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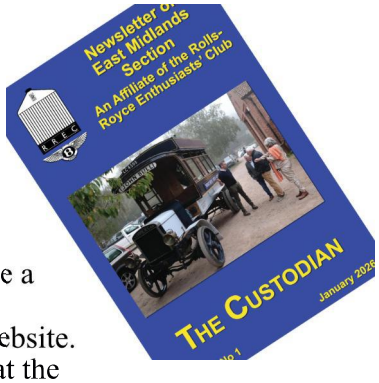
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This is your newsletter



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Copy to be received by the editor by 30th November 2026 please.

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The Prestwich's 1922 Springfield Silver Ghost (BF 4226, 312-KG) at Smitebrook in August.

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Chairwoman's Letter

Many thanks to our retiring treasurer Derek Randall (and his wife Evelyne) for all his years of service as a committee member as well as arranging the Smite Brook event for many years.

The Tom Telfer award (Tom Telfer was a past Chairman of the East Midlands Section) for post-1965 cars was won by Russell Taroni with his Phantom 7. The Ken Hucknall award (Ken Hucknall was the founder of Ristes) for pre-1965 cars was won by Martin Carnell with his Silver Dawn. Well done to both for presenting exceptional cars, also thanks to the Judges for their time spent judging.

We are now approaching our autumn/winter programme where the committee have arranged Sunday lunches for you to attend. See events list for details. Please book early.

Alan Cartwright has very kindly invited any Section members to free entry at his Antique and Vintage Fairs on 3rd - 4th October and 28th - 29th November at Wetherby Racecourse and October 31st - 1st November at Derby Conference Centre - just show your *Custodian* for entry!

Our grandson Charlie has completed his school trip to Kenya, Thank you for all your support during last year's fundraising events. I was hoping for an article from him.....

Please note the date of the joint event lunch with the Yorkshire section at Ye Olde Bell at Retford is Sunday 14th March 2027. Several section members make a weekend of this event, why not join us?



Debbie Howard

Chairwoman ■

Baslow Classic Car Show – Report

Sunday 5th July 2026

Mike Wild



My first visit to the RREC Section event at Baslow was during Covid, where a group of a few section members from both Northern and East Midlands Sections parked with the obligatory distance between cars. My how things have changed and what a great job section member Joe Anwyl has done, for the event has expanded significantly and quite rightly now is called The Baslow Classic Car Show.

The registered children's charity event held at The Baslow Sports Field Pavilion close by the Chatsworth estate for mostly pre-1950 vehicles. The cricket field was full of all makes of vehicles, tractors, and even a line of stationary engines, but as long as you pay the entry fee you are welcome irrespective of vehicle age.

The RREC was able to account for about twenty members cars that were placed at the front of the display and strategically facing the café to tempt you in.

As you can see from the photos there was plenty of variety on hand. To add to the attraction there were stalls selling all sorts of "Kiddy" friendly items for visitors to take home for the grandkids and family members alike.

The queue at the tea room moved very quickly, thanks to the team of efficient lovely ladies behind the counter – all volunteers no doubt – serving all sorts of savoury and sweet fayre and at reasonable prices too.

After a walk around the field, upon returning to my car I noticed a card under the windscreen telling me about the 2027 event. Good planning that, and I am sure our Section Committee will try to include the event in our future calendars.

There is no doubt Joe, and his team have created a successful event. ■





Picnic at Haselour Hall – Report



Mary Mulholland

Sunday 12th July 2026

This event broke all previous records for the number of participants tempted, I imagine, by the warm weather and the hope of the ice cream van.



Although it was one of the warmest days we've witnessed, the copious number of trees afforded us adequate shade.

This event hosts the Tom Telfer Awards for the best maintained post 1965 cars.

The results are as follows:
1st Russell Taroni – New Phantom
2nd David Whitehead – Shadow 1
3rd Peter Robinson – Silver Seraph

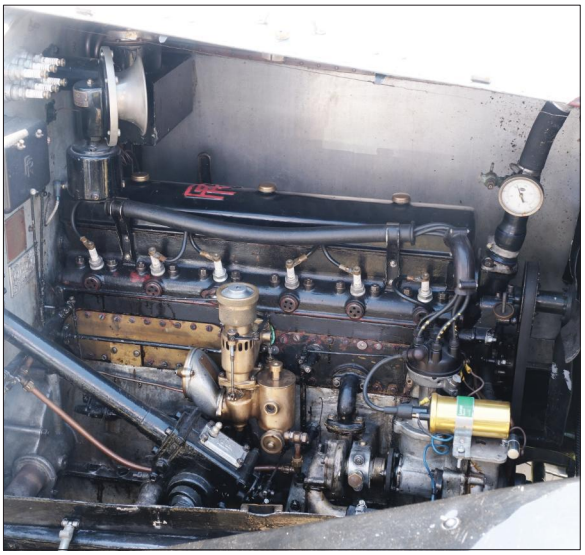
There was a special award this year given to the member with the oldest car. This went to a new member, Ian Harrison whose car was 101 years old.

Later we were royally entertained by an Elvis Presley tribute evidently much to everyone's delight.

An excellent day. Our thanks go to Russell and his family for providing hospitality and hinting that he already has in mind a tribute act for next year.

Again for a further year, our thanks to Russell's grandsons who organised another raffle with, at their request, profits going to Section funds.









Visit to Starman's Specialists – Report



Mike Wild

Sunday 19th July 2026

Duane and son Kyle, our local Rolls-Royce and Bentley specialist had an open day at their Colwick premises on the 19th July, and it was a great success, with wonderful food and cakes laid on by wife, Tracy. The food also included a barbecue, and a great welcoming family atmosphere, which is not surprising as "The Starman Enterprise" is a truly a family business. It's easy for East Midland Section members to assume the Starman customer base is focused on the East Midlands RREC members, but it was quite clearly not the case, for we met people who use Starman's that are not in the RREC, including some from the Bentley Drivers Club, and some who are in neither club – what!





The opportunity was not lost on our Chairwoman Debbie Howard and Vice Chairman Nicholas Simons to network the visitors and hand out membership leaflets and get across the benefits of the East Midlands Section activities, I think a few of Duane's office copies of Spirit and Speed were handed out to non-members to highlight the RREC Club activities. Sorry Duane, but they were taken in a good cause. It was quite an opportunity for the RREC East Midlands Section to market our activities.



Anyone who has been to Duane's midweek knows the industrial complex is a busy hive of activity making parking a challenge, and even Duane's premises are usually stacked to the rafters with cars awaiting their turn for his specialist attention, which is not a complaint, for it is a well-deserved success, but on Sunday the car park was ours and the display and variety of cars added to the attraction. It was nice to see Flying Spares supporting the event as well.

Having attended Duane's previous open day, which may have coincided with his move to Nottingham, I was surprised to learn it was four years ago, where has the time gone. Duane put on an event that clearly was a thank you to his customers, and why not, but it would be nice to get together with Duane and maybe even Flying Spares and the Bentley Drivers Club to enable us all to

have a small display and marketing stand, this is exactly the kind of event the RREC tell us they want; Section level activity in a relaxed atmosphere meeting potential new members. Thank you, Duane and family. ■





Lupin Farm – Picnic Report

Sunday 26th July 2026

Mary Mulholland



After weeks of unremitting heat, the day dawned cloudy with intermittent showers of drizzle. These eventually gave way to a warm afternoon – depending on where your car was parked.

There was a good display of cars which formed two rows across the field.

The row nearest the hedge afforded those of us parked there a warm afternoon in a sheltered position without the need to resort to warmer clothing- unlike some exposed to a northerly wind.(See photos) The majority however found shelter between the cars and despite the temperature variations it was a very enjoyable afternoon which was rounded off with entertainment from a guitarist. Our thanks go to Linda for her hospitality in providing the ever popular venue.

The photographer's caption under the lower photograph said "Prepared for all weathers. Great day at Lupin despite the weather." ■





Trip to Richmond Retirement Village

Thursday 7th August

Mike Wild



The RREC East Midlands section was invited to attend the Richmond Village retirement complex in southern Derbyshire on Thursday August 7th. Many of the 450 residents were retired professionals and it being south Derby, some were ex Rolls-Royce.

They made a specific request to the RREC HQ, who put them on to us. The request was to have a midweek event lasting about one hour, and to be a low-key display of about ten club cars, ideally from differing eras.









I decided to make a pre-event visit to the village to discuss the idea with the staff and see for myself the suitability of the location, which just so happened to coincide with a 1 hour motorcycle event, which had come from the National Motorcycle museum in Birmingham. This seemed like a friendly and popular event for the residents.

Our event attracted ten members with a range of club cars from 1920s to the 1960s and was very popular with the village residents who were expecting our visit. It was nice to be so well received by people asking technical and general interest questions, as well as listening to stories from ex Rolls-Royce employees and family members.

Although the event was only to be for a one-hour duration starting at 11 am, I left at 1 pm, which must give some indication of the enthusiasm of the residents to chat about our cars. I feel sure we will be invited again.

Post script – I really could not understand how this event came about in the first place. Until near the end, and whilst talking to one of the village residents, in the company of ex RREC member Ivan Rhodes, he told me he had been for lunch at a local pub with John Cooper, the Derby motorcycle racer who, amongst other claims to fame, is most well known for beating Giacomo Agostini at Mallory Park racetrack on a British single cylinder Manx Norton, when "Ago" was world Motorcycle Champion riding a multi cylinder MV Agusta. Then I realised that Ivan, who had telephoned me the previous evening, and his friend had suggested the RREC event, and no doubt had something to do with the National Motorcycle Museum display. Good idea gents. ■

Fairfield Lake and Smite Brook Railway 9th August 2026 – Report

Derek Randall



This event is arranged annually to raise money for the Air Ambulance charity. It is held on privately owned land owned by Peter Stevenson who allows free rides on his Steam Launch and rides on the model railway on the understanding that we raise money for the charity. Members of other car clubs come to the event including Jaguar, Triumph Stag, TVR, Riley and Lotus.



As organiser of an event such as this, the days prior to the event are always stressful. We worry if people will want to come? Will the hot weather have dried up the lake? Will the musicians turn up? Will it pour with rain?

The day before the event, the musicians' car had broken down and they were stranded in Devon with their instruments in the boot. They were faced with a train journey back to Coventry. But they made it and borrowed some instruments. They played very tuneful folk music for us and kindly donated some of their fee back to the charity.



The few weeks prior to the event were extremely hot, but the day of the event was just about perfect and the site owner had topped up the lake from water pumped up from bore holes.

124 people paid for tickets and only a few failed to turn up. £1507 was raised for the Air Ambulance Charity plus a further £109 for tea, coffee and ice cream and peacock feather sales. Included in the total was £277 from raffle ticket sales, organised by my wife Evelyne with many helpers. It also included £280 from one RREC member whose son was rescued by Air Ambulance after a motor cycle accident.

Trips on the railway and the steam launch continued throughout the day and when we left the site at around 4:00 pm, people were still having a good time. We had to leave early because our grandson Austin wanted to return home to see his girlfriend. We were all 16 once! ■





Lunch at Chevins, Duffield Golf Club



Martin Carnell

Sunday 11th October 2026

We have booked this excellent venue for lunch again this year.

In the past our event followed the biblical storm Babet which had floods in Duffield. These had abated just in time for the lunch. While there are no meteorological guarantees for this year, the warmth of the fellowship and excellence of the lunch is certain.

The conservatory dining room overlooks the 18th hole of the golf course and the site boasts stunning views, allegedly to five counties.



Come at 12 noon for drinks and we will sit down for lunch at 1 p.m. You can choose to have two or three courses. The address is Chevins Golf Club, Golf Lane, Duffield. DE56 4EE

Publication is after the booking deadline but contact to Martin Carnell (rreccarnell@outlook.com) for any cancellations. ■



Pipes in the Peak



Debbie Howard

Saturday 28th November 2026

Come and join us at Pipes in the Peak, a unique music venue in Thorpe, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.

A purpose built building houses the ex Regal/ ABC Derby cinema mighty Compton Organ.



A spectacular apparatus, with bird cheeping, ducks quacking, you will be amazed at the remote attachments to the organ. Watch as Christian, the organist, rises from below the stage as if by magic.

The venue will be all decked out for Christmas with a Santa's reindeer and sleigh, numerous Christmas trees. It is a very festive atmosphere. This will be a lovely lead into the Christmas season – why not bring the younger members of the family, they will enjoy the atmosphere and entertainment.

David will have a few of his spectacular cars on display, there is plenty of other motoring and musical memorabilia on display around the venue.



Arrive at 11.30 /12 for a tea or coffee (the bar will be open too if you fancy something a bit stronger)

An excellent buffet lunch will be served at 1pm followed by a festive concert

Prices are £25 per adult and £12.50 for children (under 16)

Closing date for bookings 14th November 2026

www.pipesinthepeaks.co.uk

Pipes in the Peaks, Wintercroft Lane, Ashbourne. DE6 2AT ■





It's definitely time to book for Christmas

Sunday 13th December 2026



Christina Wild

The Section Christmas lunch will be at Makeney Hotel again this year. We hope that you will agree that this hotel offers a most attractive menu and that the cost is very reasonable.



Makeney Hall began 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 with original features that 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 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.

Please make your booking on online or by the paper form. Christina would particularly value early booking for this event as knowing numbers makes a big difference to her and all organisers. ■



New Year Lunch - Donington Manor

24th January 2027

Mary Mulholland



The Donington Manor Hotel, located on the High Street in Castle Donington, is a landmark Grade II listed building with a rich history dating back to the late 18th century.



Originally an 18th-century Coaching Inn the property was originally built in 1794 by the Marquis of Hastings. It was first named The Rawdon Hotel. Its purpose was to serve as a place for weary travellers to rest and find refreshments. It sat on the active stagecoach routes operating between Nottingham and Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Architecture and Historic Artifacts: The building is a preserved example of Georgian architecture, featuring a symmetrical frontage and grand bay windows. Because it is highlighted on the village's Local Heritage Trail, many visitors stop to view its original features, which include:

- The original horse steps located at the front of the building
- Original fireplaces spread throughout the main house.



Connection to Motorsport: Due to its close proximity to the Donington Park racing circuit, the hotel has a long-standing association with motor racing history. Over the decades, it has hosted a variety of famous racing personalities. Notably, the bays of its windows were once frequent rest spots for legendary figures like motorcycle racer Barry Sheene and motorsport commentator Murray Walker.

The establishment now operates as a hotel and wedding venue, blending its historic, 18th-century character with modern expansions and contemporary updates.

We will be holding our traditional New Year lunch there in January. Please arrive around noon to eat at 1 pm. The menu gives you the choice of two or three courses costing £29 and £39 respectively, including tea or coffee after the meal.

Please send your booking form to Mary Mulholland (mary1742pc@gmail.com) or make an online booking at https://rrec-eastmids.club/booking.html by 3rd January 2027.

Looking to the AGM

14th February 2027 – Morley Hayes



Debbie Howard

The East Midlands Section has had a successful year. 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 join and to assist in its work.



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 2027

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.

The lunch Menu is available in the booking forms in this issue. ■



Ye Olde Bell – by invitation of Yorkshire Section

14th March 2027 – By Gina Scholfield

It has become tradition that we will be visiting the historic 4 star luxury Ye Olde Bell Hotel & Spa, at Barnby Moor, and inviting the East Midlands Section to join us.



Originally, in 1635, Ye Olde Bell was a coaching stop on the London to York route. It has welcomed many guests including Queen Victoria, Queen Maude of Denmark, Charlie Chaplin, Bing Crosby, Oliver Reed, Sir Harold and Lady Wilson, Shirley Bassey, Edward Heath, Jilly Cooper and One Direction, to name but a few. Even the Bradgate Suite took its name from its origins in that all the oak panelling came from Bradgate House, the home of Lady Jane Grey, who was Queen for just nine days. The Hotel has also been a checkpoint on the Monte Carlo Rally. (If you want to see the distinguished visitor's book, please ask at Reception.)

We will be in the Bradgate Suite where tea and coffee will be available from a side table. Early birds can obtain drinks from the Wiseton Bar. Closer to the lunch time, the Bradgate Suite Bar will be open.

If you wish to make a weekend of it, please contact the hotel and mention you are attending the RREC Lunch. The cost of bed and breakfast per night for a double room is £150, and for a single room is £105. Dinner will be charged as taken. On Sunday night, if required, a sandwich and some fries will cost £12.00 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.

COST: £39 for Adults. Ask for child prices.

ARRIVAL: 11.30am onwards with the Wiseton Bar open

COFFEE & TEA UPON ARRIVAL: Available in the Bradgate Suite

LUNCH TIME: 1pm

BACS CODE: OLDE BELL 27

CONTACT: Gina Scholfield (see booking form for details)

ADDRESS: Ye Olde Bell Hotel & Spa, Barnby Moor, Retford, DN22 8QS

DEADLINE: 1st March 2027. ■

Keeping a cool head - Take 2!



Mike Wild

The crack that appeared in the cylinder head of my 1935 20/25 seems to have been contagious for just as I had got the car settled down and running well, a crack appeared in my other 20/25! The temperature gauge seemed to be operating properly but I suspected something was wrong as the gauge was showing 70°C the water in the top of the radiator could be heard boiling. Therefore, I changed the temperature gauges over from one 20/25 to the other, and this gauge recorded 100°C when the water in the top of the radiator was boiling. Small comfort, but at least I know this gauge is working properly.





With the cylinder head removed and crack detection fluid used I was able to see the extent of the damage, which was to the rear of the cylinder head. Holes were drilled at each end of the crack; to prevent further crack propagation and it was ground into a vee to provide an anchor for the weld. Two hours in the oven at over 250 degrees centigrade provided enough heat not to shock the cast iron when welding and afterwards cooling was carried out gradually.



I needed to establish what was causing such heat to crack cast iron. I knew that cylinder heads tend to run hot at the rear if there is any slight restriction in the water flow, so that is where I started, and I did not have to look too far either! For on removal of the cylinder head, I noticed at the rear of the cylinder block there appeared to be aluminium plugs in the water passage holes, that prevented water from cooling the rear of the cylinder head. You can see the one of the "plugs" between the two cylinders on the image below.



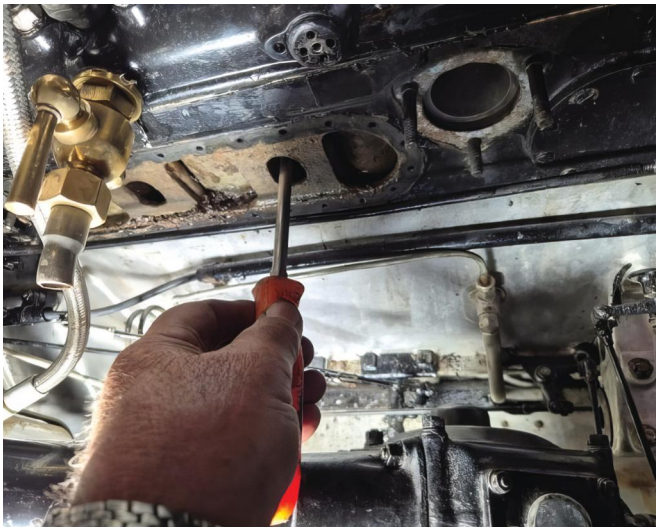
These "plugs" turned out to be the result of a gradual build-up of rust particles and limescale, which precipitates out into a solid when the coolant get hot, maybe due to ordinary tap water from our "hard" Derbyshire water, being used. Removal of the plugs was not easy, and a hammer and metal bar was needed to break through the scale. All passageways were cleared of all traces of limescale.

When retested, the temperature gauge was still showing 90 to 100°C after a short drive, with boiling in the top of the radiator. After a short run of about 20 miles from my home to Baslow and back, steam was coming out of the radiator overflow pipe!

Off came the cylinder block blanking plates again to look for sludge that I had either missed or had moved by my cleaning process but there was no evidence of sludge as the photo shows, when a screwdriver was poked through the block, although there was some evidence of slight sludge deposits, indicating sludge was coming from elsewhere.

At the Baslow Classic Car Show, just for comparison, Martin Carnell removed the radiator cap from his car, and

you could see that water flow in his 20/25 was substantially greater than mine.



Whilst looking at the “water works”, and with the water drained out of the system, I decided to inspect the water pump because I had a constant spray of coolant from the sealing gland spraying inside the bonnet. Apart from being unsightly, the coolant was being constantly lost, which may add to any overheating issues.

Such was the problem that I made a “mudguard”, attached to the ¼ BSF bolt on the base of the distributor to catch the spray. Steve Lovatt at Ristes, as usual, gave freely of advice and told me, the water pump greaser cap should be filled, and turned down until a slight resistance is felt, then one quarter turn more and that should suffice. That did not work. The water pump was removed and dismantled, a simple operation. And with the gland packings removed it was clear to see why the seal was not working. The front gland packing consisted of what looked like a few turns of baling twine and was quite inadequate at providing a water seal. You can see the difference between the correct gland packing and the baling twine originally fitted. The gland packing is compressed by a left-handed thread knurled nut that only needs to be hand tight.



I have subsequently removed the “mudguard” and the newly packed gland is watertight.

The focus now moved to the radiator. Here I disconnected the bottom hose that leads to the water pump and observed the radiator emptying. It was certainly not a full-bore flow, indicating a possible restriction within the radiator. Looking at the construction, it indicated a modern replacement core had been fitted at some stage in the cars ninety plus year life, confirmed by Martin. I suspect this was part of the work carried out by P and A Woods around 1997, nearly 30 years ago, so it is now possible that this radiator is now partially blocked with sludge.

The radiator consists of many vertical tubes soldered into a top and bottom plate to allow the water to flow through the radiator and air flowing over the tubes acting to cool the coolant. In the case of my 20/25, hot water from the engine entered the top hose in the centre of the radiator, flowing down through the radiator tubes and exited by the bottom extreme left-hand corner, viewed from the front, to return back into the engine block.

Eventually a build-up of silt and rust deposits that blocks the radiator tubes, resulting in overheating. In effect the radiator gets gradually smaller, and I suppose that Rolls-Royce originally set the size of the radiator to match the cooling needs of the engine, so the system was now out of balance.

My initial thought was to remove the radiator and have it re-cored, but I decided against that when I tried lift it and discovered it was extremely heavy. I also notice a radiator for sale on the internet that had been lifted by the top of tube and the weight was such that the top of the radiator had collapsed in. Not wanting that, I opted for a diluted acid treatment. This had some effect as evident by the black sludge deposits coming out of the bottom hose. I increased the percentage of diluted acid to 50%, and ran the engine at tick over for twenty minutes followed by a further twenty minutes stationary for the acid to take effect. This really started to shift the blockage, evident by the intensity of the black gunge that came out of the bottom hose.

Further treatments totalling about one hundred litres in 20 litre lots were used, resulting in the colour of the drained fluid becoming clearer and the flow from the bottom hose was significantly greater, much akin to a bath draining. After further flushing until clear water drained, I refilled with a 50/50 distilled water antifreeze mix.

Road testing, during the summer high ambient summer temperatures of 35°C plus, on Derbyshire hills that previously resulted in overheating, now recorded a temperature that did not rise above 80°C, and more like 60°C. So, its back on the open roads, with a cool head once more, for many more miles of happy motoring. ■

Have you been here with the Club?






Clockwise: Stonehurst Farm, Badgers Mount, Stanbrook Abbey, Bosworth Hall

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Stanbrook Extravaganza – 6th to 9th June 2027

After such a fantastic event in 2026 another one in 2027 was inevitable and the Paulerspury Section again invites East Midlands members to join them.

BRIEF DETAILS ARE: Stanbrook Abbey Hotel is the best 4* hotel in Worcestershire with an enviable reputation for luxury bedrooms, outstanding food and exemplary service (see above).

SUNDAY: On arrival enjoy afternoon tea of scone, jam and cream washed down with a glass of prosecco

MONDAY: Picturesque 27 mile drive to Sudeley Castle & Gardens. A magnificent Tudor jewel and only private castle in England to have a Queen buried within its grounds – Katherine Parr, Henry VIII's sixth wife. Discover 1000 years of English royalty, romance, ruin and revival.

TUESDAY: Pleasant 23 mile drive to River King Cruises for an unforgettable three hour cruise to include drink reception on boarding. Professional commentary. BBQ at lunchtime and entertained by traditional New Orleans jazz band.

SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT: Brilliant comic magician who has appeared at venues in the UK and internationally and also various TV appearances

MONDAY ENTERTAINMENT: Black Tie Gala evening. Followed by a very talented professional pianist, vocalist & entertainer. Awarded "Best young musician of the year", resident pianist for Jools Holland music venue in Birmingham. His music is infectious and members will not be able to resist the dance floor!

TUESDAY ENTERTAINMENT: Fancy dress evening [optional]. A night of clean and fresh comedy from John Martin. He has appeared on TV, written material for Ken Dodd, Jimmy Tarbuck and Bob Monkhouse and toured worldwide. Be prepared to suffer from chuckle muscle exhaustion.

DO NOT DELAY – BOOK TODAY – TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

Contact the event organiser for further full information and booking form:
jeff@jeffdennis.co.uk or 07966 492 333

Diary – Autumn 2026 / Spring 2027

Sunday 11th October 2026 - Lunch at Chevins Golf Course, Duffield (Martin Carnell)

Saturday 28th November 2026 - Christmas at *Pipes in the Peaks* - lunch and a family concert (Debbie Howard)

Sunday 13th December 2026 - Section Christmas Lunch (Christina Wild)

Sunday 24th January 2027- New Year Lunch (Mary Mulholland)

Sunday 14th February 2027 - Section AGM & Lunch (Christina Wild)

Sunday 14th March 2027 - With Yorkshire Section - Ye Olde Bell (Gina Scholfield)



Planning ahead

Put these events in your diary – more details of these and other events for 2026/27 in January's newsletter.

18th April 2027 Badgers Mount Lunch with Charles Hanson (Doreen Harvey)

Wednesday 16th June 2027 - Visit to British Horological Institute HQ - Upton Hall (Alan Cartwright)

4th July 2027 A.W. Lymn Open Driving Day (Debbie Howard)

18th July 2027 Haselour Hall Picnic (Mary Mulholland).

Tailpiece from the Editor

John Prentice



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.

I would also like to stress Debbie's point that it would be really helpful if you can make your bookings for events earlier rather than waiting for the deadline given. Those dates are realistic **real deadlines** where we have to notify people about numbers, meal choices etc. ■

P.S. Of all the cars seen at events recently, the one I would like to drive away is Russell Taroni's Phantom III - seen here in July.



Welcome to new members of our Section

Richard POTTS, Leicester; John HYDE, Rugeley; Paul PETHERICK, Market Harborough; Austin SIMMONS, Leicester; John WAINWRIGHT, Heanor; Michael COPESTEAK, Belper; Duane STARMAN, Nottingham; Jon SMITH-MOORHOUSE, Loughborough.

Newsletter Distribution

As a one year experiment, all Section members will receive a paper copy of all issues 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.

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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Pipes in the Peaks– Form - Saturday 28th November 2026

I/We would like to attend this event

Name | Address

Postcode

Telephone | E-mail

Car model | Reg. mark | Name of your guest

No. attending | Cheque | £25.50 per (Children £12.50) payable to RREC (East Midlands Section) | Or BACS

Send form to Debbie Howard, 3 Clifton Drive, Mickleover, Derby, DE3 9HS

Or, better, book online at https://rrec-eastmids.club/booking.html **- Closing date 14th November 2026**

Christmas Lunch - Makeney Hall – Form - Sunday 13th December 2026

I/We would like to attend this event

Name | Address

Postcode

Telephone | E-mail

Car model | Reg. mark | Name of your guest

No. attending | Cheque | £42.00 per person payable to RREC (East Midlands Section) | Or BACS

Complimentary Wine/Juice

Menu choice code	
Initials	Name

Starters

- Parsnip **Soup**, Hot Honey, Cheddar Croute (V) (VE,GF,DF Option Available)
- Ham Hock & Chicken **Terrine**, Onion Marmalade, Brioche (GF & DF Option Available on request)
- Smoked **Salmon**, Caper & lemon Roulade, Celeriac Remoulade (GF & DF Option Available on request)

Main Course

- **Turkey**, Sage & Onion Stuffing, Roasted Parsnip & Carrot, Roast Potatoes, Pancetta Sprouts, Pig in Blanket, Yorkshire Pudding, Pan Gravy. (GF)(DF Option Available on request)
- **Grilled Salmon**, Cheddar Crumb, Garlic & Herb Potatoes, Maple Glazed Carrot (GF & DF Option Available on request)
- Beetroot & Butternut Squash **Wellington**, Braised Red Cabbage, Red Pepper Coulis (GF & DF Option Available on request)

Dessert

- Chocolate **Brownie**, Peanut Praline, Raspberry (GF & DF Option Available on request)
- Traditional **Christmas Pudding**, Brandy Sauce, Vanilla Ice Cream (GF & DF Option Available on request)
- Spiced Orange & White Chocolate **Cheesecake**, Winter Berries (GF & DF Option Available on request)

Freshly made Tea/Coffee and mince pies

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 28th November 2026**

New Year Lunch - Donington Manor – Form

Sunday 24th January 2027

I/We would like to attend this event

Name | Address

Postcode

Telephone | E-mail

Car model | Reg. mark | Name of your guest

No. attending | Cheque | 2 Courses £29, 3 courses £39 per person payable to RREC (East Midlands Section) | Or BACS

Menu choice code	
Initials	Name

Starters

- Vegetable **Soup**, with crusty roll
- Duck & Orange **paté** with toasted Ciabatta and onion marmalade
  Goat's cheese and beetroot salad

Main Course

- **Roast Beef**, or, **Chicken Supreme** - served with roast duck fat potatoes, roasted roots, mashed potato, seasonal vegetables, Yorkshire pudding, stuffing and roasting juices
- **Cheese, leek and potato pie**,with mashed potatoes and seasonable vegetables)
- Pan-fried **Seabass**, new potatoes, green beans and Hollandaise sauce

Dessert

- **Lemon** creation cake
- Warm chocolate **brownie** with vanilla ice cream
- **Eton Mess**

Freshly made Tea/Coffee

Please explain any dietary requirements here:

Send form to Mary Mulholland, 12 Ellis Drive, Kirby Muxloe, Leicester, LE9 2LT
Or, better, book online at https://rrec-eastmids.club/booking.html
Closing date 3rd January 2027

AGM and Lunch - Morley Hayes – Form

Sunday 14th February 2027

I/We would like to attend this event

Name Address

Postcode

Telephone E-mail

Car model Year Reg. mark

No. attending Cheque (£45 per person payable to RREC (East Midlands Section) Or BACS

Menu

Starters

- Celariac and Apple soup, blue cheese *(V)*
- Morley Hayes fish smokie: hot smoked haddock, prawns, salmon, cheese sauce Parmesan and parsley crumb
- Heritage tomato, mozzarella and basil salad, toasted Focaccia *(V)*

Menu choice code	
Initials	Name

Main Course

- Chicken breast, poached in a mushroom and tarragon cream sauce
- Pork loin with Calvados sauce and caramelised apple
- Fillet of Gilthead Bream, citrus and herb crumb, sauce vierge
- Potato, leek and cheese lattice pie, red onion compote, gravy ***(V)***
  Served with seasonal vegetables and potatoes of the day

Dessert

- Passion fruit and raspberry cheescake, whipped cream, raspberries
- Chocolate fudge brookie, vanilla ice cream *(V)*
- Sticky toffee pudding, toffee sauce, pecan nuts, Chantilly cream

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 23th January 2027

Event forms and booking note

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

Members are welcome to bring guests to events but for insurance purposes we need their name(s) with the booking.

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.

Lunch at Ye Olde Bell Hotel & Spa
Sunday 14 March 2027
Deadline for Booking: 1 March 2027

Menu Options

Starters

Seasonal Vegetable **Soup**, artisan bread
Classic **Prawn** Cocktail, marie rose sauce, granary bread and butter
Ham Hock Terrine, spiced tomato chutney, toasted crûte
Wild **Mushroom** Arancini and pomodoro sauce

Main Courses

Traditional Roast Sirloin of Local **Beef**
Roast **Turkey**
All roasts served with duck fat roast potatoes, mash, roasted root vegetables, greens, Yorkshire pudding & gravy
Primavera **Risotto** Pave, salsify, spring peas, heritage vegetables, basil & parmesan cream
Fillet of **Salmon**, lemon & chive crushed new potatoes, wilted spinach, confit carrots, dill cream sauce

Sweets

Lemon Meringue Roulade, seasonal fruit compote
Crème Fraiche Vanilla **Cheesecake**, seasonal berry compote
Poached **Rhubarb** Tart, vanilla ice cream
Cheese and biscuits

Tea, coffee and mints

Lunch at Ye Olde Bell Hotel & Spa - Sunday 14 March 2027

Please reserve …….adult places (£39 each). Please reserve…….child places (contact hotel for price each).

Name: Address:

Tel:

Email *(clear)*:

Name Please put your choices of menu (written in **bold and underlined** as above) in the boxes to the right eg Soup.	Child (Yes/No)	Starter	Main Course	Sweet

Total enclosed/paid…….

Tick payment method: ☐ Cheque payable to RREC Yorkshire Section
☐ BACS: Sort code 20-35-84, A/C No 40926507, **Ref: YE OLDE BELL**
Date of BACS payment:

Return this slip/email the organiser by the deadline above. Bookings confirmed via Email or your enclosed SAE.
If you do not receive confirmation, contact the organiser.

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Please state seating preference overleaf. If any food allergies, please contact the hotel.