



WETHERBY CLASSIC CAR CLUB

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

October 2022 to December 2022



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Regular monthly meetings are held at the Grange Park Sports Club, Old Boston Road, Wetherby, LS22 5NB on second Tuesday each month at 8.00 pm.

Wetherby Classic Car Club 2022 programme.

Tuesday 11th October - Club meeting with our favourite fallback, as the speaker we had arranged has had to drop out due to a hospital appointment, ie a Beetle Drive.

Monday 17th October to Thursday 20th October - Annual break to the Cottage Inn, Dunstan, Northumberland. All rooms are booked and there is already a waiting list in case of cancellations. Contact Joan for details.



Sunday 30th October - Halloween Outing from Wetherby Grange to a pub for lunch. Organised by David and Anthea. Meet in Wetherby Grange 11.00 to 11.30. Shortish drive to a carvery pub lunch at £12.95 per person, desserts about £6.

Tuesday 8th November - Club meeting with a presentation on 'Treescapes after the Ice Age' by Alan Hunton.

Sunday 20th November - Last Gasp outing from Wetherby Grange to a pub for lunch. Organised by Bill and Margaret. Organisation is in progress, so details later.

Tuesday 13th December - WCCC Christmas dinner at the Bridge Hotel. Subsidised by the hotel and the club, dinner will be £22 per person. A booking form is included with this copy of the magazine, please complete this and return it with your cash or cheque to Margaret at or before the November meeting..

Sunday 8th January - The Peter Woodhall memorial run. Probably from the Grange Park car park to the Wike golf club for lunch. Full details later.

Tuesday 10th January - Club meeting with a video of the Shetland Classic Car Show and possibly a 'Guess where' video.

Tuesday 14th February – **Masquerade [but you can still wear your Covid mask]** party to dispel the winter blues.

Sunday 12th March - March Hare run. Full details later.

Tuesday 14th March - Club meeting with a presentation on 'Savoury rice dishes of the world' including a tasty ending.

Tuesday 11th April - AGM and quiz night.

Sunday 23rd April - Drive It Day Run. Full details later.

Past events

July Jaunt - Run to a pub lunch from the Bridge. Members met at the Bridge Hotel and followed a route to Sun Inn at Norwood. Gerald & Pams super run, a first for Gerald and Pam.

Annual evening drive from and to the Bridge Hotel had to be postponed, so a quiz was quickly organised by Joan which and went down well, lot of laughter, members worked in teams.



Newby Hall classic car show. One of the biggest shows in our area. Far fewer than the usual number of cars this year, and not rated very highly by our members who went along.



Ripon Old Cars Classic Car Show at Ripon Racecourse. The WCCC Club stand had 10 cars on display. The usual numbers of classics on show, and a few autojumble stands. An enjoyable local show. The usual bacon butties were enjoyed by all

Tockwith show

David Addyman and Bob were judging the classic vehicles, They were a bit surprised to find 4 bicycles and 8 motor bikes amongst the vehicles to be judged, not to mention an armoured weapon carrier with a machine gun [immediately awarded best in show as the gun aimed at us]. Only two WCCC Members cars were exhibited, Gerald and Pam's Humber and Melvyn's Austin van.



Judging was tricky, there was close competition for best in show between a Rolls Royce Silver Spur, a delivery bicycle and Melvyn's little van. Eventually the van came out top. Melvyn went on next weekend to exhibit at the Whitby regatta, where he was presented with a special prize as he had won a prize at every show for 50 years.

August Club meeting Our own member Ged Lavin amused us for an hour with his recollections of events whilst he was engaged in property developments in a variety of countries. A very well received presentation as no members conducted separate conversations during Ged's spiel. We then had an extended discussion on the venue for club meetings and the associated costs. In a series of votes it was decided the club should move to Grange Park and club membership fees should be increased to £30 per annum to help cover the additional costs.

Summer frolics run to a picnic. David and Anthea arranged excellent weather for a delightful drive to Studley Royal. This was our last departure from the Bridge Hotel. The picnic venue in the car park at Studley Royal gave us a private area just for the 10 WCCC cars, and the handy positioning of a Yorkshire Dales ice cream vendor meant we could enjoy an ice cream to finish.



Burley in Wharfedale summer festival What a lovely classic car show. We were amazed to see the cars parking on the actual cricket pitch. Aside from the cars on display, the village festival included a number of charity stalls, several 'street food' stalls including a crepe stand. In the village hall there was a craft and antiques market, and the village pub served a good selection of food. All in all a very enjoyable day out.





Wetherby Classic Car Club Barbecue, was relocated to Wetherby Grange as the facility at Collingham and Linton Sports Association was not available. After a bit of a glitch when the gas cylinder had to be replaced, the BBQ got under way. An excellent buffet provided by Joan, Gillian and Margaret was nicely laid out. The BBQ put on a major show of conflagration when it was first lit due to not having been cleaned of fat by the previous user. The rest of the day went well, and 24 members enjoyed our first use of the Grange Park facility.



Otley Extravaganza, Our usual club stand at the bottom of the field was occupied by 9 cars. The show was fully up to numbers, with a substantial variety of vehicles as usual. The Middlemiss pork pies were really good and enjoyed by most our members. The show appealed for helpers to marshal



the car parks, and David and Anthea parked 150 visitors cars in 45 minutes. It must have been the best crowd for many years. The weather was on our side and all members stayed to the end.



September meeting Our first regular club meeting at Grange Park enjoyed a very well researched presentation on Yorkshires Vanishing Coastline by Malcolm Brooke. The technical detail kept members enthralled, and the basic conclusion was that the coastline will be eroded, and nature will have it's way. Probably Spurn Point will cease to exist by 2050. Overall the new venue worked well, there was a bit of noise

intrusion from the main bar which may be improved if the screen door can be properly closed.

Knavesmire YHVG classic car show - Another big local show. The Knavesmire was well populated with all types of vehicles, there seemed to be more buses than usual this year. Joan feels she must mention the bacon butties, best of the season, big, 4 rashers and choose from mushrooms or tomato's. Great value. The weather was a bit cold, and the wise members brought themselves a flask of hot soup, a lesson learned for the rest of us.



Fish and chips run - 8 members drove to Leeds Bradford airport to partake of fish and chips at Murgatroyds. We have driven past it many times, but never stopped there. The service was very good, the fish and chips first class, and the price of £14 for a 3 course meal with tea for pensioners was exceptional value.

Retro Torque show at Stockeld Park This was a new show for us, free entry and almost 200 cars on show. Retro Torque is an internet based classic enthusiast group. They started a few years ago with meetings of 3 or 4 people at the Harewood Arms. Now they have grown to a group of 800 members, and they regularly have monthly Saturday lunch meetings at the Punchbowl Inn, Marton Cum Grafton. These meetings have become so popular the pub car park cannot accommodate other customers during their meeting. WCCC had 8



cars on display, but 3 were parked amongst the main display. Once again the weather was cold, and most members left by about 2.30 for the warmth of home.

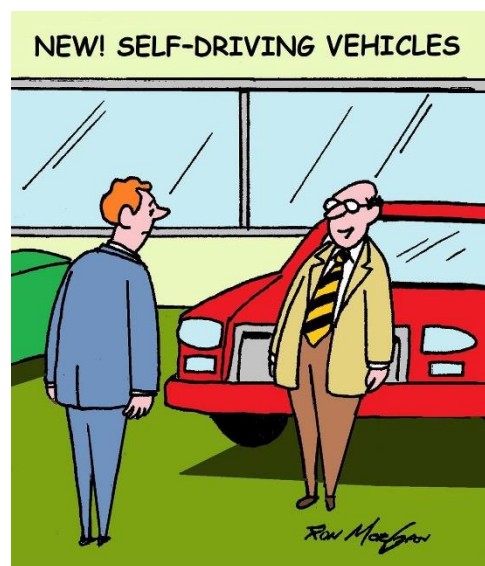
Chairmans Rant

We have noticed that the numbers of members joining our events such as shows and runs is well short of the number of club members. Also, as we do not have a speaker finder, organising club meetings is a bit tricky. Attached to this magazine is a form asking all our members to suggest activities which they would like to attend. Please add your ideas to this and return it to Bob, Colin or Joan.

At the working group meeting held to discuss our venue change, Colin suggested that we should endeavour to increase our membership as part of the plan to ensure the club remains viable for the future. He suggested that we modify the club name to include vehicles other than cars, e.g. "Wetherby Classic Vehicle Club". This would encourage people with interests in motor bikes [we do have a new motor cycling member Paul Brown], and possibly commercial vehicles etc. Potentially this will be a proposition at the AGM. We also discussed publicity for the club, we will find out how much use is made of the existing web site, and endeavour to promote it in search engines.

It was also suggested that we might take advantage of social media, but none of the working group members have much experience of Facebook, Twitter etc. If any member who is familiar with social media would like to help, please contact Bob or Colin. I did put a note on the Wetherby Grapevine page on Facebook with details of our move to Grange Park, and 2 potential new members came forward but neither has actually signed up yet.

Values of classic cars are spiralling. About 4 or 5 years ago we seriously considered buying a Rover P5B. A good one then cost about £10000. Now we would have to pay about £20000. Even so, interest in classic cars is increasing. The doom mongers who predicted that E10 petrol would kill classics were about as far from actual results as those who forecast that unleaded petrol would finish off our cars. [Probably the same people].



"And, if you fall behind on payments, it drives itself back to the dealership."

Event planning ideas

Please help us to organise the types of event that you would like to join in. At the September meeting Mike Davis suggested showing videos which we have included for the January meeting, David and Anthea suggested a star gazing event [Celestial not celebrity] and they are actively trying to organise this. Please think “Out of the box” and let us have some creative suggestions.

Name _____

1. What topics would you like to hear during meeting presentations?
2. Any ideas for non-presenter activities at regular club meetings?
3. Are there any ‘new’ areas you would like runs to visit?
4. Are there any locations you would like to visit? In the past we have been to Drax power station and RAF Fylingdales for example.
5. Have you any other suggestions for any type of activity?

Wetherby Classic Car Club
Christmas Dinner 2022
 In the *Walshford Room at the Bridge Inn, Tuesday 13th December 2022*
 7.30 p.m for 8.00 p.m.

Please make your choice for each course & tick in the boxes, inc. tea/coffee 1 form per person

YOUR NAME PLEASE _____ **£22.00** per person

| STARTERS | |
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| Slow cooked Yorkshire Game Terrine, spiced brandy apple compote & rustic bread | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Dovetail of melon with raspberry sorbet & frosted winter berries (V) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cream of winter vegetable soup, fine herbs & toasted brioche croutons (V) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| MAINS | |
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| As with previous years you may choose on the night but please tick your preferred choice in order to give some indication of quantities required | |
| Traditional roast turkey, home-made sage, onion & cranberry stuffing, pigs in blankets | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Yorkshire sourced roast beef, garlic & herb crust, Yorkshire pudding & red wine jus | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Stuffed bell peppers with wild mushroom and leek risotto, Welsh glaze (V) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Poached Medley of Seafood, with Chardonnay and cream sauce | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| DESSERTS | |
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| Traditional Christmas Pudding with brandy sauce | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Warm Chocolate Brownie, glaze of white chocolate sauce & vanilla ice cream | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Raspberry ripple cheesecake served with chocolate dipped shortbread | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Chef's selected English cheese platter, festive chutney, grapes & biscuits | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| Tea | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Coffee | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mince Pies | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Would you please let me have your completed menu back as soon as possible.
 Please also let me know of any special dietary requirements
Payment with order cheques made payable to:- Wetherby Classic Car Club. Remember No choices, No cash, No come!!
 Cheers Margaret 07904043245 e-mail: mc25wby2@yahoo.co.uk/ 10 Esk Gardens, Wetherby LS22 7UR

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