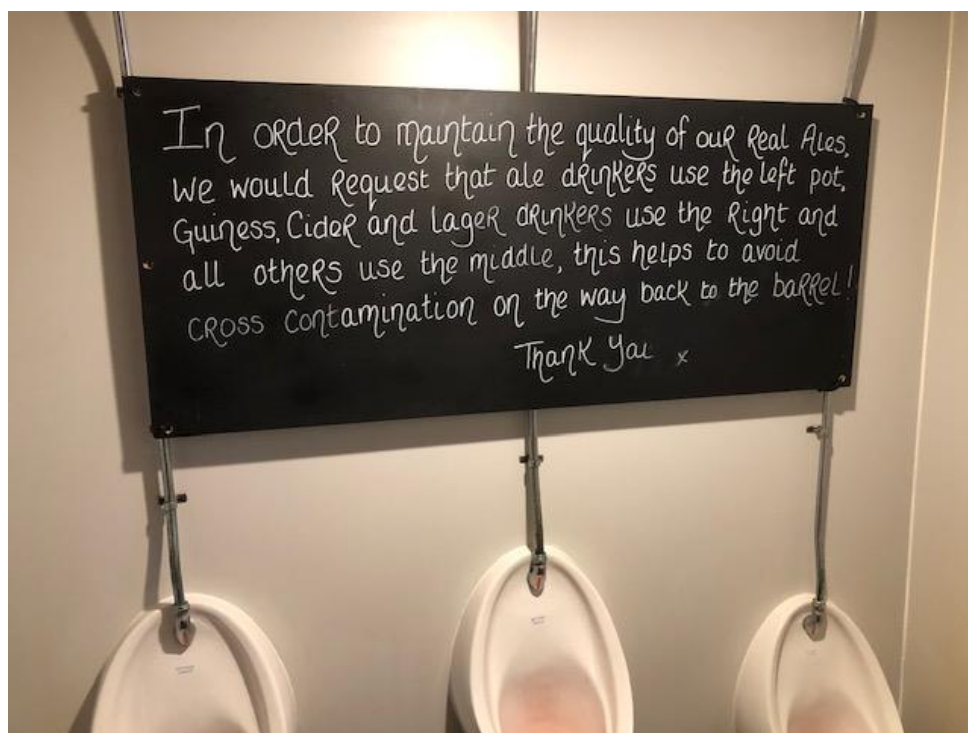




WETHERBY CLASSIC CAR CLUB

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

January 2023 to March 2023



The Bridge Inn at Pateley Bridge

Regular monthly meetings are held at the Bridge Hotel, Walshford, Wetherby, LS22 5HS on second Tuesday each month at 8.00 pm.

Wetherby Classic Car Club 2023 programme.

Tuesday 10th January - Club night with a presentation by our own Mervyn on the Benson and Hedges classic car show of 1992.

Sunday 15th January - A changed date for the Peter Woodhall memorial run to enable more members to attend. Starting at the Wike golf club and following a route to the Bridge Hotel for a carvery lunch. Let Joan know if you are coming along.

Sunday 12th February Valentines Day Run to a pub for lunch. Organised by David and Anthea.

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

Sunday 26th March - March Hare run. Full details later. Organised by Bill and Margaret

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. A run to Lastingham on the North York Moors for lunch. Organised by David and Caroline.

Tuesday 9th May - Club meeting with a video of the Shetland Classic Car Show and possibly a ‘Guess where’ video.

Thursday 11th May - **May Madness Run.** A run to the Dales for fish and chips. Organised by Bob and June. Please let Bob and June know if you are coming at, or before, the April meeting.

Sunday June 11th - Yorkshire Rovers Club show at Oakwell Hall, Batley

Tuesday 13th June - Concours night at the Bridge Hotel. Put our cars on display and invite other local clubs to join us. Arrive from 6.30 to put your classic on show.

Tuesday 20th June – Golden Oldies run, From the Bridge and finishing at YHVG meet at Squires Café, Sherburn in Elmet for 5.30pm. ORGANISER NEEDED

Sunday July 9th - COWS Charity classic car show, Utley Rugby Club, Keighley

Tuesday 11th July - Evening drive from and to the Bridge Hotel. ORGANISER NEEDED

Sunday 16th July - Newby Hall classic car show. One of the biggest shows in our area. Only cars registered before 31st December 1979 can be displayed. Possible club stand for WCCC.

Sunday 23rd July - Ripon Old Cars Classic Car Show at Ripon Racecourse. WCCC Club stand as usual.

Sunday 30th July July Jaunt - Run to a pub lunch from the Bridge Hotel. ORGANISER NEEDED

Sunday 6th August - Tockwith show. Our local classic car display amongst the horses, cattle etc..

Thursday 17th August - Summer frolics run to a picnic. Organised by David and Anthea.

Sunday 20th August - Burley in Wharfedale Village Show, a lovely day out for the whole family.
Date tbc

Sunday 10th September - Otley Extravaganza, our usual club stand. Date tbc

Tuesday 12th September - Club meeting with a speaker

Sunday 17th September - Knavesmire show on York racecourse, club stand at one of the biggest shows in our area. Date tbc

Tuesday 19th September - Run to the Bradford Industrial Museum, with lunch at a pub nearby.
ORGANISER NEEDED

Past events

Tuesday 11th October - At our club meeting Joan led the annual beetle drive, won by Mervyn. This is a very competitive event, with die throwing techniques very important.

Monday 17th October to Thursday 20th October - 18 members took our annual break to the Cottage Inn, Dunstan, Northumberland. As always, the banter was good, the food enjoyable, and Northumberland as beautiful as ever. Some of us took the train ride from Ford to Etal. Just a short ride, but a nice steam locomotive to pull it. Several of us discovered the tragic story of the disaster in Eyemouth, when 189 fishermen died in a hurricane in 1881. The monument to the event is extraordinary. The rooms are already booked for 2023



Sunday 30th October - David and Anthea organised a delightful Halloween Outing run from Wetherby Grange to the Joiners Arms at Hampsthwaite. The weather was on our side, the run was very enjoyable, with some new roads for some of the 29 members, mostly in their Euroboxes. The carvery at the Joiners was very busy indeed, so the meat and the vegetables were freshly cooked and all agreed it was a first class carvery.



Tuesday 8th November - Club meeting with a presentation on 'Treescapes after the Ice Age' by Alan Hunton. How many of us knew how plants and trees move to fresh pastures? Alan was a very impassioned supporter of environmental care

Sunday 20th November - Last Gasp outing from Wetherby Grange Park to a the Bridge Inn near Pateley Bridge. The weather forecast was not at all encouraging, but Bill and Margaret managed to arrange a nice sunny run, the rain did not come until we were on our way home. Again, several members discovered new roads in our local area. The meal was served from the kitchen with nicely carved meat and freshly cooked vegetables, so that is now 2 locations for lunch worthy of a second visit.



Tuesday 13th December - WCCC Christmas dinner at the Bridge Hotel. The Christmas dinner in the Byron Room at the Bridge Hotel was a very successful event. The table decorations were very attractive, the gifts and raffle prizes were displayed nicely. The organisation, with allocated tables, each persons menu preferences on the tables ready, very well done. Many, Many thanks to Margaret and her helpers. The Bridge had laid on a carvery in the room for us, with fresh roast turkey. Roast beef and seafood medley, all of which were very tasty and tender. The Byron room accommodated the numbers comfortably, although we will need smaller tables when we move there for our meetings, to allow members to enjoy the screen for presentations, and to allow easy access around the room,



Chairmans Rant

This will be the last rant of 2023, and what a year it has been for WCCC. Recovery from lockdowns. was steady, and numbers for runs are now back up to pre Covid levels. Meeting attendance is still a bit below pre-Covid levels, but we have had some good speakers and look forward to more members enjoying all our events in 2023. We shall try to organise a run each month as in 2023.

When I bought the Volvo, I said that I would change the wheels as it was fitted with 18” wheels and low profile tyres. I should have done it straight away. In the 15 months we ran it on the low profile tyres we had six punctures including 2 damaged rims. Many thanks to the two Davids who stopped to help when we had our latest incident in Northumberland. The 18” wheels are now history, and we cannot believe how much more quiet and comfortable the car is on 16” wheels. We also have 12% better mpg.

Meeting venue

The major event for WCCC in 2022, of course, was the need to move our meeting venue. The Grange Rugby and Sports club did appear to meet most of our requirements, but unfortunately the noise from the main bar seriously interrupted our speakers. Following a unanimous vote in a poll of members views, the Working group made the decision to return to the Bridge Hotel. Many thanks to Joan and Gillian who worked very hard to negotiate a room at the Bridge for the same cost as the Grange.

Thieves and Vagabonds

Joan’s computer system was hacked, and WCCC Members received an email, apparently from Joan, asking for financial help. Your editor’s system was hacked whilst travelling by air to Turkey earlier this year. Please remember that banks, retailers, credit card companies or the police will **NEVER** ask you to enter personal data, passwords or click on links to “Safe” accounts. Be wary of telephone

calls which seem to be from your bank or the police asking you to give personal information or transfer money to a “safe” account, the thieves do not confine themselves to computer literate victims.

Classic Car Clubs Quiz nights

Tony and Roland, the quiz comedy team, entertain us at the monthly quiz nights. The questions are interesting, the corrected answers sometimes even more interesting. Drinks are very well priced, and there is sometimes a pie and peas supper towards the end of the evening. All in all an enjoyable evening out, with the added bonus of filling the car with fuel 6p a litre cheaper than Wetherby. In October WCCC managed second place, but in November only 5th, so some recovery work is needed to pull us up the table. The next dates are :-

Monday 30th January

Monday 27th February

Monday 27th March

Did we choose the wrong modern classics?

Here are the sales figures for a few machines sold recently in Munich.

BMW 507 Roadster Series II

Sold for €1,917,500 (£1,657,000)



The BMW 507 was one of the most beautiful cars to prove a commercial flop, but this hasn't stopped it from becoming one of the most valuable and sought-after cars of the 1950s. In 2018, a Series I Roadster with hardtop formerly owned by John Surtees sold for a record £3.8 million, while a Series II Roadster owned by the car's designer, Count Albrecht Graf von Goertz, sold for £2.4 million in the same year.

Everything is pointing to this 1958 example fetching a tidy sum in Munich. Just 252 were built between 1956 and 1959, with Elvis Presley one of its most famous fans. We can't help falling in love with this car.

BMW Z8

Sold for €410,000 (£354,000)

From a 3-series with *GoldenEye* decals to a car that appeared in *The World Is Not Enough*. The Z8 was greeted with a mixed reception when it arrived in 2000, but almost everyone will agree that it has aged beautifully. A wonderful homage to the 507 and a welcome tonic to BMW's current design language.

It's far from perfect, but playing with the 5.0-litre V8 from the E39 M5 will never be a chore. RM Sotheby's believes this example was used for motor shows and press demonstrations, although with just 111 kilometres on the clock, few journos got the opportunity to enjoy it.



BMW's from the Bavarian Legends Collection

- 1938 BMW 328 Roadster: sold for €511,250 (£442,000)
- 1997 BMW M3 Evolution: €286,250 (£247,000)

- **1936 BMW 319/1 Roadster: €201,250 (£174,000)**
- 1985 BMW 745i: €201,250 (£174,000)
- **1934 BMW 315/1 Roadster: €189,759 (£164,000)**
- 1989 BMW Z1: €155,250 (£134,000)
- **1972 BMW 2002 Cabriolet: €138,000 (£119,000)**
- 1972 BMW 3.0 CSi: €132,250 (£114,000)
- **1983 BMW 6 Series 'Show Car': €80,500 (£70,000)**
- 1959 BMW 502 3.2 Super: €62,250 (£54,000)
- **1959 BMW Isetta 250: €59,800 (£52,000)**
- 1959 BMW 502 3.2 Super: €40,250 (£35,000)
- **1976 BMW 528: €32,200 (£28,000)**





WCCC Themed Supper



Masquerade

February 14th 2023 at Bridge Hotel, Walshford
7:30 for 8:00

After two years of wearing masks for health transport yourself to Italy for a night and wear a mask Venetian style.

An eye mask or decorate glasses or sunglasses or wear a full face mask if you wish.

A supper of pizza, chips and green salad followed by lime jelly and icecream will be served at 8:00pm

If you would like to partake of the supper it is £10.50 pp to be paid to me no later than the January club night.

Cash or cheque payable to Wetherby Classic Car Club.

Gillian

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