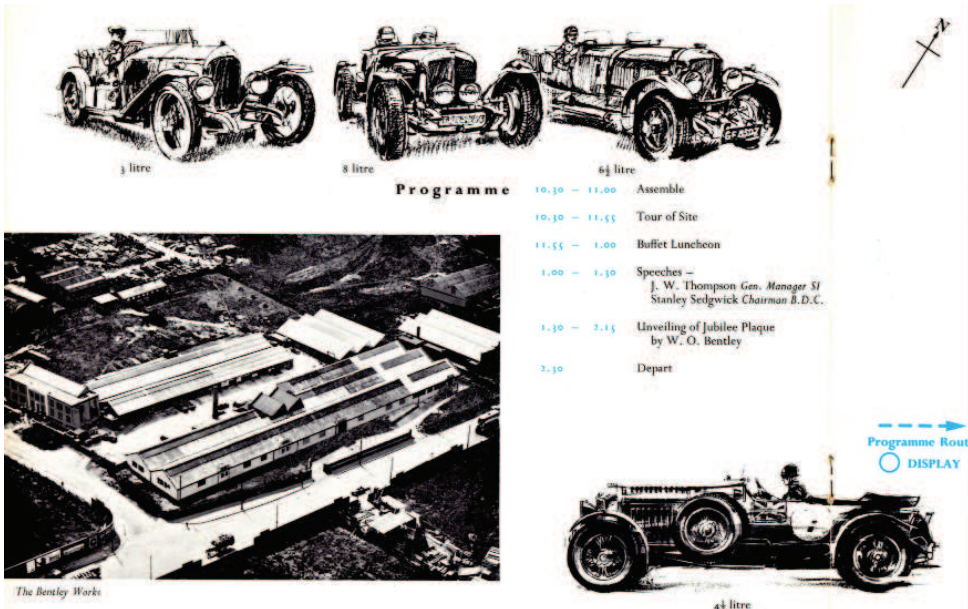


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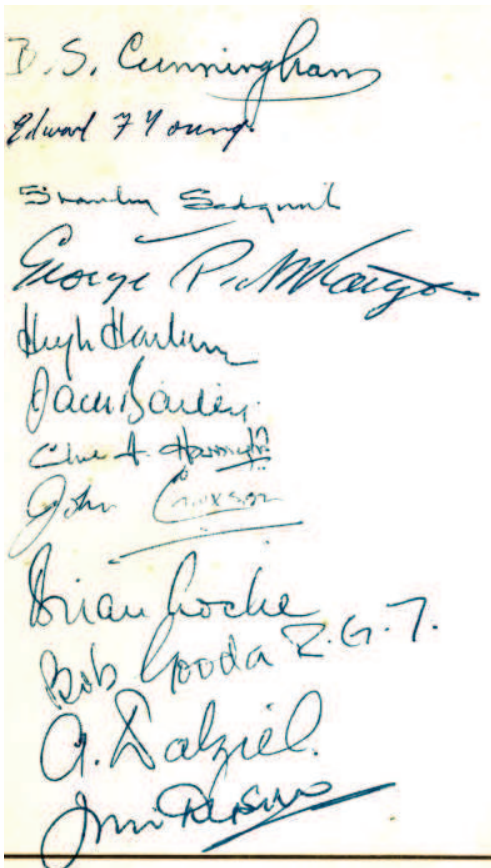


above: This is a page of the programme showing the original Bentley works at Cricklewood, and sketches of the four of the five models produced at the company. Bentley cars won 19 major races at Le Mans, Brooklands, Dublin and Paris. Woolf Barnato, who had three successive wins at Le Mans in Bentleys, supported the ailing company financially before its final collapse in 1931.

During 2019 Bentley owners proudly celebrated 100 years of rallies around the World. Fifty years ago there was a rally on the 12th June 1969, W O Bentley unveiled a plaque on the wall of the Golden Jubilee of Bentley motor cars. That event was attended by the Division who, at the time, owned the original Bentley Golden Jubilee function at Cricklewood and he has donated the function of this event to the Foundation. This is



above: Fred English captured this delightful shot of the Bentleys assembled at Cricklewood on 12th June 1969.



above: Here are a few of the autographs collected by Fred English at the event including; Briggs Cunningham, Stanley Sedgwick (President of Bentley Drivers Club at the time) and George P McKaige, a fellow enthusiast from Melbourne.

Woolf Barnato
W.O. Bentley



above: Fred was able to have 'WO' sign the commemorative programme adjacent to a typical pose by the man himself.



above: WO Bentley unveiled a plaque on the wall of the Golden Jubilee. At the time the factory was part of the foundation.



above: W O Bentley is seen here sitting at his desk at the time of the Golden Jubilee. He was then Sales and Service Executive of Smiths Industries. In 1969, the Receiver, 'WO' anticipated it would be bought by Napier & Coltrane Equitable Trust (acting on behalf of Rolls-Royce Ltd) or the company would be obliged to remain with Rolls-Royce until June 1970.

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years of Bentley Motor Cars at a variety of events and another unique event held at Cricklewood when, on the wall of the original Bentley Works to commemorate was sponsored by Smiths Industries Motor Accessory factory. RROCA member, Fred English, attended the donated his collection of photographs and memorabilia an appropriate tribute to WO Bentley.



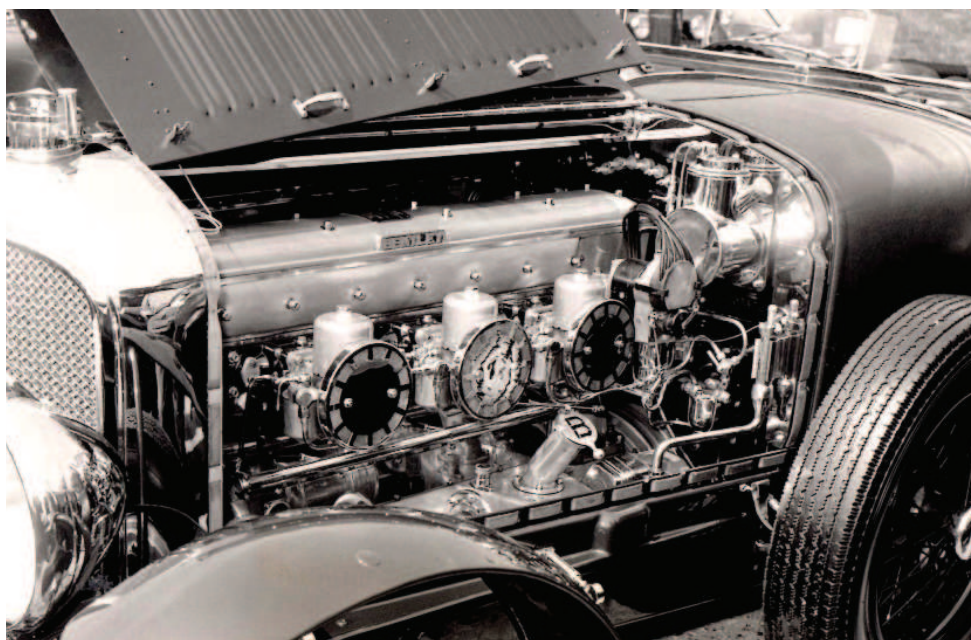
of 'WO' and his wife, Margaret, amongst some of the 19. (used as the cover photo for Praeclarum 4-19 - ed)



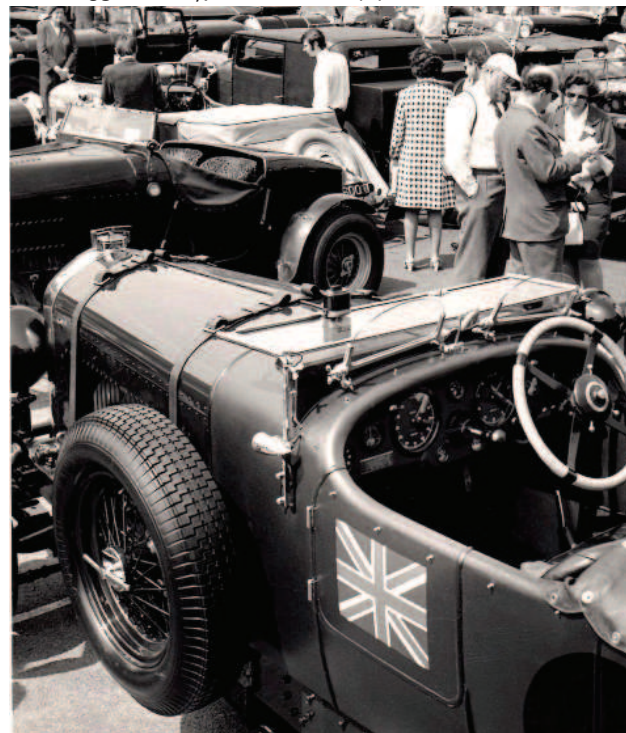
of the original factory on 12th June 1969 to mark the start of Smiths Industries Motor Accessory Division.



Cricklewood in company with his wife and Mr E F Kirby, 1931 when Bentley Motors was placed in the hands of a dealer and Son Ltd but a last minute bid by British Central butbid Napier. Under the terms of his contract 'WO' was 1935 when he left and joined Lagonda Cars Ltd.



above: There were 50 Bentleys gathered at the original factory site on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee celebrations in 1969 including this immaculate 6½ litre Speed model. As a matter of interest in its latter stages Bentley introduced a 4 litre model designed to compete with the Rolls-Royce 20/25 and about 50 were produced. A few were assembled after the takeover by Rolls-Royce which bore a chassis plate 'Bentley Motors (1931) Ltd'. In 1986 Victoria Branch member Derek Hartley owned one of these rare models. He attended the RROCA Shepparton Rally at which it was listed as a 1932 Bentley, Chassis No YA4078. Where is this car now?



right: Here is glimpse of some of the cars assembled to mark the 50th anniversary of Bentley. It obviously comprised both WO Bentleys and subsequent models which were frequently called 'Rolls-Bentley'.

below: Mr and Mrs Bentley with Mr E F Kirby at the luncheon venue in front of a 'WO' Bentley and a then current T Series. There were 3061 'WO' Bentleys built from 1919 to 1931 when Rolls-Royce acquired the company. Subsequently Bentley Motors (1931) Ltd produced about 11,000 cars from 1931 up to the time of the Golden Jubilee in 1969.

