

Area 33 – November 25th - Visit to P&A Wood Rolls Royce & Bentley Workshop followed by Lunch at the The White Hart, Wimbish



As our last “Sunday Lunch of 2017” this was something a little different, a visit to the esteemed Rolls Royce & Bentley Dealers and Workshop followed by lunch at The White Hart, Wimbish and on a Saturday! Since we visited this establishment in 2012, Paul & Andrew have continued to expand the premises and now have a second workshop built and furnished across the road, which we were keen to see.

Eric had arranged a conducted tour for twenty Area 33 members and fortunately it was a beautiful but cold November day as we all separately arrived and parked within the extensive grounds; Main Receptionist Sarah had provided coffee and biscuits as we entered the front showroom/shop area.

Our tour guide for the morning was Keith who then proceeded to give an overview of how Paul & Andrew, after their Rolls-Royce apprenticeships, had built up such a large dealership working exclusively with Rolls Royce and Bentley cars, world renowned by their owners.



A brief look around the shop showed just how pricey some of the items were! A vintage picnic hamper at £4500 and Touring Kits priced from £1500 to just under £2000 were only two of the items. All very desirable!



The tour started in the main workshop area which was crammed with Rolls & Bentleys of all vintages many undergoing minor upgrades but most appeared to be having extensive mechanical and bodywork repairs or rebuilds to suit whatever the customer desired.



We were free to wander around all the vehicles despite Keith advising that many were valued around or in excess of £1,000,000/2,000,000!

Mechanics were on hand to answer our questions and it was clear that many had worked at P & A Wood for decades; providing extensive knowledge to cope with any work required.



This knowledge not only covered the early vehicles but also electronic systems common to modern vehicles alike.

We left this workshop and wandered across the road to the new premises. Housed in here were mainly modern vehicles undergoing work together with a full re-trimming area and paint booths.

Again, some of the vehicles were having major surgery despite being relatively new. One of these Rolls Royce cars had its rear side windows made larger, the rear window made smaller and ultra-modern LED read light clusters installed plus a whole exterior recolouring to two tone....just because he wanted it that way.....and why not!



Moving back into the sales showroom we set about selecting our potential Christmas present to ourselves, if only!

This Derby Bentley was priced around £850,000, a nice little snip; or for something more classy, this classic at around £1,500,000.

Not sure if I like the colour though.....



Having saved our money, we headed to the White Hart for lunch, something more affordable!

Restaurateur Leigh invited us in to nicely laid tables as we ordered drinks and refreshments.

As a party of twenty we had pre-ordered, so we sat back and enjoyed the company.



Food was excellent; we had visited The White Hart last year anyway, so it was nice to confirm it.

From all the comments, I believe we all had a great day both at P&A Wood and the White Hart; maybe another such day out next year?

See you next year!

Eric