



Wetherby Classic Car Club

Recent History

The club still has its base at the Bridge Hotel, Walshford. Holding its monthly meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month with a guest speaker or club events. The speakers have covered a wide variety of subjects from Northumbrian Pipes to motor oils; from criminal pathology to technical museums. Our meetings are open to visitors, and attract 40+ members and several visitors each month. Annual membership fees have remained fixed at £12. This is a family membership, and includes spouse and children, so although we have averaged about 50 paid memberships, the number of individual members is a lot more.

During the summer we hold our annual June Concourse night in the Bridge overflow car park. Other clubs from the Yorkshire area are invited to bring their cars for display; we have up to 70 cars on show. Other on-going annual events include a Barbecue in the summer, an evening run with clues in July, a number of Sunday runs throughout the year, a fund-raising auction in November.

The Christmas Dinner has also been held at the Bridge since we moved there. As an evening restricted mainly to members, the Christmas party attracts almost all members, up to 65 attending.

We have club stands each year at a number of local classic car shows, including Otley Extravaganza, Ripon Old Cars, Tockwith Show and the Knavesmire Classic Car Show. Sadly Peter became ill in 2012 and passed away in February 2013. Joan and Gillian, aided by Bob, developed a new format for the club with a working group of members running it's affairs. Joan has remained a stalwart of the club and is very active in helping the working group. Don Rowley is now club Chairman. Don lives in Bridlington but travels over each month to chair the meeting.

Each first Sunday in January we repeat the last run that Peter organised as the 'Peter Woodhall Memorial Run. Because this is in the full winter weather, we mostly use our 'Euroboxes', as Peter called them, for this event.

One of the last things that Peter organised was a 3 night February / March trip to Northumberland. We take over all the rooms at the Cottage Inn in Dunstan, and about a dozen and a half members drive up, again mostly in Euroboxes, for a few days together socialising and enjoying the beautiful Northumberland countryside. This has become an annual event.

One of our members, Tony Lucas, with a member from another club, took over the organising of the winter inter-club quiz competition, which Peter originally set up some years ago. The quizzes enable us to mingle with other classic car enthusiasts, and test our classic car and general knowledge. The quiz nights include a raffle and pie and pea supper which raise money each year for charity, last year £470 for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

The club is thriving and we hope will do so for many years to come as we celebrate our 20th anniversary in 2015.



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Club Person of the year awards

The Club Person of the Year is an award entirely in the gift of the chairman. The trophy is a model car made by Peter Woodhall. Recent awards were:

2010 - 2011 - Don & Shirley Rowley
2011 - 2012 - David & Caroline Ezard
2012 - 2013 - Bob & June Debell
2013 - 2014 - Steve & Jacquie Yates
2014 - 2015 - Nigel & Heather Dormer
2015 - 2016 - Michael & Libby Evans
2016 - 2017 - Kenneth & Ruth Sleight
2017 - 2018 - David & Anthea Addyman
2018 - 2019 - Colin & Barbara Pearce

In 2011 the members decided to make an award to the 'Club Persons of the Decade', This award was a painting of Robin Hoods Bay by artist Heather Dormer, a club member. The award was made by Gillian at the annual Christmas Dinner to Peter and Joan Woodhall.