



# WETHERBY CLASSIC CAR CLUB

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

**January to March 2021**



**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**

## Memories of 25 years ago – From John Warner



I was going through some old photograph albums prior to throwing some of them away and found these images and the post we had in Wetherby News about the start of first meeting ever of the club.



See the newspaper cutting and a selection of the cars present on the first night - good to keep these for nostalgia purposes



My Lotus Elan Sprint took centre position along with the Co-Founders Triumph TR8.



The BMW was a 1602 Ti LHD and the Bentley was a highly modified MK6, and of course my Exs MGB Roadster.

### Editors note:-

MEETING VENUES since 1995 have been as follows:-

Inaugural meeting – Windmill Inn, Linton  
Chequers Inn, Bilton-in-Ainsty 1995 - August 2003

Wetherby W M Club September 2003 - August 2004

Pax Inn, Thorpe Arch September 2004 - June 2009

Bridge Inn Hotel, Walshford July 2009 – Present

### CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

1995-1996 £4.00

1996 - 2001 £6.00

2001 - 2005 £8.00

2005 - 2009 £10.00

2009 - TO DATE £12.00

## Chairman's Rant



*'We've moved a few things around. Travel books are in the Fantasy section, Politics is in Sci-Fi, and Epidemiology is in Self-Help. Good luck.'*

What can I say after all the non-events of 2020. For most of us I suspect that classic car activity has been reduced to polishing and admiring our cars. One of mine was taxed for just one month, the other not taxed at all. As of April the MGB will be on Historic road tax, i.e. free, so I will keep it taxed after that.

Don't cry over the past – it's gone! Don't stress over the future – it hasn't arrived. Live in the present and make it classic.

## Future Wetherby Classic Car Club Activity Programme

We do not know when, or to what extent we can re-commence our club activities. After discussion amongst the working group via email, the following tentative ideas have developed. They are, in the great tradition of Covid planning, complex, confusing and subject to short term change or cancellation and probably ending in tears.

### **Club nights:-**

**Before I say Happy New Year on 31st Dec, I want to see the terms and conditions cos I ain't going through another year like this**

The first club night that we are allowed will be a presentation by our own Tony Lucas on his experiences during his national service UNLESS it happens to be in June, in which case it will be Concours night, or July when it will be the Golden Oldies run. If it should be in April or later, it may also be the AGM.

The second club night will be our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner at the Bridge Hotel UNLESS it falls in the peak holiday months of July or August, in which case it will be a classic car run from and to the Bridge Hotel.

After that, normal service will hopefully be resumed.

**Other events**, all dates are 'Guesstimates' and subject to review or cancellation.

**March 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> 2021** Northumberland visit - see below

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April** - Easter and April fools Day run.

**Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup> National "Drive it" day.** Possible York Historic Vehicles Group event at Sherburn Airfield from mid morning.

**Sunday May 2nd Tadcaster car show**, John Smiths Brewery car park.

**Tuesday 8th June - Golden Oldies Run** A scenic drive in North Yorkshire, From and return to the Bridge Hotel.

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July - Ripon Old Cars**, Ripon Race Course with our own club stand.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> August - Tockwith Show** with our own club stand.

**Saturday / Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> August - Pateley Bridge MG Club Show**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September - WCCC Club Barbecue** Collingham and Linton Sports association Bring your own meat or fish and enjoy the club buffet.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September - Otley Extravaganza** with our own club stand.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September - Knavesmire Show** York Racecourse



Here are a couple of photos as I've just had my Morris Minor pickup engine rebuilt. These are of it going in. As its winter there's no rush and of course will there be any days out next year???? But it will be running this week (fingers crossed). Nice to have it back on the road. Hope all well with everybody. **Chris Wood.**



## **Northumberland visit March 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> 2021**



Last time we visited in March this year I booked before we left for 2021. Little did I know what was to happen with our year to date. Hopefully we might have a chance to return to the Cottage Inn, Dunstan.

Please let me know if you would be interested in making a happy return to Northumberland and start your holiday season. This is not a firm commitment at this point as we don't know how things will be, hopefully the vaccination will be in full swing and we will all

have had the jabs!!

For anyone who has not joined us before, the food is very good at the Cottage Inn, and the Northumberland scenery is outstanding. WCCC camaraderie is, of course, great.

Either ring me 01937520630. Or my usual email.  
Joan (Woodhall)



Just one drive out during the latter part of 'summer'. Joan, Gillian, David and Caroline took their classics for a spin to Tan Hill. They met up with some feathered friends who were not social distancing..

**DURING THE MIDDLE AGES THEY CELEBRATED THE END OF THE PLAGUE WITH WINE AND ORGIES DOES ANYONE KNOW IF THEY HAVE ANYTHING LIKE THAT PLANNED WHEN THIS ONE ENDS?**

### **The Federation of Historic British Vehicle Clubs has published the results of it's 2019 survey. Here are the main points:-**

FBHVC National Historic Vehicle Survey reveals significant contribution to UK economy  
Published: 17/11/2020

- Number of historic vehicles on DVLA database has increased yet again to 1.5 million
- The historic movement now worth over £7.2 billion to UK economy
- 4,000 businesses employing over 34,000 people
- 700,000 enthusiasts – up from 500,000 in 2016
- Overall, historic vehicles account for less than 0.2% of the total miles driven in the UK
- 35% of owners either already or are willing to contribute to a carbon reduction scheme
- 56% of historic vehicles are on SORN

The results of the 2020 National Historic Vehicle Survey have been announced by the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs. The summary results were revealed during the Virtual Lancaster Classic Motor Show with Discovery, filmed at the NEC this month.

Historically, the Federation has undertaken this major survey every 5 years, the most recent being the 2016. However, in light of the very obvious impact that worldwide pandemic has had on the UK and is likely to have on historic vehicle habits, the survey was conducted earlier to represent a more typical year in 2019.

The survey is the largest and most detailed survey of historic vehicle ownership carried out in any country. The results will help shape the future of the industry and will give the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs the vital facts and figures needed to protect future of transport heritage in the United Kingdom at the very highest levels.

#### **More vehicles, contributing more to the UK economy.**

Growth in the sector is the result of an increased number of historic vehicles registered with the DVLA, over the 2016 figures, to an incredible 1.5 million vehicles of all types from cars, buses and lorries to motorcycles, agricultural, military and steam vehicles. This represents 3.4% of all registered vehicles in the UK. Naturally, more vehicles mean more owners, 700,000 in fact, up by 200k on the previous survey in 2016.

The use of those historic vehicles and their need for services and supplies has kept spending healthy, with the historic vehicle sector now contributing an impressive £7.2 billion to the UK economy – that's more than the equestrian sector and significantly up on the £5.5 billion in 2016.

This revenue is generated from the nearly 4,000 businesses that support the movement employing over 34,000 people. Those businesses are working on ensuring the future of the movement as well, with over a third either employing or considering employing an apprentice.

The value of individual vehicles is widely spread, with 51% having a market value of less than £10,000 demonstrating a community of diversity and inclusiveness driven by enthusiasm. 44% are registered as on the road and ready for use.

The survey revealed that increasingly, historic vehicles are not used for daily transport. Indeed, the average mileage covered during the course of a year is just 1,200 miles, which equates to all the historic vehicles on the road accounting for less than 0.2% of the total miles driven on UK roads each year. Despite that tiny mileage for recreational and heritage uses, enthusiasts are clearly becoming more aware of the environmental impact of their activities, with 35% of owners saying they already contribute to, or would consider contributing to, a carbon reduction scheme. The Federation is actively researching options to identify tangible solutions for enthusiasts.

So, the headlines are positive and it's good news for the future of the historic vehicle community that, despite concerns and uncertainty around Brexit, the movement has continued to grow, develop and contribute a significant sum annually to the economy of the United Kingdom.



One of the British national daily newspapers is asking readers "what it means to be British?". Some of the emails are hilarious but this one from a man in Switzerland —

"Being British is about driving in a German car to an Irish pub for a Belgian beer, then travelling home, grabbing an Indian curry or a Turkish kebab on the way, to sit on Swedish furniture and watch American shows on a Japanese TV. He buys a holiday home in Spain, skis in France, fancies Swedish birds and has a Romanian au-pair.

And the most British thing of all? Suspicion of anything foreign".

Just seen this years top 10 cracker jokes and thought I'd share!

1. What is Dominic Cummings' favourite Christmas song? Driving Home for Christmas.

2. Did you hear that production was down at Santa's workshop? Many of his workers have had to Elf isolate!

3. Why didn't Mary and Joseph make it to Bethlehem? All Virgin flights were cancelled.

4. Why are Santa's reindeer allowed to travel on Christmas Eve? They have herd immunity.

5. Why did the pirates have to go into lockdown? Because the "Arrrr!" rate had risen.

6. Why is it best to think of 2020 like a panto? Because eventually, it's behind you.

7. Why couldn't Mary and Joseph join their work conference call? Because there was no Zoom at the inn.

8. Why can't Boris Johnson make his Christmas cake until the last minute? He doesn't know how many tiers it should have.

9. What do the Trumps do for Christmas dinner? They put on a super spread.

10. Which Christmas film was 30 years ahead of its time? Home Alone