



WETHERBY CLASSIC CAR CLUB

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

April 2019 to July 2019



The Green parade

**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 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. Talk. 'Here, there & everywhere (almost) in a 1953 MG TD. Mr Bob Ward

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

10th September. Talk. 'Let's build a car '. Mr Barry Caukhill.

OUR OTHER EVENTS

list of events for 2019

Sunday 7th April - April fools Day run Start at Toby Carvery, Oulton, at 10.00 am [breakfast available earlier], or join the run at Wetherby Race Course roundabout about 10.30 - 11.00. Contact Tony Lucas to register.

Sunday April 28th National “Drive it” day. York Historic Vehicles Group event at Sherburn Airfield from mid morning.

Tuesday 23rd April - 3 night visit to Dunsley Hall near Whitby. Rooms still available, contact Joan to book.

Sunday May 5th Tadcaster car show, John Smiths Brewery car park.

Tuesday 18th June - Golden Oldies Run A scenic drive in North Yorkshire, From the Bridge Hotel to the Himalaya Garden near Grewelthorpe. Garden entry is £9 per person, we may have a guided tour for up to 25 members for £50 extra. The gardens are unfortunately not suitable for wheelchair users. The café [which is accessible] serves nice, reasonably priced, food. Date may be changed if there is an evening event at Sherburn Airfield.

Sunday 28th July - Ripon Old Cars, Ripon Race Course with our own club stand.

Sunday 4th August - Tockwith Show with our own club stand.

Saturday / Sunday 3rd & 4th August - Pateley Bridge MG Club Show

Sunday June 16th. COWS Father's day classic cars at a big show at Utley Rugby ground near Keighley

Saturday 7th September - WCCC Club Barbecue Collingham and Linton Sports association Bring your own meat or fish and enjoy the club buffet.

Sunday 8th September - Otley Extravaganza with our own club stand

Sunday 22nd September - Knavesmire Show York Racecourse

Date TBA in September – A run to the Grimwith Reservoir for a light afternoon tea. Details later.

Past events

8th January 2019 Gillian kept us all enthralled with her account of her various journeys following the expeditions taken by Captain Cook, one of the most famous Yorkshiremen of all time. Most of us knew of his travels to the Antipodes, but his wider exploration and his map-making skills were new to us. A very interesting presentation with excellent illustration.

12th February 2019. Party night. The whole club turned green as Gillian led us all for the second meeting in succession. The lasagna and green jelly supplied by the Bridge were enjoyed and a good evening all round.

12th March 2019. Nick and his co-presenter had to deal with technology problems before the start. The club computer and the Bridge Hotel projector did not want to communicate. It takes a great deal of courage and skill to carry on and deliver an enjoyable evening with such difficulties, but Nick managed very well. Ivory pipes have no value apparently as all trading in Ivory is now banned.



Sunday 17th February - Valentines run. A totally new direction for the club with a run to the Crown Inn at Monk Fryston. David and Anthea organised the pub for lunch, with lovely name cards on the table. Some of us went in our classics, and a couple of original AC Cobras turned up to add to the interest. Bill and Margaret arranged a route for those who wanted to travel together. The Crown was a revelation, we know that for any future visits the food is very good, but best not to order a starter as the portions are enormous.

March 18th to 21st - Once again 18 members enjoyed their 3 night visit to Dunstan, Northumberland. We all made our own way there to join up for a few drinks and dinner on the first night. The weather for the drive was very pleasant and most of us took the scenic



route to enjoy the Northumberland coast. As always the food at the Cottage Inn was very good. Some of us indulged in Craster Kippers for breakfast. Each day we sought out both new [to us] and well-loved areas to visit. The causeway to Holy Island was a bit tricky as the tides meant crossings were only possible

early mornings or late evenings. Even so some of us went to the start of the causeway for a look and were surprised to see several vehicles stuck in the water. Alnwick, Bamburgh, Berwick and Beadnell were popular. The Chain Bridge is a suspension bridge that spans the River Tweed between Horncliffe, Northumberland, England and Fishwick, Berwickshire, Scotland. In so doing it also spans the border between England and Scotland. When it opened in 1820 it was the longest wrought iron suspension bridge in the world with a span of 449 feet, and the first vehicular bridge of its type in the United Kingdom. It is now the oldest suspension bridge still in use in the world, and undergoing extensive restoration to make it a major tourist attraction.



Inter Club Quiz Nights

WCCC did not do so well this season, finishing joint third:

First Place ...YTCC.....Total points 152
 Second placeCitroen 2CV . Total points 128
 Joint third Place ...Leeds MG & CC} Total points 125
 Morris MinorsWetherby CC Total points 125
 Fourth PlaceTriumph Staggs .Total points 120

The evenings at the Horbury WMC are thoroughly enjoyable. Our own Tony, working with Roland, run a comedy act all night. The questions are very varied, the answers even more so. The pie and peas enjoyed by many. This season we raised £441 for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance, over the past few years over £4000 has been raised for charity. The next season starts on Monday 28th October, why not come and enjoy the chaos?

Editors rants

Can't think of anything to rant about this month, apart from politicians, Brexit, Inner City clean zones, potholes et al.

I must say I was very impressed with the NHS, and Harrogate Hospital in particular, when my heart went on a 'go-slow' and I needed a pacemaker in a bit of a hurry.

We do not have a member's car slot this time, so here is an account of the 2CV Club annual run to the Tan Hill Inn instead. WCCC have never been to the Tan Hill, made famous by Ted Moulton and double glazing. Maybe we should try it.

Raid Tan Hill 2019



This was the 'Remembering Brian Senior' Raid Tan Hill to mark the passing, last January, of the originator of the adventure back in 1990. Around 50 assorted 2CV, Dyane, Ami and Vans, ventured from Leeds through the picturesque Yorkshire Dales to Tan Hill Inn, the highest pub in the U.K. Tan Hill is now under new ownership and has undergone significant updating and refurbishment. At the same time it is retaining its essential charm of a real ale pub with open fires. A welcome incentive to complete the run!

The cavalcade began at the Lawnswood Arms in Leeds where breakfast and coffee were served as usual by the helpful staff who have supported this event since 2003! We nearly lost one unfortunate Cheshire Dragon to a breakdown outside the Lawnswood, but thankfully 2CV City came to the rescue and the journey from Cheshire was able to continue!

We proceeded via Otley, Ilkley, Burnsall, Kettlewell and Buckden to a photo opportunity at Hubberholme. The next stop was Hawes for a comfort break and some welcome low-alcoholic mulled wine and cake. Thanks are due to two of our guests who donated mince pies and some excellent Christmas cake.



The highlight of the drive, as always, was negotiating the final section through the infamous and challenging hairpin bends and steep climbs (25% on Keld Bank) up to Tan Hill. The 2CV family of vehicles once again brought out the fun of driving with first gear hills, non-powered steering and brakes, dodgy heaters and lack of sound insulation!



The Inn produced a good selection of meals served especially for us in the newly refurbished Barn complete with wood burning stove. There was a background slide show (when we got the technology working!) which included some nice film of Brian and others from past raids as well as a (famous!),



'Holbeck Moor Mummers' traditional Xmas play, held at the Adelphi in Leeds, on the night before one of the previous Raids. Brian of course was a member of the Mummers group.

The not-to-be-missed exciting free raffle took place after the meal. This had a number of 'interesting' prizes most of which were donated by a wide variety of people to whom we say thanks. Certificates and stickers were issued to all participants as well as special certificates and bubbly for the furthest travelled, a Dyane 6 at 450 miles and the oldest vehicle, another Dyane 6 manufactured in 1971!



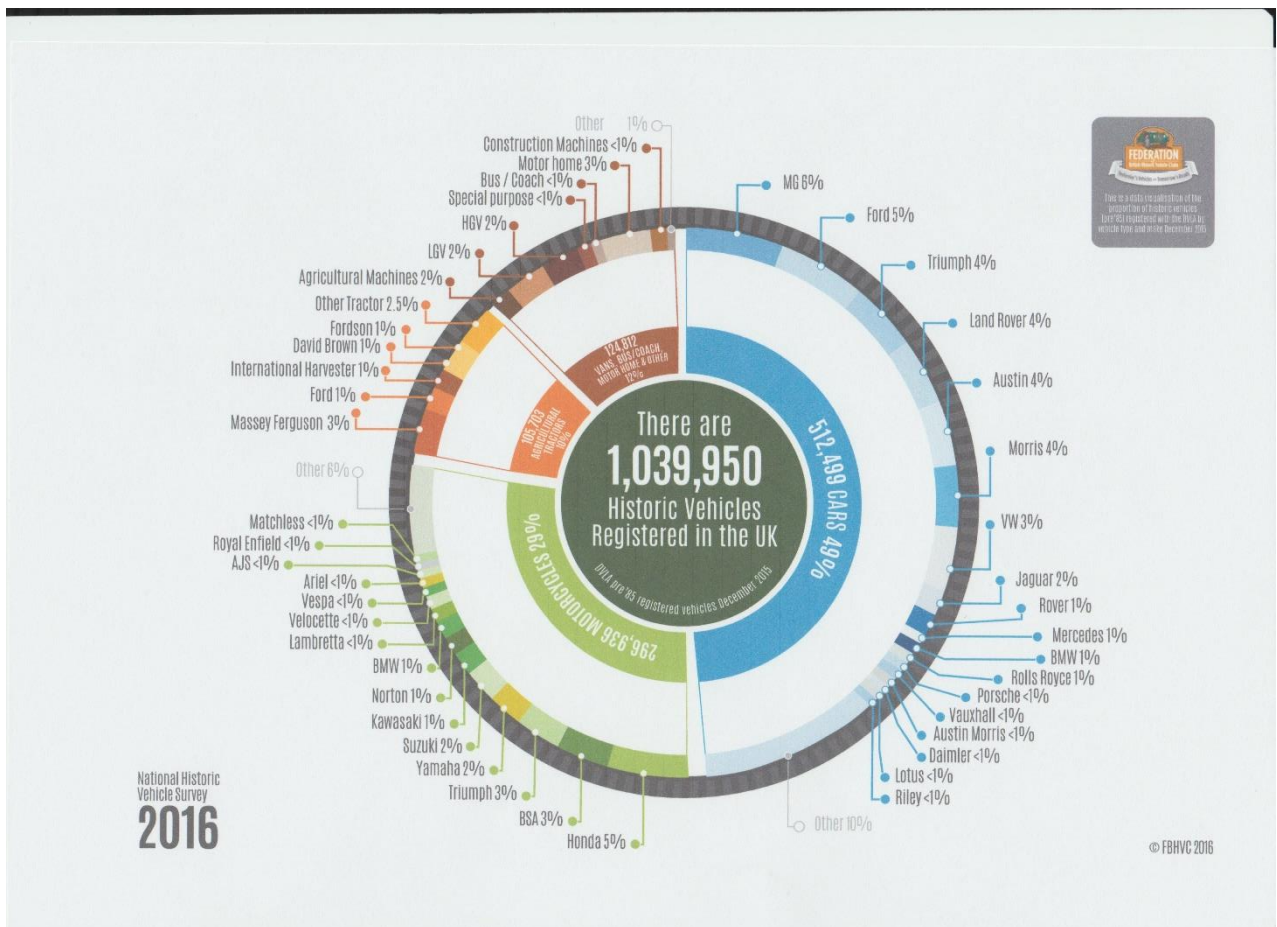
Many participants then left for home whilst the light still held. We are always amazed and pleased with the dedication of the participants coming from all parts of the UK to make this the successful and enjoyable event it is. A few stayed overnight for music and singing washed down with some fine real ale.





We were rewarded the following morning, after a substantial breakfast, with very thick fog for our return journey. Views of the countryside were somewhat limited but at least the roads were clear! Three Les Hiboux cars and one guest from Leominster started back over Grinton Moor to Leyburn where they split up after coffee and made for home.

Here is an interesting chart from the FBHVC report of 2016. It shows the numbers of each make of classic car currently known to be in use in the UK. There is a lot more interesting information on the FBHVC website and in their magazine, accessible via the club website.



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.

Car for sale. Alfa Romeo Spider in well cared for condition. In the last 11 years we have travelled the whole of the UK and Western Europe many times, this car is the most fun to drive we have ever had. Contact Bob on 07932158213 for full details.