



# Rolls Royce Enthusiasts' Club

West Midlands Section Magazine



Winter 2018/19

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We now have a WM Section website, have a look > [www.rrecwestmids.com](http://www.rrecwestmids.com)

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We are pleased to confirm that Bel Haes has accepted the position of Auditor of the Sections' accounts, with immediate effect.

Bel is a professional bookkeeper, and therefore well qualified for this position.

Our Section's Life Members RREC 50 year membership badge holders  
Don Maclean, Royston Tookey, Tim Brazier and John Pennington

Magazine editor Graham would be pleased to receive any contributions from members.

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## From your new section Chairman

I am very fortunate. Having assumed the role of Chairman of the Section, I find myself with a team who have hit the ground running.

You read these comments in a magazine that just keeps getting better, full of useful information and interesting articles.

Our Section website is now fully operational and does what the magazine cannot do, updates information daily or weekly. I urge you to use it and keep in touch.

Also, every member of the team is now working hard to arrange a programme of interesting, enjoyable and varied events for you to attend in the year ahead and get full use out of those wonderful cars.

I joined the RREC before I owned a 'proper' car, but it was because of my involvement in my local Section ( Northern, in Lancashire at the time ), that I received help from other members, who helped me source the Silver Spirit that I now own and love.

That is why I encourage you to come along to our events and get to know other members. They are the people that can help and advise you on who to use for maintenance, repairs, bodywork, dealing with common problems, sourcing spares and just how to get the most out of this incredible club.

Your first opportunity to get involved is our Valentine's Day Lunch, advertised in this issue.

Come along and see how we have upped our game to give you a great day out.

I look forward to meeting you, new faces and familiar ones, soon and often.

Mike Ridley

## Formal Events for 2019

- February 14th **St. Valentines Day Lunch**, The Crown & Sandys, Ombersley, WR9 0EW  
£37 per person — See opposite page - for details and to reserve your places.
- March 24th **Hartlebury Castle, Worcestershire and Lunch** (see website for details)
- April 14th **New Member's Lunch**, Come and join us as the Section welcomes all to a New Member's Lunch, at 12.00 for 1.00pm on Sunday 14th April 2019 at the opulent and impressive Coombe Abbey, Coventry. This is a new event that is being introduced specifically to encourage RREC Member's to meet and mingle with existing Section Member's with a view to joining the West Midlands Section. See pages 8/9/10 for details and booking
- May 4th - 5th **Donington Historic Festival, Donington Park Racetrack**. Classic and Vintage car racing around this superb circuit, we will be based in the infield of the track with a brilliant viewpoint and have complete access to the pits and workshops of the participating race cars. Booking details will follow on our website. [www.rrecwestmids.com](http://www.rrecwestmids.com)
- 26th May **Section Stand at the Ragley Hall Classic Motor Show**. Booking details to follow
- 2nd - 5th June **Spring Surprise @ Spowston Manor** This event is being run by the East Midlands Section. Please see [www.rrecwestmids.com](http://www.rrecwestmids.com) for further details
- 24th - 27th June **Cambridge Concourse** (4 days and 3 nights away)  
see page 14 for details. Or on the website. [www.rrecwestmids.com](http://www.rrecwestmids.com)
- 21st - 23rd June **National Annual Rally at Burghley House**
- 6th - 7th July **Cosford and the Model Aeroplane Show**. Details here:  
[www.largemodelassociation.com/event/cosford-large-model-air-show-6th-7th-july-2019](http://www.largemodelassociation.com/event/cosford-large-model-air-show-6th-7th-july-2019)
- 26th August (MONDAY) **'Section Rally at the Pershore Plum Festival'**, further info to follow
- 14th September **Welsh Borders Driving Day - The Long Mynd** (includes an overnight stay)  
Details to be confirmed
- October **Harvington Hall**, followed by a pub lunch - details to be confirmed
- November **Lunch and Speaker** - details to be confirmed
- December **AGM and Christmas Lunch** - details to be confirmed

# Come and join us for the first event of the year

St Valentine's Lunch, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February, from 12 noon

Crown & Sandys Hotel, Ombersley, WR9 0EW. - £37 per person

You will enjoy good food and company in a superb location with excellent entertainment to follow, that will leave your sides aching with laughter.

Names of Attendees .....

Please select your menu choices below (Insert number for each choice)

## Starters

- Soup of the Day with crusty bread
- Chicken liver & brandy parfait with chutney & warm toast
- Mushroom, spinach & halloumi fritters on tomato/chick pea dhal
- Prawn & Crayfish salad with 'Bloody Mary' mayonnaise

## Main Course

- Roasted fillet of cod, sautéed potatoes, spinach, peas, hollandaise sauce
- Pork Belly, mustard mash, root veg, red wine, mushroom & shallot jus
- Chicken breast, saute potatoes, green beans & red wine jus
- Mushroom, spinach & pea risotto with parmesan & rocket

## Dessert

- Sticky Toffee pudding with vanilla ice cream
- Chocolate brownie with vanilla ice cream & chocolate sauce
- Lemon Tart with lemon curd & raspberry coulis
- Summer berry Eton mess

Tea/coffee to follow.

Payment methods:

Cheque payable to West Midlands Section RREC For £\_\_\_\_\_ .....tick

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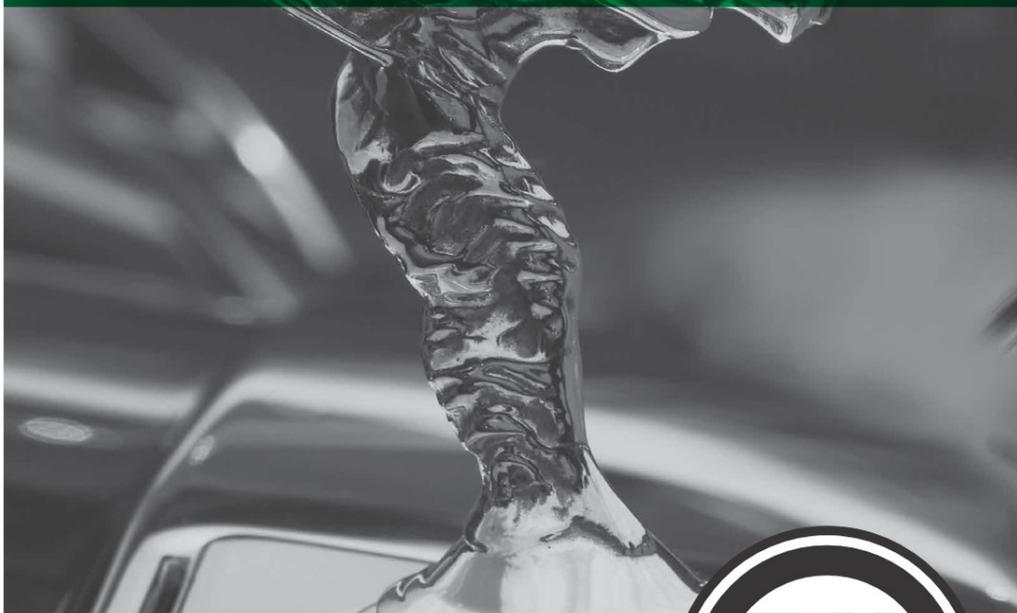
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Please RSVP to Mike Ridley, Eden House, Birch Row, Broseley, TF12 5NP

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## *This years very popular Informal Lunches*

Meet at the venue from 12 Noon

*3rd THURSDAY of the each month except February & December.*

*All welcome for a chat over lunch, No booking just turn up and join us.*

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|---|--|
| Jan 17th  | The Anchor Inn, Leek Wootton, Warwickshire, CV35 7QX     |
| March 21st  | The Dodford Inn, Dodford, Worcestershire, B61 9BG        |
| April 18th  | The Queen and Castle, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 1ND  |
| May 16th  | Kinnersley Arms, Ironbridge, Shropshire, SY5 6RN         |
| July 18th   | The Old Bull, Inkberrow, Worcestershire, WR7 4DZ         |
| August 15th   | The Holt Fleet Inn, Holt Fleet Worcestershire, WR6 6NL   |
| September 19th  | The Fleur de Lys, Lowsonford, Warwickshire, B95 5HJ      |
| October 17th  | Codsall and Wergs Garden Centre, Wolverhampton, WV8 2HJ  |
| (Including an after summer visit to Nick Haes Lawnmower Hospital) |  |
| November 21st   | The Talbot Inn, Newnham Bridge, Worcestershire, WR15 8JF |

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## West Midlands Section Rolls Royce Enthusiasts Club

The Section welcomes all to a New Member's Lunch at 12.30 for 1.00, on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at the opulent and impressive Coombe Abbey, Coventry. This is a new event that is being introduced specifically to encourage new and existing RREC Member's, to meet and mingle with existing Section Member's, with a view to joining the West Midlands Section.

Coombe Abbey was originally a Cistercian Abbey dating back to the 12th Century, standing in 500 acres of Warwickshire parkland. Surrounded by a moat overlooking formal gardens and a lake designed by renowned 18th Century landscape artist 'Capability Brown,' Coombe provides a breathtaking backdrop that will not fail to impress.

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[www.coombeabbey.com](http://www.coombeabbey.com)



For this special occasion, we have the use of the beautifully appointed Cloisters Room where you will dine and mix with Rolls-Royce and Bentley enthusiasts from the West Midlands Section. Specific car parking arrangements have been made for you to display your Rolls-Royce or Bentley within the sumptuous grounds of the Abbey.

Early booking is essential. [See booking form overleaf!](#)

So why not treat yourselves and your car to an exquisite and very special day.

*New Member's Lunch – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019 - £35 per person*  
*12.00 For 1.00 at Coombe Abbey, Brinklow Road, Coventry CV3 2AB*

I will be attending this event and there will be .....people in my party for which I will pay the RREC West Midlands Section a total of £.....

My menu choices are – (please indicate number required):

- Starters**
- Roast Plum Tomato Soup with Bocconcini Mozzarella and Basil Pesto (v)
  - Confit Duck Leg Cakes with Chinese Tiger Salad and Port Reduction
  - Pressing of Smoked Ham Hock with Pickled Silver Skin Onion and Pear Puree

- Mains**
- English Chicken Breast wrapped in Oxsprings Air Dried Ham Stuffed with Mozzarella with Dijon Mustard Mash, Chunky Ratatouille and Chicken Jus
  - Court Bouillion Poached Salmon Supreme with Boiled Ratte Potatoes, Buttered Greens, Brown Shrimps and Lemon Hollandaise
  - Handmade Red Pepper and Goats Cheese Ravioli with Warm Sauce Vierge and Fresh Herbs (v)

- Dessert**
- Fruits of the Forest Eton Mess with Vanilla Crème and Crushed Meringue
  - Bramley Apple and Mixed Spice Crumble With Sweet Granola Style Crumble Topping and Cinnamon Ice Cream
  - Belgian Chocolate Brownie, With Chocolate Popping Candy, Speculoos, Salted Caramel Sauce

Tea/Coffee and Chocolate Mint

Name(s) in your party .....

RREC Membership Number .....

Email Address .....

Please return to: Christine Oatridge, 84 Frobisher Road, Coventry CV3 6NA Tel: 07983 988707

or scan and email to [secretaryrrecwestmidlands@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryrrecwestmidlands@gmail.com)

Payment by enclosed cheque payable to West Midlands Section RREC *OR*

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## **Classic Motor Cars offers bespoke classic car finance through JBR Capital**

World-class specialists Classic Motor Cars (CMC) are now offering bespoke personal finance for classic car purchases and restorations through JBR Capital.

The new offering combines the exacting service standards of two-time restoration of the year winner CMC with finance options from the UK's only independent finance provider dedicated solely to high end vehicle finance.

Nigel Woodward, Managing Director at Classic Motor Cars, said: "Besides their charm or nostalgic appeal, classic cars can offer excellent potential as investments. With the tailored finance solutions provided by JBR Capital, enthusiasts can now turn their dream into reality. Owning a classic has never been easier."

Darren Selig, Executive Chairman at JBR Capital, said: "We're delighted to be working with Classic Motor Cars, opening up a range of finance options to prospective and current owners of classic cars."

The available restoration finance options include staged payments and early settlement options to suit almost everybody, equity release against existing vehicles therefore releasing funds that would otherwise be tied up, and refinancing for customers who have existing finance agreements.

For classic car purchases, the finance options include equity release, credit line finance allowing buyers to move very quickly and seal the deal, hire

purchase allowing individuals to pay for their car in monthly instalments, lease purchase which is similar to the hire purchase but with a balloon payment at the end of the fixed term and refinancing.

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### **For further information about Classic Motor Cars, please contact:**

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## Cambridge Concourse 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

The West Midlands Section invites you to join us for a spectacular break, close to Cambridge, spending 3 nights at The Quay Mill Hotel at Stow-Cum-Quay, a premier hotel with excellent facilities.

Our programme consists of a polo match organised by the Cambridge County Polo Club, with a picnic hamper and bubbly provided, a visit to Duxford Air Museum with an opportunity to photograph your car alongside a Spitfire and, finally, a day out at Ely, where a visit to the Cathedral and Stained Glass Museum are included. There are many other attractions in the city, all within easy walking distance.

This is a full and varied programme, all conducted at a leisurely pace.

The cost of the hotel for dinner, B&B for the 3 nights is £594 for a twin/double and £402 for a single. However, no payment is required until our visit.

The cost of our various outings, entertainments, refreshments and table wines is £124 per person.

If you would like to join us, just take the following three steps;

1) Telephone the hotel on 01223 293383, mention RREC, and book your room.

They will only need details of your credit/debit card but no payment.

2) Send me an e-mail to confirm your booking, to [mikeridley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mikeridley@hotmail.co.uk).

3) Send your deposit of £124 per person to me at :

Eden House, Birch Row, Broseley, Shropshire, TF12 5NP

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## RREC Hunt House, Paulerspury

Happy New Year! We hope that you've enjoyed the festive season and are now looking forward to the year ahead.

As always, the most up to date copy of the Club's events list can be found on the website, so please do keep checking in online to see if any new section events have been added to the list. This year's main Club events will take place on the following dates:

6-7 April: AGM & Club Conference

13-18 May: Bonny Scotland Rally, Pitlochry

26 May: South of England Rally, Stansted House

21-23 June: Annual Rally & Concours d'Elegance

3-4 August: North of England Rally, Harewood House

1-7 September: Continental Rally, Baltic & West Pomeranian

Where booking forms are already available, they can be found via the [events list online](#).

The [Sir Henry Royce Memorial Foundation \(SHRMF\)](#) will also be holding a series of lectures at The Hunt House throughout the year:

13 March: Flying and displaying Vintage Jet Aircraft (Rod Dean)

15 May: The Work of Sir Henry Ricardo and the development of Ricardo Ltd (Neville Jackson)

3 October: Concorde (John Hutchinson)

16-17 November: Heritage Weekend & AGM

For more and booking go to [www.henryroyce.org.uk/events](http://www.henryroyce.org.uk/events)

Happy planning!

Ailsa

Ailsa Plain  
Events Manager



Dear Members,

We are looking for someone to take on the role of RREC Publications

Manager for a minimum of one year.

The main responsibilities are as follows:

To source the content for Spirit & Speed through contact with Sections, Registers, Rolls-Royce Motors, Bentley Motors, external authors and members willing to submit articles of interest.

To provide a designer with edited copy and photographs, oversee the production of corrected page proofs and liaise regarding the supply of press-ready PDF files to the printer.

To source content for the Year Book and liaise with Regal Press.

Agreed fees will be paid for the work carried out.

If you are interested in taking on all, or just some, of the above responsibilities please contact me for further information.

Ian Hick

Chairman RREC

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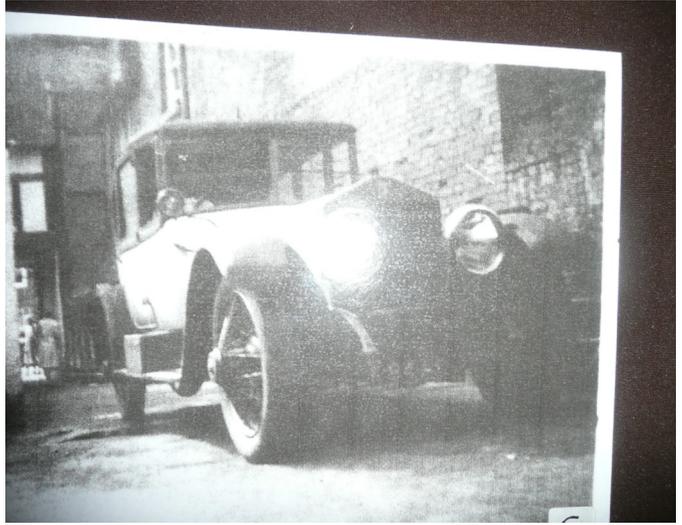


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Loving history as I do, it was not long after our move out here near to Tenbury Wells that I found the 'Tenbury Wells Museum'. A few months ago I made my first visit there



and in the entrance porch

I immediately spotted this photograph:

6. This **1913** Rolls Royce Silver Ghost which had been on the coachbuilder's stand at the 1913 Motor Show, is seen here at Maund's Garage in Teme Street in the early **1950's** when it was having some 'minor adjustments'.

The display was for Maund's Garage which was in the middle of Tenbury for many years but of course it was the car that grabbed my interest. Returning a few days later with my camera I took some photos and, as a long-shot, sent them to Amii Errington, the Archivist at Hunt House. Here follows the reply I received two days later!

*“Good afternoon Jill. This is actually a 1914 delivered car (on test 28.01.1914) chassis number 12EB and registration number LK 9433 (a registration from North West London). White-Colman was the coachbuilder on the London Edinburgh type chassis. In John Fasal’s ‘The Edwardian Rolls-Royce’ it does not mention that 12EB was exhibited at a London show but describes the car fitted with a tourer body and on page 725 states that the engine (presumably the original numbered 87J) was removed and used to power a locomotive on the Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway.*

*The RH&D Railway was the culmination of the dreams of Capt. John Edwards Presgrave (Jack) Howey (a racing driver, millionaire land owner, former Army Officer & miniature railway aficionado) and Count Louis Zborowski (eminently well-known racing driver of his day – owning and racing the Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.*

*From June 1916 to June 1918 the car was owned by Rt. Hon. Sir William Weir, a Scottish Industrialist and Politician. In 1902 he became Managing Director of G&J Weir (established by his Father & Uncle, Manufacturers of Condenser, pumps and evaporators). In 1910 he was appointed Chairman and During WWI he converted his factories to produce explosive shells. In his political life he held a number of appointments and served on a number of government committees. He was made a Knight Bachelor in February 1917, and following his work in 1924/25 Chairing the Committee planning the rationalisation of the UK electrical power industry which led to the Electricity Supply Act 1926, the creation of the National Grid and the Central Electricity Board he became a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath in 1934.*

*By the time the car was receiving attention at Maunds Garage in Tenbury Wells it had had a later limousine body fitted.”*

Well, as you can guess I am intrigued to know where it was between June 1918 and the early 1950s when it was at Maund’s Garage.

Given time I intend to do some more ‘ferreting’ to see if I can fill some of the missing period in – probably starting with who had taken it to Maund’s given that Tenbury is but a few miles from Whitley Court, Abberley Hall and Martley where Earnest Steven’s – Stourbridge millionaire’s – son lived in the 1950s. So watch this space for a further instalment.

New! West Midlands Section Website now live

By Martin Gliddon

On the 7<sup>th</sup> May, the Section's new website went live. At present it can only be accessed by a link from the main RREC website, and by those section members who have the website address, on next page.

That will be everyone who has paid their section dues and receive this magazine.



There are event pages, where you can not only see the events we are attending — your support is always welcome at these but also pictures from past events.

A gallery of members car's — please see below for details of how to get your car on the website — and a contact us form for enquiries and more.

If you want to add your car to the Section Gallery, please email a picture of it to me at [m.gliddon@sky.com](mailto:m.gliddon@sky.com) with the following information:

Car's year of manufacture

Type of car (Shadow I, or Spur II, PhantomI, etc.)

Registration Number

Owner's Name

Body type and manufacturer

Chassis Number

Exterior colour

Interior colour.

The website password is now **sp1r1t** each i being a number one!

### *Important Website Update*

Our West Midlands Section Webmaster reports that the Section Website, [www.rrecwestmids.com](http://www.rrecwestmids.com) is now fully functional and up to date, as the section moves forward into the digital age.

The website can now take online payments for events, and subscriptions to the section. For all section members, the quarterly Magazine and back issues are available for download, which will eventually make a huge saving in Section costs and also keep the carbon footprint down by a considerable margin — doing our bit for the environment...

There is also a full list of main events for the coming year, and our popular monthly informal pub lunches. Together with picture galleries for 2018 events, and a very nice selection of Section Member's cars.

A database of all RREC Members within the Section has been completed and is being updated from old data, including the capture of as many email addresses as can be found as this will be the future mode of contact for the majority of correspondence within the Section.

West Midlands section RREC - REQUEST.

**IMPORTANT - WOULD ALL MEMBERS** please note the following for the future, how Lloyds Bank plc require any cheques payable to the section be written,

Currently, and going forward cheques should read,  
WEST MIDLANDS SECTION, ROLLS-ROYCE ENTHUSIASTS CLUB.

We have reached an understanding with the bank, that they will accept cheques made out as follows, if your pen is running out of ink.

a) *West Midlands RREC* Or b) *WMRREC*

But, when possible please continue to use our full title, cheques made out in any other way than above will be returned to sender, for a new cheque to be made out, all this is due to banks now getting more careful of who the cheque is made out to.

Thank you very much in advance for your help in this matter, should members wish to, you can use internet banking, by paying into our account as follows,

Lloyds — sort code 30 15 39- account no. 00337771 in the name of West Midlands Section Rolls-Royce Enthusiasts Club (marked reference , name of event), and please still send your booking form to the organizer as stated, so that you will be booked for the event. (scan and email if you can)

Thank you for your ongoing support to our section events, without your support we don't function.

I have recently received the sad news that yet another of our  
50 year members' has passed away

Douglas Macmillan joined the club back in 1964, he was a familiar supporter of our section over more than fortyfive years.

Doug served on the section committee under the chairmanship of Rev. Fred Coley and over the years arranged a number of events, notable was the Malvern College Rally with Kevin Walton, he was also the official section reporter to The Bulletin. (now Spirit & Speed)

Looking back on those back copies it is interesting to read how formal the reports were, Doug had a 20hp. Rolls-Royce open top tourer which he sold a few years ago, then buying a Morris Minor for his daily travel, after many years of living at Broadwas.

After the death of his wife Dorothy, he continued to support the section, however this year at a local car event it was noticed how ill he looked, thus his passing at the age of ninety was not unexpected.

We now have four remaining 50 badge holders' "Young" Don Maclean, Royston Tookey, Tim Brazier and John Pennington (past Secretary)"

David Parkes (President)

## New Ways to Join the West Midlands Section

At our first meeting of the new committee, a decision was made to offer prospective members two alternative ways to join the Section.

The existing method of paying an annual fee of £15.00 will continue and this will entitle you to, and cover the cost of, sending you this quarterly printed magazine.

The second option is for you to purchase Lifetime electronic membership for a once only fee of £25.00. You will still have access to the Magazine, but online and not through the post.

I appreciate that most of you have already paid your annual fee for 2019 (myself included), but these options will be available to all from next renewal.

I hope all will appreciate our attempt to reduce the cost of enjoying our great Club section, by use of modern technology.

i.e. our website. [www.rrecwestmids.com](http://www.rrecwestmids.com) Mike Ridley, Chairman.

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## A French Wedding..... Or Three?

By George Zdanko

In 2001 I had the pleasure of driving Aleksandra and Ettiene to a wedding venue at The Cercle Militaire in Paris in my Silver Spur.

This was the daughter of our good friends in Chelles, France, (and coincidentally the son of our friends in Auxerre, with whom we've met during the Redditch-Auxerre Jumelage (twinning) between the two towns.)

When Ewa's & Murphy's son Jean Phillipe was getting married to Sophie in 2010, I took my big Daimler DS420 from our home In Redditch to Chelles, to do the honours. A seven seater was called for, as I also played music at a post-wedding reception, so keyboards, amps, speakers went with me.



Help in washing the car prior to the wedding — the grooms two uncles are so very keen to wash the car.

One is a surgeon, the other a nuclear physicist. I supervise.

Would you believe it? When the couples youngest and third child, Jean Louis, was getting married to Marie Paul in August 2018, Diane and I again were invited to attend in the Rolls-Royce Silver Spur, the very same car as in the 2001 wedding; again the Dover – Calais ferry two days before the wedding was due and some distance of 550 kms to a venue south of Paris to a splendid two hour Roman Catholic wedding ceremony.

The usual champagne & canapes reception prior to a full sit-down meal, fine wine flowing, entertainment and partying, dancing to follow, then bedding down at some five a.m. in a chateau!! The French certainly know how to live and how to enjoy the best of wines!

As ever, the Silver Spur performed effortlessly as it did during the first run in 2001. Alas, seventeen years on, the driver is getting more fatigued..... And the wine does not help! Would I do it again? Of course, a resounding yes!



Diane and I bleary eyed after getting up from the bedroom suite at the chateau. Just four hours sleep. A brunch and more wine was to follow.

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