



WETHERBY CLASSIC CAR CLUB

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

April 2021



Fish 'n Chips in Skipton car park

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 we have actually done it. After several years saying I would sell the Alfa, it has now gone to a new home in Holmfirth. It has given us a lot of pleasure over the years, we have driven it all over the UK from Shetland to the Isle of Wight. Thousands of miles in mainland Europe, with great experiences in the Alps, Pyrenees and Dolomites, and it never let us down. Now we just have the MG, which has now qualified for Historic Vehicle registration class, so free road tax.

It has been a very frustrating time for all of us, trying to arrange events for WCCC has been tricky, but we have to accept that Covid has been even more difficult for many people, at least we have managed some activity with more to come but most classic car events cancelled for the rest of this year. To paraphrase Captain Tom, “next year will be a better year”.

Wetherby Classic Car Club 2021 programme.

The working group have discussed [remotely] the possibilities, and we propose the following activities for 2021. With thanks to David Addyman and Dave Perrins for regular updates. This list includes events we believe will actually go ahead, and for most of them it will be a case of individual booking.

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. AGM agenda is attached.

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. See Colin's email to all members of 9th June for registration and other details

Sunday 18th July - Walton Club, Shay Lane, Walton, Wakefield, WF2 6LA. Another unknown event but advance booking via website essential. No WCCC arrangements. Website [Walton Classic Car Show – Traditional Car Club of Doncaster](#)

Sunday 18th July - Newby Hall show. A big event expecting 500 cars. Pre-booking only to exhibit. Website [Historic Vehicle Rally 2021 | Newby Hall](#)

Sunday 25th July The Yorkshire Thoroughbred Classic Car Club are pleased to announce a Classic Car Show with 150 classic cars from all eras. This is our first show at this superb venue Vehicles to arrive from 9am. Spen Victoria Cricket & Bowling Club Spen Lane Gomersall Cleckheaton BD19 4PJ. Website

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. Website www.harrogatemgclub.org.uk.

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. Website [Glossop Vehicle Enthusiasts Club website \(gvec.club\)](http://gvec.club)

Sunday 22nd August - Square Wheels, the Yorkshire Masonic Classic Car Club will have a display of 50 or so members classics at the Wetherby Masonic Hall car park. The Masonic enthusiasts have some interesting cars, and as this is on our doorstep it is worth a look.

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 Cancelled

Sunday 12th September- City of Leeds MG & classic car club Tadcaster Show. More spaces now available due to car park expansion. Website [Upcoming Events – LeedsMGCCC](#)

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. See details below.

Saturday 18th September - Honley Show, Honley Cricket Club, Far End Lane, HD9 6NS. Pre-booking required on show web site. No WCCC arrangements. Website [The Honley Show – Saturday 18th September 2021 | Centenary Event](#)

Sunday 19th September – York Historic Vehicle Group Knavesmire Show York Racecourse. Again, organisers are optimistic this can go ahead. Full details of booking in the Yellow book. Website [Events \(yhvg.uk\)](http://yhvg.uk)

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



WCCC Silver anniversary celebration dinner



GALA DINNER

Wetherby Classic Car Club



After a year like no other it's time to get out and about again so you are invited to come and meet 'old' friends and join us at the Bridge Hotel to help us celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the founding of our club on Tuesday 14th September 2021

7:30 for 8:00

The cost is £25 pp for a 4 course meal -- details to follow.

Silver is the theme so please think of something silvery ; sparkly , to wear. As we missed our Christmas Dinner and February Themed evening we are combining them into our anniversary celebration.

So please put the date in your diary and come along to enjoy a glittering evening amongst friends.

WCCC Membership fees

Membership fees will be due at the AGM. Colin will collect fees, cash or cheque, £12 per family membership. Please be ready to confirm your personal details as held by the club.

Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs statistics

1,538,927 historic vehicles are registered on the DVLA database

£7.2 billion is the estimated total spend in the historic vehicle sector

£946 million is the annual value of overseas spending with British firms on historic vehicle products & services

683,967 is the estimated number of historic vehicle owners in the UK

£4,223 per annum Is the average amount a historic vehicle owner spends on their vehicle

1,200 miles per annum is the average distance travelled in historic vehicles

16 times per annum is the average number of times a historic vehicle is used each year

34,113 is the estimated number of people employed within the historic vehicle sector

18.7 million people in the UK see historic vehicles as an important part of our national heritage

4.6 million people in Britain would like to own a historic vehicle

35% of historic vehicle owners currently contribute or would contribute to a carbon off set scheme

£17,200 is the average value of a historic vehicle with averages for cars being £26,000, motorcycles £6,700 and agricultural tractors £3,500. 51% of vehicles are valued at less than £10,000

Great British Car Journey

A New museum has opened with over 100 classic cars on display, and a driving experience available. Entry is £15, drive classic car 6 miles £49. 75 miles from Wetherby.

Derwent Works, Ambergate DE56 2HE. Website [Great British Car Journey | A tour through British motoring history](#)

Past events

Sunday April 25th National “Drive it” day. Three members classic cars made it to The Buck Inn, Thornton Watlass, [Your editors MGB did not make it, so we had to return home and switch to the Eurobox] There was a cricket match in progress on the green, but we were accommodated in the garden at the rear. The weather was a bit unkind, very cold during the meal but improved later.



Three members cars drove in the opposite direction to the Blacksmiths Arms at Lavington, Joan wrote “We had a lovely run both ways especially coming home, very quiet. Lavington was very busy and the pub garden & outside full. It has changed owners but so far the chef /owner is not changing the menus, excellent as always. We were sat where we were the night we should have gone to Rufforth so we had sun on us most of the time & sheltered. We were very lucky.”



Tuesday 18th May - Golden Oldies Run we enjoyed a classic drive in North Yorkshire, From and returning to the Bridge Hotel car park. The MG just made it home, but had to go to the workshop again next day. A few social drinks in the bar after the run ended an enjoyable evening.

Tuesday June 8th - Early evening Fish ‘N Chips in Skipton.. 7 members cars made it to Skipton [albeit including one Eurobox]. The fish and chips were very good, and enjoyed by all. The car park was virtually empty, so we had plenty of room to set up our chairs and enjoy the chat. The evening was voted a success, perhaps to be repeated to a fish and chip shop a bit nearer home. The MG only stopped twice, and then spent a couple of days having a complete health check at Poole Lane Classics.



DRIVE - IT - DAY..... 25th April 2021.

RHUBARB - RHUBARB - RHUBARB

What a joy to meet up with a few classic car club friends, on this Sunday

"Drive It Day." We met up at Langland Garden Centre on the A64 just about 2 miles east of the Leeds ring road. Today was when hopefully we came across like minded people who were out and about in their

classics. Six vehicles arrived, which was just about right under the current situation. We set off at about 11.am keeping a good distance between each other.

The famous rhubarb triangle consists of an area between Wakefield, Pontefract and Leeds. We travelled through delightful villages, from Scholes - Barwick - in - Elmet, driving past the famous maypole, into Aberford, skirting Lotherton hall, to Saxton- Barkston Ash and left to Ryther. Little Fenton, Biggin on to the A.63 to Thorpe Willoughby. We are now heading for our final finish through Beal Hambleton and Kellington. Through the lovely villages of Hillam, Fairburn. past the wild life sanctuary of Fairburn ings to Allerton Bywater, to Garforth - Swillington, Rothwell to Carlton village.

All turning into the Rhubarb Triangle Farm Shop for a well earned cuppa and sandwich (outside of course). , in lovely weather.

This was an old run from some years ago which would be good for other clubs to try any time if they wished.

Thank's to all who came along and made the day so enjoyable
Tony Lucas.



Classic Car Show Organiser

As advised in the April magazine, Ruth will retire from the role of Classic Car Show Organiser at the AGM. Members are invited to take over this role, which is easily accomplished for anybody familiar with the internet, where all shows are co-ordinated.