

# Rolls-Royce Enthusiasts' Club

## Great Western Section Newsletter – Late Summer 2014



Some members prior to their tour of Bletchley Park in August

### **Club & Section Events 2014**

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| Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August            | - Axford Fete, near Marlborough 1.30-5.00pm                     |
| Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> September            | - Tetbury Classic Car Show                                      |
| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> September           | - The 'last ever' Tredegar House event with Welsh Section       |
| Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> October              | - Shalbourne Classic Car & Bike Show at Marlborough             |
| Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> October           | - Cider Producer at Ilminster, lunch at East Lambrook           |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> November | - Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show NEC                    |
| Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> November            | - Great Western Section AGM and lunch -Egypt Mill at Nailsworth |

### **Being planned for 2015**

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| Polo at Cirencester Park                                  | - Valerie Smallwood  |
| Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June                            | - Cothay Manor – Wendy Parfitt   |
| Fundraising for SHRMF                                     | - Tortworth Lake –tour of grounds and Gothic boathouse with cream tea – Reg King |
| Aston Martin factory visit                                | - possibly part of a weekend – Reg King  |
| Fiennes Engineering visit                                 | - lunch then Cotswold Woollen Mills – Russ Herbert                               |
| Avon Valley Railway                                       | - with boat trip to Bath - Ted Carver  |
| Highcliffe Castle   | - Wendy Parfitt.   |
| Dig for Victory, Wraxall                                  | - John Ball  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup> /25 <sup>th</sup> May  | - Hands across the Sea – International Weekend Westenhanger                      |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> /20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> June | - RREC Annual Rally - Burghley House & Park                                      |

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## **Chairman's checkpoint**

We have all been enjoying various events this season and as you will see there are more to come.

As always, my thanks to all, including our committee members, who put in the hard work to make our excursions interesting and sociable for our Section members.

My thanks must also go to Celia Fitzhugh who has been tireless in her efforts to see the Club move forward in an efficient and sustainable manner. Rod Fitzhugh has been very supportive when Celia has been engaged with Club matters.

We have received a very pleasing invitation from the Countess Bathurst to make sure that we attend polo at Cirencester Park next year.

We have numerous ideas and suggestions in the pipeline but would be very happy to encourage and support anybody who would like to organize an outing.

By the time you receive this, our 3 Section event to the Portsmouth Historic Docks will be history. When I have recovered from dealing with the ever changing bureaucracy and complying with their regulations I will put my mind to finding something for next year.

At the end of our season we will be having our AGM at Egypt Mill and Mr Duncan Feetham, our Club Chairman, has kindly accepted our invitation to be our Hunt House representative.

Valerie

## *Secretary's Scribblings*

Congratulations to Russ and Jackie Herbert who, while representing the club at The Gloucester Motor Show, were awarded the Tom Fenton Cup

Also congratulations to Peter and Mary Morris with their beautiful Derby Bentley which won its class at the Annual Rally and to Val and Harvey Bailey for their success, winning not only their class, but also an Elegance Award.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Penny Graham a new member to the Club who lives at Peasedown St. John and look forward to meeting her.

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## Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August – Axford Fete, near Marlborough

RREC members have participated in this fete, which takes place, every 2 years, for the past 6-8 years. Axford is a small village located near Marlborough and the classic and prestige cars are the main feature of the fete. This year the date is Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August from 1.30 to 5.00 and free to anyone bringing their car.

If you are interested, just go along - Contact is Club member - Ashley de Safrin 0758 4354699

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September - Tetbury Classic Car Show

**Sunday 7th September  
11 am - 4 pm  
at The Memorial Recreation Ground**

New Church Street, Tetbury, Glos., GL8 8DS

[www.tetburyclassiccarshow.org](http://www.tetburyclassiccarshow.org)

*All vehicles, private or trade, are parked at the owner's risk*

Telephone 01666 503952

*★ Motorcycles ★ Commercial Vehicles ★ Buses ★ Bar  
★ BBQ ★ Lunches ★ Children's Entertainment  
★ Club Stands ★ Sideshows ★ Autojumble  
★ Top dealers from the area exhibiting new cars  
★ Disabled Parking and Washroom facilities*

**FREE entry for vehicle exhibitors  
£15 FEE for Autojumlbers  
Spectators £3 - Seniors £2 - Under 16's free**

All proceeds donated to [Allsorts](#) - a Charity supporting children and young people with additional needs and disabilities, and the [Dolphins Hall](#) refurbishment fund, raising money to ensure that Tetbury's main hall for parties and social gatherings remains open.

Apart from our usual £2 collection for Section Funds, there will be no charge for this event.

Applications please to Margaret Ball, address below by 26<sup>th</sup> August

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## **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Shalbourne Classic Car and Bike Show.**

The event regularly attracts a large number of cars and visitors. This year's event is on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October and the organisers would be delighted if any of our members would like to attend. Opening time to the general public is 12-00 noon but obviously they would like most of the show cars to have arrived before then.

**Gates are open from 10.00am for vintage and classics.  
Coffee and bacon butties will be available from 10.30am  
The show finishes at 5pm.**

Shalbourne Sports Field will be well signposted -3 miles south of Hungerford off the A338.

There will also be on display two or three old racing cars and a superbly restored Guatemalan bus converted into a coffee bar specialising in Guatemalan coffee. There will also be a hog roast, barbecue, beer tent, Champagne/Pimms bar, cream teas, children's activities, cakes, produce and other stalls.

Please complete the reply slip and return to Margaret Ball before the 26<sup>th</sup> September – so that we can park as a group. No charge except the usual £2 for Section Funds.

## **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2014 Visit to The Somerset Cider Brandy Company.**

As this is the time of year when the cider apple harvest is in full swing it seems appropriate to visit a cider producer. Their orchards are situated at the base of Burrow Hill, a landmark distinguished by a single tree on top that looks over the Somerset levels.

The farm has been pressing cider for the past 150 years and distilling the cider into Somerset Cider Brandy since 1989. The Somerset levels have suffered from exceptional flooding over the past 2 years so it would be much appreciated if you could support this event.

Following our visit we propose to lunch at The Rose and Crown at East Lambrook (TA13 5HF) near Ilminster, which has ample parking and a good reputation for food. Their lunch menu main courses start at £10.

There will be a collection on the day for £2 to go towards club funds, otherwise no payment is required in advance for this event.

The Farm address is:-  
Pass Vale Farm  
Burrow Hill  
Kingsbury Episcopi  
Martock  
Somerset TA12 6BU

From Curry Rival on A378 head south on the B3168. At Hambridge turn left in to Westmoor Lane. The Farm is on the left after about half a mile just before a right junction.

Please arrive for 11am.

Please return reply slip by 3<sup>rd</sup> October to: Keith Taylor, 18, Avalon Close, Yatton, Somerset BS49 4AQ or E-Mail [keith971taylor@btinternet.com](mailto:keith971taylor@btinternet.com). Tel. 01934 877296

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## BOOKING FORMS

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September - Tetbury Classic Car Show

Name(s): .....

Address: .....

..... Postcode: .....

Telephone No. .... RREC Membership No: .....

Email .....

**Car details** Make: ..... Model ..... Year .....

Coachbuilder: ..... Registration No. .... Chassis No. ....

Return to: Margaret Ball, Chaseside, Kenn Street, Kenn, Clevedon, Somerset BS21 6TL [margaret.john@btinternet.com](mailto:margaret.john@btinternet.com)  
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## Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2014 visit to The Somerset Cider Brandy Company.

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### **GREAT WESTERN SECTION AGM - SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16th Egypt Mill, Stroud Rd, Nailsworth, Gloucestershire GL6 0AE**

Name/s .....

Address.....

Post code..... Tel. No. ....

Email address ..... R-REC Membership No. ....

Number of persons ..... @ £26.50 per head. Total = £ .....

Roast Pork ..... Roast Lamb .....

Baked Aubergine..... Sea Bream .....

Mousse..... Crumble..... Cheesecake.....

Cheque enclosed payable to R-REC Great Western Section.

Car details: Make ..... Model .....

Year ..... Coach builder .....

Reg. No ..... Chassis No .....

Please return form by 2<sup>nd</sup> November (but it helps planning if the bookings come in earlier) to: *Dr Valerie Smallwood, 6 Upper Church Street, Bath, BA1 2PT.*



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**GREAT WESTERN SECTION AGM - SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> 2014**

**Egypt Mill, Stroud Rd, Nailsworth, Gloucestershire GL6 0AE**

**We will be having our AGM in surroundings familiar to many of you.**

**Arrival time 11.00 for coffee & biscuits prior to AGM at 11.30 followed by a two-course lunch with coffee afterwards.**

## **Menu**

Please choose from the following

*Roast Loin of Pork*  
*Roast Leg of Lamb Baked Aubergine Parmigiana (v).*  
*Fillet of Sea Bream*

*All main dishes come with traditional accompaniments*

Followed by:

*Raspberry, Champagne & Vanilla Mousse with almond tuille*

*Chef's delicious Crumble of the day*

*Baked New York Cheesecake with Blackcurrant compote*

*At £26.50 per head*

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## **Great Western Section**

**29<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting to be held at  
11.30 am Sunday 16th November 2014  
at Egypt Mill, Stroud Road, Nailsworth, Glos. GL6 0AE**

### **Agenda**

1. Welcome by the Chairman
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the last AGM held 24<sup>th</sup> November 2013
4. Matters Arising
5. Chairman's Report
6. Secretary's Report
7. Treasurer's Report – Accounts will be available before the Meeting
8. Election of Committee
9. Future Events
10. Any other business

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## GREAT WESTERN SECTION

### Minutes of the 28th Annual General Meeting held on 24th November 2013 11.15 am at Walton Park Hotel, Clevedon

Present: V. Smallwood Chairman  
C. Rendall Treasurer  
M. Ball Secretary

J. Ball Vice Chairman  
K. Taylor Committee Member  
W. Parfitt “ “

39 Section Members were present.

- 1. WELCOME:** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
  - 2. APOLOGIES:** David Smith, Nicholas and Suzanne Finch, Peter and Mary Morris, Ted and Viv Carver, Don and Isobel Evans, Alec and Wendy Jacobs and Malcolm and Sandy Hobbs.
  - 3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** These had previously been circulated to members, and since there were no matters arising, it was proposed by Roland Billson that they be accepted. Richard Welch seconded this motion and all members were in favour.
  - 4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** The Chairman welcomed Malcolm Tucker in his position of member of the Advisory Group to the Management Committee. Rather than detail our events for 2013 she recommended that we refer to our splendid website. She again thanked Celia Fitzhugh for doing a wonderful job and for keeping it up to date. Acceptance of the Chairman's Report was proposed by Russ Herbert and seconded by Brian Davies and all members were in favour
  - 5. SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Margaret thanked fellow committee members for their work during the past year, there had been some super events which had been well supported by the members. Since the last AGM we have formally welcomed 17 new members and our list stands at 245 with only 120 newsletters posted. She again thanked those who had contributed towards the cost of postage.  
  
She welcomed Emily and John Tingle at their first G.W. event and Malcolm Tucker presented John with his 20 year badge.  
During the year Nicholas Finch had been presented with his 40 year and Pat Smith with her 30 year badge.  
Badges had also been posted to 7 other long-term members who do not attend section events.  
During the spring there had been a lot of correspondence about management issues. She reported that these have now been largely resolved and the Articles of Association were amended at a meeting earlier in November.  
The GW section had been represented on the RREC stand at the NEC and Margaret reported that Julian Bowen's 20/25 had been chosen as "Car of the Show".
- 6. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Charles Rendall, Treasurer reported that we had had a satisfactory year, showing a small increase in funds, although due to the 'troubles' the postage costs were much higher than usual. It was proposed by Celia Fitzhugh and seconded by Gwynneth Harris that the Treasurer's Report be adopted. All were in favour.

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7. **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE:** At this point the committee stood down and Malcolm Tucker took the chair. He thanked the committee for all their work and presented Pat Smith who was retiring from the Committee with a garden voucher and an orchid. No nominations to join the committee had been received, and the remaining Committee members were all offering themselves for re-election; it was proposed by Keith Spinks and seconded by Anthony Spender that the Committee be elected en bloc. Valerie, on behalf of the Committee thanked everyone for their encouragement and support.
8. **FUTURE EVENTS:** Members of the committee outlined proposals for events for 2014 details of which will be given in the Newsletter planned for January.
9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** Charles Rendall was presented with some bottles of beer as he had attended most events during 2013 in addition he will be the Committee's guest at the Icebreaker Lunch in March.

John Ball, having attended the VCC AGM noted their attempts to encourage young members – There was lively discussion and lots of suggestions were made and offers of help given – It was agreed that the Committee will look into all the possibilities raised.

## THE MEETING CLOSED AT 12.00PM

Malcolm Tucker attended the meeting as a representative of the Management Committee, in his role as a member of the Chairman's Advisory Committee.

Malcolm assured us that actions were being taken by the Management Committee to improve the service to section members that the MC and the Hunt House staff could give.

Julian Spencer's main responsibility would now be as Bulletin and Year Book Editor. Jaelyn Smith was promoted to General Manager, having responsibility for Club finances and operations at The Hunt House.

Malcolm also suggested that we might consider raising the profile of the Club by attending more public events.

He also asked for a show of hands on whether the meeting would rather have a full-time General Secretary, or the financial savings that would result from not filling that position. The meeting was unanimously for having a General Secretary.

Mention was made of the format for the Annual Conference being changed, decisions on which were still being finalized.

The Chairman thanked Malcolm and members for attending and invited everyone to retire to lunch at 12.40pm

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## **Great Western Section** **AGM Sunday 16th November 2014**

Great Western Section's 29th AGM will take place on Sunday November 16th 2014 at Egypt Mill, Stroud Road, Nailsworth, Glos. GL6 0AE commencing with **coffee at 11.00am** followed by the **meeting at 11.30am**. Nominations are requested to the committee which will take office at the AGM.

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've got 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 27<sup>th</sup> September 2014**.

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 16th November 2014**

Nomination Form for Committee Membership

**Persons willing to be nominated to serve on the Committee of the Section for 2014/15 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**

Chaseside, Kenn Street, Kenn, Clevedon, Somerset BS21 6TL

Email: [Margaret.john@btinternet.com](mailto:Margaret.john@btinternet.com)

Closing date Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2014

Secretary: Margaret Ball, Chaseside, Kenn Street, Kenn, Clevedon, Somerset BS21 6TL  
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Russ Herbert with the Tom Fenton Cup presented to him at Highnam in May



Peter Morris with his 'triumphant' restoration team at The Annual Rally

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Val and Harvey Bailey with their prize-winning Bentley



Regrouping of a small convoy on the way to Dig for Victory at Wraxall

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Line up of Club Cars with HMS Victory at Portsmouth