



WETHERBY CLASSIC CAR CLUB



A memory of the “Good Old Days”

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

April 2021

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

Chairmans Rant

Well. At last it seems we may be getting back to something remotely resembling 'Normal'. I just wish the DVLA could get there. Both Nigel and I have MGB's that qualify this year for "Historic" taxation class i.e. free road tax. But the DVLA system seems to use the date of registration as the date of manufacture. To correct this we have to send our V5C off to Swansea, with proof of date of manufacture. MGB production ceased on 22nd October, 1980, so no MGB can have been built after that date. Now we both have to wait 6 – 8 weeks for the replacement V5C to come through before we can tax and drive the cars. I suppose we should be used to UK Government computer systems failing.

On the other hand, the vaccination programme has gone really well. We have both Had our jabs, as I think, have most of the WCCC Members. Other countries have really messed up their programmes, good reason the proud to be British.

The Bridge Hotel will be able to accommodate our regular meetings from July if all goes according to plan, so our Club Members only Concours night and the AGM can hopefully happen on July 13th.

Wetherby Classic Car Club 2021 programme.

The working group have discussed [remotely] the possibilities, and we propose the following plan for 2021. With thanks to Dave Perrins for regular updates.

Sunday April 25th National "Drive it" day. "Pairs Runs" separate drives to a pub for outdoor food and drink. Up to 6 members from 2 households can be paired to meet with 2 cars and drive to a pub. Any members wishing to pair up with another please do so directly or contact Bob who will try to match groups. The Buck Inn, Thornton Watlass, The Village Green, Thornton Watlass, Ripon HG4 4AH has extensive outdoor seating and will be open. There will be a cricket match on the green, so parking in front of the pub is unwise, there is room for about 6 cars in the pub car park, and more parking at the end of the green a short walk away. Please pair up asap and let Bob know how many you are so that a booking can be formalised within Covid rules i.e. 2 households or 6 persons per group [table], maximum 30 members. David and Anthea will plan a route which will be available by email or hard copy before the date.

Tuesday 18th May - Golden Oldies Run A classic drive in North Yorkshire, From and return to the Bridge Hotel car park. Maximum 30 members. Bridge Hotel will serve tea and coffee if required. Again David and Anthea will plan a route which will be available as hard copy at the start.

Monday 31st May - (Bank Holiday) Mark Woodward classic car show. Ripley Castle, Ripley. No WCCC arrangements

Tuesday June 8th - Early evening Fish 'N Chips in Skipton.. Members make their own way to Skipton for 7.00 pm [preferably in classics] and meet in the public car park.. Buy and enjoy fish and chips if wanted and socialise whilst maintaining Covid safe rules. Bring folding chairs maybe? There are 2 fish and chip shops. Bizzie Lizzies right in the car park or Newmarket Street Fish and Chip shop a few minutes walk away. The latter has better reviews.

Sunday 13th June - Woodward classic car show. Ripon Racecourse. No WCCC arrangements

Sunday 27th June - Tadcaster Show. Advance bookings only via web site. No WCCC arrangements

Sunday 4th July - Parish picnic for petrolheads at St John the Baptist Church, Knaresborough, HG5 9AE. Just turn up about 12.00 Noon with your picnic and pay £5 per car. No WCCC arrangements.

Tuesday 13th July – AGM and Concours night at the Bridge. To maximise safety for members and organisers, WCCC Members cars only. There will be no handing out of voting slips, only one ‘prize’, The Chairman’s Choice, to be awarded. Please observe Covid safe arrangements.

Saturday 17th July - Pontefract Collieries Football Club, Beechnut Lane, Pontefract WF8 4QE. A new and unknown event with classic cars, performance cars, fun fair etc. No WCCC arrangements

Sunday 18th July - Walton Club, Shay Lane, Walton, Wakefield, WF2 6LA. Another unknown event but advance booking via website essential. No WCCC arrangements

Sunday 1st August - Tockwith Show CANCELLED

Sunday 8th August - Pateley Bridge MG Club Show. A more limited activity than usual on the Sunday only. No WCCC arrangements

Tuesday 10th August - Club night at the Bridge. Presentation by Tony Lucas “My National Service Experience”.

Sunday 22nd August - Glossop Vehicle Enthusiasts Club Classic car and vehicle show, Manor Park, Glossop, Derbyshire SK13 7SH. No WCCC arrangements. A bit further away but may be worth a visit. YRC have some spaces on their stand if anybody would like to join them, contact Dave Perrins.

Sunday 29th August - Mark Woodward classic car show. Ripon Racecourse. No WCCC arrangements

Monday 30th August - (Bank Holiday) Mark Woodward classic car show. Ripley Castle, Ripley, No WCCC arrangements

Saturday 11th September - WCCC Club Barbecue at Collingham and Linton Sports association Bring your own meat or fish and enjoy the club buffet.

Sunday 12th September - Otley Extravaganza with our own club stand. Organisers are hoping this can go ahead, but no certain decision yet. Jeff and Elaine have entry forms available. WCCC stand.

Tuesday September 14th - WCCC Silver anniversary celebration dinner at the Bridge. Full details later, but reserve this date in your diary for a grand festive evening out..

Saturday 18th September - Honley Show, Honley Cricket Club, Far End Lane, HD9 6NS. Pre-booking required on show web site. No WCCC arrangements

Sunday 19th September – York Historic Vehicle Group Knavesmire Show York Racecourse. Again, organisers are optimistic this can go ahead. Full details of booking format later.

Tuesday 12th October - Club night at the Bridge with a presentation on the gardens of Goldsborough Hall.

18th – 21st October - 3 night trip to Northumberland. Joan has re-booked the cancelled March trip, and everybody originally booked has signed up again. There is already a waiting list. This should have a good chance of going ahead.

Tuesday 9th November - Club night at the Bridge with a speaker

Tuesday 14th December - Christmas dinner at the Bridge

Date unknown - There may be a fete with classic car display in Bramham. YHVG are waiting for the local council to decide a date for the fete to go ahead. Details on the YHVG website.

Classic Car Show Organiser

Ruth [with Ken] has organised our participation in classic car shows all over Yorkshire for many years. All our members are really very grateful to her for the effort and the efficiency of her contributions. Ruth does not use the internet, and virtually all the shows now operate websites and internet bookings. Ruth has decided that it is better if a computer aware member takes over the role of show bookings organiser, and will retire from this role at the AGM.

Classic and Sports Car Virtual classic car show

I hope that you were able to enjoy the virtual show a couple of weeks ago. In case you missed it, here is the You-tube site to see the recordings. It was a quality production, with a lot of the usual suspects from TV shows giving presentations.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNj-AGu7T3pzp94cFrVOu9A?view_as=subscriber

FHBVC 'Drive it' Day

David Whale, Chairman of the FBHVC said, "National Drive it Day has its place as a symbolic season opener, a chance to get historic vehicles of all shapes, sizes and types out in use, seen by the public and enjoyed by their custodians. It's a statement of national importance because, not only does it ensure that our transport heritage continues as a moving, working, living experience, but also raises awareness of the size, importance and contribution that the historic vehicle movement makes to the world."

This year, that contribution is even larger because the FBHVC have teamed up with the NSPCC's Childline® to raise money as an integrated part of Drive it Day in order to use our movement to contribute to a section of society that has needed huge help and support during the pandemic – vulnerable children. Lockdown has magnified all sorts of societal problems and the long days and weeks trapped in broken homes or abusive environments have put vulnerable children even more at risk.

All profits from our official Drive it Day rally plate go towards the NSPCC's Childline®, so get yours now via www.driveitday.co.uk.

[Rally plates can be purchased via www.driveitday.co.uk](http://www.driveitday.co.uk) , where enthusiasts may also make an additional donation to the Just Giving page. All profits from the Drive it Day rally plates will go to NSPCC's Childline®.

ENGLAND CURRENT RULES

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport through the Tourism Alliance has confirmed that at Step 2 of the road map for exit from lockdown applicable from 12th April, an event such as the Federation's Drive It Day may go ahead providing that: -

- The event takes place outdoors –
- Attendees will arrive and leave the event in a staggered manner throughout the day –
- It does not involve attendees converging on and congregating at a site for a specific discrete activity, such as a theatre or music performance –
- Rule of 6 or two households mixing outdoors applies



Mystery Pictures

Going through some old family files, we found these pictures. We have no idea who or what they are. Any ideas? Bob and June



Zoom meeting

On April 13th we held a Zoom meeting for the club with a presentation by Mike Bevington of the National trust. Unfortunately some of the invitations did not get through and bounced back after the meeting. One managed to send out a whole page of gobbledegook. Even so, for those of us who managed to join the meeting went well even though one couple could not persuade their microphone to work. We should not be afraid to try again if there are any more lockdowns.

A Classic Story

I am a relatively new member of the E.Y.T.C.C, I have known known the Chairman, secretary, and some club members for a while due to me being the organiser of the Classic Car Show at the Sherburn -in -Elmet Craft and Food Festival.



Over the years I have restored a few vehicles, starting with a ripple bonnet 2CV, then progressing to a Citroen DS 23 then to a Triumph Vitesse MK2. Also in my possession at the time was a Citroen D Super 5, which was subsequently bought and restored to an extremely high standard by Terry Maslin.

Since buying my P4 in September 2016, the car is as bought body and paint wise but lots of improvement work has been carried out including rectifications to some dubious work that a previous owner had carried out prior to me buying it, also an intermittent problem with the oil light coming on.

My Rover P4 which I call Gwendolyn, underwent her usual inspection for the coming year and I also had one or

two areas which I needed to improve, this being chrome and a seat repair that had been attempted but done badly.

One thing I did not count on is that when I noticed the fan belt wanted changing, it would mean the removal of the front grille, radiator, and water pump. A previous owner had installed a viscous fan unit from a Ford, this being so close to the radiator that it was impossible to remove the fan. Richard Hedger and Mike Evans came up with the parts and it was returned to how it should be, had the radiator tested whilst it was out.

The chrome which consisted of hub caps and rim embellishers was sent to Quality Chrome in Hull, these items had already been re chromed by a company in Leeds, but the finish was poor, and the company did not want to know about putting it right.

Jason Payne at the Leather Repair Company did a wonderful job of repairing the front bench seat base. It put back together and, on the road, running well by early March. The local runs and shows, started in April with the "Drive It" day run by The York Historical vehicle group to Sherburn in Elmet Aero Club. The following week I took her for an MOT which also gives me a chance to have a good look underneath, passed with one advisory which was slight play detected in the N/S inner track rod end. More shows attended Tadcaster also in April, then the Vintage and Veterans Day at Sherburn aeroclub this is a great show to go to as it is not just vehicle but aeroplanes and military vehicles as well.

The 3rd of June is the next important date in the calendar, this of course being the Yorkshire Rover Club Oakwell Hall rally, which I won best P4 trophy in 2017, sadly did not win this year. During the year I have become more and more conscious on an oil leak from the back of the engine but looks a major job to do.

All running well apart from that and had a lovely run up to Newby Hall near Ripon on the 24th for the Rover Sports Register National Rally, fantastic day and came away with the best P4 trophy.

Enjoying the Rover in the terrific weather that we had in 2018, no problems apart from the annoying oil leak that when asked everyone said leave it until you need to replace the clutch as replacing the seal may not improve the leak and you have wasted all that time and effort. Not out much in August as I organise a classic car display on the 3 days over August bank holiday at our village Food and Craft Festival.

On my next run out when I returned and put the car in the it would not move out of gear and with the handbrake off, stuck handbrake, this is where it all starts to go downhill in 2018, next thing is that there is a water leak front of engine, traced to be the water pump. All the front off again! Because the water pump has a modified pulley, this now required a trip over the Pennines and a visit to John Wearing's.

Andy removed the pulley from the old pump and put it on the exchange unit, while I was there I broached the oil leak scenario, John said he would do it but would be close to four figures and it is not guaranteed to be the end of the problem, he said that he has had to redo the oil seal 2 or 3 times to get a result.

Whilst the car was in pieces for the water leak, I received a call from the RSR stand organiser for the Manchester Classic Car show asking for Gwendolyn to be on the show stand. Reluctantly I had to decline, and I was extremely disappointed as I will possibly not have another chance as the show has been cancelled.

As the end of the year approaches process of maintenance and improvement continues the rest of the dodgy chrome has gone to Hull, and the cover has gone on waiting for the good weather in 2019.

A reflection of better times as classic car use and the meeting of friends in 2020 has been seriously limited, let us hope for a better 2021.

Dave Walton

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(OR DO THEY)

A friend of mine recently took her car to her local garage in Cottingley where she lives, just outside Bingley.(where the fairies were seen and photographed dancing on top of her garden fence!!!) it required an M.O.T. She new it could be bad news, as the Ford Ka was a good runner, but required some attention to the tyres bodywork etc. The vehicle failed as expected. The work required did not warrant the value of the car, so the time came to look around for another worthy 'runaround'.

What to do with the old car: Having seen the "We buy any car .com" on TV adverts many times, decided to give them a call. She was confronted with a mountain of questions. These are some of them.

(1. Your vehicle has to have at least 6months MOT still on.



- (2. Has to be a right hand drive.
 - (3. Not been an insurance write off.
 - (4 No major mechanical faults.
 - (5.If a personalised number plate, it has to stay on the car, and there is no extra money for it.
 - (6. Has no damage, inc the interior or mechanical.
 - (7.The engine must idle on it's own.
- Minimum online value is £50.00. The service history and service manual. Remote key: 2 sets. Any extras to remain on the car. Locking wheel key.
- Fee: £49.....on line value £1,000 to £3,999.99
 £59..... " " " £4,000 " £4,999.99
 £74..... " " " £5,000 - or more.
- So the vehicle went to the scrappers

Tony Lucas

An English lesson from Joan

Homographs are words of like spelling, but with more than one meaning. A homograph that is also pronounced differently is a heteronym. You think English is easy?

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.
- 11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- 13) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 14) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- 17) The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
- 18) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
- 19) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- 20) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?