

WETHERBY CLASSIC CAR CLUB

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April 2024 to June 2024



Joan's Lifetime Award at the February Winter Blues party

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 2024 programme

Tuesday 9th April - Club AGM

Sunday 21st April - Drive It Day Run. A run to Lastingham on the North York Moors for lunch. Organised by David and Caroline. Fully booked for all available pub tables.

Tuesday 14th May - Club meeting with a speaker

Thursday 23rd May - May Madness Run. A run to an RAF war cemetery followed by lunch nearby. Organised by Tony and Simon.

Sunday 9th June - Yorkshire Rover Club's show at Oakwell Hall, Birstall

Tuesday 11th June - Concours night at the Bridge Hotel

Tuesday 18th 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

Tuesday 9th July - Evening drive from and to the Bridge Hotel. Organised by Pam and Gerald.

Saturday 20th July - Leeds MG and CCC show at Grange Park, Wetherby. WCCC stand organised. Please let David and Anthea know if you are going, and complete an individual entry form to send to Leeds MG & CCC

Sunday 21st July - Newby Hall classic car show. One of the biggest shows in our area. Only cars registered before 31st December 1979 can be displayed. No club stand available, possibly meet up and drive in convoy to get spaces together.

Sunday July 28th - Ripon Old Cars Classic Car Show at Ripon racecourse. WCCC Stand.

Sunday 4th August - Harrogate MG Classic Car club show at Pateley Bridge - No WCCC stand but as Tockwith is cancelled this may be an alternative for a day out.

Tuesday 13th August - Club meeting with a speaker

Thursday 15th August - Summer frolics run to a picnic. Organised by David and Anthea.

Sunday 18th August - Burley show. WCCC Stand

Sunday 15th September - Knavesmire show. Usual WCCC Stand

Sunday 22nd September - Run to a fish and chip shop organised by Bob and June.

Past events

Sunday 14th January - Peter Woodhall memorial run. A lively group of 16 members met at the Wike golf club for coffee, and proceeded, some direct, most via the usual route, to the Bridge Hotel where we enjoyed a nice carvery lunch, which included braised salmon trout alongside the roast meats. The weather was about as expected for January, but the Yorkshire countryside was as enjoyable as ever.

Tuesday 16th January - Club meeting with a presentation by Jeff Britton on Wing Commander W J (Sticks) Gregory, one of the most decorated RAF personnel of WW2. There was complete quiet in the room during Jeff's presentation, and afterwards he played original audio recordings of WWII pilots talking about their experiences, quite a moving experience for us.

Monday 29th January - Quiz night at Netherton Sports and Social Club, See below.

Sunday 18th February - Valentines run. A drive from the Bridge Hotel to the Golden Lion, Northallerton. A nice drive to an excellent carvery lunch. Organised by David and Anthea

Tuesday 13th February - Our annual "Beat the winter blues" party at the Bridge Hotel. See report below.

Monday 26th February - Quiz night at, Netherton Sports and Social Club, WCCC came joint third.

Tuesday 12th March - Tony Lucas led a quiz night for us, some interesting cars to identify and a test of our geographic knowledge.

Tuesday 18th March - Northumberland trip. 12 members enjoyed another short break at the Cottage Inn, Dunstan. The weather was good for the drives to and from Dunstan, but turned against us with wind and rain for the two full days we had to explore the area. Northumberland is still as attractive as ever, the beaches among the best in the world.

Monday 25th March - Quiz night at, Netherton Sports and Social Club, Netherton Lane, WF4 4HQ. Thanks to David's encyclopaedical knowledge of classic car interiors, WCCC came first on the night. That means we have to run the raffle next month, last of the season. Come along for a good evening out.

Sunday 24th March - Another fine eating place you got us into. Colin



Another line eating place you got us into. Conn and Barbara organised the March Hare Run to the Ash Tree pub in Barkston Ash for lunch. The route took us east and then south from our starting point at the Bridge Hotel. For some of us these were new roads, even though they were not a great distance from our 'home'. The weather was very



good, the route interesting and well described. The lunch was enjoyed by all.

Chairmans Rant

Sad to hear that the Tockwith Show and Otley Extravaganza have both been cancelled due to a lack of volunteers to man the various activities. Otley in particular is a big miss, it was one of the most enjoyable shows in our area.

I have an inbuilt reaction to a pint of beer costing over $\pounds 5$. I remember exactly the first time, in London, half a pint was $\pounds 2.75$ and that was many years ago. There has been a lot of criticism of the

drink prices at the Bridge Hotel, and certainly £11 for our usual one pint and one large glass of wine hurts a bit. I thought I would sacrifice some of my time and mental health, not to mention the contents of my wallet, by doing a survey of beer prices locally. The Bridge is among the higher priced locales, along with some of our lunch stops such as the Scotts Arms, Sicklinghall, the Station Hotel, Birstwith and the Ash Tree, Barkston Ash. The only places with substantially lower prices that I found locally were social clubs and Sam Smith pubs. The Cottage Inn at Dunstan was, however, at the same price level as our local social clubs. My conclusion is that the Bridge prices are in line with other pubs which we use for lunch stops, and the facilities they give us for our regular meetings are better than anything we found when we tried to move base a couple of years ago.

Winter Blues Party



This year Gillian chose 'Old School Tie' as the theme. Members responded magnificently with a variety of fancy dress. The school dinner of cottage pie and rice pudding went down well. Headmistress Gillain awarded best dressed pupil to Gerald, and school meals lady to Libby. Joan received a "Lifetime Achievement Award" in recognition of her long service to the club.

Future of the WCCC Magazine

I think that everybody knows that I will relinquish to editor's role for the club magazine at the AGM in April. Writing and composing the magazine can be an interesting activity, it gives early information on the club programme, speakers, runs etc. Please think about taking on the task, which does not consume too much time [about 2 - 3 hours once a quarter plus a few minutes after each club event]. Also at the AGM we will need a new speaker finder. After a few years at the helm Caroline and David will pass the mantle on.

Quiz practice – answers on next page

- 1. What car did the successful sushi chef buy?
- 2. What kind of car does a cowboy drive?
- 3. Where do crabs catch trains?
- 4. Did you hear about the car that was made out of sausages?
- 5. What kind of car does a sheep like to drive?
- 6. What has four wheels and flies?
- 7. What car does a snake drive?
- 8. What do you call a Spanish man who has lost his car?
- 9. What happened to the frog who parked on the double yellow lines?
- 10. What kind of motorbike does Santa ride?

Interesting thoughts by an American, where they seem to have the same loss of banking problem as UK. As of January next, not a single national bank will be located in Wetherby

I had spent an hour in the bank with my dad, as he had to transfer some money. I couldn't resist myself & asked...

"Dad, why don't we activate your internet banking?"

"Why would I do that?" He asked ...

"Well, then you won't have to spend an hour here for things like transfer.

You can even do your shopping online. Everything will be so easy!"

I was so excited about initiating him into the world of Net banking.

He asked "If I do that, I won't have to step out of the house?

"Yes, yes"! I said. I told him how even grocery can be delivered at door now and how amazon delivers everything!

His answer left me tongue-tied.

He said "Since I entered this bank today, I have met four of my friends, I have chatted a while with the staff who know me very well by now.

You know I am alone...this is the company that I need. I like to get ready and come to the bank. I have enough time, it is the physical touch that I crave.

Two years back I got sick, The store owner from whom I buy fruits, came to see me and sat by my bedside and cried.

When your Mom fell down few days back while on her morning walk. Our local grocer saw her and immediately got his car to rush her home as he knows where I live.

Would I have that 'human' touch if everything became online?

Why would I want everything delivered to me and force me to interact with just my computer? I like to know the person that I'm dealing with and not just the 'seller'. It creates bonds of Relationships.

Does Amazon deliver all this as well?"

Technology isn't life ...

Spend time with people . Not with devices.

Credit: Unknown author

Quiz answers

- 1. A Rolls Rice
- 2. Audi
- 3. Kings Crustacean
- 4. It was a banger
- 5. A Lamborghini
- 6. A bin lorry
- 7. An Ana-Honda
- 8. Carloss
- 9. It's car got toad
- 10. A Holly davidson

INTER CLASSIC CAR CLUB QUIZ REPORT JANUARY 2024 WHEN WCCC RAN THE QUIZ

