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ROLLS-ROYCE ANNOUNCES CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Rolls-Royce Group plc, a global company providing power for land, sea and air, today announced its planned calendar of events in the UK to celebrate the centenary of the historic meeting between the Hon Charles Rolls and Henry Royce on May 4 1904. It was this meeting that led to the formation of the company.

Since its inception, the Rolls-Royce name has become synonymous with the values of integrity, reliability and innovation and the company is now one of the world's foremost engineering companies.

The aero engine and car businesses of Rolls-Royce became separate entities in 1971 and Rolls-Royce Motor Cars Limited is now owned by BMW. However, in recognition of its common heritage, for the centenary celebrations the Rolls-Royce Group is working with the Rolls-Royce Heritage Trust, the Rolls-Royce Owners Clubs, and Rolls-Royce Motor Cars Limited, all of which will be participating in our centenary celebrations.

The centenary celebrations are set against a backdrop of significant achievements and Rolls-Royce is now one of the world's leading aerospace companies with more than 35,000 employees in 48 countries.

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Notes to Editors

Key diary dates

Throughout 2004, Rolls-Royce plans to celebrate its centenary with a series of special events for customers, partners from education and industry, as well as employees, families and friends. Events are planned in the UK, Germany, Scandinavia, North America and the Far East.

Further details on the key events will be available on the website and updated periodically in due course:

4 May 2004

Anniversary Day, Manchester, UK.

The day of the historic meeting will be commemorated at the Midland Hotel in Manchester where Rolls and Royce met and which led to an agreement to form the Company.

There will be a press event in the morning including a display of aero engines and cars and a flying display.

Further details will be issued in due course.

12 June 2004

Centenary Day, Donington Park Race Track, Donington Park, Derby, UK.

A Centenary Day event open to employees, families and friends. It will include a flying display featuring Rolls-Royce powered aircraft spanning the past century and featuring the Red Arrows. There will also be a display of old and new motorcars, some of which will be driven around the Donington Park race track. A series of exhibitions and designated zones will offer many other attractions for the family. Flying displays will include Spitfires, the Red Arrows display team and many more, as well as a display of over 100 classic Rolls-Royce motorcars.

Event open to general public.

Tickets available to general public on internet www.wingsandstrings.org.uk or via telephone 0870 4422149. For prices of tickets see website for further information.

Event open to Rolls-Royce employees past and present by ticket/invitation.

This information is available from local Human Resources (HR) contact for employees.

12 June 2004

Wings and Strings concert

Donington Park Race Track, Donington Park, Derby, UK.

An evening "Wings and Strings" concert of classical music accompanied by a flying display of heritage aircraft and fireworks. The audience can enjoy a relaxing picnic, whilst watching the historic aircraft parade across the sky in time with the music of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra.

In aid of the Royal Navy Heritage Trust.

Event open to members of public. Tickets available on internet as above.

Reduced price tickets available for Rolls-Royce employees past and present.

This information is available from Rolls-Royce intranet/local Human Resources (HR) contact for employees.

27 June 2004

Royal Aeronautical Society 2004 Garden Party

Old Warden Airfield, Biggleswade, Beds, UK.

Garden Party and Flying Display to commemorate Rolls-Royce centenary.

The world famous aircraft collection of the Shuttleworth Trust provides the perfect ambience for remembering what we owe to aviation's pioneers. Part garden party, part flying display, part celebration, the day will consist of a whole host of attractions.

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To book call the hotline: + 44 (0) 1767 627 100/+ 44 (0) 1767 627288. or alternatively a booking form can be obtained from website can be sent in the post www.aerosociety.com/gardenparty2004
Ticket prices adult before 30 April £15, adult after April 25, £20. Under 12s free. 10% discount for 20 or more persons.

25-27 June 2004

Goodwood Festival of Speed, Goodwood, West Sussex, UK.

This year Rolls-Royce is the themed brand for the Goodwood Festival of Speed. Rolls-Royce Motor Cars Limited are the main contributors, but the Rolls-Royce Group plc will be arranging an air display, including the famous Spitfire aircraft.

Event open to general public. Tickets (<http://www.goodwood.co.uk/retail/>)

Further details on Rolls-Royce activities will be issued in due course.

19-25 July 2004.

The Farnborough Airshow, Farnborough, Hampshire, UK.

(24-25 July general public access only).

A series of Rolls-Royce centenary themed events are planned for trade customers, the press, and the general public. The flying displays on Friday, Saturday and Sunday will include a special Rolls-Royce powered section.

Event open to general public Saturday and Sunday only.

Children's entrance on weekend is free of charge, courtesy of Rolls-Royce.

General sales tickets (<http://www.farnborough.com/>)

Further details will be issued in due course.

Other

Other planned Rolls-Royce centenary events include a series of employee and family open days at the Company's sites. An educational initiative to reward science teaching excellence will also be launched.

Further information on all planned centenary events will be announced in due course on the centenary website.

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- Rolls-Royce Group plc and Rolls-Royce Motor Cars Limited are both hosting celebrations on the anniversary day – May 4. The Rolls-Royce Enthusiasts Club will also play a key role on that day, as the Rolls-Royce Centenary World Tour arrives in Manchester on 4 May.
 - **Photography/images available.** Images/photos are available for use by the media via Rolls-Royce website.
 - **Video News Release/broadcast-standard stock video footage is available from The NewsMarket.** Rolls-Royce centenary footage will be available from 0600 GMT on Wednesday 24th March at www.thenewsmarket.com/Rolls-RoyceCentenary. Current Rolls-Royce Group plc footage is available at www.thenewsmarket.com/Rolls-Royce
 - Rolls-Royce has already hosted its first centenary celebration with the prestigious Whittle Lecture at the Royal Aeronautical Society in London, UK on 3 February 2004. Further information on this is available on www.Rolls-Royce.com in the press section.
 - 2004 also marks the centenary of the world famous London Symphony Orchestra. To celebrate this dual centenary, Rolls Royce sponsored a series of concerts by the orchestra in Singapore, Hong-Kong and Beijing on 1, 3 and 6 March.