



WETHERBY CLASSIC CAR CLUB

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

July 2018 to September 2018



Concours Night at the Bridge

**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 – 2nd Tuesday in the month – 8.00pm Bridge Inn Walshford LS22 5HS

10th July Evening ‘Natter’ and activity

14th August ‘Tha’s Got to Laugh’ Mr. Ben Richardson.

11th September Talk. ‘Eccentrics, Exotics & Erratics’ Mr. David Win penny .

9th October Talk. ‘A walk round the Aislabie’s 18c water gardens’ Mr. Mike Bevington.

13th November Beetle Drive.

11th December Christmas Party night

8th January 2019 Talk. ‘In the ‘Footsteps ‘ of Captain Cook. Mrs Gillian McDowall.

9th February 2019. Party night.

12th March 2019. Talk. Northumbrian pipes making & playing. Mr. Nick Hopkinson.

9th April 2019. AGM

14th May 2019. Talk. ‘Let’s have a laugh about classic cars’ Mrs Sue Woodcock.

11th June 2019 Concours night.

9th July 2019. TBC

13th August. 2019. Talk. ‘The Greatest Show on Earth’ Mr. Graham Read

OUR OTHER EVENTS

List of events for 2018

Sunday 15th July – Newby Hall Classic Car Show Our club stand but book direct. This is a big show [1500 cars last year]. Details at <http://necpwa.org/page.php?6> .

Sunday 29th July - Ripon Old Cars. We shall have our usual club stand. Fee £3 per car.

Sunday 5th August - Tockwith Show – As last year we will have a stand. Fee £5. SAE required by Ruth to send pass.

Sunday 12th August - Pateley Bridge MG Club Show - Join Harrogate MG with a club stand if we wish.

Sunday 19th August - Burley Classic car show, part of the Burley summer festival. Club stand is booked.

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

Friday 14th 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 23rd September - Knavesmire Show - with our club stand again, fee £4. We have been asked to enter 'en-bloc' to make sure we have a suitable area allocated. Details later.

Past events

Previous meetings

Tuesday 10th April. - The AGM was rapidly concluded with all members of the working group being thanked for their efforts over the last year, and then being asked to carry on, which they agreed to do. The video of the Shetland Classic Car Show 2016 was then shown, and members who had not attended that enjoyable event were able to feel some of the atmosphere and fun of the show. The unique topography of the Shetland Isles was also enjoyed. David was given his "5 minutes of fame" in an interview about his Alpine, and Gillian's MGB was also featured.

Tuesday 8th May. - Graham Read, a well known local motoring journalist entertained us with his illustrated talk 'Magical Monaco- From the Royal Family to the Grand Prix'. His explanation of the course and the general atmosphere was enthralling, for some of us bringing back memories of visits to Monte Carlo, F1 racing and, of course, the most famous rally in the world.

June Concours night



The turnout for our annual 'Show you car Concours night' was a bit lower than usual with only 38 cars and one skip on display. The chat in the car park suggested that the skip was an easy winner, but nobody could find its registration number to complete their voting form. Club members' honours went to David and Anthea Addyman's very well presented Austin A35, with Mike and Libby's Rover second and an Alfa Romeo third! The Chairman's choice of the car he would most like to drive home went to the Nissan Figaro as it had an automatic gearbox which our Chairman now finds easier to drive.

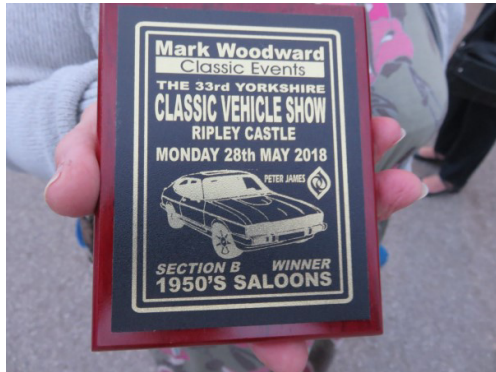


The visitors' prize went to a very clean Ford Cortina GT. This brought back memories for your editor of 1960's rallying days when I navigated a few



rallies in Cortina GT's. The weather for our Concours was good, and the night was enjoyed by all.

David and Anthea's adventures



David and Anthea's winning streak started at the Ripley Show in May, where they won the 1950's saloon section with their lovely A35.

David and Anthea also suggest a Ripon Cathedral Visit either Thursday 2nd August or Thursday 16th August Meet at 7.00pm for a glass of wine and nibbles cost £10.00 including the tour or arrive at 7.30pm for the tour Leave Cathedral at 8.15/8.30 for short walk to market place to see the Hornblower who sets watch at 9.00 pm every night If anyone

wants to eat etc prior to visiting the Cathedral I am sure that Weatherspoons or the Royal Oak would be happy to help The tea rooms close by seem to close at 5.30ish I will ask which date etc would be preferable at the next meeting Tues 10th Any queries from anyone please call me 01423 561254 Cheers David & Anthea

Mike and Libby's travels

Mike and Libby seem to find a new show to visit most weekends. How will they, and the rest of us, find shows next year when there will not be a 'Morgans' available to help us. Here are some of their adventures:

YHVG at Sherburn Aero Club



We were the only WCCC Members at Y.H.V.G meeting at Sherburn Aero Club - cold ❄️ windy day and rain ☔ around 1-30pm so had our sandwiches and came home - fortunately dry all the way to Toll Bar House so a quick wipe over was enough to get the P6 dried off and tucked away in her garage. Photo is a Crossley.

Northern Bygones Society at Darlington

Subject: Car 🚗 Show Sunday 20th May - Northern Bygones Society at Darlington Railway Centre



& Museum - general photo showing how well attended it was - good mix of cars old and new and a charming bunch of enthusiastic Old Car Fans. Lovely warm day - small but well stocked Museum well laid out and impeccably cleaned and polished.



Kirkbymoorside show

Sunday 17th June saw us taking our Picnic, Flask, coffee, wine etc. to "The Moorside Bar & Club" to attend their Classic Vehicle Show at Kirkbymoorside North Yorks.

The Club is run by the locals and the building reminds me a bit of Horbury WMC but on a much smaller scale. It is within easy walking distance to the town centre which unlike some



places it seems to have all the shops and facilities still intact - including two car showrooms a Garden Centre and plenty of Pubs and at least one hotel – lovely place.



The Club grounds take in a large grassed area surrounded by high shrubs and some trees which kept the wind at bay – we had no rain at all and

enjoyed very pleasant company – only about 30 to 40 cars in attendance but sometimes we feel that can be a good thing as you can stop and chat and not worry about that one fantastic car you wanted to see out of 1,500 but by the time you got to where it was earlier they had left !!

Coulby Manor, Middlesbrough



Sunday 24th we made our way 50miles North to Middlesbrough to the Middlesbrough & District Motor Club Ltd Car Show held at THEIR "Coulby Manor" - YES hard to believe but true they own it as a Ltd Company. Long complicated story - formed in 1905 making it one of the very first Automobile Clubs in Great Britain. Only 50 miles away so we were there in an hour - we were among the first to arrive and so had a privileged spot right

on the Club front.

Editors rants



No rant this month, just a word about the really nice weather which has let us get a lot more use from the Alfa than usual. In addition to days out in the Dales and NY Moors, we went to the EYTCC rally at Sandtoft Trolley Bus



Museum. A nice display of a couple of dozen cars, including an Alvis TA21 and a Wolseley 1500 identical to the second car we ever owned way back in 1964. The museum is quite interesting, and worth a visit for one of their event days when trolley bus rides are available, but best to avoid the café food and drink which is really not at all good.

The National Rover Rally at Newby Hall was another nice day out. It was the same date as the big Sledmere car show, and so not very well attended by non-Rover cars. In fact our Alfa was the only non-Rover car on display. The show was organised by Dave Perrins and his team, and a very friendly lot the Rover owners were. Newby Hall car park was free, including the toilets, and there was a small discount for entry to the hall and it's grounds for rally entrants.



Our cars

This month our Chairman, Don Rowley.

What Make, Model and year is your classic?

Hillman Super Minx Convertible – 1962.

How long have you owned it?

Since 2004.

What was your longest journey in it?

332 miles to the south coast and back.

Have you been anywhere particularly interesting in it?

Touring Scotland – about 1200 miles in two weeks.

Have you renovated or improved it?

Yes:- Fitted a 1725 cc engine with overdrive gearbox, all new front end suspension with disc brakes, new mohair hood with waterproof membrane and head lining, click and go system fitted to enable semi-automatic gear change as well as manual.

Where there any major repairs or breakdowns?

Only having the cylinder head skimmed and converted to unleaded fuel.

Has it been a good investment?

Yes – Shirley loved it.

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

Do it now while they are still affordable.

Any other comments?

We used to have five classic cars when Shirley was fit. These reduced to two when Shirley was terminally ill and then to one, the convertible. But I also have a 'budding' classic car, a 1995 Citroen XM SX Estate – only 41000 miles from new.

2018 'Away-Days'

A large group of members enjoyed 3 nights at the Dunsley Hall hotel near Whitby in April. The weather was very kind to us and the pleasures of the North Yorkshire coastal area were enjoyed by us all. The offer at the hotel £99 per night for Dinner, Bed and Breakfast for 2 persons sharing a room was very good value. The rooms, whilst a little dated, were clean and comfortable. The meals were exceptionally good, breakfasts were so substantial that most of us skipped lunch altogether.



Some of us enjoyed it so much that we plan to return with friends or family for another stay.

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.

The Pope goes to London, and is picked up at the airport by a chauffeured Bentley. He looks at the beautiful car and says to the driver, "You know, I hardly ever get to drive. Would you please let me?"

The driver is understandably hesitant and says, "I'm sorry, but I don't think I'm supposed to do that."

But the Pope persists, "Please?"

The driver finally gives in, "Oh, alright, I can't really say no to the Pope."

So the Pope takes the wheel, and boy, is he a speed demon! He hits the accelerator and does around 100 mph in a 50 zone. A policeman pulls him over. The cop walks up and asks the Pope to wind the window down. Startled and surprised, the young officer asks the Pope to wait a minute. He goes back to his patrol car and radios the Superintendent.

Cop: Sir, I have a problem.

Super: What sort of problem?

Cop: Well, you see, I pulled over this car for driving at twice the speed limit, but it's someone really important.

Super: Important like the Mayor?

Cop: No, no, much more important than that.

Super: Important like the MP?

Cop: Way more important than that.

Super: Like the PM?

Cop: Much more important.

Super: "Who's more important than the PM?"

Cop: "I don't know but he has the Pope DRIVING for him!"