



# WETHERBY CLASSIC CAR CLUB

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

**April 2020 to June 2020**



**Burns night winners**

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** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in the month – 8.00pm Bridge Inn Walshford LS22 5HS

Here is the calendar. Club nights are all booked through to July next year thanks to the hard work of Nigel and Heather. **Dates in red are cancelled events due to Coronavirus /Covid 19.** **Items in Blue are subject to review as better advice and information becomes available.** **Items in green are expected to happen based on current information.**

<b>Tuesday April 14th</b>	<b>A.G.M.</b>
<b>April 19<sup>th</sup> – 24th</b>	<b>5 night stay at the Patterdale Hotel, Glenridding. Details below</b>
<b>Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>National FHBVC “Drive-it” Day. WCCC may have a run, see below.</b>
<b>Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Tadcaster car show. The Motorist Hub, Sherburn in Elmet.</b>
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Welcome to Wetherby event on the Ings. WCCC car display</b>
<b>Tuesday May 12th</b>	<b><i>Talk. A Walk Round Studley Deer Park Mr Mike Bevington</i></b>
<b>Tuesday June 9th</b>	<b>Concours Night.</b> If we cannot proceed in June, we may re-arrange the concours night for later in the year.
<b>Tuesday July 14th</b>	<b>TBA</b> Probably a club run from and to the Bridge
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Ripon Old Cars.</b> We shall have our usual club stand but cancellation is probable.
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	<b>Tockwith Show</b> – As last year we will have a stand. Fee £5? Again, cancellation is probable.
<b>Saturday / Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Pateley Bridge MG Club Show -</b> Join Harrogate MG with a club stand if we wish. Once again, cancellation is probable.
<b>Tuesday August 11th</b>	<b>T.B.C.</b>

<b>Tuesday September 8th</b>	<i>Talk. The Thrill of Speed. Mr Graham Read</i>
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Otley Extravaganza</b> - Again our usual club stand, Fee probably £4 if you require a plaque, There may be a fee for entry.
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September -</b>	<b>Club Barbecue</b> at the Collingham Sports Club.
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Knavesmire Show</b> - with our club stand again, fee £5

### **WCCC and Coronavirus / Covid 19**

Government advice is for all persons over the age of 70 to become hermits for a while, to delay or avoid the virus. The Federation of Historic British Vehicle Clubs [FHBVC] have advised all clubs to cancel group meetings including outdoor events. Most clubs in our area have already cancelled events. WCCC has no option but to follow suit. We will put future events in 3 categories:-

1. **Events cancelled, events in the next 2 months, with the possible exception of Drive It Day, will simply not happen**
2. **Events more than a couple of months away will be reviewed as and when appropriate, with a recognition that more cancellations are likely**
3. **Events further ahead we can take the optimistic view that things may change, and it is possible that these events will go ahead.**

It would be a pity for us not to be able to communicate at all during this difficult period, so perhaps members may like to chat via e-mail, social media, or even old fashioned telephone. Will members who would like their contact details passed to other members please let me know. Bob. [bob@debell.me.uk](mailto:bob@debell.me.uk) or 07932158213.



### **Patterdale Hotel**

Choice Hotels have closed their hotels, including the Patterdale Hotel, for 3 months. The hotel has contacted Joan and confirmed that they will re-book or return our monies in full. Clearly if we obtain a refund, we can simply book again if we wish, so we have confirmed that we prefer the cash option. There will obviously be a period of time as they arrange refunds to all their pre-booked clients, but we do have the assurance that their policy is a full refund. Please be patient, and contact Joan if you have any questions or suggestions.

### **Past events**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January - The Oldest Sweet Shop in the World, a talk by Mr Keith Tordoff. Rarely have so many members enjoyed a presentation so much, possibly because of the sweets handed around by Mr Tordoff.



Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Gillian's brilliantly organised Burns Night was a sensation. So many members made so much effort to dress in tartan. The piping in of the Haggis and the Ode was a surprise, and Haggis pie was very tasty. The Cranachan was improved with a drop of whisky. No Gay Gordons, but a good evening was had by all.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March. The Scalextric grand prix had to be cancelled due to illness in the presenters family. A social evening was enjoyed with a bit of Coronavirus and car chat.

16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March. The departure to Northumberland came before the serious advice from the UK Government to stay out of pubs etc. 13 members explored the Northumberland countryside on what may well be the last club event for quite a long time.

## **Editors Rant**

Why has Wetherby become the most expensive place around to buy fuel? For the whole of January, and most of February, Petrol in Wetherby was 7p per litre more than in Selby, 6p more than Harrogate, even 5p more than Leeds. That means about £4 - £5 more for a tankful, and actually means it is cost effective to drive to Scarcroft or Harrogate purely to fill the car. Crazy. And another thing. My understanding of consumer legislation and monopoly control does not allow collusion between competitors, so how come Shell and Morrisons in Wetherby change their fuel prices by exactly the same amount at the same time.

Our national leaders have declared that only electric or hydrogen cars can be sold from 2035 [or maybe 2032]. Hybrids, the saviours of the planet only last year, will be phased out. Remember the Governments advice to buy diesel cars to save the planet a few years ago? Aside from the problems of re-charging an electric car on a long journey, It seems that the manufacture of a new electric car is more destructive to the planet than allowing an extant petrol or diesel car to run for a few more years.

And one other thing. The Government have declared that all petrol in future will be E10, replacing E5, the current standard. This means that 10% of the petrol will be ethanol, or vegetable oil. The arteries of our older cars may struggle with E10.

## **Drive It Day 2020**

On Sunday, 26th April, we had planned a short run from the Bridge to the Motorist Hub at Sherburn in Elmet. Clearly in the current situation we cannot proceed with that idea. The Federation of Historic British Vehicle Clubs, who organise 'Drive it Day' have said :-

*However, there seems no reason why individual enthusiasts could not take their vehicles out for a drive on Drive it Day, waving to each other from a discrete distance, so long as that drive avoids physical social contact.*

*The Federation is encouraging the use of your chosen social media platform to share images and stories for what you are doing with your historic vehicles and furthermore, if you are unable to drive them, what you might be working on within the self - isolation of your garage or shed.*

It may be possible for us to meet up in a layby or car park, and drive a route together without getting out of our cars or stopping for fuel, coffee, lunch etc. Maybe carry a picnic and toast each other from our cars as we enjoy a pork pie or whatever. If we do manage this, members who have underlying health problems or are vulnerable for other reasons should not break their "Self-Isolation" routine. Please let me know if you would like to try this rather odd idea.  
Bob

**Some have declared the following to be racist. I think it is just good old fashioned humour, with us Brits keeping a bright front.**

The English are feeling the pinch in relation to recent virus threat and have therefore raised their threat level from "Miffed" to "Peeved." Soon, though, the level may be raised yet again to "Irritated" or even "A Bit Cross."

The English have not been "A Bit Cross" since the blitz in 1940 when tea supplies nearly ran out.

The virus has been re-categorized from "Tiresome" to "A Bloody Nuisance." The last time the British issued a "Bloody Nuisance" warning level was in 1588, when threatened by the Spanish Armada.

The Scots have raised their threat level from "Pissed Off" to "Let's Get the Bastard." They don't have any other levels. This is the reason they have been used on the front line of the British army for the last 300 years.

The French government announced yesterday that it has raised its alert level from "Run" to "Hide." The only two higher levels in France are "Collaborate" and "Surrender." The rise was precipitated by a recent fire that destroyed France's white flag factory, effectively paralyzing the country's military capability.

Italy has increased the alert level from "Shout Loudly and Excitedly" to "Elaborate Military Posturing." Two more levels remain: "Ineffective Combat Operations" and "Change Sides."

The Germans have increased their alert state from "Disdainful Arrogance" to "Dress in Uniform and Sing Marching Songs." They also have two higher levels: "Invade a Neighbour" and "Lose."

Belgians, on the other hand, are all on holiday as usual; the only threat they are worried about is NATO pulling out of Brussels.

The Spanish are all excited to see their new submarines ready to deploy. These beautifully designed subs have glass bottoms so the new Spanish navy can get a really good look at the old Spanish navy.

Australia, meanwhile, has raised its alert level from "No worries" to "She'll be alright, Mate." Two more escalation levels remain: "Crikey! I think we'll need to cancel the barbie this weekend!" and "The barbie is cancelled." So far, no situation has ever warranted use of the final escalation level.

The Russians have said "It's not us"

## **AGM**

The AGM is scheduled for April, but clearly will not now happen. Working group members will be asked to submit a short resume of their area, plus any relevant records, for a special WCCC magazine to be distributed in April. They will also be asked to confirm their willingness to continue in their roles. Members will then be asked by e-mail or snail mail to accept or otherwise the reports and on-going roles.

One member of the working group does wish to relinquish his role. Don has been a stalwart of the club as chairman and co-chairman for 7 / 8 years, but now finds the stress of travel from home in Bridlington a bit much. Is there any member out there who would like to take on the responsibilities of the co-chairman [or indeed the role of Chairman]?

### **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.





# WETHERBY CLASSIC CAR CLUB

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

**April 2020 to June 2020**



**Burns night winners**

**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** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in the month – 8.00pm Bridge Inn Walshford LS22 5HS

Here is the calendar. Club nights are all booked through to July next year thanks to the hard work of Nigel and Heather. **Dates in red are cancelled events due to Coronavirus /Covid 19.** **Items in Blue are subject to review as better advice and information becomes available.** **Items in green are expected to happen based on current information.**

<b>Tuesday April 14th</b>	<b>A.G.M.</b>
<b>April 19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5 night stay at the Patterdale Hotel, Glenridding. Details below</b>
<b>Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>National FHBVC “Drive-it” Day. WCCC may have a run, see below.</b>
<b>Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Tadcaster car show. The Motorist Hub, Sherburn in Elmet.</b>
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Welcome to Wetherby event on the Ings. WCCC car display</b>
<b>Tuesday May 12th</b>	<b><i>Talk. A Walk Round Studley Deer Park Mr Mike Bevington</i></b>
<b>Tuesday June 9th</b>	<b>Concours Night.</b> If we cannot proceed in June, we may re-arrange the concours night for later in the year.
<b>Tuesday July 14th</b>	<b>TBA</b> Probably a club run from and to the Bridge
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Ripon Old Cars.</b> We shall have our usual club stand but cancellation is probable.
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	<b>Tockwith Show</b> – As last year we will have a stand. Fee £5? Again, cancellation is probable.
<b>Saturday / Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Pateley Bridge MG Club Show -</b> Join Harrogate MG with a club stand if we wish. Once again, cancellation is probable.
<b>Tuesday August 11th</b>	<b>T.B.C.</b>



<b>Tuesday September 8th</b>	<i>Talk. The Thrill of Speed. Mr Graham Read</i>
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Otley Extravaganza</b> - Again our usual club stand, Fee probably £4 if you require a plaque, There may be a fee for entry.
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September -</b>	<b>Club Barbecue</b> at the Collingham Sports Club.
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Knavesmire Show</b> - with our club stand again, fee £5

### **WCCC and Coronavirus / Covid 19**

Government advice is for all persons over the age of 70 to become hermits for a while, to delay or avoid the virus. The Federation of Historic British Vehicle Clubs [FHBVC] have advised all clubs to cancel group meetings including outdoor events. Most clubs in our area have already cancelled events. WCCC has no option but to follow suit. We will put future events in 3 categories:-

1. **Events cancelled, events in the next 2 months, with the possible exception of Drive It Day, will simply not happen**
2. **Events more than a couple of months away will be reviewed as and when appropriate, with a recognition that more cancellations are likely**
3. **Events further ahead we can take the optimistic view that things may change, and it is possible that these events will go ahead.**

It would be a pity for us not to be able to communicate at all during this difficult period, so perhaps members may like to chat via e-mail, social media, or even old fashioned telephone. Will members who would like their contact details passed to other members please let me know. Bob. [bob@debell.me.uk](mailto:bob@debell.me.uk) or 07932158213.



### **Patterdale Hotel**

Choice Hotels have closed their hotels, including the Patterdale Hotel, for 3 months. The hotel has contacted Joan and confirmed that they will re-book or return our monies in full. Clearly if we obtain a refund, we can simply book again if we wish, so we have confirmed that we prefer the cash option. There will obviously be a period of time as they arrange refunds to all their pre-booked clients, but we do have the assurance that their policy is a full refund. Please be patient, and contact Joan if you have any questions or suggestions.

### **Past events**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January - The Oldest Sweet Shop in the World, a talk by Mr Keith Tordoff. Rarely have so many members enjoyed a presentation so much, possibly because of the sweets handed around by Mr Tordoff.



Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Gillian's brilliantly organised Burns Night was a sensation. So many members made so much effort to dress in tartan. The piping in of the Haggis and the Ode was a surprise, and Haggis pie was very tasty. The Cranachan was improved with a drop of whisky. No Gay Gordons, but a good evening was had by all.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March. The Scalextric grand prix had to be cancelled due to illness in the presenters family. A social evening was enjoyed with a bit of Coronavirus and car chat.

16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March. The departure to Northumberland came before the serious advice from the UK Government to stay out of pubs etc. 13 members explored the Northumberland countryside on what may well be the last club event for quite a long time.

## **Editors Rant**

Why has Wetherby become the most expensive place around to buy fuel? For the whole of January, and most of February, Petrol in Wetherby was 7p per litre more than in Selby, 6p more than Harrogate, even 5p more than Leeds. That means about £4 - £5 more for a tankful, and actually means it is cost effective to drive to Scarcroft or Harrogate purely to fill the car. Crazy. And another thing. My understanding of consumer legislation and monopoly control does not allow collusion between competitors, so how come Shell and Morrisons in Wetherby change their fuel prices by exactly the same amount at the same time.

Our national leaders have declared that only electric or hydrogen cars can be sold from 2035 [or maybe 2032]. Hybrids, the saviours of the planet only last year, will be phased out. Remember the Governments advice to buy diesel cars to save the planet a few years ago? Aside from the problems of re-charging an electric car on a long journey, It seems that the manufacture of a new electric car is more destructive to the planet than allowing an extant petrol or diesel car to run for a few more years.

And one other thing. The Government have declared that all petrol in future will be E10, replacing E5, the current standard. This means that 10% of the petrol will be ethanol, or vegetable oil. The arteries of our older cars may struggle with E10.

## **Drive It Day 2020**

On Sunday, 26th April, we had planned a short run from the Bridge to the Motorist Hub at Sherburn in Elmet. Clearly in the current situation we cannot proceed with that idea. The Federation of Historic British Vehicle Clubs, who organise 'Drive it Day' have said :-

*However, there seems no reason why individual enthusiasts could not take their vehicles out for a drive on Drive it Day, waving to each other from a discrete distance, so long as that drive avoids physical social contact.*

*The Federation is encouraging the use of your chosen social media platform to share images and stories for what you are doing with your historic vehicles and furthermore, if you are unable to drive them, what you might be working on within the self - isolation of your garage or shed.*

It may be possible for us to meet up in a layby or car park, and drive a route together without getting out of our cars or stopping for fuel, coffee, lunch etc. Maybe carry a picnic and toast each other from our cars as we enjoy a pork pie or whatever. If we do manage this, members who have underlying health problems or are vulnerable for other reasons should not break their "Self-Isolation" routine. Please let me know if you would like to try this rather odd idea.  
Bob

**Some have declared the following to be racist. I think it is just good old fashioned humour, with us Brits keeping a bright front.**

The English are feeling the pinch in relation to recent virus threat and have therefore raised their threat level from "Miffed" to "Peeved." Soon, though, the level may be raised yet again to "Irritated" or even "A Bit Cross."

The English have not been "A Bit Cross" since the blitz in 1940 when tea supplies nearly ran out.

The virus has been re-categorized from "Tiresome" to "A Bloody Nuisance." The last time the British issued a "Bloody Nuisance" warning level was in 1588, when threatened by the Spanish Armada.

The Scots have raised their threat level from "Pissed Off" to "Let's Get the Bastard." They don't have any other levels. This is the reason they have been used on the front line of the British army for the last 300 years.

The French government announced yesterday that it has raised its alert level from "Run" to "Hide." The only two higher levels in France are "Collaborate" and "Surrender." The rise was precipitated by a recent fire that destroyed France's white flag factory, effectively paralyzing the country's military capability.

Italy has increased the alert level from "Shout Loudly and Excitedly" to "Elaborate Military Posturing." Two more levels remain: "Ineffective Combat Operations" and "Change Sides."

The Germans have increased their alert state from "Disdainful Arrogance" to "Dress in Uniform and Sing Marching Songs." They also have two higher levels: "Invade a Neighbour" and "Lose."

Belgians, on the other hand, are all on holiday as usual; the only threat they are worried about is NATO pulling out of Brussels.

The Spanish are all excited to see their new submarines ready to deploy. These beautifully designed subs have glass bottoms so the new Spanish navy can get a really good look at the old Spanish navy.

Australia, meanwhile, has raised its alert level from "No worries" to "She'll be alright, Mate." Two more escalation levels remain: "Crikey! I think we'll need to cancel the barbie this weekend!" and "The barbie is cancelled." So far, no situation has ever warranted use of the final escalation level.

The Russians have said "It's not us"

## **AGM**

The AGM is scheduled for April, but clearly will not now happen. Working group members will be asked to submit a short resume of their area, plus any relevant records, for a special WCCC magazine to be distributed in April. They will also be asked to confirm their willingness to continue in their roles. Members will then be asked by e-mail or snail mail to accept or otherwise the reports and on-going roles.

One member of the working group does wish to relinquish his role. Don has been a stalwart of the club as chairman and co-chairman for 7 / 8 years, but now finds the stress of travel from home in Bridlington a bit much. Is there any member out there who would like to take on the responsibilities of the co-chairman [or indeed the role of Chairman]?

### **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.



# WETHERBY CLASSIC CAR CLUB

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

**April 2020 to June 2020**



**Burns night winners**

**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** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in the month – 8.00pm Bridge Inn Walshford LS22 5HS

Here is the calendar. Club nights are all booked through to July next year thanks to the hard work of Nigel and Heather. **Dates in red are cancelled events due to Coronavirus /Covid 19.** **Items in Blue are subject to review as better advice and information becomes available.** **Items in green are expected to happen based on current information.**

<b>Tuesday April 14th</b>	<b>A.G.M.</b>
<b>April 19<sup>th</sup> – 24th</b>	<b>5 night stay at the Patterdale Hotel, Glenridding. Details below</b>
<b>Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>National FHBVC “Drive-it” Day. WCCC may have a run, see below.</b>
<b>Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Tadcaster car show. The Motorist Hub, Sherburn in Elmet.</b>
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Welcome to Wetherby event on the Ings. WCCC car display</b>
<b>Tuesday May 12th</b>	<b><i>Talk. A Walk Round Studley Deer Park Mr Mike Bevington</i></b>
<b>Tuesday June 9th</b>	<b>Concours Night.</b> If we cannot proceed in June, we may re-arrange the concours night for later in the year.
<b>Tuesday July 14th</b>	<b>TBA</b> Probably a club run from and to the Bridge
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Ripon Old Cars.</b> We shall have our usual club stand but cancellation is probable.
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	<b>Tockwith Show</b> – As last year we will have a stand. Fee £5? Again, cancellation is probable.
<b>Saturday / Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Pateley Bridge MG Club Show -</b> Join Harrogate MG with a club stand if we wish. Once again, cancellation is probable.
<b>Tuesday August 11th</b>	<b>T.B.C.</b>

<b>Tuesday September 8th</b>	<i>Talk. The Thrill of Speed. Mr Graham Read</i>
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Otley Extravaganza</b> - Again our usual club stand, Fee probably £4 if you require a plaque, There may be a fee for entry.
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September -</b>	<b>Club Barbecue</b> at the Collingham Sports Club.
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Knavesmire Show</b> - with our club stand again, fee £5

### **WCCC and Coronavirus / Covid 19**

Government advice is for all persons over the age of 70 to become hermits for a while, to delay or avoid the virus. The Federation of Historic British Vehicle Clubs [FHBVC] have advised all clubs to cancel group meetings including outdoor events. Most clubs in our area have already cancelled events. WCCC has no option but to follow suit. We will put future events in 3 categories:-

1. **Events cancelled, events in the next 2 months, with the possible exception of Drive It Day, will simply not happen**
2. **Events more than a couple of months away will be reviewed as and when appropriate, with a recognition that more cancellations are likely**
3. **Events further ahead we can take the optimistic view that things may change, and it is possible that these events will go ahead.**

It would be a pity for us not to be able to communicate at all during this difficult period, so perhaps members may like to chat via e-mail, social media, or even old fashioned telephone. Will members who would like their contact details passed to other members please let me know. Bob. [bob@debell.me.uk](mailto:bob@debell.me.uk) or 07932158213.



### **Patterdale Hotel**

Choice Hotels have closed their hotels, including the Patterdale Hotel, for 3 months. The hotel has contacted Joan and confirmed that they will re-book or return our monies in full. Clearly if we obtain a refund, we can simply book again if we wish, so we have confirmed that we prefer the cash option. There will obviously be a period of time as they arrange refunds to all their pre-booked clients, but we do have the assurance that their policy is a full refund. Please be patient, and contact Joan if you have any questions or suggestions.

### **Past events**



Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January - The Oldest Sweet Shop in the World, a talk by Mr Keith Tordoff. Rarely have so many members enjoyed a presentation so much, possibly because of the sweets handed around by Mr Tordoff.



Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Gillian's brilliantly organised Burns Night was a sensation. So many members made so much effort to dress in tartan. The piping in of the Haggis and the Ode was a surprise, and Haggis pie was very tasty. The Cranachan was improved with a drop of whisky. No Gay Gordons, but a good evening was had by all.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March. The Scalextric grand prix had to be cancelled due to illness in the presenters family. A social evening was enjoyed with a bit of Coronavirus and car chat.

16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March. The departure to Northumberland came before the serious advice from the UK Government to stay out of pubs etc. 13 members explored the Northumberland countryside on what may well be the last club event for quite a long time.

## **Editors Rant**

Why has Wetherby become the most expensive place around to buy fuel? For the whole of January, and most of February, Petrol in Wetherby was 7p per litre more than in Selby, 6p more than Harrogate, even 5p more than Leeds. That means about £4 - £5 more for a tankful, and actually means it is cost effective to drive to Scarcroft or Harrogate purely to fill the car. Crazy. And another thing. My understanding of consumer legislation and monopoly control does not allow collusion between competitors, so how come Shell and Morrisons in Wetherby change their fuel prices by exactly the same amount at the same time.

Our national leaders have declared that only electric or hydrogen cars can be sold from 2035 [or maybe 2032]. Hybrids, the saviours of the planet only last year, will be phased out. Remember the Governments advice to buy diesel cars to save the planet a few years ago? Aside from the problems of re-charging an electric car on a long journey, It seems that the manufacture of a new electric car is more destructive to the planet than allowing an extant petrol or diesel car to run for a few more years.

And one other thing. The Government have declared that all petrol in future will be E10, replacing E5, the current standard. This means that 10% of the petrol will be ethanol, or vegetable oil. The arteries of our older cars may struggle with E10.

## **Drive It Day 2020**

On Sunday, 26th April, we had planned a short run from the Bridge to the Motorist Hub at Sherburn in Elmet. Clearly in the current situation we cannot proceed with that idea. The Federation of Historic British Vehicle Clubs, who organise 'Drive it Day' have said :-

*However, there seems no reason why individual enthusiasts could not take their vehicles out for a drive on Drive it Day, waving to each other from a discrete distance, so long as that drive avoids physical social contact.*

*The Federation is encouraging the use of your chosen social media platform to share images and stories for what you are doing with your historic vehicles and furthermore, if you are unable to drive them, what you might be working on within the self - isolation of your garage or shed.*

It may be possible for us to meet up in a layby or car park, and drive a route together without getting out of our cars or stopping for fuel, coffee, lunch etc. Maybe carry a picnic and toast each other from our cars as we enjoy a pork pie or whatever. If we do manage this, members who have underlying health problems or are vulnerable for other reasons should not break their "Self-Isolation" routine. Please let me know if you would like to try this rather odd idea.  
Bob

**Some have declared the following to be racist. I think it is just good old fashioned humour, with us Brits keeping a bright front.**

The English are feeling the pinch in relation to recent virus threat and have therefore raised their threat level from "Miffed" to "Peeved." Soon, though, the level may be raised yet again to "Irritated" or even "A Bit Cross."

The English have not been "A Bit Cross" since the blitz in 1940 when tea supplies nearly ran out.

The virus has been re-categorized from "Tiresome" to "A Bloody Nuisance." The last time the British issued a "Bloody Nuisance" warning level was in 1588, when threatened by the Spanish Armada.

The Scots have raised their threat level from "Pissed Off" to "Let's Get the Bastard." They don't have any other levels. This is the reason they have been used on the front line of the British army for the last 300 years.

The French government announced yesterday that it has raised its alert level from "Run" to "Hide." The only two higher levels in France are "Collaborate" and "Surrender." The rise was precipitated by a recent fire that destroyed France's white flag factory, effectively paralyzing the country's military capability.

Italy has increased the alert level from "Shout Loudly and Excitedly" to "Elaborate Military Posturing." Two more levels remain: "Ineffective Combat Operations" and "Change Sides."

The Germans have increased their alert state from "Disdainful Arrogance" to "Dress in Uniform and Sing Marching Songs." They also have two higher levels: "Invade a Neighbour" and "Lose."

Belgians, on the other hand, are all on holiday as usual; the only threat they are worried about is NATO pulling out of Brussels.

The Spanish are all excited to see their new submarines ready to deploy. These beautifully designed subs have glass bottoms so the new Spanish navy can get a really good look at the old Spanish navy.

Australia, meanwhile, has raised its alert level from "No worries" to "She'll be alright, Mate." Two more escalation levels remain: "Crikey! I think we'll need to cancel the barbie this weekend!" and "The barbie is cancelled." So far, no situation has ever warranted use of the final escalation level.

The Russians have said "It's not us"

## **AGM**

The AGM is scheduled for April, but clearly will not now happen. Working group members will be asked to submit a short resume of their area, plus any relevant records, for a special WCCC magazine to be distributed in April. They will also be asked to confirm their willingness to continue in their roles. Members will then be asked by e-mail or snail mail to accept or otherwise the reports and on-going roles.

One member of the working group does wish to relinquish his role. Don has been a stalwart of the club as chairman and co-chairman for 7 / 8 years, but now finds the stress of travel from home in Bridlington a bit much. Is there any member out there who would like to take on the responsibilities of the co-chairman [or indeed the role of Chairman]?

### **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.



# WETHERBY CLASSIC CAR CLUB

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

**April 2020 to June 2020**



**Burns night winners**

**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** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in the month – 8.00pm Bridge Inn Walshford LS22 5HS

Here is the calendar. Club nights are all booked through to July next year thanks to the hard work of Nigel and Heather. **Dates in red are cancelled events due to Coronavirus /Covid 19.** **Items in Blue are subject to review as better advice and information becomes available.** **Items in green are expected to happen based on current information.**

<b>Tuesday April 14th</b>	<b>A.G.M.</b>
<b>April 19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5 night stay at the Patterdale Hotel, Glenridding. Details below</b>
<b>Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>National FHBVC “Drive-it” Day. WCCC may have a run, see below.</b>
<b>Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Tadcaster car show. The Motorist Hub, Sherburn in Elmet.</b>
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Welcome to Wetherby event on the Ings. WCCC car display</b>
<b>Tuesday May 12th</b>	<b><i>Talk. A Walk Round Studley Deer Park Mr Mike Bevington</i></b>
<b>Tuesday June 9th</b>	<b>Concours Night.</b> If we cannot proceed in June, we may re-arrange the concours night for later in the year.
<b>Tuesday July 14th</b>	<b>TBA</b> Probably a club run from and to the Bridge
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Ripon Old Cars.</b> We shall have our usual club stand but cancellation is probable.
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	<b>Tockwith Show</b> – As last year we will have a stand. Fee £5? Again, cancellation is probable.
<b>Saturday / Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Pateley Bridge MG Club Show -</b> Join Harrogate MG with a club stand if we wish. Once again, cancellation is probable.
<b>Tuesday August 11th</b>	<b>T.B.C.</b>

<b>Tuesday September 8th</b>	<i>Talk. The Thrill of Speed. Mr Graham Read</i>
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Otley Extravaganza</b> - Again our usual club stand, Fee probably £4 if you require a plaque, There may be a fee for entry.
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September -</b>	<b>Club Barbecue</b> at the Collingham Sports Club.
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Knavesmire Show</b> - with our club stand again, fee £5

### **WCCC and Coronavirus / Covid 19**

Government advice is for all persons over the age of 70 to become hermits for a while, to delay or avoid the virus. The Federation of Historic British Vehicle Clubs [FHBVC] have advised all clubs to cancel group meetings including outdoor events. Most clubs in our area have already cancelled events. WCCC has no option but to follow suit. We will put future events in 3 categories:-

1. **Events cancelled, events in the next 2 months, with the possible exception of Drive It Day, will simply not happen**
2. **Events more than a couple of months away will be reviewed as and when appropriate, with a recognition that more cancellations are likely**
3. **Events further ahead we can take the optimistic view that things may change, and it is possible that these events will go ahead.**

It would be a pity for us not to be able to communicate at all during this difficult period, so perhaps members may like to chat via e-mail, social media, or even old fashioned telephone. Will members who would like their contact details passed to other members please let me know. Bob. [bob@debell.me.uk](mailto:bob@debell.me.uk) or 07932158213.



### **Patterdale Hotel**

Choice Hotels have closed their hotels, including the Patterdale Hotel, for 3 months. The hotel has contacted Joan and confirmed that they will re-book or return our monies in full. Clearly if we obtain a refund, we can simply book again if we wish, so we have confirmed that we prefer the cash option. There will obviously be a period of time as they arrange refunds to all their pre-booked clients, but we do have the assurance that their policy is a full refund. Please be patient, and contact Joan if you have any questions or suggestions.

### **Past events**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January - The Oldest Sweet Shop in the World, a talk by Mr Keith Tordoff. Rarely have so many members enjoyed a presentation so much, possibly because of the sweets handed around by Mr Tordoff.



Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Gillian's brilliantly organised Burns Night was a sensation. So many members made so much effort to dress in tartan. The piping in of the Haggis and the Ode was a surprise, and Haggis pie was very tasty. The Cranachan was improved with a drop of whisky. No Gay Gordons, but a good evening was had by all.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March. The Scalextric grand prix had to be cancelled due to illness in the presenters family. A social evening was enjoyed with a bit of Coronavirus and car chat.

16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March. The departure to Northumberland came before the serious advice from the UK Government to stay out of pubs etc. 13 members explored the Northumberland countryside on what may well be the last club event for quite a long time.

## **Editors Rant**

Why has Wetherby become the most expensive place around to buy fuel? For the whole of January, and most of February, Petrol in Wetherby was 7p per litre more than in Selby, 6p more than Harrogate, even 5p more than Leeds. That means about £4 - £5 more for a tankful, and actually means it is cost effective to drive to Scarcroft or Harrogate purely to fill the car. Crazy. And another thing. My understanding of consumer legislation and monopoly control does not allow collusion between competitors, so how come Shell and Morrisons in Wetherby change their fuel prices by exactly the same amount at the same time.

Our national leaders have declared that only electric or hydrogen cars can be sold from 2035 [or maybe 2032]. Hybrids, the saviours of the planet only last year, will be phased out. Remember the Governments advice to buy diesel cars to save the planet a few years ago? Aside from the problems of re-charging an electric car on a long journey, It seems that the manufacture of a new electric car is more destructive to the planet than allowing an extant petrol or diesel car to run for a few more years.

And one other thing. The Government have declared that all petrol in future will be E10, replacing E5, the current standard. This means that 10% of the petrol will be ethanol, or vegetable oil. The arteries of our older cars may struggle with E10.

## **Drive It Day 2020**

On Sunday, 26th April, we had planned a short run from the Bridge to the Motorist Hub at Sherburn in Elmet. Clearly in the current situation we cannot proceed with that idea. The Federation of Historic British Vehicle Clubs, who organise 'Drive it Day' have said :-

*However, there seems no reason why individual enthusiasts could not take their vehicles out for a drive on Drive it Day, waving to each other from a discrete distance, so long as that drive avoids physical social contact.*

*The Federation is encouraging the use of your chosen social media platform to share images and stories for what you are doing with your historic vehicles and furthermore, if you are unable to drive them, what you might be working on within the self - isolation of your garage or shed.*



It may be possible for us to meet up in a layby or car park, and drive a route together without getting out of our cars or stopping for fuel, coffee, lunch etc. Maybe carry a picnic and toast each other from our cars as we enjoy a pork pie or whatever. If we do manage this, members who have underlying health problems or are vulnerable for other reasons should not break their "Self-Isolation" routine. Please let me know if you would like to try this rather odd idea.  
Bob

**Some have declared the following to be racist. I think it is just good old fashioned humour, with us Brits keeping a bright front.**

The English are feeling the pinch in relation to recent virus threat and have therefore raised their threat level from "Miffed" to "Peeved." Soon, though, the level may be raised yet again to "Irritated" or even "A Bit Cross."

The English have not been "A Bit Cross" since the blitz in 1940 when tea supplies nearly ran out.

The virus has been re-categorized from "Tiresome" to "A Bloody Nuisance." The last time the British issued a "Bloody Nuisance" warning level was in 1588, when threatened by the Spanish Armada.

The Scots have raised their threat level from "Pissed Off" to "Let's Get the Bastard." They don't have any other levels. This is the reason they have been used on the front line of the British army for the last 300 years.

The French government announced yesterday that it has raised its alert level from "Run" to "Hide." The only two higher levels in France are "Collaborate" and "Surrender." The rise was precipitated by a recent fire that destroyed France's white flag factory, effectively paralyzing the country's military capability.

Italy has increased the alert level from "Shout Loudly and Excitedly" to "Elaborate Military Posturing." Two more levels remain: "Ineffective Combat Operations" and "Change Sides."

The Germans have increased their alert state from "Disdainful Arrogance" to "Dress in Uniform and Sing Marching Songs." They also have two higher levels: "Invade a Neighbour" and "Lose."

Belgians, on the other hand, are all on holiday as usual; the only threat they are worried about is NATO pulling out of Brussels.

The Spanish are all excited to see their new submarines ready to deploy. These beautifully designed subs have glass bottoms so the new Spanish navy can get a really good look at the old Spanish navy.

Australia, meanwhile, has raised its alert level from "No worries" to "She'll be alright, Mate." Two more escalation levels remain: "Crikey! I think we'll need to cancel the barbie this weekend!" and "The barbie is cancelled." So far, no situation has ever warranted use of the final escalation level.

The Russians have said "It's not us"

## **AGM**

The AGM is scheduled for April, but clearly will not now happen. Working group members will be asked to submit a short resume of their area, plus any relevant records, for a special WCCC magazine to be distributed in April. They will also be asked to confirm their willingness to continue in their roles. Members will then be asked by e-mail or snail mail to accept or otherwise the reports and on-going roles.

One member of the working group does wish to relinquish his role. Don has been a stalwart of the club as chairman and co-chairman for 7 / 8 years, but now finds the stress of travel from home in Bridlington a bit much. Is there any member out there who would like to take on the responsibilities of the co-chairman [or indeed the role of Chairman]?

### **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.



# WETHERBY CLASSIC CAR CLUB

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

**April 2020 to June 2020**



**Burns night winners**

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** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in the month – 8.00pm Bridge Inn Walshford LS22 5HS

Here is the calendar. Club nights are all booked through to July next year thanks to the hard work of Nigel and Heather. **Dates in red are cancelled events due to Coronavirus /Covid 19.** **Items in Blue are subject to review as better advice and information becomes available.** **Items in green are expected to happen based on current information.**

<b>Tuesday April 14th</b>	<b>A.G.M.</b>
<b>April 19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5 night stay at the Patterdale Hotel, Glenridding. Details below</b>
<b>Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>National FHBVC “Drive-it” Day. WCCC may have a run, see below.</b>
<b>Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Tadcaster car show. The Motorist Hub, Sherburn in Elmet.</b>
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Welcome to Wetherby event on the Ings. WCCC car display</b>
<b>Tuesday May 12th</b>	<b><i>Talk. A Walk Round Studley Deer Park Mr Mike Bevington</i></b>
<b>Tuesday June 9th</b>	<b>Concours Night.</b> If we cannot proceed in June, we may re-arrange the concours night for later in the year.
<b>Tuesday July 14th</b>	<b>TBA</b> Probably a club run from and to the Bridge
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Ripon Old Cars.</b> We shall have our usual club stand but cancellation is probable.
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	<b>Tockwith Show</b> – As last year we will have a stand. Fee £5? Again, cancellation is probable.
<b>Saturday / Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Pateley Bridge MG Club Show -</b> Join Harrogate MG with a club stand if we wish. Once again, cancellation is probable.
<b>Tuesday August 11th</b>	<b>T.B.C.</b>

<b>Tuesday September 8th</b>	<i>Talk. The Thrill of Speed. Mr Graham Read</i>
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Otley Extravaganza</b> - Again our usual club stand, Fee probably £4 if you require a plaque, There may be a fee for entry.
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September -</b>	<b>Club Barbecue</b> at the Collingham Sports Club.
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Knavesmire Show</b> - with our club stand again, fee £5

### **WCCC and Coronavirus / Covid 19**

Government advice is for all persons over the age of 70 to become hermits for a while, to delay or avoid the virus. The Federation of Historic British Vehicle Clubs [FHBVC] have advised all clubs to cancel group meetings including outdoor events. Most clubs in our area have already cancelled events. WCCC has no option but to follow suit. We will put future events in 3 categories:-

1. **Events cancelled, events in the next 2 months, with the possible exception of Drive It Day, will simply not happen**
2. **Events more than a couple of months away will be reviewed as and when appropriate, with a recognition that more cancellations are likely**
3. **Events further ahead we can take the optimistic view that things may change, and it is possible that these events will go ahead.**

It would be a pity for us not to be able to communicate at all during this difficult period, so perhaps members may like to chat via e-mail, social media, or even old fashioned telephone. Will members who would like their contact details passed to other members please let me know. Bob. [bob@debell.me.uk](mailto:bob@debell.me.uk) or 07932158213.



### **Patterdale Hotel**

Choice Hotels have closed their hotels, including the Patterdale Hotel, for 3 months. The hotel has contacted Joan and confirmed that they will re-book or return our monies in full. Clearly if we obtain a refund, we can simply book again if we wish, so we have confirmed that we prefer the cash option. There will obviously be a period of time as they arrange refunds to all their pre-booked clients, but we do have the assurance that their policy is a full refund. Please be patient, and contact Joan if you have any questions or suggestions.

### **Past events**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January - The Oldest Sweet Shop in the World, a talk by Mr Keith Tordoff. Rarely have so many members enjoyed a presentation so much, possibly because of the sweets handed around by Mr Tordoff.



Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Gillian's brilliantly organised Burns Night was a sensation. So many members made so much effort to dress in tartan. The piping in of the Haggis and the Ode was a surprise, and Haggis pie was very tasty. The Cranachan was improved with a drop of whisky. No Gay Gordons, but a good evening was had by all.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March. The Scalextric grand prix had to be cancelled due to illness in the presenters family. A social evening was enjoyed with a bit of Coronavirus and car chat.

16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March. The departure to Northumberland came before the serious advice from the UK Government to stay out of pubs etc. 13 members explored the Northumberland countryside on what may well be the last club event for quite a long time.

## **Editors Rant**

Why has Wetherby become the most expensive place around to buy fuel? For the whole of January, and most of February, Petrol in Wetherby was 7p per litre more than in Selby, 6p more than Harrogate, even 5p more than Leeds. That means about £4 - £5 more for a tankful, and actually means it is cost effective to drive to Scarcroft or Harrogate purely to fill the car. Crazy. And another thing. My understanding of consumer legislation and monopoly control does not allow collusion between competitors, so how come Shell and Morrisons in Wetherby change their fuel prices by exactly the same amount at the same time.

Our national leaders have declared that only electric or hydrogen cars can be sold from 2035 [or maybe 2032]. Hybrids, the saviours of the planet only last year, will be phased out. Remember the Governments advice to buy diesel cars to save the planet a few years ago? Aside from the problems of re-charging an electric car on a long journey, It seems that the manufacture of a new electric car is more destructive to the planet than allowing an extant petrol or diesel car to run for a few more years.

And one other thing. The Government have declared that all petrol in future will be E10, replacing E5, the current standard. This means that 10% of the petrol will be ethanol, or vegetable oil. The arteries of our older cars may struggle with E10.

## **Drive It Day 2020**

On Sunday, 26th April, we had planned a short run from the Bridge to the Motorist Hub at Sherburn in Elmet. Clearly in the current situation we cannot proceed with that idea. The Federation of Historic British Vehicle Clubs, who organise 'Drive it Day' have said :-

*However, there seems no reason why individual enthusiasts could not take their vehicles out for a drive on Drive it Day, waving to each other from a discrete distance, so long as that drive avoids physical social contact.*

*The Federation is encouraging the use of your chosen social media platform to share images and stories for what you are doing with your historic vehicles and furthermore, if you are unable to drive them, what you might be working on within the self - isolation of your garage or shed.*

It may be possible for us to meet up in a layby or car park, and drive a route together without getting out of our cars or stopping for fuel, coffee, lunch etc. Maybe carry a picnic and toast each other from our cars as we enjoy a pork pie or whatever. If we do manage this, members who have underlying health problems or are vulnerable for other reasons should not break their "Self-Isolation" routine. Please let me know if you would like to try this rather odd idea.  
Bob

**Some have declared the following to be racist. I think it is just good old fashioned humour, with us Brits keeping a bright front.**

The English are feeling the pinch in relation to recent virus threat and have therefore raised their threat level from "Miffed" to "Peeved." Soon, though, the level may be raised yet again to "Irritated" or even "A Bit Cross."

The English have not been "A Bit Cross" since the blitz in 1940 when tea supplies nearly ran out.

The virus has been re-categorized from "Tiresome" to "A Bloody Nuisance." The last time the British issued a "Bloody Nuisance" warning level was in 1588, when threatened by the Spanish Armada.

The Scots have raised their threat level from "Pissed Off" to "Let's Get the Bastard." They don't have any other levels. This is the reason they have been used on the front line of the British army for the last 300 years.

The French government announced yesterday that it has raised its alert level from "Run" to "Hide." The only two higher levels in France are "Collaborate" and "Surrender." The rise was precipitated by a recent fire that destroyed France's white flag factory, effectively paralyzing the country's military capability.

Italy has increased the alert level from "Shout Loudly and Excitedly" to "Elaborate Military Posturing." Two more levels remain: "Ineffective Combat Operations" and "Change Sides."

The Germans have increased their alert state from "Disdainful Arrogance" to "Dress in Uniform and Sing Marching Songs." They also have two higher levels: "Invade a Neighbour" and "Lose."

Belgians, on the other hand, are all on holiday as usual; the only threat they are worried about is NATO pulling out of Brussels.

The Spanish are all excited to see their new submarines ready to deploy. These beautifully designed subs have glass bottoms so the new Spanish navy can get a really good look at the old Spanish navy.

Australia, meanwhile, has raised its alert level from "No worries" to "She'll be alright, Mate." Two more escalation levels remain: "Crikey! I think we'll need to cancel the barbie this weekend!" and "The barbie is cancelled." So far, no situation has ever warranted use of the final escalation level.

The Russians have said "It's not us"



## **AGM**

The AGM is scheduled for April, but clearly will not now happen. Working group members will be asked to submit a short resume of their area, plus any relevant records, for a special WCCC magazine to be distributed in April. They will also be asked to confirm their willingness to continue in their roles. Members will then be asked by e-mail or snail mail to accept or otherwise the reports and on-going roles.

One member of the working group does wish to relinquish his role. Don has been a stalwart of the club as chairman and co-chairman for 7 / 8 years, but now finds the stress of travel from home in Bridlington a bit much. Is there any member out there who would like to take on the responsibilities of the co-chairman [or indeed the role of Chairman]?

### **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.



# WETHERBY CLASSIC CAR CLUB

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

**April 2020 to June 2020**



**Burns night winners**

**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** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in the month – 8.00pm Bridge Inn Walshford LS22 5HS

Here is the calendar. Club nights are all booked through to July next year thanks to the hard work of Nigel and Heather. **Dates in red are cancelled events due to Coronavirus /Covid 19.** **Items in Blue are subject to review as better advice and information becomes available.** **Items in green are expected to happen based on current information.**

<b>Tuesday April 14th</b>	<b>A.G.M.</b>
<b>April 19<sup>th</sup> – 24th</b>	<b>5 night stay at the Patterdale Hotel, Glenridding. Details below</b>
<b>Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>National FHBVC “Drive-it” Day. WCCC may have a run, see below.</b>
<b>Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Tadcaster car show. The Motorist Hub, Sherburn in Elmet.</b>
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Welcome to Wetherby event on the Ings. WCCC car display</b>
<b>Tuesday May 12th</b>	<b><i>Talk. A Walk Round Studley Deer Park Mr Mike Bevington</i></b>
<b>Tuesday June 9th</b>	<b>Concours Night.</b> If we cannot proceed in June, we may re-arrange the concours night for later in the year.
<b>Tuesday July 14th</b>	<b>TBA</b> Probably a club run from and to the Bridge
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Ripon Old Cars.</b> We shall have our usual club stand but cancellation is probable.
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	<b>Tockwith Show</b> – As last year we will have a stand. Fee £5? Again, cancellation is probable.
<b>Saturday / Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Pateley Bridge MG Club Show -</b> Join Harrogate MG with a club stand if we wish. Once again, cancellation is probable.
<b>Tuesday August 11th</b>	<b>T.B.C.</b>

<b>Tuesday September 8th</b>	<i>Talk. The Thrill of Speed. Mr Graham Read</i>
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Otley Extravaganza</b> - Again our usual club stand, Fee probably £4 if you require a plaque, There may be a fee for entry.
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September -</b>	<b>Club Barbecue</b> at the Collingham Sports Club.
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Knavesmire Show</b> - with our club stand again, fee £5

### **WCCC and Coronavirus / Covid 19**

Government advice is for all persons over the age of 70 to become hermits for a while, to delay or avoid the virus. The Federation of Historic British Vehicle Clubs [FHBVC] have advised all clubs to cancel group meetings including outdoor events. Most clubs in our area have already cancelled events. WCCC has no option but to follow suit. We will put future events in 3 categories:-

1. **Events cancelled, events in the next 2 months, with the possible exception of Drive It Day, will simply not happen**
2. **Events more than a couple of months away will be reviewed as and when appropriate, with a recognition that more cancellations are likely**
3. **Events further ahead we can take the optimistic view that things may change, and it is possible that these events will go ahead.**

It would be a pity for us not to be able to communicate at all during this difficult period, so perhaps members may like to chat via e-mail, social media, or even old fashioned telephone. Will members who would like their contact details passed to other members please let me know. Bob. [bob@debell.me.uk](mailto:bob@debell.me.uk) or 07932158213.



### **Patterdale Hotel**

Choice Hotels have closed their hotels, including the Patterdale Hotel, for 3 months. The hotel has contacted Joan and confirmed that they will re-book or return our monies in full. Clearly if we obtain a refund, we can simply book again if we wish, so we have confirmed that we prefer the cash option. There will obviously be a period of time as they arrange refunds to all their pre-booked clients, but we do have the assurance that their policy is a full refund. Please be patient, and contact Joan if you have any questions or suggestions.

### **Past events**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January - The Oldest Sweet Shop in the World, a talk by Mr Keith Tordoff. Rarely have so many members enjoyed a presentation so much, possibly because of the sweets handed around by Mr Tordoff.



Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Gillian's brilliantly organised Burns Night was a sensation. So many members made so much effort to dress in tartan. The piping in of the Haggis and the Ode was a surprise, and Haggis pie was very tasty. The Cranachan was improved with a drop of whisky. No Gay Gordons, but a good evening was had by all.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March. The Scalextric grand prix had to be cancelled due to illness in the presenters family. A social evening was enjoyed with a bit of Coronavirus and car chat.

16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March. The departure to Northumberland came before the serious advice from the UK Government to stay out of pubs etc. 13 members explored the Northumberland countryside on what may well be the last club event for quite a long time.

## **Editors Rant**

Why has Wetherby become the most expensive place around to buy fuel? For the whole of January, and most of February, Petrol in Wetherby was 7p per litre more than in Selby, 6p more than Harrogate, even 5p more than Leeds. That means about £4 - £5 more for a tankful, and actually means it is cost effective to drive to Scarcroft or Harrogate purely to fill the car. Crazy. And another thing. My understanding of consumer legislation and monopoly control does not allow collusion between competitors, so how come Shell and Morrisons in Wetherby change their fuel prices by exactly the same amount at the same time.

Our national leaders have declared that only electric or hydrogen cars can be sold from 2035 [or maybe 2032]. Hybrids, the saviours of the planet only last year, will be phased out. Remember the Governments advice to buy diesel cars to save the planet a few years ago? Aside from the problems of re-charging an electric car on a long journey, It seems that the manufacture of a new electric car is more destructive to the planet than allowing an extant petrol or diesel car to run for a few more years.

And one other thing. The Government have declared that all petrol in future will be E10, replacing E5, the current standard. This means that 10% of the petrol will be ethanol, or vegetable oil. The arteries of our older cars may struggle with E10.

## **Drive It Day 2020**

On Sunday, 26th April, we had planned a short run from the Bridge to the Motorist Hub at Sherburn in Elmet. Clearly in the current situation we cannot proceed with that idea. The Federation of Historic British Vehicle Clubs, who organise 'Drive it Day' have said :-

*However, there seems no reason why individual enthusiasts could not take their vehicles out for a drive on Drive it Day, waving to each other from a discrete distance, so long as that drive avoids physical social contact.*

*The Federation is encouraging the use of your chosen social media platform to share images and stories for what you are doing with your historic vehicles and furthermore, if you are unable to drive them, what you might be working on within the self - isolation of your garage or shed.*

It may be possible for us to meet up in a layby or car park, and drive a route together without getting out of our cars or stopping for fuel, coffee, lunch etc. Maybe carry a picnic and toast each other from our cars as we enjoy a pork pie or whatever. If we do manage this, members who have underlying health problems or are vulnerable for other reasons should not break their "Self-Isolation" routine. Please let me know if you would like to try this rather odd idea.  
Bob

**Some have declared the following to be racist. I think it is just good old fashioned humour, with us Brits keeping a bright front.**

The English are feeling the pinch in relation to recent virus threat and have therefore raised their threat level from "Miffed" to "Peeved." Soon, though, the level may be raised yet again to "Irritated" or even "A Bit Cross."

The English have not been "A Bit Cross" since the blitz in 1940 when tea supplies nearly ran out.

The virus has been re-categorized from "Tiresome" to "A Bloody Nuisance." The last time the British issued a "Bloody Nuisance" warning level was in 1588, when threatened by the Spanish Armada.

The Scots have raised their threat level from "Pissed Off" to "Let's Get the Bastard." They don't have any other levels. This is the reason they have been used on the front line of the British army for the last 300 years.

The French government announced yesterday that it has raised its alert level from "Run" to "Hide." The only two higher levels in France are "Collaborate" and "Surrender." The rise was precipitated by a recent fire that destroyed France's white flag factory, effectively paralyzing the country's military capability.

Italy has increased the alert level from "Shout Loudly and Excitedly" to "Elaborate Military Posturing." Two more levels remain: "Ineffective Combat Operations" and "Change Sides."

The Germans have increased their alert state from "Disdainful Arrogance" to "Dress in Uniform and Sing Marching Songs." They also have two higher levels: "Invade a Neighbour" and "Lose."

Belgians, on the other hand, are all on holiday as usual; the only threat they are worried about is NATO pulling out of Brussels.

The Spanish are all excited to see their new submarines ready to deploy. These beautifully designed subs have glass bottoms so the new Spanish navy can get a really good look at the old Spanish navy.

Australia, meanwhile, has raised its alert level from "No worries" to "She'll be alright, Mate." Two more escalation levels remain: "Crikey! I think we'll need to cancel the barbie this weekend!" and "The barbie is cancelled." So far, no situation has ever warranted use of the final escalation level.

The Russians have said "It's not us"

## **AGM**

The AGM is scheduled for April, but clearly will not now happen. Working group members will be asked to submit a short resume of their area, plus any relevant records, for a special WCCC magazine to be distributed in April. They will also be asked to confirm their willingness to continue in their roles. Members will then be asked by e-mail or snail mail to accept or otherwise the reports and on-going roles.

One member of the working group does wish to relinquish his role. Don has been a stalwart of the club as chairman and co-chairman for 7 / 8 years, but now finds the stress of travel from home in Bridlington a bit much. Is there any member out there who would like to take on the responsibilities of the co-chairman [or indeed the role of Chairman]?

### **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.





# WETHERBY CLASSIC CAR CLUB

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

**April 2020 to June 2020**



**Burns night winners**

**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** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in the month – 8.00pm Bridge Inn Walshford LS22 5HS

Here is the calendar. Club nights are all booked through to July next year thanks to the hard work of Nigel and Heather. **Dates in red are cancelled events due to Coronavirus /Covid 19.** **Items in Blue are subject to review as better advice and information becomes available.** **Items in green are expected to happen based on current information.**

<b>Tuesday April 14th</b>	<b>A.G.M.</b>
<b>April 19<sup>th</sup> – 24th</b>	<b>5 night stay at the Patterdale Hotel, Glenridding. Details below</b>
<b>Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>National FHBVC “Drive-it” Day. WCCC may have a run, see below.</b>
<b>Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Tadcaster car show. The Motorist Hub, Sherburn in Elmet.</b>
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Welcome to Wetherby event on the Ings. WCCC car display</b>
<b>Tuesday May 12th</b>	<b><i>Talk. A Walk Round Studley Deer Park Mr Mike Bevington</i></b>
<b>Tuesday June 9th</b>	<b>Concours Night.</b> If we cannot proceed in June, we may re-arrange the concours night for later in the year.
<b>Tuesday July 14th</b>	<b>TBA</b> Probably a club run from and to the Bridge
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Ripon Old Cars.</b> We shall have our usual club stand but cancellation is probable.
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	<b>Tockwith Show</b> – As last year we will have a stand. Fee £5? Again, cancellation is probable.
<b>Saturday / Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Pateley Bridge MG Club Show -</b> Join Harrogate MG with a club stand if we wish. Once again, cancellation is probable.
<b>Tuesday August 11th</b>	<b>T.B.C.</b>

<b>Tuesday September 8th</b>	<i>Talk. The Thrill of Speed. Mr Graham Read</i>
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Otley Extravaganza</b> - Again our usual club stand, Fee probably £4 if you require a plaque, There may be a fee for entry.
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September -</b>	<b>Club Barbecue</b> at the Collingham Sports Club.
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Knavesmire Show</b> - with our club stand again, fee £5

### **WCCC and Coronavirus / Covid 19**

Government advice is for all persons over the age of 70 to become hermits for a while, to delay or avoid the virus. The Federation of Historic British Vehicle Clubs [FHBVC] have advised all clubs to cancel group meetings including outdoor events. Most clubs in our area have already cancelled events. WCCC has no option but to follow suit. We will put future events in 3 categories:-

1. **Events cancelled, events in the next 2 months, with the possible exception of Drive It Day, will simply not happen**
2. **Events more than a couple of months away will be reviewed as and when appropriate, with a recognition that more cancellations are likely**
3. **Events further ahead we can take the optimistic view that things may change, and it is possible that these events will go ahead.**

It would be a pity for us not to be able to communicate at all during this difficult period, so perhaps members may like to chat via e-mail, social media, or even old fashioned telephone. Will members who would like their contact details passed to other members please let me know. Bob. [bob@debell.me.uk](mailto:bob@debell.me.uk) or 07932158213.



### **Patterdale Hotel**

Choice Hotels have closed their hotels, including the Patterdale Hotel, for 3 months. The hotel has contacted Joan and confirmed that they will re-book or return our monies in full. Clearly if we obtain a refund, we can simply book again if we wish, so we have confirmed that we prefer the cash option. There will obviously be a period of time as they arrange refunds to all their pre-booked clients, but we do have the assurance that their policy is a full refund. Please be patient, and contact Joan if you have any questions or suggestions.

### **Past events**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January - The Oldest Sweet Shop in the World, a talk by Mr Keith Tordoff. Rarely have so many members enjoyed a presentation so much, possibly because of the sweets handed around by Mr Tordoff.



Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Gillian's brilliantly organised Burns Night was a sensation. So many members made so much effort to dress in tartan. The piping in of the Haggis and the Ode was a surprise, and Haggis pie was very tasty. The Cranachan was improved with a drop of whisky. No Gay Gordons, but a good evening was had by all.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March. The Scalextric grand prix had to be cancelled due to illness in the presenters family. A social evening was enjoyed with a bit of Coronavirus and car chat.

16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March. The departure to Northumberland came before the serious advice from the UK Government to stay out of pubs etc. 13 members explored the Northumberland countryside on what may well be the last club event for quite a long time.

## **Editors Rant**

Why has Wetherby become the most expensive place around to buy fuel? For the whole of January, and most of February, Petrol in Wetherby was 7p per litre more than in Selby, 6p more than Harrogate, even 5p more than Leeds. That means about £4 - £5 more for a tankful, and actually means it is cost effective to drive to Scarcroft or Harrogate purely to fill the car. Crazy. And another thing. My understanding of consumer legislation and monopoly control does not allow collusion between competitors, so how come Shell and Morrisons in Wetherby change their fuel prices by exactly the same amount at the same time.

Our national leaders have declared that only electric or hydrogen cars can be sold from 2035 [or maybe 2032]. Hybrids, the saviours of the planet only last year, will be phased out. Remember the Governments advice to buy diesel cars to save the planet a few years ago? Aside from the problems of re-charging an electric car on a long journey, It seems that the manufacture of a new electric car is more destructive to the planet than allowing an extant petrol or diesel car to run for a few more years.

And one other thing. The Government have declared that all petrol in future will be E10, replacing E5, the current standard. This means that 10% of the petrol will be ethanol, or vegetable oil. The arteries of our older cars may struggle with E10.

## **Drive It Day 2020**

On Sunday, 26th April, we had planned a short run from the Bridge to the Motorist Hub at Sherburn in Elmet. Clearly in the current situation we cannot proceed with that idea. The Federation of Historic British Vehicle Clubs, who organise 'Drive it Day' have said :-

*However, there seems no reason why individual enthusiasts could not take their vehicles out for a drive on Drive it Day, waving to each other from a discrete distance, so long as that drive avoids physical social contact.*

*The Federation is encouraging the use of your chosen social media platform to share images and stories for what you are doing with your historic vehicles and furthermore, if you are unable to drive them, what you might be working on within the self - isolation of your garage or shed.*

It may be possible for us to meet up in a layby or car park, and drive a route together without getting out of our cars or stopping for fuel, coffee, lunch etc. Maybe carry a picnic and toast each other from our cars as we enjoy a pork pie or whatever. If we do manage this, members who have underlying health problems or are vulnerable for other reasons should not break their "Self-Isolation" routine. Please let me know if you would like to try this rather odd idea.  
Bob

**Some have declared the following to be racist. I think it is just good old fashioned humour, with us Brits keeping a bright front.**

The English are feeling the pinch in relation to recent virus threat and have therefore raised their threat level from "Miffed" to "Peeved." Soon, though, the level may be raised yet again to "Irritated" or even "A Bit Cross."

The English have not been "A Bit Cross" since the blitz in 1940 when tea supplies nearly ran out.

The virus has been re-categorized from "Tiresome" to "A Bloody Nuisance." The last time the British issued a "Bloody Nuisance" warning level was in 1588, when threatened by the Spanish Armada.

The Scots have raised their threat level from "Pissed Off" to "Let's Get the Bastard." They don't have any other levels. This is the reason they have been used on the front line of the British army for the last 300 years.

The French government announced yesterday that it has raised its alert level from "Run" to "Hide." The only two higher levels in France are "Collaborate" and "Surrender." The rise was precipitated by a recent fire that destroyed France's white flag factory, effectively paralyzing the country's military capability.

Italy has increased the alert level from "Shout Loudly and Excitedly" to "Elaborate Military Posturing." Two more levels remain: "Ineffective Combat Operations" and "Change Sides."

The Germans have increased their alert state from "Disdainful Arrogance" to "Dress in Uniform and Sing Marching Songs." They also have two higher levels: "Invade a Neighbour" and "Lose."

Belgians, on the other hand, are all on holiday as usual; the only threat they are worried about is NATO pulling out of Brussels.

The Spanish are all excited to see their new submarines ready to deploy. These beautifully designed subs have glass bottoms so the new Spanish navy can get a really good look at the old Spanish navy.

Australia, meanwhile, has raised its alert level from "No worries" to "She'll be alright, Mate." Two more escalation levels remain: "Crikey! I think we'll need to cancel the barbie this weekend!" and "The barbie is cancelled." So far, no situation has ever warranted use of the final escalation level.

The Russians have said "It's not us"

## **AGM**

The AGM is scheduled for April, but clearly will not now happen. Working group members will be asked to submit a short resume of their area, plus any relevant records, for a special WCCC magazine to be distributed in April. They will also be asked to confirm their willingness to continue in their roles. Members will then be asked by e-mail or snail mail to accept or otherwise the reports and on-going roles.

One member of the working group does wish to relinquish his role. Don has been a stalwart of the club as chairman and co-chairman for 7 / 8 years, but now finds the stress of travel from home in Bridlington a bit much. Is there any member out there who would like to take on the responsibilities of the co-chairman [or indeed the role of Chairman]?

### **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.