

# Rolls-Royce Enthusiasts' Club

Great Western Section Newsletter – Autumn/Winter 2018/2019



Nicholas and Suzanne Finch with John and Margaret Ball attended the SHRMF Heritage Weekend. This Dawn now graces the Lecture Hall at The Hunt House.

## Forthcoming Events

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January – AGM and Lunch at Orchardleigh House, Frome

## Proposed Events for 2019

Ideas from your Committee include:

10<sup>th</sup> April - East Somerset Railway with the opportunity to drive a Rolls-Royce powered Sentinel Railway Engine

Mells Manor with Talbot Inn – rescheduled from 2018

5<sup>th</sup> May - Visit to Bowood House Car Show.

June – Chippenham Lions, Bath Festival of Transport and Downside School

Date to be fixed - Aircraft Salvage International at Cotswold Airport

Artburst Festival in Painswick in August

Late summer - Hestercombe House,

Visits to factories producing variously detailed plasterwork, food, cider and craft beer.

Further details of these events will be presented by the Member in charge at the Annual General Meeting.

*If you have an idea for an event, please share it with a Committee Member or bring it along to the Annual General Meeting.*

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## Chairman's Checkpoint

The Great Western Section has had a very good year. Numerous events, in various new locations, have been well supported. We have also welcomed new members.

It is now time to look forward to the AGM and for us to outline what we are planning for next year. We hope to see as many of you as possible at Orchardleigh House near Frome.

It will also be an opportunity for those of you who are interested to have dinner, bed and breakfast the night before. The rooms at Orchardleigh are very pleasant.

Our hard-working committee members sometimes need a break. Reg King, who has introduced some fascinating venues, is having a year off due to the volume of his work.

We are delighted to have co-opted Neil Sturgess to the committee. I am sure that he will bring fresh ideas to the Section.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year,

Valerie



## RREC Book launch 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019

My name is Ludovica and I am contacting you from publisher St James's House.

Over the past 11 years, St James's House has worked with the RREC on a wide range of projects. The coming year is no exception with the launch of the 2019 yearbook, *100 Years of Exploring the Extraordinary*, taking place on 7 June 2019 at Grosvenor House in Mayfair, London.

We would like to offer Club members from each section 50 complimentary tickets to this event on a first come, first served basis. Moreover, we will draw the names of two attendees from each section and the winners will be provided with complimentary accommodation for the night in London.

Please find attached the book launch invitation – do please feel free to share it with your section members. To secure a ticket, members should contact me at [ludovica@stjames.org](mailto:ludovica@stjames.org), specifying their full name and section.

I look forward to hearing from you and will be in touch again with more details about timings, dress code, etc. in due course.

Kind regards,

Ludovica

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Sunday 6th January 2019 AGM and Lunch at Orchardleigh House near Frome BA11 2PB



You are warmly invited to our Annual General Meeting and Lunch which will be held at Orchardleigh House near Frome in Somerset.

We are delighted that Club Chairman Ian Hick, with his wife Wendy, will attend as representative of the RREC Board of Directors.

Coffee will be served at 11.00am, with the meeting at 11.30am then lunch 12.30 for 1.00pm.

The cost for a two-course lunch will be £35.00 per person.

## Menu

Orchardleigh Reared Top side of beef served with homemade Yorkshire pudding and a red wine pan jus.  
Somerset Chicken served with a creamed Mushroom and cider sauce.  
Baked pepper stuffed with a wild mushroom risotto (Suitable for Vegetarians, Vegan & Gluten Free).

Profiteroles served with a warm Chocolate sauce.  
Homemade Apple & Blackberry crumble with a warm Vanilla custard  
Gluten free Chocolate Torte  
Local cheese board selection

Please return your slip, with your cheque payable to RREC Great Western Section by 23rd December to:  
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For the night before, very attractive rooms are available in the mansion. Dinner and breakfast will be served in the Golf Clubhouse which is a short walk or an even shorter drive from the mansion.

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These will open on [Booking.com](http://Booking.com) on the 1st December, thenceforth guests can either book a room online or by calling the office direct (Tel: 01373 472550).*

Having done so please let Margaret know!

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## Booking Form

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Name ..... Tel. No. ....

Address .....

Email address.....RREC Membership No.....

Car Reg. No. .... Chassis No. .... Year .....

Model ..... Coachbuilder .....

### Menu Choices

Main course Beef ..... No. Chicken..... No. Stuffed Pepper..... No.

Desserts - Profiteroles..... No. Crumble ..... No. Torte.....No. Cheese ..... No.

I enclose my cheque, payable to RREC G.W. Section for £..... @ £35.00 per person

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**Rolls-Royce Enthusiasts' Club**  
**Great Western Section**  
**33rd Annual General Meeting to be held at**  
**11.30 am Sunday 6th January 2019**  
**at Orchardleigh House near Frome BA11 2PB**

**Agenda**

1. Welcome by the Chairman.
2. Apologies for absence
3. Welcome to the Committee of co-opted member Neil Sturgess
4. Minutes of the last AGM held 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018
5. Matters Arising - Apprenticeship Scheme 2019
6. Chairman's Report
7. Secretary's Report
8. Treasurer's Report – Accounts will be available before the Meeting
9. Election of Committee
10. Future Events
11. Members' Estates – Tools and Parts
12. Any other business

# **Rolls-Royce Enthusiasts' Club**

## **GREAT WESTERN SECTION**

### **Minutes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018 11.30 am at The Walton Park Hotel, Clevedon**

Present: Valerie Smallwood Chairman Reg King Committee Member  
John Ball Vice-Chairman Russ Herbert Committee Member  
Margaret Ball Secretary Ted Carver Committee Member  
Keith Taylor Treasurer Wendy Parfitt Committee Member

30 Section Members were present.

- 1. WELCOME:** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Allan Fogg as Management Board Representative together with Liz his wife.
- 2. APOLOGIES:** – Malcolm and Clare Tucker, Tom and Fiona Clarke, David Bailey, Philip and Elinor Gooding, Pauline Welch, Sally Kieschke, Liz Bell and Peter Morris.
- 3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017.** These had previously been circulated to members. It was proposed by Suzanne Finch that they be accepted. Ted Carver seconded this motion and all members were in favour. They were signed by Valerie Smallwood, Chairman
- 4. MATTERS ARISING – APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME -** Beside a display board showing many photographs from the Apprentice Presentation Event at Fiennes Engineering, Russ Herbert emphasised the importance of the relationships built up with the companies involved who rebuild our cars as well as the apprentices themselves. Whilst it had been a hard slog, the end result was joyful and most satisfactory.

Russ and Keith had attended the last Club Conference and were sure that it had been agreed to help with the finance of the Apprenticeship Scheme. However, this agreement was not 'minuted' and it has been decided that Club Apprenticeship schemes will be done through the SHRMF.

Russ explained how the prize selection was made, jointly between employer and apprentice, sometimes with extra financial input from the employer. A huge thank you to Fiennes Engineering for their hospitality, especially as all the employees stopped work to talk to us and share in the occasion.

Russ particularly thanked John for the 'extra tools' which the apprentices were able to choose from, displayed in Russ's boot. Special thanks to Keith for organising press and magazine coverage of the event.

In response to Anthony Spender's enquiry, it is planned to present our next awards in 2019. Perhaps the next tranche of apprentices will be from companies who feed supplies to RR and Bentley repairers. Russ noted that the scheme is well-documented and could be used by other Sections.

- 5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Valerie thanked everyone for her support in the past year, which had started with the loss of Simon. She described our 2017 events and listed our proposed events for 2018. Full details and dates will follow with the Newsletter due later this month. She noted that the Club web-site is still in limbo and that Keith Taylor had put some information on U tube.
- 6. SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Margaret again thanked her fellow Committee Members for all their work during the past year, especially the Apprenticeship team. We had put on 16 events with a total of 452 attendees – an average of 29. A further 15 members have been added to the data-base including our four apprentices.

7. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** The accounts were circulated. Keith Taylor reported a satisfactory year, with an increase in funds of £160.00 and this after financing the Apprenticeship Scheme. The Section is now able to pay by Debit Card and is gradually entering the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Keith was thanked for his care of our accounts. It was proposed by Anthony Spender and seconded by Mark Griffiths that the Treasurer's Report be adopted and this was carried unanimously.

8. **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE:** At this point the committee stood down and Suzanne Finch took the chair. She thanked the committee for all their work.

Members standing for re-election – John Ball, Margaret Ball, Ted Carver, Russ Herbert, Reg King, Wendy Parfitt, Valerie Smallwood and Keith Taylor.

It was proposed by Malcolm Hobbs and seconded by Roland Billson that the Committee be elected en-bloc and this was agreed unanimously, with applause.

9. **FUTURE EVENTS:** Full details will be on the web-site the Bulletin and Section Newsletters.

10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Keith reported that the Apprenticeship Scheme presentation can be found on The U Tube Website – search for RREC Official.

John Ball noted that the tooling he had given as prizes were duplications which he had built up over many years – if any other members have duplications they might like to pass them to the section.

Reg King asked that members pass on ideas for new events and places to visit each year.

**The meeting closed at 11.55a.m**

### **Secretary's Scribblings**

Many of you will know Richard Welch who served on our committee. Sadly, his wife Pauline died very recently, and we send our condolences. If anyone would like details of her funeral arrangements, please contact me or John on 078 1667 1304.

Thanks go to Valerie, who took over liaison with Orchardleigh when Wendy became poorly. Best wishes to Wendy for a speedy recovery.

Margaret

## **Great Western Section AGM - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Great Western Section's 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM will take place on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at Orchardleigh House, near Frome commencing with **coffee at 11.00am** followed by the **meeting at 11.30am**.

Committee members are willing and eligible to stand, are deemed to be nominated. Nominations for the committee are now requested.

A committee member is expected to attend the 3 – 4 committee meetings held each year and also to arrange and be responsible for some events, so you will see that duties are not arduous and a great deal of enjoyment can be had. If you have some good ideas and enthusiasm then please consider it.

Below is a nomination form, which it is necessary to complete and obtain a proposer and seconder, each of whom must be a Club member, of any Section, themselves.

The Secretary must receive completed forms no later than **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

Depending upon the number of nominations it may be necessary to hold a ballot of members at the AGM. Any member wishing to vote by post (in the event of a ballot being necessary) must apply to the Secretary for a ballot paper.

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### **Annual General Meeting**

#### **RREC Great Western Section - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

##### Nomination Form for Committee Membership

**Persons willing to be nominated to serve on the Committee of the Section for 2019 should indicate their agreement below and be supported by a proposer and seconder.**

<b>Nominee's name (Block Capitals)</b>	<b>Nominee's Signature</b>	<b>Proposer's Signature</b>	<b>Seconder's Signature</b>

#### **Please return this form to: M. A. Ball**

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**Closing date Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018**