



WETHERBY CLASSIC CAR CLUB

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October 2023 to December 2023



Ripon Classic Car Show

**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 October - Club meeting with a “Name that Church” competition. Identify churches in the Wetherby area.

Monday 30th October - Quiz night at Horbury Social Club

Sunday 29th October - Halloween lunch run organised by David and Anthea. Choose your meal at the October meeting.

Tuesday 14th November - Club meeting with a beetle drive

Monday 27th November - Quiz night at Horbury Social Club

Tuesday 12th December - Christmas dinner at the Bridge Hotel

Tuesday 9th January - Club meeting with a speaker

Tuesday 13th February - Our annual “Beat the winter blues” party at the Bridge Hotel

Past events

Tuesday 11th July - Evening drive from and to the Bridge Hotel. Organised by David and Caroline. We all enjoyed an enjoyable run around our local country lanes.

Sunday 16th July - Newby Hall classic car show. One of the biggest shows in our area. Only cars registered before 31st December 1979 could be displayed. Limited visits by WCCC members.

Sunday 23rd July - July Jaunt –Many thanks to Linda and Phil Bennet for organising our July run. We met at the Willow House Farm Shop and Café The weather meant that many of the holidaymakers from the caravan site were enjoying breakfast, so a quick decision was made to avoid the queue and get on the road. An enjoyable run led us to a stop at Scampston Farm House Bakery. What a nice new place for most of us. The owner of the business is a Chocolatier and baker. We have driven past this lovely shop just off the A64 many times, but never again. It was too close to lunch time to enjoy the goodies on offer, so we bought some to take home. The steak pie was dinner next day and thoroughly enjoyed. Scampston Hall is a regular location for Classic Car Shows.



The lunch stop was at Beadlam Grange where the antics of the staff amused us for a while.



Sunday 30th July Ripon Old Cars Classic Car Show at Ripon Racecourse. The WCCC stand was in its usual spot. The weather was a bit iffy, quite cold at times, driving some members to sit in their cars. The Girl Guides bacon butties were well enjoyed, it seems that bacon butties are the mainstay of classic car shows.



Tuesday 8th August – Club meeting at the Bridge Hotel. Gillian led the meeting in the absence of the chairman, and gave a very well received presentation on the history of transport. New member John Ungar received his trophy as the chairman’s choice of car to drive home from the Concours night for his Bond Equipe convertible.

Thursday 17th August - Picnic run to Studley Royal. Report by David and Anthea.

Our A35 played up on the morning of the picnic so we returned home and swapped cars. 8 cars then left the Bridge for a drive through the villages and country roads before arriving at Studley Royal Deer Park. The weather was kind and everyone enjoyed the picnic. We even had people coming to look at our cars. The car park area had a clear space for the WCCC cars, with an ice cream van nearby. Several members walked around the lake within the Studley Royal gardens.



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



8 cars represented WCCC. Most members enjoyed a bacon butty from the cricket pavilion as soon as the cars were displayed. Dave Perrins of the Yorkshire Rover Club commented that the festival itself seemed smaller than previous years with fewer stalls especially in the



food court area.

Sunday 10th September -

Otley Extravaganza, our usual club stand. A family event with 500+ vehicles, one of the best shows in our area. 10 cars from WCCC filled our club stand. Bacon butties started the day of course. This year the show was in a different field, with a changed layout making it more user friendly for the paying public. The arena displays were enjoyed, particularly the terrier races. The display of classic cars was very varied, With some nice examples and, I think, some cars new to our show ‘circuit’. The auto jumble was mainly filled with antiques and charity stalls, better for the

public probably. The notable ‘missing’ stall was the Pork Pie butcher. Very disappointing for us pork pie fans. The weather was a bit strange, it was very warm, sunny most of the time but occasionally a few spots of rain. At about 4.00 pm the rain started and the site was vacated quite quickly.



Tuesday 12th September - Club night at the Bridge Hotel.

A presentation by the White Knights Blood Bikers was enthusiastically received by the members. 50 or so volunteer motorcyclists in Yorkshire carry vital samples and supplies from hospitals and laboratories through the night. A collection added £150.50 to the £50 donation from club funds to help the finances of the charity who have a fuel bill of £3000 per month, and several donated BMW motorbikes which require new tyres every couple of months.

Reports on later September activities in the January magazine,

Chairmans Rant

So now the London ULEZ covers all London Boroughs. Wales is restricted to 20 mph over most of the principality. I am a bit puzzled as the reasoning behind these projects. According to the Mayor of London's own research report, it will make a very minimal reduction to pollution levels. "Historic" cars are exempt. My Volvo, with which I struggle to get 30 mpg around Wetherby is "Compliant" even though it would only achieve 15 or so mpg in an inner city environment, and there must be many other such polluting examples. The new limit in Ealse is claimed will save the NHS several million pounds per annum, as well as saving lives, but this claim is disputed by the experts. There will be no gain in pollution reduction.

So are these changes really an honest attempt to save the planet, or is it just one more way of squeezing tax and fine revenue from motorists? And how long before every city, or even town, join the party?

Hagerty have just published some research on the "added value" of celebrity ownership to the actual sale price of classic cars. The vast majority of the cars which have sold for well above their expected price are cars with a show business connection. The 'Bullit' Mustang sold for 16000% of the value of a non-celebrity car. Freddy Mercury added 3700% to the value of his cars. Apart from Princess Diana's 1700% uplift, all the top ten were film or music stars. I am puzzled as to why this happens, after all the car is what it is, the film star may have driven it umpteen years ago, and that is all.

I discovered that I have been editing the club magazine for almost 10 years. Looking at the earlier issues, it appears that they were better than current versions. It seems that I have got into a rut and become a bit stale. I propose, therefore, to relinquish the role of magazine editor at the AGM in April, to enable someone else to bring in fresh ideas. Please think about taking on this enjoyable task which is not overly time consuming.

Kath

Kath's funeral was held on Thursday, 10th August at Wakefield Crematorium, with mourners invited to join the family at the Holmfield Hotel afterwards. Several WCCC Members were able to attend, and the funeral was as nice as a funeral can be. Kath was a regular member of WCCC and supported our efforts at the winter quiz nights.

Tony and Simon were very pleased to receive cards and condolences from members of Wetherby Classic Car Club following their sad loss.

FBHVC British Motor Museum, Gaydon, opens new exhibition exploring the future of the car

The British Motor Museum has opened another exciting and thought-provoking exhibition entitled "Transitions: The Impact of Innovation", which will run until summer 2024.

The exhibition, explores the technologies that are bringing cars into the future and considers their effects. The car has shaped our world for the better, but also for the worse. As the motor industry strives to find cleaner, safer, and more efficient ways to get us around, the exhibition looks at what its developments mean for our cars.

In the past, the Museum has inspired curiosity about the future of the car, and this exhibition will revisit concepts explored in the 2019 exhibition 'The Car. The Future. Me'.

However, this brand-new exhibition brings a fresh perspective, delving into the practical thoughts and ideas surrounding these new technologies.

The exhibition uses a combination of cars and interactive stations to illustrate areas of future development, such as how cars will be powered, their impact, the materials they use and alternative methods of control. A range of vehicles are on display, including a 1922 Ford Model T, a hydrogen-powered Riversimple Rasa, a sectioned Nissan Leaf electric car, and a 2016 Range Rover Sport autonomous test vehicle. Each car was selected to illustrate a point in the development of the car to date, from the first mass-produced car to a working car powered by hydrogen fuel cells.

These vehicles are displayed alongside a varied range of interactive elements which allow comparisons between different technologies. For example, visitors can compare the energy density of different fuels or test an autonomous car simulator, to see how much they would trust an autonomous car in the real world.

There is a display case at the beginning of the exhibition, containing motoring-related objects that have become obsolete, a sobering reminder of how fast technology is moving. Another display plays host to a collection of alternative materials for car interiors, including options you will never have thought of - fruit peel leather seats, anyone? After exploring the exhibition, visitors will use their newfound knowledge to form their ideal car of the future, based on the four key elements: Energy, Control, Impact and Materials.

Stephen Laing, Head of Collections at the British Motor Museum, added: "We're delighted to open this fascinating new exhibition. We are in a period of radical change and can see how quickly cars are shifting. Fobs, keypads, push buttons, and smartphones have been steadily replacing the familiar key turn. Electric motors are slowly supplanting internal combustion engines, while drivers are being supplemented with autonomous controls. Transitions looks at what the car will become in the future and how the industry will take us there".

Access to the exhibition is included with standard Museum admission tickets. The Museum has held its visitor prices for 2023 for even greater value.



Yorkshire road signs



Beware Yorkshire weather ahead



Butty shop



'Ow bloody much?



Flat cap shop



Snicket



Danger ferrets



Dun't get done



Easy pal



Fair t' middlin



What's tha dun ya daft apeth?



Whippits on t' road



T' seaside & slots



Dunt fall off ya wazzock



'Old tha 'orses, tha can't drive down ere



Changeable weather ahead



Chuffin' sheep on' road



Chip 'oyl



Danger now leaving Yorkshire



Back we'er tha' belongs



Loose chippings to knacker up the car



Southern drivers be careful of 'ills



Yorkshire tarts



Reight view



Bogs



Big shop



Morris dancers in't road



Way t' sunshine



T' Whitby



Up North



Proper Yorkshire 'ills ahead

If you found this amusing, go to Youtube on t'internet and search for Yorkshire Airline