



# WETHERBY CLASSIC CAR CLUB

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

## Special Lockdown edition



**Was this social a rehearsal for social distancing?**

**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.

Here is the calendar to September. Club nights are all booked through to July next year thanks to the hard work of Nigel and Heather. **In the current uncertain situation, we do not know when club events can re-start.**

<b>Tuesday June 9th</b>	<b>Concours Night CANCELLED - CORONAVIRUS</b>
<b>Tuesday July 14th</b>	<b>T.B.C. Probably a Club run from &amp; to The Bridge. CANCELLED - CORONAVIRUS</b>
<b>Sunday July 26th</b>	<b>Ripon Old Cars with our usual Club Stand CANCELLED - CORONAVIRUS</b>
<b>Sunday August 2nd</b>	<b>Tockwith Show with our usual Club stand. Fee £5? CANCELLED - CORONAVIRUS</b>
<b>Sat/Sun August 8th/9th</b>	<b>Pateley Bridge MG Car Show. We can join Harrogate MG with a Club Stand if we wish. CANCELLED - CORONAVIRUS</b>
<b>Tuesday August 11th</b>	<b>T.B.C. CANCELLED - CORONAVIRUS</b>
<b>Sunday August 23rd</b>	<b>Burley Spectacular (Classic Car Show) CANCELLED - CORONAVIRUS</b>
<b>Tuesday September 8th</b>	<b><i>Talk. The Thrill of Speed. Mr Graham Read</i> At risk due to CORONAVIRUS</b>
<b>Sunday September 13th</b>	<b>Otley Extravaganza. CANCELLED - CORONAVIRUS</b>
<b>Saturday September 19th (Provisional)</b>	<b>Club Barbecue at the Collingham Sports Club Note provisional date correction. At risk due to CORONAVIRUS</b>
<b>Sunday September 20th</b>	<b>Knivesmire Show - with our usual Club Stand Fee £5 At risk due to CORONAVIRUS</b>

*It was with great sadness that we heard that Peter and Carolyn Berry had both fallen victim to this terrible virus. Carolyn died on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, Peter left us on 10<sup>th</sup> April. Peter had a great sense of humour and was welcome at any table during meetings and events. Their Sunbeam Alpine was their pride and joy, although they had tried to sell it last year as Carolyn became more unwell. They were also members of the Alpine club and the Humber club.*

*Carolyn was admired by us all as she stoically endured serious illness over long times. They were not only regular attenders at meetings, but also enjoyed club runs, holidays and outings in their Alpine or Eurobox. They will be missed by us all.*

### *R.I.P Peter and Carolyn*

#### WCCC and Coronavirus / Covid 19

Some members have been active in their garages, gardens etc.

#### Tony and Kath



Last week I restored the floor pan on the Citroen Arcadiane. I removed the old perished rubber mats/sealant and gave it a good clean.



I resealed it with Black rubberised sealant with a little old engine oil added to give it flexibility. After a few days of drying, I cut out two layers of underlay and fitted some good carpet which was left over from one of the rooms. The offcut had been stored in my garden shed for ages, and thought a good use could be made of it.



Just a few photos of last Friday for VE day. It was a nice afternoon. Kathryn and I had a nice tea in the garden and played 50 war time songs on a CD. I parked the Citroen Charleston on the drive, at put up the





French flag so my friends in Bordeaux would not be forgotten. Lots of people waved as they passed, and a lady from a house three doors down brought us a glass of bubble!

## **Chris Wood's new car has arrived**



I want to thank everyone who is helping me with the new arrival the 65 Sunbeam Alpine GT. I got it because the previous owner had almost finished the restoration but was leaving to go to France! Irony is he is stuck here now, with everything in containers.....

David Ezard has been most helpful (Hi David-Alpine has arrived early!) in view of his vast experience. I am planning to complement the steel hardtop (which needs a respray, one has been done but poorly and is bubbling) with a soft top as I will be using it in summer as I prefer a soft top (MG might have to go)

However to put a soft top on I need a frame, that is the challenge! 😊

I have been given a contact in Harrogate who is an Alpine Guru by the previous owner (who lived in Aylesbury) Jeff Howarth, anyone know him?

## **Other news**

Colin and Barbara apparently have a weed free garden

Martin cleaned his car too early, and it needs another go. [I did the same, and my Merc, which is parked under the car port, got dirtier than if I had been driving it!]

Mervyn has parked his Austin on his drive and carried on collecting for charity.



**Memories of how it used to be**

## **Chairman's Rant**

I suppose I should rant about the horrors of the lockdown. Firstly the effect on our club activities. As you will have seen from the club website and the magazine, everything is cancelled through to August. Forecasting ahead of that is tricky. The restrictions have been

changed at short notice, speculation in the media is rife. It does seem that the Government react to pressure, and the publicised views of the scientists are varied. It would seem reasonable to expect that the social distancing will continue for some time, but may be reduced to 1.5 or even 1 metre. Pubs with open gardens may be allowed to open before indoor facilities. As far as I am able to judge, the Bridge Hotel [which does not have a telephone response] has very limited garden space, but we might be able to meet in the overflow car park at some time. The Collingham Squash club is closed, it has virtually no outdoor catering area and it would seem unlikely that our BBQ will be able to go ahead in September. Could it work anyway with social distancing?

We might be able to have a run out, meeting in a car park, stopping for a picnic without close socialising. Any thoughts on that please? Those of us who are 'shielding' seem unlikely to be able to participate even in such limited activity. We do not know how many members are actually in 'shielding', we are, plus one other member we know of. Perhaps others who are shielding could let me know so that we can plan accordingly. As things stand, it seems we are unlikely to get much classic car activity this year.

Secondly the effects on us at home. Really, for us, it has not been so bad. Right at the start I was told that I was in the extremely vulnerable category, and I should quarantine totally for at least 12 weeks. June decided it was easier for her to join me, as she does not drive, is not used to public transport, and if she went out we would have to live completely separately at home. We can honestly report good humoured time together. After 57 years of marriage we still enjoy each others company.

Shopping left us relying on friends until, after a couple of weeks, we were placed on the Tesco priority list, and offered a place on the Sainsbury equivalent. The smaller traders in Wetherby, including greengrocer, butchers, fishmonger and plant nursery, have provided an excellent delivery service. Amazon has had quite a lot of business from us too.

My one frustration is petrol. Just before lockdown we arrived back from the New Forest and I filled the car with expensive petrol. Now prices are the lowest they have been for years. C'est la Vie.

## **FBHVC Survey**

The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs have published survey results on the effects of Covid 19 on classic car clubs. Here are some of the highlights:-

1. 68% of clubs have cancelled their annual rally
2. 10,000 club events have been cancelled
3. 53% of clubs report an effect on their finances [WCCC is sound]
4. 40% of clubs have seen a reduction in membership
5. 61% of clubs still hope to hold events this year
6. 50% of clubs are planning to hold cancelled events next year

## **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.