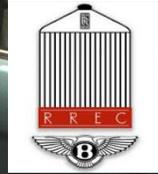


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Editorial

Graham Greenwood

Hello everyone, this is a new format for your section magazine, I hope that you find it informative, entertaining and clear to read.

The main object of the magazine is to inform you of what has been going on with section events, with information about future events.

In here you will find out how to join us at those events and the ever popular informal lunches that are planned for the remainder of 2019.

Together with any relevant news about members, and their activities.

On that subject, I would like you to think about what you have been doing with your car, any problems, where you have been, any information about repairs or modifications that you could share with other members.

Contributions can be in almost any format, but preferably in a 'Word' format, or equivalent word processing programme. Don't worry about composition, spelling or grammar, it is the content we are interested in, editing is my job!

I look forward to hearing from you, with a few images of your car if possible and I hope to see you at forthcoming events.

Graham Greenwood.

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Forms

Graham Greenwood

RREC West Midlands Section, Our section AGM & Lunch 1st of December 2019

In with this Magazine you will find four important loose documents

1. The Formal Notice of the Section AGM
2. A form for Nomination to serve on the Section Committee
3. A standard form for payment options, for continuing West Midlands Section membership.
(Annual, with printed Magazine, or lifetime electronic access)

The AGM is being held just before our Christmas Lunch at Hogarths Stone Manor.

4. The largest form is for you to complete, to order your menu choices for our Christmas Lunch!

Please promptly complete the forms as required, and where appropriate post to the person and address, printed on each form.

Your section committee members look forward to welcoming you on the day, 1st of December 2019.

Graham Greenwood.

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Informal Lunches

The last few informal events of the year, just arrive from 12 noon

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Harvington Hall conducted tour and

The Dog Inn Lunch together (Total £18)

1st December 11am 2019 **AGM and Christmas Lunch**

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Holt Fleet Inn

Graham Greenwood
A superb informal lunch

15th August 2019

Following a nice drive through the lovely Worcestershire country side, The Holt Fleet Inn, with conservatory and manicured gardens is immediately visible as you come to the road bridge over the lovely river Severn.



This was a lunch to remember, the food was very good, the view of the River Severn through the picture windows of the Inn's large conservatory was superb.



There were 24 of us sitting down, each to a lunch of their choosing, the service was excellent.



More images
from the
informal lunch
at the
Holt Fleet Inn
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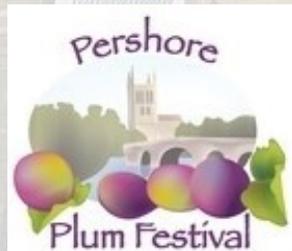


Chairman's Chat

News and views from our
section Chairman

Mike Ridley

Without a doubt, the most successful event of the summer, was, as usual, the Pershore Plum Festival. We not only had 38 club cars in attendance, both Rolls-Royce and Bentley, but all blessed with a beautiful summers day.



Thanks have to go to my predecessor Brian Bremer for all his past efforts in making this one of the premier car shows, in Worcestershire and surrounding counties.

We often consider the marquee as a sensible precaution against inclement weather but, on this occasion, it gave very welcome respite from the sun

providing us with a temperature hovering very close to 30 degrees.

I have to say that I found it most enjoyable and relaxing to just sit in its shelter and enjoy conversations with members who arrived, came to say hello and then stopped for a chat. It was also a very comfortable place to enjoy our picnic lunches. In my view, a very worthwhile investment.



Two things marked this out as a special gathering, quite apart from the excellent attendance of so many members intent on enjoying themselves. The first was the presence of George Simpson's stunningly beautiful 1922, Rolls-Royce, Silver Ghost Tourer. When you first chanced upon this vehicle,



you were overwhelmed by its magnificence, its size, sleek lines and immaculate condition. It was hard to believe that in three short years, this car would be 100 years old.

This was true testament to the brilliance of Henry Royce and left you in no doubt as to why this car earned the sobriquet.

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Thank you, George, for allowing us to share and enjoy

this wonderful car, of which you are fortunate to be the current custodian.

The second reason why this proved to be such a satisfying event, related to the fears that had circulated concerning the future of the Festival.

It had been muted that the logistical problems of gathering up to 2,000 cars in the Abbey grounds and via the



narrow streets of the town, were just too great and should therefore be drastically cut.

Fortunately, it has now dawned on the organisers that 2,000 cars and their occupants have great spending power

and that their vehicles are an attraction that brings in significant numbers of more spenders. **The result, Pershore Plum Festival will continue as we know it and will remain our Section Rally.**

After such an enjoyable day spent this last August Bank Holiday, I am mightily pleased.



One other item I wanted to raise was our forthcoming AGM and Xmas Lunch, to be held on Sunday, 1st December, details in this Magazine.

I know some of you might shy away from an AGM, but I promise to keep this as short and sweet as possible. This will be more an opportunity to start the festive season with friends, old and new, and all of this in the sumptuous surroundings of the magnificent Stone Manor Hotel.

The Sections financial situation is very healthy and your committee have decided that we can afford to subsidise the event with table wine included, together with mince pies and coffee to follow. So do join us, get your booking forms in as soon as possible and let's party.



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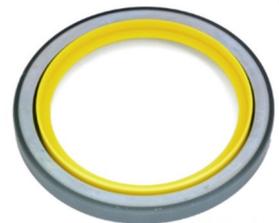
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Fleur de Lys Lowonsford

19th September 2019

Graham Greenwood

What a beautiful day, after a lovely drive through the beautiful Warwickshire countryside, in very hot unseasonable sun, arrival at the Fleur de Lys was welcome for liquid refreshment.

As everyone arrived, some 26 I counted, it was decided that we would sit at the very long rustic tables and benches, outside, under long sun shades.

Overlooking the narrow boats on the canal, and the manicured gardens of the pub, we sat down to lunch, all ordered individually, and were served by the attentive staff. I did not hear any adverse comments.

We all enjoyed our lunches in the sun!

Chatting in the congenial company of our fellow club members.

A great time was had by all.





Presidential Vaporising

David Parkes
(probably due to altitude of
office)

The end of our section motoring season for 2019 brings us close to our AGM. Thus time passes so quickly when you are enjoying your pride & joy by way of supporting the West Midlands Section events. Does it seem nearly twelve months since our last AGM and the election of a new committee?

I am now approaching my twenty-fifth year upon the section committee, a request was issued. I volunteered, only later to be asked, "Did you hear the question dear boy!" Over these long years I have witnessed many changes, the loss of dear friends, excellent engineers who offered wise council to those in need of help with their cars, and above all a family of likeminded enthusiasts' who were true followers of Sir Henry Royce. Henry Ford said "Royce put the heart into every engine he produced for his motor cars." The last few years I have tried to step aside and let the excellent committee proceed to carry on the good work the section has become renowned for but, no, that volunteer who did not hear the question all those years ago is now a museum piece, an old boneshaker retained by the committee who wish to retain something from the past!. (I disagree David is a valued member Ed)

The last AGM saw many changes with new members' joining the committee, and old friends departing, a big thank you for your support and organising skills over the years. The dedication has resulted in continuing the work laid down in the early days of the section by those founding enthusiasts'

In 2020 our section will celebrate "Golden Jubilee Year" Bulletin 62. September 1970 records the formation into the RREC, although there were a number who met in the early sixties who later became victims of Eric Barrass, who with charm brought them on board by way of offering £10 in order to form the West Midlands Section. In later publications I will be writing of the characters and the early days long before the modern technical age we now live in.

Today our leader is Mike Ridley, a pragmatic Chairman who has increased the steam under the boiler and we are now enjoying a new vitality with old and new members' coming to our events. Our Valentine's new members' lunch was so well supported, it proved that with knocking on members' doors the committee could get them to attend, the myriad of informal lunches continue to grow with as many as thirty.

We are indebted to Martin our Webmaster who has set up an excellent section website, we hold e-mails for some three hundred and thirty members and Christine will send out flyers to drum up support for forthcoming events.

Graham, our Magazine editor has got to grips with our newsletter, adding advertisers who help to defray the costs of production. In all, the Section is flourishing with enough quality members' and splendid leadership and above all your Committee do it all for free! Now that is truly dedication.

This year our AGM will be at Stone Manor near Kidderminster, the writer remembers this as a private home, but over the years it has become a popular gathering for many functions. I am sure we will be well looked after.

So, what can you do as a member? You joined the club to enjoy your motor car so why not book the AGM and meet old and new friends, possibly take part in the functioning of your club. Perhaps you have an idea for an event or perhaps you could be a volunteer (yes?), who could help with events in the future.

To enjoy the club you become a family member, friendships that can last a lifetime. It is not only the cars that bring us together, so book now, bring family and friends and enjoy the day.

Reverting back to the newsletter of a bygone age, our Secretary Don Maclean (Life member) and his wife Doreen, wrote, printed, addressed, stuffed into a licked envelope, applied the stamp and posted over 500 copies to various members' homes, posting over a few days as the post box did not like to be stuffed with all in one dropping.

David Parkes.

Section President



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Rose's View

Rolls-Royce Corniche III



**Written by a club members daughter, Rose age 11
with help from parents**



History of Rolls Royce

Petrol driven motor cars originally began to be developed in the 1870's. By 1900 cars were beginning to be produced in large numbers.

21 year old Henry Royce started an electrical and mechanical engineering company in 1884. He patented the first bayonet lightbulb fitting and began manufacturing in Manchester.

In 1901 he began to form an interest in motor vehicles. He built his first petrol motor car in 1904. The same year he met a Welsh businessman called Charles Rolls who sold high quality cars in London. They formed a Partnership Where Mr Royce manufactured the cars and Mr Rolls sold them.



In 1906 they officially formed a company together called Rolls Royce and they launched an iconic six cylinder car which they named 'Silver Ghost'.

Photo taken from www.rolls-royce.com



The early Silver Ghosts did not have a roof. The drivers usually wore goggles to protect their eyes as some roads would have been unsurfaced. People described it as 'the best car in the world' at the time.

During WW1 the company developed engines to help with the war effort. These engines were used in aircraft as well as vehicles. In WWII Rolls-Royce supplied engines for the planes that flew in the Battle of Britain.

In the early 1970's the vehicle and aviation businesses were separated.

History of Corniche

The word Corniche comes from the French and Italian word which means a cliff-side road. The first Corniche was developed in 1939. WWII meant that that Corniche did not go into production.

Manufacture of the Corniche began in 1971. 3,239 Rolls Royce Corniche Convertibles were made in total.

The Corniche III was introduced in 1989 before the Corniche VI was released in 1992. This Corniche III must have been one of the last ones to be Manufactured.

Famous Corniche owners include Frank Sinatra, Paul McCartney, David Bowie, Tom Jones, David Attenborough and Michael Winner.

600 HRH

The vehicle was manufactured in 1991. The date of first registration was 13th August 1992. The original cost price (including 23 gallons of petrol at £1.85 per gallon) was £129,531.64.

The cylinder capacity is 6,750cc.

The coachwork was done by Mulliner Park Ward, The paint colour is vermilion and there have been at least three layers of colour applied, plus at least two coats of clear gloss. The trim is St James red and the carpets cherry red.

The magnolia hood cover, the badge bar, the boot badge and headrests to the rear seats were non-standard extras at the time.

There have been five owners in total

The current owner acquired the vehicle in 2019 and put the 600 HRH registration on the car. The previous registrations were RXD 1, 3 MOH or 8 MOH, K7 DJB and K324 CHB. The car is now garaged in the Midlands.

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Dear Mike,

Thank you to all the members of the West Midlands Section of RREC for the kind donation of £100. I have now received the total of donations, this being £1157.19

Dan would have been so pleased and seeing all the cars lined up as he went past was wonderful. They looked so lovely.

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All pumps must have the new label on them by the beginning of September 2019.

The most important thing to understand is that the actual petrol and diesel fuel is exactly the same as before, and filling stations are likely to continue calling these fuels 'petrol' and 'diesel' alongside the new labels.

- Petrol pumps and nozzles will be labelled E5 in a circle
- Diesel pumps and nozzles will be labelled B7 in a square



What do the numbers and letters mean?

Partly replacing fossil fuels like petrol and diesel with fuels made from renewable sources like ethanol and biodiesel helps reduce overall CO2 emissions which in turn helps the UK meet its climate change targets.

Fuel quality standards have allowed a small percentage of renewable fuel to be blended into UK petrol and diesel for more than 10 years – up to 5% ethanol in petrol and up to 7% biodiesel in diesel.

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