



# WETHERBY CLASSIC CAR CLUB

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

**April 2023 to June 2023**



**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 11<sup>th</sup> April** - AGM and quiz night.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** - Drive It Day Run. Lunch at the Blacksmiths Arms, Lastingham on the North York Moors for lunch. Members to make their own way, and arrive at pub for 1.00 pm. Lunch orders to Joan. Drive it day Plates to affix to your car can be bought from FBHVC for £10, all profits to NSPCC.

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May** - Club meeting with a video of the Shetland Classic Car Show and possibly a 'Guess where' video.

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May - May Madness Run.** A run to Masham for fish and chips. Depart from the Bridge Hotel car park at 11.00am. There will be a nice route to Masham, fish and chips in the market square [pray for good weather]. The journey home can be either over the tops to Pately Bridge and then home, or the direct route via Ripon. Organised by Bob and June. Please let Bob and June know if you are coming at, or before, the April meeting.

**Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup>** - Yorkshire Rovers Club show at Oakwell Hall, Batley

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June** - Concours night at the Bridge Hotel. Put our cars on display and invite other local clubs to join us. Arrive from 6.30pm to put your classic on show. Carvery dinner available from 7.00 pm.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – Golden Oldies run, From the Bridge and finishing at YHVG meet at Squires Café, Sherburn in Elmet for 5.30pm. Organised by Colin and Barbara.

**Sunday July 9<sup>th</sup>** - COWS Charity classic car show, Utley Rugby Club, Keighley

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July** - Evening drive from and to the Bridge Hotel. ORGANISER NEEDED

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

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** - Ripon Old Cars Classic Car Show at Ripon Racecourse. WCCC Club stand as usual.

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July** July Jaunt - Run to a pub lunch from the Bridge Hotel. ORGANISER NEEDED

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August** - Tockwith show. No WCCC organisation, for details and entry see their Facebook page <https://en-gb.facebook.com/tockwithshow/>

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August** – Club meeting at the Bridge Hotel. Details tba

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August** - Summer frolics run to a picnic at Studley Royal car park. Organised by David and Anthea.

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August** - Burley in Wharfedale Village Show, a lovely day out for the whole family.

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September** - Otley Extravaganza, our usual club stand. A family event with 500+ vehicles, one of the best shows in our area.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September** - Club meeting with a speaker

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September** - Knavesmire show on York racecourse, club stand at one of the biggest shows in our area.

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

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October** - Club meeting with a speaker

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November** - Club meeting with a beetle drive

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas dinner at the Bridge Hotel

## Past events

**Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup>** - At our first club meeting of 2023, Mervyn showed a video of the Benson and Hedges classic car show series of 1992. Mervyn's little Austin did very well in the series, winning several rounds and the final. It was really nice to be reminded of how professional and nationally organized classic car used to be. Tobacco sponsorship, of course, became unacceptable and no other industry was inclined to take it up.

**Sunday January 15<sup>th</sup>** saw members meeting at Wike for the usual run to the Bridge Hotel for a carvery lunch. The route was well known and enjoyed in good weather. At the lunch, Gillian presented Joan with a bouquet to celebrate her involvement and contributions to the club.



**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February** Our Winter warming party, organized by Gillian, with a theme "Masquerade". The Bridge hotel provided us with a very acceptable selection of Italian style food, including an Italian flag coloured desert. Another very enjoyable evening and nice to see so many members turning out on a cold February evening.



**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February** David and Anthea once again arranged some good weather for a run to the Black Swan at Barwick in Elmet. A change of direction for the club's runs, so an interesting drive. The Weather held for us, and a social chat was enjoyed by members.



**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March** - Club meeting The chairman showed a variety of savoury rice dishes from around the world. At the end members were able to taste a Spanish rice dish, Paella. Some lucky members even got to take a portion home. One member suggested a series of food related presentations with a final taster.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March** - The March Hare run. Bill and Margaret arranged a spectacular route, showcasing the delights of scenery in our region. The lunch at the Bridge Inn, Pateley Bridge, was very good indeed, probably the best roast potatoes we have tried in years. Just outside Arkendale, some of us came upon a crashed Jaguar SUV, on it's side with occupants still inside. There was some smoke, and a danger of fire. Opening a heavy door against gravity is not easy, but the driver managed to push it up. It was the first time I have seen airbags deployed. The result was impressive, the 2 occupants were completely cocooned and suffered no injuries at all. The only concern was that the exit from the vehicle past the airbags was very tricky and slow, but fortunately no fire broke out. Three WCCC cars stayed until the scene was safe, then carried on our route.

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** - April Fools Run Your editor was not able to join the run due to Covid, but the weather was really good once more. 60 classic car enthusiasts enjoyed a pleasant run and a very good location for lunch, with the restaurant being mainly old railway carriages and set at the side of the railway. Unfortunately 10 members of WCCC, including ourselves, cancelled at short notice. Definitely a location to keep in mind for a WCCC run, with a nice quick journey home.

### **Chairmans Rant**

The European Union have relaxed their approach to banning the sale of new fossil fuel cars from 2035, to allowing the ongoing sale of 'Zero CO2 emitting' cars. Germany pushed for the change, Italy and others abstained from the vote. The UK is still committed to banning the sale of new fossil fuel cars from 2030. The US may decide the matter depending on which party controls the administration. The international motor industry sees the future of HGV's as Hydrogen fuel cell rather than electric. It is not clear whether so-called 'Hybrid' cars have a long-term future. It seems that we are destined to confusion for years to come. In any event, if I survive to 2030 or 2035, I may have lost ability to drive.

I thought that June and I had escaped the perils of Covid, but it finally caught up with us both on April Fools Day [some of our family actually thought it we were playing an April fools joke]. So as I write this on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, we are confined to the house once again, and not sure when we will be back in circulation. I apologise that we may not make the AGM. At least the vaccinations seem to be minimising the effects.

### **FBHVC**

The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs announced a carbon balancing scheme to the historic vehicle community last December.

Whilst recognising that the carbon footprint of the historic vehicle movement is already immeasurably small, with the entire community accounting for less than 0.25% of the total mileage on UK roads, the offer of carbon balancing has been incredibly well-supported by historic vehicle owners.

The Federation's scheme offers individuals, clubs and those organising events within the historic vehicle community a quick and convenient way to carbon balance their emissions thanks to the planting of new woodland here in the UK. Importantly, that woodland will also be planted using native species to best contribute to the local ecosystem. Planting in this way also brings with it a host of other benefits, including increased biodiversity, creation of recreational spaces and flood mitigation to name a few.

**So far since last December the historic vehicle community has successfully carbon balanced 553,564 miles.**

Should WCCC take any action to support this scheme? Action would basically be members giving money to support tree planting to balance the carbon emissions of our cars on runs and events.

## **8 Cars that dared to look different**

[with thanks to Hagerty]



**The Fiat Multipla**, in your editor's opinion one of the ugliest cars of all time. There was nothing else remotely like it, six seats in two rows of three certainly made it very different to anything else on the road. It was a popular hire car for family use in its day.

**The Rover P6**, It was goodbye to the upright P4 beloved of country solicitors and stuffy bank managers in 1963 and hello fresh. A compact executive sports saloon with racing car-like De Dion rear suspension, four-wheel disc brakes, sporty handling and supportive comfort designed for the new motorway world of all-day cruising at 70mph. Now a genuine classic.



away.

**The Alfa Romeo SZ**, in 1986, Fiat finally got its hands on its homegrown rival Alfa Romeo. The company needed to build a car to prove Alfa wouldn't become just another sub-brand. The early sketches and ideas for the 75-based SZ came from the wildly unpredictable pen of Fiat design head Robert Opron – who, as instigator of the Citroën SM and Renault Fuego, knew all about boldness. Very rarely seen these days, mostly rotted

**The Citroen AMI**, Flaminio Bertoni was an artistic genius. He was Italy but found his calling in the Bohemian Paris of the 1930s, Citroën took him on, and he proceeded to designed both the Traction Avant and the Citroen DS. Then he used the 2CV platform create the Ami, which has not become the same revered classic as 2CV. One of our neighbours used one as a greenhouse.



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**The Ferrari Testarossa**, Leonardo Fioravanti's Testarossa design for Pininfarina is the perfect period piece, well suited to the show Miami Vice in whose later episodes it starred. And just in case this shatters your illusion that the Testarossa was the widest car ever, you could get a Gemballa-modified one pulled out to 210cm – very near the all-time record

**The Lotus Europa**, Colin Chapman and his disciples just seemed to pull this one out of the hat from nowhere in 1966. How they found the time and the finance to build the Europa defies belief after Lotus had launched the Elan, the Lotus-Cortina, moved factories and made a stunning assault on Formula 1 in quick succession. The Europa could out-perform many 'Supercars'.



**The ISO Isetta**, There wasn't much in the way of Health & Safety legislation to be considered by the two Italian engineers who came up with the Isetta. The minute three-wheeler with a moped engine powering its single rear wheel caused an absolute sensation in 1953, and building it under licence saved BMW to let it become the company it is today.

**The Bond Bug**, The man who designed the [Bond Bug](#), Tom Karen OBE, got the chance of a lifetime to do something different as a design consultant thanks to the bravery of his main client Reliant. way to tempt hard-up students into the three-wheeler world, his included all the then-current tropes and motifs of the early 1970s, a psychedelic bright orange colour as standard on the brutal wedge shape, a lift-up canopy instead of doors to suggest the space age. It was fun and thrifty, for sure, today it has a small but dedicated fan base.



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**Classic Car Clubs Quiz nights**

***Inter Classic Car Club Quiz  
March 28th 2023  
Held at Horbury WMC Cluntergate Horbury  
Grand Final***



***Hello Everyone***

Here is the last report of the Inter Classic Car Club Quiz 22/23 season .  
Tony welcomed all to a very warm atmosphere, members already all agog to hear this years winners of the Car Club Quiz, tonights final and actual trophy winners ..

Starting at the usual prompt start of ten past eight with announcements, including a reaffirming that Tony, Billy & myself would be retiring after tonights grand final.... However Caroline from the Triumph Staggs would be willing to conduct the first quiz in October with Tony and I and perhaps Billy on the running boards ....available to assist if required ??...We all look forward to that .....

**Here are the result of tonights March quiz :-**

In Joint 5th place .....Morris Minors .....24points : Also   Doncaster Traditional CC.....24 points In 4th place ... City of Leeds MG CC.....25 points In 3rd place .....Wetherby CC.....28points In 2nd place..... Triumph Staggs CC.....29points <b>In Joint First place .....YTCC.....         31points</b> <b>With Citroen 2CV Conglomerate .....</b>	
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Tony delivering the general knowledge questions in the usual slick manner to the seven clubs attending ..It was noted Leeds M G club were fielding some substitutes on this occasion, due to a large number of team members attending an away event ... all these strange people were made welcome....

At half time, whilst papers were being marked Staggs kindly did the raffle. On announcing first half results it was found a number of clubs were excitedly in contention for first place, even more agog !! This months Surprise invited question master was none other than Mrs Joan Woodhall known to thousands, the late Peter Woodhall's wife, he who brilliantly started our quiz night . Joan delivering the questions in a perfect BBC voice .....A big Thank You to Joan .

This months speciality section was on a Royalty theme noting a Coronation was taking place this year, and themed on Royal transport and finding out who Fanny Nesbit was? And on who is in line to the throne etc... All this done .... pie & peas had come and were served ...papers collected marked and totalled .

***Here are the results & winner of this years Inter Club Quiz :-***

IN 6th place .....Citroen .2CV Conglomerate .....121points IN 5th place .....Morris Minors .....129 points IN 4thplace .....YTCC.....131points IN Joint 2nd place Doncaster Traditional CC .....134points IN Joint 2nd place ..... WetherbyCC.....134 points	
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With that Joan Woodhall gave a much appreciated vote of thanks and for us carrying on the Quiz after Peter .

**Many many congratulations** to the **Triumph Staggs** great worthy winners with high marks throughout the season ....Tony, Roland & Billy wish to thank all the clubs taking part, our grateful thanks for all your support over the last 10 years ....also our many thanks for the financial appreciation shown by all club members ....**Thank You** **Tony, Roland & Billy**