



# WETHERBY CLASSIC CAR CLUB

Web Site: <http://www.wetherbyclassiccarclub.org.uk>

**January 2018 to March 2018**



## **The Christmas Carvery**

**Meetings are held at the Bridge Inn, Walshford, North Yorkshire LS22 5HS  
Phone:01937 580115 On 2nd Tuesday each month 8.00pm, presentations at 8.30  
Special price Carvery available from 7.00 pm for members and visitors**

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS – NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**CLUB NIGHTS** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in the month – 8.00pm Bridge Inn Walshford LS22 5HS

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January** - 'Talk.' Classic car interior refurbishment and repair ' Mr. Jason Payne.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February** - "Evening of Technicolor" the themed supper night. (Supper bookings in by 31st January please).

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March.** - 'Flying fast jets' Mr Richard Cole Sqn. Ldr. RAF (Retired).

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April.** - AGM

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May.** - 'Magical Monaco- From the Royal Family to the Grand Prix' Mr Graham Read.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June** - Concours evening at the Bridge Hotel

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July** - Evening drive from and to the Bridge Hotel

### **OUR OTHER EVENTS**

**Provisional list of events for 2018** [dates in red are 'Guestimates' ]

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January** - **The Peter Woodhall Memorial run.** Our new year's club run dedicated to the memory of Peter

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February** - **Valentines run.** Coffee at the Bridge 10.30 - 11.00 am, then a gentle run to a pub for lunch.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** - 2 night trip to the Cottage Inn at Dunstan, 1 room still available [see below].

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April** - **April fools Day run** - Organiser needed

**April 17<sup>th</sup>** - **3 night visit to Dunsley Hall** near Whitby [see below]

**Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup>** National "Drive it" day

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July** - **Ripon Old Cars.** We shall have our usual club stand.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August** - **Tockwith Show** – As last year we will have a stand. Fee £5?

**Saturday / Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> August** - **Pateley Bridge MG Club Show** - Join Harrogate MG with a club stand if we wish.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September - Otley Extravaganza** - Again our usual club stand, Fee £4 if you require a plaque, otherwise free.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September - Club Barbecue** at the Collingham Sports Club. Bring your own meat for barbecuing, and enjoy the WCCC club salads, 'carbs' and desserts. Bar open for drinks. £2 per person, please pay Joan.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September - Knavesmire Show** - with our club stand again, fee £4

## **Past events**

### **Previous meetings**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October** - Mr & Mrs Ken Walker entertained 32 members with their 'Call my Bluff (Antiques style) presentation.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – Members once again had fun building their Beetles. Anthea's Christmas cakes were greeted with string bidding and raised £69 for club funds. Many thanks Anthea.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas dinner at the Bridge Hotel was an exceptional social occasion with a very nice selection of quality food on the carvery. The desserts were particularly enjoyable. A thousand thanks to Margaret and her helpers for the tremendous effort in organising our festivities.

### **Editors rants**

Scrapage schemes are with us again, encouraging us to crush older cars. This time both Ford and Vauxhall have stated that they will not accept Cars registered as "Historic" on their schemes. This follows the outcry during the earlier scheme when someone scrapped a 1959 Standard 10 [in good condition]. That car was not crushed, but cannot be used on the roads ever again because of the rules of the scheme. At least some forty year old cars will be spared this time, but there were quite a few "Modern Classics" built in the 80's and 90's which may be lost.

As I write this I am looking at the 36 cm of snow which fell last night, adding to the 2 metres or so already on the ground. Our family had to take the first [8.00 am] cable car down the mountain, drive 125 km to the airport and check in at 10.00 am for a noon flight. Everything was open and on time, they had time for breakfast before checking in. BBC News says that a few inches of snow have closed the M1 and A14, left 15000 homes without electricity etc. Last week 3 inches closed over 1000 schools in the Midlands and Wales. I can remember walking to school with the snow over the top of my wellie boots [probably in 1947], but school went ahead. What has happened to us in UK?

### **Club subscriptions**

Subscriptions for the year from the AGM in April can now be paid. Please pay by cheque made out to Wetherby Classic Car Club. Cheques can be passed to Peter Berry, Membership secretary at the January, February or March meetings. Fees are £12 per family.

## **Our cars**

This is a feature of our WCCC magazines. Each quarter we shall feature the car[s] of one of our members. This month the honour goes to Bob and June.

### **What Make, Model and year is your classic?**

Alfa Romeo Spider 1995 and MGB LE 1980

### **How long have you owned it?**

The Alfa since 2008, the MG, with our son, since 2005



### **What was your longest journey in it?**

The Alfa we have driven to Italy 3 times, Switzerland several times, also trips to France and Spain. The longest single journey was a 3500 mile trip around Scandinavia.

The MG I drove to Switzerland where it stayed in an air-conditioned garage until it was repatriated in a Pickford furniture truck last year.

### **Have you been anywhere particularly interesting in it?**

The Shetland show, which we drove to in the Alfa with other club members 2 years ago. We also love driving over mountain passes.

### **Have you renovated or improved it?**

They are both exactly as we bought them, standard specification

### **Where there any major repairs or breakdowns?**

The day after we bought the Alfa the alternator failed. Since then it has had routine servicing, new tyres, new drive shafts and 2 sets of wiper blades [in Scandinavia!!]

The MG has only had a new battery in addition to routine servicing. Both cars passed their MOT Test with no advisories last year.

### **Has it been a good investment?**

The Alfa would probably sell for the same as we paid. The real return has been in the fun department. We both love travelling in it, it is the best “fun to drive” car I have ever owned

The MG has doubled in value.



## **Do you have any advice for someone thinking of buying a classic car?**

First decide whether you want a car for showing or for driving [or for both], then start deciding what to buy. Buying as an investment is unlikely to work very well.

## **Inter club quiz nights**

WCCC has a good record of success at the winter quiz nights we won the first 2 quizzes of the season. The venue is Horbury Working Mens Club, and the quizzes start at 8.00 pm. The venue is about half an hours drive from Wetherby and we usually do some car sharing. The dates for early 2018 are below. Please put these in your diary and bring your special knowledge to boost the team.:

Monday 29<sup>th</sup>. January 2018

Monday 26<sup>th</sup>. February 2018

Monday 26<sup>th</sup>. March 2018

## **Bob and June's wanderings**

How nice when a classic car show comes to you at home [almost]. The RAC Rally of the Tests left Bowcliffe Hall, passed through East Keswick and along Lumby Lane to Harewood Road and thence to the Harewood Hill Climb site.

Thus, only a few hundred yards from home, 100 or so classic cars passed by. My interest in classic cars is really in driving them so seeing them in motion, doing what they were built to do, was a great pleasure. It reminded me of our trips to spectate the Mille Miglia, apart, of course, from the temperature.



There seemed at first to be a majority of Alfa Romeos and Volvos, but later I saw several Porsches, Triumph TRs, Ford escorts and Cortinas. One Jaguar XJS and one Jaguar Mark II, one Mercedes SL and one Mercedes Ponton passed me as I photographed nearly every car. Only a few were brave enough to go 'topless' in the cold of a Yorkshire November day, including the Bentley, an MG Midget and the Merc SL. A Standard 10, crewed by two ladies in period costumes, was the favourite of David and Anthea at the Majestic Hotel finish.

The oldest car in the Rally was a 1938 Bentley. The driver of that stopped for me to photograph it, and we had a couple of minutes chat before they drove off. All the drivers were very friendly, waving and giving me 'thumbs-up' signs. It seemed a thoroughly enjoyable event, and I would love to drive it next year. I only lack three things for that, 1. - a pre 1986 car [I only have 1980 and 1997], 2. - a few thousand pounds [current bank balance £1.43] and 3. - a co-driver / navigator. All offers welcome.



**I have questions!**

Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety-one?

If 4 out of 5 people SUFFER from diarrhoea...does that mean that one out of five enjoys it?

Why do croutons come in airtight packages?  
Aren't they just stale bread to begin with?

If people from Poland are called Poles, then why aren't people from Holland called Holes?

If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?

Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist, but a person who drives a race car is not called a racist?

If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, then doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?

Do Lipton Tea employees take 'coffee breaks?'

What hair colour do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men?

I thought about how mothers feed their babies with tiny little spoons and forks, so I wondered what do Chinese mothers use, Toothpicks?

Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? What are we supposed to do, write to them? Why don't they just put their pictures on the postage stamps so the mailmen can look for them while they deliver the mail?

Is it true that you never really learn to swear until you learn to drive?

Why, Why, Why do we press harder on the remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak?

Why do banks charge a fee due to insufficient funds; when they already know you're broke?

Why is it that when someone tells you that there are one billion stars in the universe you believe them, but if they tell you there is wet paint you have to touch it to check?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but duck when you throw a revolver?  
Why did Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

Whose cruel idea was it to put an "s" in the word "lisp"?

**If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?**

**Why is it that, no matter what colour bubble bath you use, the bubbles are always white?**

**Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?**

**Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?**

**Why do people run over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it and then put it down to give the vacuum one more chance?**

**How do those dead bugs get into the enclosed light fixtures?**

**Why is it that whenever you attempt to catch something that's falling off the table you always manage to knock something else over?**

**Why, in winter, do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?**

**And A FAVORITE:**

**The statistics on sanity say that one out of every four persons is suffering from some sort of mental illness. Think of your three best friends.**

**If they're OK..? (then it's you!)**

**And a day without sunshine is, like.....night!**

## **2018 'Away-Days'**



Joan has booked the Dunsley Hall Country Hotel near Whitby for our 2018 trip. We have 3 nights from Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April. The cost will be £99 per couple per night for dinner, bed and breakfast. They do have plenty of rooms and so more of us



can go along. Joan and Gillian have spent time there and found the hotel very clean and welcoming, if a little dated. The food was excellent [Joan does not know how they can achieve that quality at the price]. Please contact Joan to confirm your interest or otherwise, £99 per room deposit needs to be paid.

Joan has also booked rooms at the Cottage Inn Tuesday 20th March for 2 nights leave on Thursday 22nd, we do have 1 spare room either twin or double.

### **Important notice for all members**

If you have your name down to attend an organized event and find you are unable to attend. please **only** notify the organizer. Messages via a third party unfortunately are not being passed on before the event.

A new trial - Small ads for members:- Nothing for sale this time.