



WETHERBY CLASSIC CAR CLUB

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

October 2017 to December 2017



Our new sign on display for the first time at Burley

**Meetings are held at the Bridge Inn, Walshford, North Yorkshire LS22 5HS
Phone:01937 580115 On 2nd Tuesday each month 8.00pm, presentations at 8.30
Special price Carvery available from 7.00 pm for members and visitors**

FORTHCOMING EVENTS – NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

CLUB NIGHTS – 2nd Tuesday in the month – 8.00pm Bridge Inn Walshford LS22 5HS

Tuesday 10th October - Talk ‘Call my Bluff (Antiques style) Mr & Mrs Ken Walker

Tuesday 14th November - A Beetle Drive [Build your VW Beetle on paper] PLUS auction of Anthea’s Christmas cake!!!

Tuesday 12th December - Christmas dinner at the Bridge Hotel

Tuesday 9th January - Talk.’ Classic car interior refurbishment and repair ‘ Mr. Jason Payne.

Tuesday 13th February - Fancy dress party themed on rainbow

Tuesday 13th March. - ‘Flying fast jets’ Mr Richard Cole Sqn. Ldr. RAF (Retired).

Tuesday 10th April. - AGM

Tuesday 8th May. - ‘Magical Monaco- From the Royal Family to the Grand Prix’ Mr Graham Read.

Tuesday 12th June - Concours evening at the Bridge Hotel

Tuesday 10th July - Evening drive from and to the Bridge Hotel

OUR OTHER EVENTS

Final Event for 2017

October 22nd 2017 - Autumn run out starting at 11.00 for coffee at the Bridge Hotel with carvery lunch out in the country. Details at the October club night, please give David and Anthea your name if you intend to come along.

Provisional list of events for 2018 [dates in red are ‘Guestimates’]

Sunday 7th January - **The Peter Woodhall Memorial run.** Our new year’s club run dedicated to the memory of Peter

Sunday 18th February - **Valentines run.** Coffee at the Bridge 10.30 - 11.00 am, then a gentle run to a pub for lunch.

Sunday 1st April - **April fools Day run** - Organiser needed

April 17th - **3 night visit to Dunsley Hall** near Whitby [see below]

Sunday April 22nd **National “Drive it” day**

Sunday 29th July - Ripon Old Cars. We shall have our usual club stand.

Sunday 5th August - Tockwith Show – As last year we will have a stand. Fee £5?

Saturday / Sunday 4th & 5th August - Pateley Bridge MG Club Show - Join Harrogate MG with a club stand if we wish.

Sunday 9th September - Otley Extravaganza - Again our usual club stand, Fee £4 if you require a plaque, otherwise free.

Friday 14th September - Club Barbecue at the Collingham Sports Club. Bring your own meat for barbecuing, and enjoy the WCCC club salads, ‘carbs’ and desserts. Bar open for drinks. £2 per person, please pay Joan.

Sunday 17th September - Knavesmire Show - with our club stand again, fee £4

Past events



Sunday 30th July - Ripon Old Cars. - The weather was good for Ripon, and a substantial number of cars were on display. The ‘Stig’ was visiting the show and he came to sit in David and Anthea’s A35, and in Colin and Barbara’s 2CV. He was asked about his missing chums [Clarkson, Hammond and May] but was not forthcoming much to no-ones surprise. The A35 was also featured in a recent “Classic Cars Weekly” having been photographed at Newby Hall Show.

Sunday 6th August - Tockwith Show Wetherby Classic Car Club had our usual stand and altogether there were over 80 cars, so a good display.

It is one of the best shows as it has something for everyone and very well organised. The number of animals on display were down in numbers but the few that were there looked marvelous. I especially like the tents with the food and craft displays and it is great to see that the old traditions are still thriving. The farmers market is also worth spending your money local and excellent quality. The horse events were well attended as were the dog trials they do seem to enjoy it as much as the humans!

The weather kept fair rather windy but no rain. A great day out! Joan



Sunday 10th September - Otley Extravaganza It was a dismal day so our club members sat in their cars quite a lot. Even Mike and Libby [usually the last to leave a show] went home early. The arrival was muddy as you can see in the picture of Don’s arrival.

Friday 15th September – 24 members enjoyed fine weather and good food at Club Barbecue at the Collingham Sports Club. The buffet prepared by Joan,



Gillian and Caroline was impressive, and complemented the members own meats cooked [without burning any!!] by the club chef.



17th September - Knavesmire Show – A dozen or so of the club’s cars were on show, as was our new publicity flag. The weather was not too kind this time, heavy rain greeted the early arrivals and the ground was quite muddy underfoot. The number of cars on display overall was a little down on previous years, probably due to the weather forecast. Quality, however, was high and variety in plenty. A surprising classic on display was a recent Skoda Oktavia. Several Rover 75’s on display suggest that this is an up and coming classic.



Coffee at £3 per cup from the catering van was very expensive, and not even a decent strength. Must remember to take a flask next time.

Previous meetings

Tuesday - 11th July - The evening club run from the Bridge - No report available

Tuesday 8th August - Club night was a really wonderful talk by Graham Read he showed some great period photos which brought back many memories of cars from as far back as 1950. He in his turn was impressed by OUR knowledge !!

Thank you from Libby as the next day was her Birthday (39 again eh?) and Peter used his VERY loud voice to ask everyone to sing “Happy Birthday” to her which we did ! She was impressed by the singing !! Mike and Libby

Tuesday 12th September Bill Thompson’s talk “40 years at the chalk face” was very well received, there were more laughs at his stories of school teachers adventures than anybody can remember for any other speaker. It is hoped that Bill will come again with yet more entertainment for us.

Editors rants

China, along with India, Norway, UK and others have announced that the proportion of electric cars must increase steadily over the next few years, with targets between 2030 and 2040 to make all new cars electric. So far there is no indication that we will have to fit Li-ion batteries in our classics, but watch this space, China is now the biggest market in the world for new cars and thus influences worldwide manufacturers and legislation. Even Jaguar have fitted a series 1.5 ‘E’ Type with a complete set of electric motors.

Classic car values are still roaring upwards. A VW Camper van could be bought for £6-8000 a couple of years ago, now try to find one less than £20000, not easy. Sunbeam Alpines are now routinely making in excess of £10000. Good news for some! The last British Historic Vehicle Movement report was published in 2011 and found that the total contribution to the UK economy was £4.3 billion. In 2016 they found it to be worth £5.5 Billion – up 27.9% since 2011. Overall they report wider historic vehicle ownership and a more active body of enthusiasts than before.

Our cars

This is a feature of our WCCC magazines. Each quarter we shall feature the car[s] of one of our members. This month the honour goes to.

Featuring this month - John Warner

What Make, Model and year is your classic?



Porsche 911 Carrera Targa Sport - 1985

How long have you owned it?

15 years

What was your longest journey in it?

South of France

Have you been anywhere particularly interesting in it?

Toured France twice with the car

Have you renovated or improved it?

Improved the appearance by painting the underside and all suspension components, and a general "Tidy Up"

Where there any major repairs or breakdowns?

Needed a new Copper Gasket replaced on one of the Engine Barrels as it had an oil leak when driven hard. Also replaced the old Exhaust System including the Heat Exchangers for a Stainless System (with one Silencer removed)



Has it been a good investment?

Great investment if I ever decided to sell it – which I doubt

Do you have any advice for someone thinking of buying a classic car?

Buy one and have a great time enjoying, driving and going to so many different places to show it off to the public

The Porsche 911

The Porsche 911 (pronounced *Nine Eleven* or German: *Neunelfer*) is a two-door, 2+2 high performance classic German sports cars made since 1963 by Porsche AG of Stuttgart, Germany. It has a rear-mounted six cylinder boxer engine and all round independent suspension. It has undergone continuous development, though the basic concept has remained little changed. The engines were air-cooled until the introduction of the Type 996 in 1998, with Porsche's "993" series, produced in model years 1994–1998, being the last of the air-cooled Porsches.

The 911 has been modified by private teams and by the factory itself for racing, rallying, and other forms of automotive competition. It is among the most successful competition cars. In the mid-1970s, naturally aspirated 911 Carrera RSRs won major world championship sports car races, such as Targa Florio and 24 Hours of Daytona, even against prototypes. The 911-

derived 935 turbo also won the 24 Hours of Le Mans in 1979 and Porsche won World Championship for Makes titles in 1976, 1977, 1978 and 1979 with 911-derived models.

In the 1999 international poll for the award of Car of the Century, the 911 came fifth. It is one of two in the top five that had remained continuously in production (the original Beetle remained in production until 2003), and was until 1998 a successful surviving application of the air- (now water-) cooled opposed rear-engine layout pioneered by its ancestor, the Volkswagen Beetle. It is one of the oldest sports coupé nameplates still in production with one million manufactured as of May 2017. [Thanks to Wikipedia]

Inter club quiz nights

WCCC has a good record of success at the winter quiz nights, even though we usually sport a much smaller team than some of the other clubs. It is a fun night out, Tony and Roland do a good act while running the quiz and the pie and pea supper at the end of each evening is enjoyed by many. The venue is Horbury Working Mens Club, and the quizzes start at 8.00 pm. The venue is about half an hours drive from Wetherby and we usually do some car sharing. The dates for the coming winter series are Please put these in your diary and bring your special knowledge to boost the team.:

Monday 30th. October 2017

Monday 27th. November 2017

Monday 29th. January 2018

Monday 26th. February 2018

Monday 26th. March 2018



Jack Housecroft. 1932 -2017

A great friend to so many in the Classic Car Scene. Jack had a dry sense of humour, and although he never had any desire to drive, let alone own a motor

vehicle, he loved to come along to all club events. Jack served in the R.A.F in Egypt and had a long affiliation with aircraft. He loved to go to as many air shows as possible, mostly with my son. Indeed they were due to go

to the Duxford Air display this week. WCCC Members will remember Jack joining us at meetings and Northumberland trips. He died unexpectedly on Saturday 16th September. aged 85.

Jacks funeral will take place at Dewsbury Crematorium on Wednesday 11th October at 2.pm.Followed by a cuppa at Heald's Hall, Birstall.

Tony Lucas.

Members travels

Bob and June's wanderings



Not much to report this time. Most of the summer was spent in Switzerland, Spain and Canada without any real classic car contact. We did bump into the Solway Jaguar Club when we went for lunch to the Wensleydale Heifer at West Witton near Leyburn. I had not heard of this club before, but they were a very friendly bunch and had some nice Jags in the car park. The Wensleydale Heifer serves very good food, if a little pricey, and

might be a good venue for one of our club runs.

We did spend a day at the Festival of Thrift in Kirkleatham near Redcar. This was a family day out for us, but a main feature of the fair was a display of VW Camper vans. Each one had a different food theme, and you could order food and have it served inside a van. The main idea of the fair was re-cycling, and they had a group from 'Cardboardia', a country I am not familiar with. There were several other food stalls, music, and a whole variety of activities for children. This is an annual event, and a good day out with children / grandchildren. Car parking is £5, entry to the fair is free and the prices of food and other items on sale were very reasonable.



Jeff and Elaine's show visits

Newby Hall Rally 16 July 2017

To have a good rally one needs to have plenty of sunshine and this we had in abundance. We arrived (Elaine & myself) well in advance of anyone else at our plot which was reserved for WCCC and Rootes owners. There was room for upwards of 20 vehicles but alas only 6 vehicles took up pitches, my thoughts are that if we don't get more on site we may lose it, something to think about.

As always Newby Hall was well attended by virtually every kind of classic you can think off, 99.9% of which were in beautiful condition and proudly displayed by their owners. I have selected two vehicles from either end of the spectrum, the first is a Bedford CA Dormobile by Martin Walter of 1959 vintage. It is in mint condition and I can say I have not seen better. On speaking to the owner I was able to ascertain that he is a panel beater by trade and had spent 2 years rebuilding the vehicle. All credit to his skills and to his attention to detail.

The second vehicle at the other end of the scale is an Austin 12-4 Saloon of 1929 vintage that I first saw as it drove past our pitch, and appeared to have developed its own brand of air conditioning as the years went by. It was very rusty/rotten and the fabric body in places was coming away. This was a 1 owner car up until recently having being laid up in a shed in Lincolnshire. It will be interesting to see what the future holds for the car.

The photo's cannot do either of the vehicles justice but do give a good idea as to their qualities.

Jeff Bell



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2018 'Away-Days'



Joan has booked the Dunsley Hall Country Hotel near Whitby for our 2018 trip. We have 3 nights from Tuesday, 17th April. The cost will be £99 per couple per night for dinner, bed and breakfast. They do have plenty of rooms and so more of us



can go along. Joan and Gillian have spent time there and found the hotel very clean and welcoming, if a little dated. The food was excellent [Joan does not know how they can achieve that quality at the price]. Please contact Joan to confirm your interest or otherwise, £99 per room deposit needs to be paid.

Important notice for all members

If you have your name down to attend an organized event and find you are unable to attend, please **only** notify the organizer. Messages via a third party unfortunately are not being passed on before the event.

A new trial - Small ads for members:-

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