Telephone E-mail

Car model Year Reg. mark

No. attending Cheque (£40 (optionally + £3 for Beef) per person payable to RREC (East Midlands Section) Or BACS

Menu

Starters

- Cream of white onion soup, pecorino sour dough croutons *(V)*
- Cod fishcake, pea purée, tartare sauce
- Tropical fruit cocktail, mango sorbet, lime syrup *(V)*

Menu choice code	
Initials	Name

Main Course

- Traditional Roast chicken breast, lemon, thyme and sausage stuffing, crispy pancetta, roasted potatoes
- Roast Sirloin of British beef with Yorkshire pudding & port and thyme gravy – £3 Supplement.
- Fillet of seabass, crushed new potatoes, sauce vierge
- Beetroot, mushroom, walnut and blue cheese wellington ***(V)***
  Served with seasonal vegetables

Dessert

- Warm, apple torte, vanilla ice cream
- Trio of chocolate delice, Kirsh cherries, vanilla cream
- Lemon and mascarpone cheesecake, strawberries

Freshly made coffee or tea with mints

Send form to Christina Wild, Lea Holme, Mill Lane, Holloway, Matlock, Derbys DE4 5AQ
or email to chris@mwpolymers.co.uk **or book online at** https://rrec-eastmids.club/booking.html
Closing date 24th January 2026

Baslow Classic Car Show – Form

Sunday 5th July 2026

I/We would like to attend this event

Name Address

Postcode

Telephone E-mail

No. attending Cheque £9 per person payable to RREC (East Midlands Section) Or BACS

Car model Year Reg. mark

Send form to Clare Poyser, Somersal Mill Farm, Grove Lane, Doveridge, Derbyshire. DE6 5PB
Or book online at https://rrec-eastmids.club/booking.html **20th June 2026**

Barnby Moor (invite from Yorkshire Section) – Form
Sunday 22nd March 2026

I/We would like to attend this event

Name | Address

Postcode

Telephone | E-mail

Car model | Year | Reg. mark

No. attending | Cheque | (£39 per person payable to RREC (Yorkshire Section) | Or BACS

BACS: **Sort code** 20-35-84, **A/C No** 40926507, **Ref:** Ye Olde Bell Date of BACS payment:

Menu

Starters

- Sweet pepper & plum tomato **Soup**, basil oil, rosemary focaccia
- Creamy wild **Mushrooms** on toasted bruschetta, topped with truffle & parmesan
- **Prawn** & crayfish cocktail, sun blushed marie rose, granary bread, crevette garnish
- Breaded **Goats Cheese**, pear & beetroot salad, clementine compote, toasted pine nuts

Menu choice code	
Initials	Name

Main Course

- Roast **Pork** loin, crackling, sage and onion stuffing, baked apple, Yorkshire pudding, cider jus
- **Sweet Potato** & goats cheese wellington, tomato coulis
- Roast **Cod Loin**, lemon & dill potato cake, samphire & spinach, hollandaise sauce
- Roast sirloin of **Beef**, roasted onion, Yorkshire pudding, red wine gravy

All served with herb roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables.

Sweets

- **Lemon** meringue roulade, seasonal fruit compote
- Hot sticky **Toffee** pudding, caramel rum sauce, clotted cream ice cream
- Vanilla **Crème Brulee**, shortbread biscuit
- **Cheese Board**, chutney, celery, grapes, biscuits

Tea, coffee and mints

Send form to Gina Scholfield by email: gina.scholfield@hotmail.co.uk if paying by BACS
or by post to, The Retreat, Newsam Green Road, Woodlesford, Leeds, LS26 8AG
Bookings confirmed by email or with enclosed SAE
Closing date 6th March 2026

Event forms and booking note

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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.

You can email a copy/scan of the form and pay by BACS if you prefer. Account name: *Rolls Royce Enthusiasts*, Sort Code: *20-63-25*, Account: *70086088*. The Reference should be the event name and your surname.

Haselour Hall Picnic – Form

Sunday 12th July 2026

I/We would like to attend this event

Name _____ Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

No. attending _____ Cheque _____ £6 per person 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 27th June 2026

Fairfield Lake & Smite Brook Railway – Form

Sunday 9th August 2026

I/We would like to attend this event

Name _____ Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

No. attending _____ Cheque _____ £9 per person 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@btinternet.com
Or book online at https://rrec-eastmids.club/booking.html **Closing date 24th July 2026**

AGM Nominations

Already nominated for the new Committee, are existing members: Doreen Harvey, Debbie Howard, Kevin McCormick, Mary Mullholland, Clare Poyser, Derek Randall, Nicholas Simons, Christina Wild, Mike Wild. New members would be welcome and can be nominated below:

Nomination for new Committee member: _____

Proposed by _____ Seconded by _____

And/or a Motion for discussion: _____

Proposed by _____ Seconded by _____

Send form to Mike Wild, Lea Holme, Mill Lane, Holloway, Matlock, Derbys DE4 5AQ
or email to mike@mwpolymers.co.uk
Closing date 1st February 2026