

A typical weekend for a Twenty - 1964

Soon after we bought GUJ27 in March 1964 I booked to attend the rally of 1000 Rolls-Royces & Bentleys at Goodwood on 22-23 May. The event was open to anyone. The RREC had a very minor role.

On the Thursday I had driven my Mini Cooper down to Pontypool in S Wales for a job interview on the Friday morning. I got back to Bingham near Nottingham about 6.30 and immediately set off in GUJ27 with Chris Rogers & my mother. I drove on minor roads to Market Harborough & Banbury, then on main roads to Alton where we arrived just before the 11pm lock out time. After breakfast I drove down to Goodwood & we lined up (as you do!) with other 20hp cars. I seemed more interested in the young woman polishing the neighbouring car. Most of the day was spent admiring the other 1000 R-R's & brm-brm Bentleys. We had never seen a "ghost" so these cars were of special interest. We attended a special dinner in Portsmouth where WO Bentley was the guest speaker.



Menu

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Cream of Asparagus Soup
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Cold Salmon and Cucumber
Mayonnaise Sauce
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Roast half Spring Chicken
New Parsley Potatoes
Buttered Runner Beans
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Fresh Fruit Salad and Cream
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Coffee

The STAN MATHEWS QUINTET

1. MARCH The Dam Busters *Eric Coates*
2. SELECTION The Sound of Music *Rodgers*
3. ENTR' ACTE Life is nothing without Music *Hartley*
4. SELECTION South Pacific *Rodgers*
5. WALTZ Viennese Memories of Lehar *arr. Hale*
6. SELECTION My Fair Lady *Loewe*
7. ENTR' ACTE Seventy-six Trombones *Wilson*
8. SELECTION Oklahoma *Rodgers*
9. SELECTION Community Land including "Keep right on to the end of the road." *arr. Godfrey*

The Queen

By today's standards the menu seems very ordinary.....

I have no idea now where we stayed. From the daily mileages 157,101,184 I think we must have gone back to Alton. Sunday was a concours and a drive past for selected vehicles - not us!



Shane Chichester was there with his 20hp, but I never met him. He was a Rolls-Royce inspecting engineer and GUJ27 at Broadstone near Bournemouth was on his "patch" from 1927-36 (see p200 of

John Fasal's book of the 20hp 1st edition) I suppose my car was just one of many he had known decades before.



3 early "ghosts" & an odd Bentley



At the end of the day we were let loose to drive round the motor race track - as fast as we liked! On the sharpest bend I felt the inside rear wheel lifting so I applied a bit of opposite lock (as you do!). Mummy - in the back - was not pleased! I then drove the 160 miles home.