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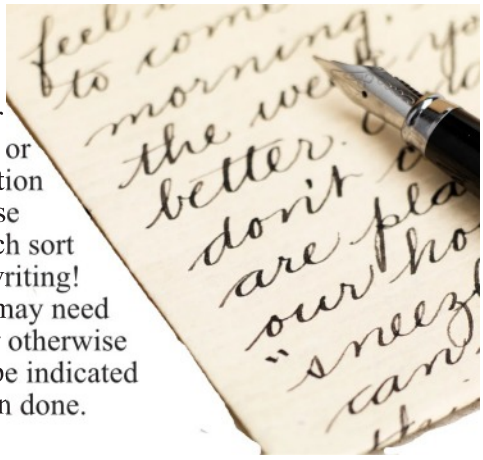
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# Letters to the Editor

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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.



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John Newton with his 1949 Bentley Mark VI (B398EY) - winner of this year's Ken Hucknall Award for the best maintained pre1966 car at the Bank Holiday Picnic.

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# *Chairwoman's Letter*



**Debbie Howard**

We have had a very successful variety of events this season with good attendance. The picnics are coming to an end, last picnic is September 21st at Heage windmill. Section lunches start at Kedleston Country House Hotel (9th November), both of these to be booked with Martin Carnell.

Stonehurst Farm and Motor Museum – the visit and lunch are subsidised from Section funds. Book with Mary Mullholland.

Some EMS members are going to the RREC book launch 1st December at Peninsula hotel. A group has booked a Premier Inn in London for 4 nights stay from Sunday 30th November. If interested please contact me.

Our section Christmas lunch has a change of venue, Makeney Hall, (7th December). Book with Christina Wild.

It's been mentioned by several club members at Russell and Sue Taroni's event that people were having rather large icecreams and also going back for 2nds; please do not abuse Russell and Sue's hospitality.

Thanks for all your support.

Debbie Howard

Chairwoman ■

# *Taroni's picnic, Haselour Hall – Report*

***Sunday 6th July 2025***
***Picnic including Tom Telfer Award***

*Mary Mulholland*



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



A splendid time was had by all with a good range of Club cars as well as other "exotic motors"

The Tom Telfer awards for the best maintained post 1965 car i.e. subsequent to Silver Cloud III) were as follows:

1st: Les Barker

2nd: Mr & Mrs Brown

3rd: Ian Beatson









Many thanks to Richard Haskings and Rob Bell who acted as judges for the day.

On behalf of the whole Section, Debbie thanked Russell and Sue for their very generous hospitality. This picnic is always a highlight of the Summer calendar. ■

# *Thornbridge Hall – Report*

***Sunday 20th July 2025***

***Nicholas Simons***



In spite of the threatening weather 23 of the 25 members booked for this event arrived in good time. Our tickets gave us full access to the expansive gardens, a tour of the house and a cream tea afterwards, served in the large café recently built in the garden.



Thornbridge Hall is a private home, inhabited by the owner, her family and with many friends and extended family members who live in some of the smaller houses on the estate. She bought the house, a Grade 2* mansion with extensive grounds and formal gardens, in 2002, when it had deteriorated somewhat whilst in the ownership of the local council and being used as an educational establishment. The project was to return it to its formal glory as a family home. Many years, and many millions of pounds later, this has been achieved. Most original features remain and restoration has been sympathetic to the original. Our guide was the brother of the owner and he showed us round most of the ground floor rooms, including the magnificent entrance hall, the music room, the study/bar/games-room, and the large family room cum kitchen cum dining room, which had been created from at least three original rooms in the centre of the building. Of interest to the horologically inclined members was the original, and still operational, Gent's master electrical clock and its eight slave clocks around the house, dating from 1907. This was a precursor of the master/slave systems installed in railway stations, factories and schools.



Members had arrived well before the guided tour and were able to walk around the extensive gardens, which is tended by three full time gardeners. Luckily, the rain held off for most of the day so we were able to enjoy the garden in all its glory.

The Hall is well worth a visit if you are in the area, it being just north of Ashford in the Water near Bakewell. ■

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# *Harrogate Weekend – Report*

## *Including the North of England Rally on the Sunday 2nd and 3rd August 2025*



*Jeff Dennis*

We have just returned from another hugely successful Harrogate Weekend, based at the Majestic Hotel in Harrogate. It would be no exaggeration to say it was the best one ever.

We again attracted nearly 80 members and friends to the Gala dinner on the Saturday evening. I can recall when the event only attracted 40 members so, although I am not a qualified mathematician, that to me is showing around an 100% increase in numbers. I suggest that most events would love to be able to benefit from that sort of increase in numbers. It also resulted in the event making a surplus of around £231 which naturally helps towards the finances of the Rally itself.



Much of the renewed interest is credited to the significant improvements we have seen at the Majestic Hotel itself. Since the hotel was acquired by the Hilton group it has undergone a major refurbishment which has brought the hotel back to its former glory. The food is excellent and the willingness and efficiency of the staff cannot be faulted. This year we had members from Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man and even a member from Australia. Plus many members joining us for the first time.

On the Friday members, old and new, arrived in the afternoon and joined together for a welcome reception of coffee/ biscuits and an array of delicious Danish pastries. This was followed later in the evening by an excellent three course meal when members got another opportunity to catch up on news and discuss the world's problems!!



Saturday morning saw members following a number of options for the day including a 90 mile drive through the stunning Yorkshire Dales, visiting a vast indoor and outdoor antiques fair or spending time and money around the many splendid shops of Harrogate. After visiting the antiques fair, June and I chose to drive some 30 miles to Masham. A quintessential Dales village which had a thriving Saturday market and many locals/ visitors sitting outside the various pubs and cafes enjoying hospitality in the sun. We then ventured onto the Swinton Estates Hotel on the outskirts of Masham for an afternoon of relaxation. It is a fabulous place of grandeur and was used by the Silver Ghost Register on their recent trip around the UK. A member of staff willingly found us a pleasant seat on the patio where we were able to observe the deer herd and watch a cricket match on the vast green in front of the hotel. We returned to the Majestic by a narrow country road with splendid views of the countryside.

The evening Black Tie Gala dinner started with a drinks reception when we witnessed an array of stunning evening dress attire. At one time it was only the ladies who competed to be the best dressed but I have noticed that increasingly it is also the men who are becoming more

competitive with many fancy jackets on display.



After a delicious meal it was time for the evening's entertainment - an Elvis Presley Tribute Act. Regarded as one of the best in the country he definitely did not disappoint. He encouraged audience participation with many ladies helping to sing the songs. I am sure it will be a memory they will not forget for a long time. The dance floor was full and, despite him announcing that he was going to sing his last song, members kept calling out their favourite songs and he kept obliging so instead of entertaining for the agreed 75 minutes he finished to great applause after a full 100 minutes. The evening ended with many ladies having their photo taken with Elvis.

Sunday saw us all driving to the Rally field at Harewood House. The long drive through the estate and parking in front of Harewood House always gives a feeling of privilege. The number of cars were less this year but that did not detract from a spectacular display of Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars - ranging from Tony Brown's 1928 20hp tourer to Simon Mahony's 2019 Dawn convertible.

As the day progressed the sun got brighter so, as usual, members wandered around the cars and entered into discussions , enjoyed a good Sunday picnic and created memories that is only possible by being a member of the Rolls-Royce Enthusiasts' Club.

A roving jazz band and an accordionist added to a relaxed party feeling and the day ended with the usual parade and award of trophies. Unfortunately, no East Midlands members received an award this year.

The whole weekend was blessed with good warm sunny weather and most "Weekenders" left for home after the Rally having had a brilliant few days together with other members enjoying good food, good fun and good friendship.

A few stayed at the Majestic for the Sunday evening and returned home on Monday morning. ■

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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. ■

# *Fairfield Lake and Smite Brook Railway – Report*



*Derek Randall*

## *Sunday 10th August 2025*



Weren't we lucky! Such a perfect day. Beautiful sunshine and not too hot. Everyone enjoying themselves on the miniature railway and the steam launch on Fairfield Lake. Just the day for a picnic in pleasant surroundings.

This was the nineth visit by the club to Fairfield Lake, and I was concerned that people would grow tired and not come again unless we did something different. So, I booked a two-person traditional country music group consisting of a man and his wife. I know that this sort of music isn't to everyone's taste, but most people appear to have enjoyed it. The performers kindly donated some of their fee back to the Air Ambulance charity.



Last year we had 70 people attend and made almost £900 for the Air Ambulance. This year we had around 110 people and made around £1300 for the charity. We must be doing something right.

The attendance list was boosted by a few members of the Jaguar and TVR clubs. I would like to thank our member Richard Pearce who is also a member of the two guest clubs. He acted as liaison between the clubs. It was great to see new faces and cars.

The donation to Air Ambulance was made up of £7.50 of each £9 ticket sold, donations from private individuals, sales of tea and coffee, sales of peacock feathers donated by Jeff Dennis and a large chunk of it came from raffle tickets. The raffle was organised by my wife, Evelyne, ably assisted by volunteers from the club, also family and friends.



I amused myself (and others) with my latest toy, a drone. My intention was to put together a video sequence for posting on our website www.rrec-eastmids.club but I am not an accomplished aerial photographer yet and the results leave something to be desired. I will persevere and do better next time. ■



# *Somersal Mill Farm Picnic – Report*



*Clare Poyser*

## *Sunday 24th August 2025*

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



The weather was hot but with plenty of shade from the buildings, and gazebos, everyone was able to eat in comfort.

The Ken Hucknall award (best maintained pre-1966 car) was judged with prizes going to:

1st John Newton (Bentley Mark VI), 2nd Mike Wild (20/25) 3rd Nicholas Simons (Phantom I)

Debbie expressed many thanks on everyone's behalf to Clare and Mark.■














# *Pre-war Small Horsepower Workshops – Preliminary Report*

*Nicholas Simons*







### *9th and 16th September 2025*

A new venue and a new season for these workshops did not deter participants from across the UK and near continent. It is a testimony to the benefits of this sort of events that it is not unusual for people to come again and again.

There will be a full report in the January issue of this magazine but here are some photos to whet the appetite. ■



# *East Midlands members at Holiday Inn Derby – Report*



***Mike Wild***

A simpler format to our Wings and Wheels event was used for an event put on recently at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Derby.

The Holiday Inn group were holding a national managers' conference in Derby, with a "Driving Excellence" theme, and contacted the East Midlands Section of the RREC with a view to us putting on a display of "Excellence" in the form of two Derby built Rolls-Royce cars "Driving"onto the hotel forecourt.

This had the potential to meet some of our Club Chairman's objectives set out in the July 2025 Spirit and Speed RREC Bulletin. We were connecting with a completely different set of people, that would include the public because we were outside on the pavement in front of the hotel, in a partnership that continues to build a relationship with the City Council and business, demonstrating a fresh inclusive approach.



Reg White and Mike Wild with Paul and Frazer Callingham

Let's face it, all city centre businesses are suffering, and this event was designed to help bring people into the city and promote the city hotel, and there cannot be much bigger attraction than a collection of Rolls-Royce cars.

The hotel allowed us to set up a display board in the reception area, showing images of how excellence in production and manufacturing was being achieved around about 1935. A series of pre-WW2 car images were also displayed, and we took the opportunity to have membership application forms and a photocopy of a R-R mid-1930 brochure for each of the managers to take away.

Due to extensive building work being carried out at the hotel, we could only have two cars on show, Reg White's lovely Phantom II and my 1935 Hooper bodied 20/25, but these served the purpose of drawing the public to the hotel and showing how attractive the finished improvements would be.

Pictures were taken not only with the managers, but also with Reg and myself with the owner of Holiday Inn group. They told me it will be used in social media and Facebook, as well Holiday Inn's group magazines, that takes the RREC story and brand into completely new sectors.

During the morning, I was told by the Derby manager that one of the improvements being carried out was a new restaurant called "The engine" and the central feature of the restaurant is a R-R Shadow engine, delivered that morning. She even suggested that the RREC could hold a lunch there in the future, with space for over thirty cars once the contractor's equipment has gone.

I found it a completely different and enjoyable experience! Who knows to where it may lead the RREC.

Thanks go to David Robinson, Philip Hopson, Lisa Alderson, David Howard, Martin Carnell, and Reg White and not forgetting Andrew Whittaker, who gave us the idea in the first place. ■

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***Our upcoming events follow:***

# *Stonehurst Farm and Motor Museum*

***Sunday 12th October 2025***

***Mary Mulholland***



Here is an event for the whole extended family in the South of our territory. The venue's owners write:




"Stonehurst is a working family farm, home to the Duffin family who have been farming here since Cyril and Florence Duffin took over the farm in 1951. Initially selling milk from the cows and apples from the orchard to local customers. Greg and Marilyn Duffin soon added the farm shop and opened the tearooms and Motor museum in 1991.

"The farm is now run by siblings Tom, Emily and John Duffin and their wonderful team of staff, who welcome visitors to the Farm, Farm shop and bakery, Tearooms, Motor Museum and the Michelin starred "John's House" fine dining restaurant.

"We farm over 400 acres on two main sites, Stonehurst farm in Mountsorrel and Woodside farm in Quorn. We have a herd of Aberdeen Angus Cattle, Leicester Longwool and Texel sheep, Tamworth and Gloucester Old Spot pigs. We grow organic wheat to supply our bakery and other crops including the potatoes and veg that we sell in the farm shop. The land that we farm extends from Stonehurst onto the fertile grazing and hay meadows of the Soar Valley, arable land at and around Woodside farm and grazing land at Quorn Park. We are very proud of our commitment to quality, environmental sustainability, animal welfare and customer service."



Meet at the farm, Bond Lane, Mountsorrel, Leicestershire, LE12 7AA (Google knows all about it!) at around 11 am. You can then visit the motor museum, where we will have a guide, or introduce the children to the farm animals.

A buffet lunch will be served at 12:30 leaving time before dusk creeps up for a short walk or more time at the Museum.

The cost, inclusive of entry and the lunch is £19 per person and £9 per child these prices reflecting a subsidy from the SAA Grant from HQ.

Please make an online booking at https://rrec-eastmids.club/booking.html or send the form (see July Custodian) to Mary Mulholland *jm.mulholland@talktalk.net* as soon as possible. **Please phone Mary (0116 239 4111) to confirm that there are still places before paying.** ■





# Kedleston Country House – Lunch

***Sunday 9th November 2025***



***Martin Carnell***

The House – A family home set in the historic Kedleston Estate in Derbyshire, this stunning Georgian house is quintessentially English, with charming characteristics and rolling countryside views.




Built in 1762, The Kedleston Country House was designed by renowned architect Robert Adam while he was working on his grandest design - Kedleston Hall. He went on to become one of the most successful, fashionable, and inspirational architects in the country.



We will be eating a choice of two or three course lunch in the Orangery. Arrive from 12 noon to eat at 1 pm.

Google knows about it at Kedleston Road, Quarndon, Derby, DE22 5JD

Please make an online booking at https://rrec-eastmids.club/booking.html or send the form to Martin Carnell *rreccarnell@outlook.com* by 25th October 2025. ■



# *Section Christmas Lunch - Makeney Hall*

***Sunday 7th December 2025***



*Christina Wild*

This year we are using a different venue for our Christmas Lunch - Makeney Hall. We hope that you will agree that this hotel offers a most attractive menu and that the cost is very reasonable. If you are feeling Morley Deprivation then rest assured that our AGM in February 2026 well be held at Morley Hayes!



Makeney Hall begins as a farmhouse, purchased by the original 'Mr Makeney' also known as Anthony Radford Strutt. He completely rebuilt the farmhouse into the grand Makeney Hall (Original features we still see today).

The property was passed down to the newly married George Herbert and Edith Adela Strutt. Their 21-year marriage saw the couple actively involved in their local public life, becoming huge benefactors to the local towns of Belper and Milford. They had five children and were a popular and well-loved family.

Edith sadly passed away and George remarried Mary Emily Charlotte Hind a year later. Makeney Hall underwent extensive renovations. The interior and exterior design reflected the grandeur and elegance of the Victorian era.

Mr Makeney (aka George Herbert Strutt) passed away peacefully at the age of 71. The property remained in the Strutt family and was used by the local community until it was sold to Derbyshire Council in 1936. ■





# *New Year Lunch - Biggin Hall*



*Clare Poyser*

### *18th January 2026*

This Grade II listed building is full of historic charm, dating back to 1672. Many of the stone mullioned leaded windows have only recently see daylight again after their obliteration during the era of window taxes in the 1790s!

Biggin Hall has been renovated sympathetically, losing none of its original character, while ensuring that it has all the modern conveniences of the 21st Century. It is set in astounding Peak District countryside.



In the restaurant the ingredients are sourced locally wherever possible, with an emphasis on free-range wholefoods and natural flavours, together with fresh, seasonal vegetables.

### *Biggin Hall - continued …*

Arrive at noon to eat at 1 p.m. The three course lunch will cost £40 per head.



Please send your booking form to Clare Poyser (clare.poyser@rrec-eastmids.club) or make an online booking at https://rrec-eastmids.club/booking.html by 13th December 2025.

Directions: From Ashbourne, take the A515 northwards for approx. 8 miles. Turn left at the sign for Biggin (and Camping). The hotel is on the right just through the village.

From Cromford take the picturesque Via Gellia, A5012, until you reach the junction with the A515. Turn left and the road into Biggin will be on your right in less than one mile.

Google Maps knows about the venue whose address is Biggin Hall Hotel, Biggin by Hartington, Derbyshire, SK17 0DH. ■



# *Looking to the AGM*



### *15th February 2026 – Morley Hayes*

**Debbie Howard**

The East Midlands Section has had a successful year and it was very gratifying to have this recognised by an award by the Club Board of Directors. This only happened because of the efforts of the Section Committee and members' support of the events we organised.



The Committee consists of up to ten members and always welcomes new people to assist members in its work (e.g. we recently welcomed Doreen Harvey) but equally importantly we will always benefit by 'new blood' becoming full Committee Members.

Under the Section Affiliate Agreement, we are able, subject to approval of members, to establish our own Section rules. Last AGM it was agreed to have 10 members on the Committee rather than 9 on many other Section Committees. The old Club rules required elections to be held at least every three years. In order to give the greatest opportunity for new people join we have decided to elect the entire Committee **each** year. Please consider if you would be willing to stand for election. Further details can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary (Mike Wild) and he should be informed if you wish to stand.

The January issue of The Custodian will contain a list of people known as wishing to stand for election and brief notes of their particular interests in the Club **plus** a formal invitation for any other nominations to be submitted by a deadline early in February 2026.

If you have a home address with a DE, LE or NG postcode then you are automatically entitled to stand and to vote. The Section has several members who live outside these areas but are registered as Section Members on the Club IT system – you can belong to as many Sections and Registers as you like. They can be made Eligible Members (i.e. able to vote and to stand) at any time by a simple resolution of the Committee. If you wish to be classed as such an Eligible Member please contact the Hon. Secretary.

Once nominations close, if there are more than 10 candidates, then voting papers will be circulated by email to members with registered email addresses and by Royal Mail to other members. Voting is **not by** show of hands at the AGM; you must use the voting paper. You can vote FOR or AGAINST or ABSTAIN for each candidate. The 10 people with the highest number of FOR votes minus their AGAINST votes will be declared elected at the AGM. If there are ten or fewer valid nominations then all these people will be declared duly elected at the AGM without the need for a ballot.

Full details and lunch Menu will be in the January issue ■

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# *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. **£9000 ono**.

# *Our Friend Edwin Tipper*

It is with very great sadness that we have to inform you that a very kind and stalwart friend, Edwin Tipper, has passed away. Every year we enjoyed his motoring collection of vehicles at Lupin Farm. Edwin was a wonderful, warm, generous and witty man, who had a great interest in mechanical transport and an interesting collection of vehicles of all sorts. Edwin was a very generous-hearted man with a smart, upright stature and, coming from a farming heritage, capable and practical. He was a valued member of our Rolls-Royce Enthusiasts' Club East Midland Section and the local Ashbourne Classic Enthusiast Club. The latter club has members with a large variety of cars in age and make, which would suit Edwin, as he had an interesting car collection himself! Also, for many years it was nice to see his pig breeding pens!



Edwin had such a warm engaging smile and manner that you could not help but like him. Whether you met him occasionally or many times he was always the same. He was a sincere friend. His deep interest in cars and any vehicle that had wheels cannot be overstated. I think it started when he used to drive his father's Ford around the farm as a young boy. Having a farm with large outbuildings he could house an eclectic collection of vehicles. These included his Ford Pilot and an Austin Seven with interesting paddle hand-sign indicators on a stick operated with great efficiency by Linda on a run. He had a "historic" Maxwell and several more modern Eastern European cars, rarely seen in this country.

Every year he raised many thousands of pounds through his Lupin Farm car show, which was really like a large country fair. This money was donated to the Air Ambulance and a local hospice. Probably most visitors didn't really appreciate the planning, organisation and sheer hard work that Edwin and his wife, Linda, put in to make it such a good vehicle show. Edwin used to be on his tractor directing operations and helping folks set up their stalls, ferrying equipment and gently giving words of encouragement to all the volunteers. That was Edwin in his element!

Edwin would help anybody. We have lost an exceptional human being. I am sure our thoughts are with Linda at this difficult time. She will have many friends giving her their support.

*Thoughts of Edwin courtesy of ACE car club's John Mosey & RREC East Midland Section's George Milburn*

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## *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 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.

# *Keeping her running without bankruptcy*

***Nicholas Simons***



## *Some further thoughts from the workshop*

Following on from our Editor's thoughts in the last edition, I would like to help all R-R Shadow and Bentley T owners reduce the cost of their next brake overhaul.

A few weeks ago, while we were driving back from our event at Thornbridge Hall, I noticed a graunching noise coming from the front nearside of the car whenever I applied the brakes. This sounded like the brake pad (6) may have lost all of its friction material and the backplate was rubbing directly against the brake disc. This is not a good state of affairs as serious and very expensive damage can be done to the disc.

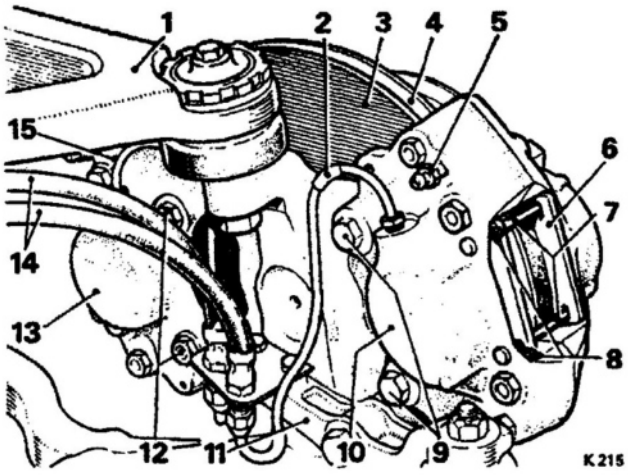



**FIG. G43 FRONT BRAKE CALIPERS**

1 Triangle lever and suspension ball joint—upper
2 Caliper feed pipe (blue)
3 Brake disc shield
4 Brake disc
5 Bleed screw
6 Brake pad
7 Brake pad retaining pins
8 Retaining pin spring clips
9 Front caliper securing bolts
10 Front caliper
11 Side steering lever
12 Rear caliper securing bolts
13 Rear caliper
14 Flexible pipe connection from sub-frame
15 Caliper feed pipe (mauve)

To be honest, I should have checked the state of the front brake pads the last time I checked the car's brakes, when I replaced the rear parking brake pads.

I quickly had the car up on the jack and axle stands. When working on the car it is essential always to employ double jacking, with an axle stand in addition to the jack, plus having the un-jacked wheels chocked. Failure to do so could result in death. I found that on each side of the car, one pad was severely worn, with the one on the nearside right down to metal. Luckily, I didn't have to wait for a delivery, as our local Shadow expert Mr David Howard, had a few pads in stock.

In order to return David's loan, I checked the price of a set of eight pads from one of the two main suppliers for our post-war cars. A set of eight comes to £186, plus postage. David, however, suggested that I check out the front pads for the Ford Cortina Mk 3, 4 or 5 (1970 – 1982). I bought two sets of four for the princely sum of £42, including postage. These are from a reputable manufacturer and are a good dimensional replacement, although the guide pin holes do need drilling out to 7mm (to give a small clearance around the ¼" pins (7) used by the Shadow – and apologies to our purist readers for the mix of units ). Needless to say, once I received the new pads, I replaced all the rest of the pads on the car and returned two to David.




The photo shows two worn pads, two new ones and the box of four. Replacing the brake pads is a job any competent owner can do himself/herself, as long as they have a good jack, two axle stands and a friend who knows what to do. Using non-OEM parts here saved me over £140 and at least one hour of expensive labour. ■

# Diary – Autumn 2025 / Winter & Spring 2026

***Sunday 12th October 2025***
Stonehurst Farm & Motor Museum. – Mary Mulholland

***Sunday 9th November 2025***
Lunch at Kedleston House Hotel – Martin Carnell

***Sunday 7th December 2025***
Section Christmas Lunch – Makeney Hall – Christina Wild

***Sunday 18th January 2026***
New Year's Lunch – Biggin Hall – Clare Poyser

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



# Planning ahead

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

***22nd March 2026*** – Invitation from Yorkshire Section, Lunch at Ye Olde Bell, Barnby Moor

***12th April 2026*** – Lunch and possible heritage tour at Stanford Hall, Lutterworth – Doreen Harvey.

***16th May 2026*** – Black-tie Dinner, Mickleover Hotel.



***John Prentice***

# Tailpiece from the Editor




Thank you for reading this issue.

*The Custodian* is distributed electronically to everyone in the East Midlands Section whose membership profile includes an email address. Wherever you live you can be a member of the Section by requesting this on the Club website. In addition, any member can subscribe for printed copies as explained overleaf.

You might be interested in some statistics (you know: "lies, damned lies and…"). The July magazine mailing went to 222 Section members. 2 of these emails bounced but only 91 people (41%) actually opened their email and 80 (36%) clicked the link to actually view the magazine. So 142 members did not have online sight of our activities. Now, of course, the fact that you are reading this probably means that you are not one of the 142 but, nevertheless I think it is worth asking is there is anything that we can do to increase the value of Club membership to you or your friends who are not currently engaged.

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.

A while ago we introduced an online booking system for events. This has been refined and is now 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 new members to our Section*

Michael STARK, Burton on Trent; Malcolm WEBB, Corby; Joe GUTTRIDGE, Nuneaton; Mark WAINWRIGHT, Matlock. ■

## *Newsletter Subscription*

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

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# *Lunch – Kedleston House Hotel – Form*

## *Sunday 9th November 2025*

**I/We would like to attend this event**

Name | Address

Postcode

Telephone | E-mail

Car model | Year | Reg. mark

No. attending | Cheque | 2 Courses £31 per person
3 Courses £37 per person
to RREC (East Midlands Section) | Or BACS

***Starters***

- Smoked haddock and baked potato velouté, Guinness and smoked cheddar rarebit on Crich sourdough
- Duck liver parfait, marmalade, brioche crisps
- Pumpkin gnocchi, pumpkin veloute, pot roast pumpkin, crispy sage, maple syrup (*V, VeO*)

***Main Course***

- Roast rib of Derbyshire beef cured in treacle, horseradish cream
- Roast porchetta of Derbyshire pork, toffee apple compote
- Pan roast supreme of cornfed chicken, wholegrain mustard
- Shallot tarte tatin (*V, VeO*)

All of our roasts are served with triple cooked potatoes, beef dripping Yorkshire pudding, maple and clementine glazed carrots, cauliflower rarebit, garlic and lemon buttered greens, Jerry Howarth's sausage stuffing, bone marrow red wine gravy

***Dessert***

- Sticky toffee pudding, toasted vanilla ice cream, smoked sea salt (*V*)
- Apple crumble, toasted vanilla ice cream *(V, VeO)*
- Chocolate and orange tart of buttered chocolate ganache, sea salted chocolate mousse, marmalade chantilly cream *(V)*

***Freshly made Tea/Coffee***

*VeO* = vegan option

Please explain any dietary requirements here:

**Send this form to Martin Carnell, 22 St. Alkmunds Close Duffield, Belper, Derbyshire. DE56 4ED Closing date 31st October 2025**
**Or, better, book online at https://rrec-eastmids.club/booking.html**

# *Christmas Lunch - Makeney Hall – Form*

## *Sunday 7th December 2025*

**I/We would like to attend this event**

Name | Address

Postcode

Telephone | E-mail

Car model | Year | Reg. mark

No. attending | Cheque | £40.00 per person payable to RREC (East Midlands Section) | Or BACS

| Menu choice code | |
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| Initials | Name |
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***Starters***

- **Mushroom soup**, Crème Fraiche, Sourdough, Butter *(DFO, GFO, VeO)*
- **Chicken Liver Parfait,** Black cherry, Pistachio Dukkah, Lavosh *(GFO)*
- **Roast Beetroot**, horseradish, parmesan, Chervil *(GF, VeO)*
- **Prawn Cocktail**, Iceberg lettuce, Marie Rose sauce *(GF, DFO)*

***Main Course***

- **Roast turkey**, Sage & Onion stuffing, Pig in blanket, roast potatoes, roast parsnip, Pancetta sprouts, Carrots *(GFO)*
- **Belly Pork,** Sage & Onion stuffing, Pig in blanket, roast potatoes, roast parsnip, Pancetta sprouts, Carrots *(GFO)*
- **Grilled Salmons**, Cheddar & Brioche crumb, roast potatoes, roast parsnip, Carrots, Parsley sauce *(DFO, GFO)*
- **Butternut Squash Pithivier**, Mash potato, Braised red cabbage, Lincolnshire Poacher Veloute *(VeO)*

***Dessert***

- **Traditional Christmas pudding**, brandy sauce, Vanilla ice cream *(GFO,VeO)*
- **Chocolate brownie**, Spiced Peanut brittle *(DFO, GFO, VeO)*
- **Warm Red Onion & Walnut Tartlet**, Cashel Blue
- **White chocolate Cheesecake,** Mandarin *(DFO, VeO)*

***Freshly made Tea/Coffee and mince pies***

DFO = dairy-free option, GFO = gluten-free option, VeO = vegan option, GF = is gluten-free

Please explain any dietary requirements here:

**Send form to Christina Wild, Lea Holme, Mill Lane, Holloway, Matlock, Derbys DE4 5AQ**
Or, better, book online at https://rrec-eastmids.club/booking.html **Closing date 22nd November 2025**

# *New Year Lunch – Biggin Hall Hotel – Form*

## *Sunday 18th January 2026*

**I/We would like to attend this event**

Name | Address

Postcode

Telephone | E-mail

No. attending | Cheque | £40 per person . Cheque payable to RREC (East Midlands Section) | Or BACS

Car model | Year | Reg. mark

***Starters***

- **Homemade Leek & Potato Soup** Seasoned croutons*(Ve)*
- **Chicken Liver Parfait,** Homemade chutney, baby pickles sourdough croutons
- **Smoked Salmon & Prawn Medley**, Gem lettuce, Cucumber, citrus Crème Fraiche
- **Mushroom Fricassee**, toasted Ciabatta, Parmesan crumb, Parsley oil
- **Ham Hock Terrine**, Picallili, Rocket, Spiced cauliflower puree, Parsley crumb

| Menu choice code | |
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***Main Course***

- **Roast Sirloin of Beef**, Roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, Parsnip puree, red wine gravy
- **Roast Pork loin**, Mashed potatoes, Stuffing, Glazed carrots, Apple puree, Redcurrant jus,
- **Chicken Supreme**, Dauphinoise potatoes, Tenderstem broccoli, Madeira sauce
- **Pan fried Sea Bass**, Crushed new potatoes, Sugar-snap peas, Hollandaise sauce
- **Spiced Aubergine & Sweet Potato tagine**, Cous Cous, Humous *(Ve)*,

***Dessert***

- **Warm chocolate brownie**, Clotted Cream ice cream, Kirsch cherries, Honeycomb
- **Fresh berry Pavlova**, Raspberry sorbet, Fruit coulis *(Ve)*
- **Apple & Blackberry Nut Granola Crumble,** Vanilla ice cream *(Ve),*
- **Sticky toffee pudding, Caramel Sauce,** Crème Anglais
- **3 Scoop selection:** Triple chocolate, Salted caramel, After Eight, Cherry, Clotted Cream, Lemon sorbet, Raspberry sorbet, Mango Sorbet

Ve = vegan

Please explain any dietary requirements here:

**Send form to Clare Poyser, Somersal Mill Farm, Grove Lane, Doveridge, Ashbourne, Derbyshire, DE6 5PB**
**or email to clare.poyser@rrec-eastmids.club**
**or, better, book online at https://rrec-eastmids.club/booking.html**
**Closing Date 12th December 2025.**