



WETHERBY CLASSIC CAR CLUB

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

October 2018 to December 2018



WCCC members with the Knaresborough Hornblower

**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

9th October Talk. ‘A walk round the Aislabie’s 18c water gardens’ Mr. Mike Bevington.

13th November Beetle Drive.

11th December Christmas Party night. Menu choices attached to this newsletter. Cost £19.50 per person.

8th January 2019 Talk. ‘In the ‘Footsteps ‘ of Captain Cook. Mrs Gillian McDowall.

9th February 2019. Party night.

12th March 2019. Talk. Northumbrian pipes making & playing. Mr. Nick Hopkinson.

9th April 2019. AGM

14th May 2019. Talk. ‘Let’s have a laugh about classic cars’ Mrs Sue Woodcock.

11th June 2019 Concours night.

9th July 2019. TBC

13th August. 2019. Talk. ‘The Greatest Show on Earth’ Mr. Graham Read

OUR OTHER EVENTS

Final event for 2018

Sunday 21st october We have re-booked last years venue for lunch :- The Millstones on the A59 If anyone wants a coffee and route we can arrange for coffee at The Bridge and plan a run or people may want to go straight there Will ask at the October meeting.

Anthea and David

Past events

Car Shows July to September

Write up by Joan, pictures by Jeff

July 15th Newby Hall

Summer is hot, hot, hot. We were on our usual stand for the Rootes group, which has to be the best, we can watch the cars come in and from

just after lunch we can see them going out and what a show 900 cars, someone's pride and joy, unless you are a club member all pre 70's. A jolly good day was had by all seeing the cars , friends and auto jumble, plenty of treasures that the car needs!! Only down side (if you are interested) France won the football World Cup. At least you won't have to think about it for another 4 years.

July 29th Ripon Old Cars



Summer, on that day came to an abrupt end, 10 hearty souls turned up (can't let the side down) spending our time, either sat in our cars or gathering together in the cafe area catching up on our summer activities. By 2pm most of us had given up, as had all the other entrants, then the sun came out! Luckily the organisers said that they had

managed to break even and were very grateful to those who had made the effort to come and support the event. I am now going to do a bacon butty price comparison and desirability :- Ripon let themselves down this year an increase of £1.50, less bacon and taste, not up to much. Will give them another chance next year, possibly.

August 5th Tockwith Show

Summer is back hot and sunny, hurrah. This is one of my favourite shows as it has something for everyone. The cars have increased in numbers to about 70 this year. Plenty to see in the various marques and show rings never a dull moment. Didn't have a bacon butty but had the hog roast which most definitely didn't disappoint both in value for money and quality.

August 19th Burley Show & Festival

This show is becoming very popular and was fully booked a month before the day, the weather was cool and windy on the day, unfortunately a good few empty places. A very enjoyable day and some lovely cars of all ages. There were a good few modern cars of the expensive sort, possibly the classics of the future, that's if they have someone to keep up with the mechanics of the cars. Lots of entertainment at this show as it is part of the festival and a family friendly event. Their bacon butties are the best in value for money and quality.



September 23rd York Knavesmire

I had pre-booked to go but went to a wedding instead! I can talk for hours on style, colour, cost and suitability of all the fashions at the wedding. However I'm not up to much on assessing cars, so long as the colour is to my liking, looks stylish and above all goes, I'm happy, so really it's down to you chaps to do a write up on these events as you can talk for hours and wax lyrical on their attributes so put pen to paper or you will be getting more of these write ups! You have been warned.

Cheers Joan

Additional reports by your editor:



Sunday 9th September - Otley Extravaganza - WCCC had 9 cars on their own stand, and another in the main display.

Fortunately not all the 12 cars booked for the show turned up as the area we were allocated was a bit small.

This is one of the best shows in our area now, all types of transport on display, good variety of arena

performances and the food available, particularly Middlemiss pork pies, were enjoyed by us all. Unfortunately the future of the Otley Extravaganza is in doubt due to a shortage of volunteer marshals. Let us hope it carries on for our enjoyment.



Friday 14th September - Club Barbecue at the Collingham Sports Club. 17 members enjoyed a bit of Craich and good food. Joan, Gillian and Caroline produced a very tempting buffet, and the rain held off to enable the club chef to cook everybody's meat or fish. Somehow the date was not linked to the Otley Extravaganza, we must try to get it right next time and maybe try the Saturday again [take a vote at a club night nearer the time].



Sunday 23rd September - Knavesmire Show –

Several of us looked at the weather forecast during the week leading up to the show and were very doubtful about going along. On the morning, however, the sun was shining and looking good so 6 cars turned up to our club

stand. There was a good overall turnout,

albeit with some empty spaces around the ground so maybe a lot of other people had the same thoughts. Always a big show with a wide variety of cars plus some commercials and two wheelers, the last major show of the year was enjoyable with pleasant, if a bit cold, weather.



Previous meetings

10th July Evening 'Natter' and activity, a quiet evening round the tables.

14th August 'Tha's Got to Laugh' Mr. Ben Richardson. By all accounts an enjoyable talk.

11th September David Winpenny kept the whole membership enthralled with his illustrated talk on the 'Eccentrics, Exotics & Erratics' of buildings, archeological reproductions and follies around the UK. Many members have said that they are motivated to visit some of the local attractions featured by David, others recalled visiting them in the past.

Changes to WCCC working group

Peter berry has worked hard to collect subs and maintain records of membership for the last few years. Peter has now decided that he wants to retire from this role. Our sincere thanks to him for his efforts. Colin Pearce has assumed the mantle of membership secretary, he can be contacted by Email on memsec.wccc@talktalk.net

Don Rowley has steered the club through its development following the departure of Peter to that great classic event above. Don would now like to take life a bit easier, particularly by avoiding some of the long winter drives from Bridlington to meetings in Wetherby. At the October meeting it will be proposed that the role of chairman be shared between Don and Bob, with the aim of Don chairing summer meetings, and Bob taking the chair in the winter.

Trip to Ripon Cathedral and the Ripon Hornblower 16th August 2018

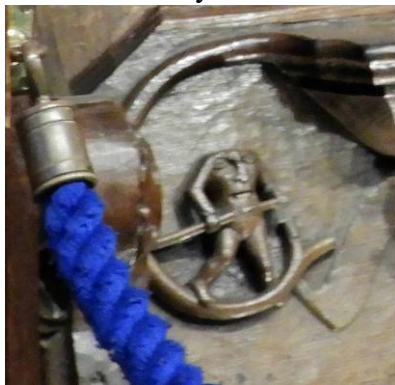
Report by Colin



David & Anthea Addyman set up a trip for interested WCCC Members to visit Ripon Cathedral (in the evening, when it was closed to the general public) for a guided tour and then to go on to the Main Square in Ripon to experience a tradition that has been celebrated since 886 every single day without one omission!!

Six of our group decided to dine prior to the Cathedral

Tour and the other six took their main meal earlier in the day and met before the Tour in the Cathedral for "Wine and Nibbles". We (Colin & Barbara) met David & Anthea and Michael & Libby in the Cathedral and enjoyed our own individual small bottle of wine as well as mini sausage rolls, breaded chicken(?) sticks, Pringles, stuffed olives and vegetable crisps – certainly didn't leave any room for 'afters'!



When we had been joined by the other half of our group (Joan & Gillian, Gerald & Pam and David & Caroline) we were taken on a tour of the Cathedral Church of St. Peter and St. Wilfrid by Barry May – an ex Mayor of Ripon and a very knowledgeable man about the Cathedral! Today's medieval Cathedral sits on top of the remains of the very early Monastery built by St. Wilfrid in 672. Only the tiny Crypt of the first Church building remains and we were able to visit the slightly claustrophobic chamber near the crossing of the modern building.

The Archbishop of York's Choir stall has interesting Elephant & Castle, and Centaur carvings and there is (amusingly) a 'Mr Nobody' carved into

the Archbishop's stall's misericord! It is said that this Mr Nobody was the inspiration for Humpty Dumpty as Lewis Carroll's father was canon of the Cathedral in 1852!

There are many older stained glass windows but my eye was caught by a more modern offering in memory of Jean Emmerson. I was also attracted by the most unusual Pulpit, commissioned in 1913, made of bronze with silver decoration and mounted on marble columns. The detailed carving in the Choir Stalls was remarkable. Sated with religious information we were led on by Barry into the Square in the centre of Ripon (in its early history it was spelled with two p's) to meet the Ripon Hornblower and observe the oldest continually celebrated tradition in the world – 1,132 years and 2 Million 'blows' and counting! The full history of the Hornblower (originally called the Wakeman) can be found on-line but originated when Alfred the Great visited the City and granted it a Charter. He stipulated that they should appoint a Wakeman to stay awake and alert through the night because of the continuing risk from the Vikings and other unruly elements and he gave the City a horn to be used to announce - every night - that the watch had been set. Our Hornblower, Jim Vauvert, is one of the four now appointed and has been performing this ceremony for 23 years. His explanation of his duties and memories was entertaining as well as educational.



Where are we going next David??

Mike and Libby's travels



Under the boat body lurks a Reliant three wheeler - best thing about it is the number plate E 5UNK!!

Sure you will know this one - a superb RR Twenty



Editors rants

I suppose that at my age I should expect to be easily confused, but our masters in the UK and EU Governments have me totally perplexed. For years we have been fed fuel consumption figures for new cars which were labelled 'unrealistic'. They were calculated in laboratory conditions, manufacturers have been allowed to tape up door shuts and seams, over-inflate tyres, remove heavy objects such as spare wheels. These tests were called New European Drive Cycle [NEDC] tests. Now they will be replaced with Worldwide harmonised Light-duty Vehicles test [WLTP]. WLTP will be 'more realistic', However still not the same as actual owner experience. BUT manufacturers will be required to publish both NEDC and WLTP until 2020 "to avoid a sudden, painful jump in VED [Road tax]". So we will now have a very unrealistic and a 'more realistic' guide to the mpg of new cars. How difficult can it be to fill a car with fuel, drive 100 city miles, refill it and calculate the mpg, then repeat the exercise on rural roads and motorways? For realistic mpg figures for all cars, go the 'Real MPG' page on the Honest John web site.



Our cars

This month our featured members are David and Caroline Ezard

What Make, Model and year is your classic?

Sunbeam Alpine Sports 1967

How long have you owned it?

15 years

What was your longest journey in it?

Just under 2000 miles, not a problem.



Have you been anywhere particularly interesting in it?

We have been 3 times over the past 15 years to the Shetlands and Orkney Islands, and the return journey across the top of Scotland and down the Western Isles.

Have you renovated or improved it?

I did a complete re-furb. Body, interior, engine rebuild, gearbox, brakes, and back axle ratio change. I changed the carbs from twin Strombergs to a twin choke Weber.

Where there any major repairs or breakdowns?

The only breakdown was the coil and head gasket some 13 years after rebuild and a lot of miles.

Has it been a good investment?

At today's prices, yes, a very good investment if I were to get the advertised prices. But I don't intend to sell it anytime soon.

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

Be very careful when told it has had a 'nut and bolt' restoration. Not all that shines lets you see under the paint and inside the working parts.

Any other comments?



The Alpine is a very reliable car and not had many problems over the years. We take Betsy-May off the road in winter when the salt comes, otherwise we use her every weekend. At that time in winter I service and check the whole car for any type of faults.

We do between 5 – 6 thousand miles a year. Caroline is happy to go anywhere in Betsy-May and thinks she is very comfortable, even on a long distance trip.

Editors note|: David and Caroline also have a nice 1964 Humber Sceptre. We may hear about that later.

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 story sent in by Don and also by June:

Mrs. Ravioli goes to have dinner with her son Anthony who lives with a female flatmate, Maria. During the course of the meal, his mother couldn't help but notice how pretty Anthony's roommate is.

Over the course of the evening, while watching the two interact, she started to wonder if there was more between Anthony and his flatmate than met the eye. Reading his mother's thoughts, Anthony volunteered, "I know what you must be thinking, but I assure you, Maria and I are just flatmates."



About a week later, Maria came to Anthony saying, "Ever since your mother came to dinner, I've been unable to find the silver sugar bowl. You don't suppose she took it, do you?"

"Well, I doubt it, but I'll email her, just to be sure." So he sat down and wrote an email:

Dear MaMa,



I'm not saying that you "did" take the sugar bowl from my house; I'm not saying that you "did not" take it.

But the fact remains that it has been missing ever since you were here for dinner.

*Your Loving Son
Anthony*

Several days later, Anthony received a response email from his MaMa which read:

Dear son,

I'm not saying that you "do" sleep with Maria, and I'm not saying that you "do not" sleep with her.

But the fact remains that if she was sleeping in her OWN bed, she would have found the sugar bowl by now.

Your Loving MaMa

Moral: Never bulla shita your Mama!