

Rolls-Royce Enthusiasts' Club

Great Western Section Newsletter – Early Spring 2020



Great Western Section AGM Speaker – Richard Fenner

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 26th April - Drive It Day – Haynes Motor Museum with lunch

Saturday 2nd May – Weston-super-Mare Helicopter Museum with lunch

Sunday 17th May – Bristol Aerospace Museum (Concorde)
Joint event with the Silver Shadow and Bentley T Series Register

Thursday 21st May – Stratford Saye - private visit with lunch

Sunday 7th June Chippenham Lions Cherished Vehicle Show – book direct

Weekend 19-21st June - RREC Annual Rally – book direct

20th/21st June – Bath Festival of Transport – book direct

We are delighted to welcome new members to the Section.
Gareth Jones from Chalford ~ Maxwell Thomas from Poulton, Cirencester,
- Colin and Linda Watson from Shepton Mallet
and to welcome back Philip & Elinor Gooding from Romsey.

Secretary: Margaret Ball, Chaseside, Kenn Street, Kenn, Clevedon, Somerset BS21 6TL
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Events still in the planning stage - details next Newsletter

10th or 11th June - Poulton Hill Vineyard – guided tour with wine tasting and lunch in the house.
Sunday 30th August – Beaufort Polo Club, Westonbirt
Avon Tyres Experience at Melksham tour and lunch.
South Wraxall Manor BS15 2ND - private house and garden visit with pub lunch.
Summer – Wells Cathedral – Good Afternoon Choir
Thatchers Cider – October
Badminton Estate – guided tour of house and gardens
Hayles and Howe Ornamental Plasterwork
Bitton Steam Train – dining experience
Silverstone Racing Circuit
St Giles House, Wimborne – home of the Earl of Shaftesbury with a visit to The Royal Signals at Blandford Forum

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Great Western Section Website

Your Committee are pleased to announce that the new website will be live and on-line by the time you receive this Newsletter. Please take a look.

The web address is www.rrec-gws.co.uk, or the site is also accessible via the main Club website, by going to the Worldwide Sections page and clicking on the Great Western Section.

Our site is being managed by Committee Member Neil Sturgess, with expert technical help, and he can be contacted via the dedicated email address of

webmaster.rrec.gws@gmail.com.

The site will provide information on the Section's activities and, also allow members to book on-line to attend Section events. This is in addition to the traditional method of booking.

We would like to encourage members to submit articles for publication on the site and this is already happening. To reassure you, the website will complement the existing methods of communication within the Section - i.e. Newsletters and emails from the Section Secretary, so anyone who chooses not to use the site will not be disadvantaged.

It's early days and the website will be improved and enhanced as time goes on.

We hope you will enjoy using it.

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Drive it Day - 26th April - Visit to Haynes International Motor Museum BA22 7LH



This year, for Drive it Day, we will be visiting the Haynes International Motor Museum at Sparkford, BA22 7LH.

We will assemble at 11.00 am for tea/coffee and biscuits, having parked in our reserved area. This will be signposted for you. After coffee, we will have a guided tour of the Museum, followed by lunch in a private room. After lunch, you will be free to wander around the collection again if you choose. We hope you will join us.

Take a look at their website, www.haynesmotormuseum.com.

Even if you have visited the Museum before, there are always new items and displays to see and, particularly on Drive it Day, what better way to spend your time than a drive in your Rolls or Bentley followed by the experience of being surrounded by hundreds of Classic Cars and lunch with a group of friends. The cost is £30 per person.

Lunch will be from the following menu:

Chilli Con Carne, or Beef and Ale Stew - all served with a choice of rice, potato (mash, boiled or chips) and Nacho chips - Followed by a choice of Chocolate Truffles or Eton Mess, (which you can select on the day) and tea or coffee.

We hope you will join us. Please complete the booking form attached or try our new on-line booking system which you will find on the Great Western Section website.

Please return this form with your cheque, payable to RREC Great Western Section, for £30.00 per person, to Neil Sturgess, Chesterfield, Mead Lane, Sandford, North Somerset, BS25 5RG. Tel 01934 824414. Email neilsturgess@gmail.com Or book and pay on-line Booking form attached or use the new on-line booking system via the Great Western Section website. Closing date Wednesday 8th April.

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BOOKING FORM



Drive it Day - 26th April - Visit to Haynes International Motor Museum BA22 7LH

Name(s):

Address:

Postcode: Telephone No.

RREC Membership No. Email

No of persons at £30.00 each £ Includes tea/coffee, parking, entry, tour and lunch

Cheque enclosed payable to **RREC Great Western Section** or **book and pay on-line**

Car details Make: ModelYear of manufacture

Coachbuilder:

Registration No. Chassis No.

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Please indicate your requirements Chilli Con Carne
..... Beef and Ale Stew

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Weston Super Mare Helicopter Museum BS24 8PP - Saturday 2nd May



The Helicopter Museum is the largest dedicated Helicopter Collection in the world with over 100 helicopters on display in an all-weather undercover hangar.

Exhibits include two of the Queen's Royal Flight helicopters, the current world speed record holder G-LYNX, a Vietnam Veteran Huey and a Russian Hind Gun Ship

This is something a little different for us. The Museum is largely indoors, with a few outside exhibits. Their website is www.helicoptermuseum.co.uk. The address is Locking Moor Road, Weston super Mare, BS24 8PP.

We will have reserved parking (duly signposted) and will assemble for tea/coffee and biscuits at 11.00am. The guided tour will begin at 11.30 and will take a little over an hour.

The catering facilities at the Museum are currently being overhauled and, assuming that they are fully operational, we will have lunch there. Orders will be taken at coffee time. If the facilities are not operational, we will eat elsewhere. We will know in advance what the arrangements are, and you will be advised accordingly.

The cost of admission, the guided tour and tea/coffee on arrival is £10 per person, with lunch to your own account. Booking form attached or use the new on-line booking system via the Great Western Section website. Closing date Monday 20th April.

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Address:

Postcode: Telephone No.

RREC Membership No. Email

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AEROSPACE BRISTOL - SUNDAY 17TH MAY

Bristol Aerospace Museum



Joint Event with Silver Shadow and Bentley T Series Register

Please arrive by 11.00 - Hayes Way, Patchway, Bristol BS34 5BZ

We will spend a day at the museum which is dedicated to the story of aviation.

“Starting in the earliest days of powered flight, Aerospace Bristol will whisk us on an immersive journey through a century of incredible achievements and marvellous tales of human endeavour. From bold pioneers taking to the skies to remarkable men and women who played their part in two world wars, to those who dreamed a seemingly impossible dream of supersonic travel and then created the iconic Concorde to turn the dream into reality.”

The story continues into the future of aerospace travel with the next generation of engineers reaching for the stars.

There are plentiful catering options on site

The charge will be £20 per person with the opportunity of upgrading your ticket for annual use, if you so wish.

Return form by Monday 11th May to: Keith Taylor, 18 Avalon Close, Yatton, North Somerset. BS49 4AQ Keith971taylor@btinternet.com **or book and pay on-line**

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Bristol Aerospace Museum



Joint Event with Silver Shadow and Bentley T Series Register

Aerospace Bristol – Sunday 17th May

Name(s):..... RREC Membership No:.....

Address:

Postcode: Phone No. Email@.....

No of persons @ £20.00 each £

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STRATFIELD SAYE seat of the DUKE OF WELLINGTON

Thursday 21st May 2020 - Arrive at RG7 2BZ between 10.30 and 11.00 latest



This charming family house has been the home of the Dukes of Wellington since 1818 when the “Great Duke, as he was universally known, was regarded as the saviour of his country and Europe. A grateful nation granted a substantial sum of money to enable him to acquire an estate worthy of a great national hero.”

The Great Duke’s famous Funeral Car is housed in the Wellington Exhibition Centre and is included in the entry ticket.

An exclusive tour has been booked with no other visitors present.

BOOKING FORM

Name(s):

Address:
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Postcode: Telephone No. also mobile please for assistance if required

RREC Membership No Email

No of persons at £33.50 per head = £ includes entrance fee with guided tour, coffee on arrival and a light lunch of quiche and salad provided by the farm shop.

You are welcome to bring your own alcoholic drinks. Please let me know so that glasses can be made available.

Cheque enclosed payable to **RREC Great Western Section** or, if applying on-line by bank transfer

Car details Make: Model Year of manufacture

Coachbuilder:

Registration No. Chassis No.

Return form ASAP but no later than April 8th to:

Dr Valerie Smallwood, Foudry House Cottage, The Street, Mortimer, RG7 3NR. Or book and pay on-line

Valsmallwood@gmail.com 07944 588480 (use this number on the day if needed)

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Thursday 21st May 2020

Arrive at RG7 2BZ* between 10.30 and 11.00 latest

Directions

Stratfield Saye is off the A33 South of Reading from the M4 junction 11 see directions below

Route to Stratfield Saye House

Hampshire

RG7 2BZ

Please note that whilst your satellite navigation system will bring you to the borders of the estate it will not be able to direct you to the correct entry gate.

Take the M4 to junction 11 then proceed on the A33 dual carriageway towards Basingstoke for about four miles. On reaching the roundabout at the end of the dual carriageway continue on the A33 towards Basingstoke. **DO NOT** take the road signposted for Stratfield Saye: this refers to the village. After half a mile you will see on the right the Wellington Monument, but these park gates are closed. Continue on the A33 for a further mile.

On the right you will see the **Wellington Arms Hotel**. Turn right on to a minor public road (not through another set of closed park gates). Continue on this minor road for half a mile over the river and follow the road to the right at the T junction. Go past the first set of white park gates (sign says access to church only). Continue a further 400m and turn right at the next set of white park gates. You will see Stratfield Saye House from here. The gate is monitored from the House by cctv. Please wait patiently and staff will open the gate for you.

Route from the South

Take the M3 to junction 6. Take the A33 from Basingstoke towards Reading. Proceed through Sherfield-on-Loddon. About 2 miles after Sherfield you will come to the **Wellington Arms Hotel** on your left – turn immediately left and follow directions as above.

Estate Office – 01256 882694