



# WETHERBY CLASSIC CAR CLUB

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

**October 2021 – December 2021**



**The Silver Anniversary Dinner [Note the pin badge on the menu]**

**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**

## Chairmans Rant

I have now had a chance to drive the classic cars of the (Distant) future, an “All electric” (AE) Tesla and a Petrol Hybrid Electric (PHEV) Range Rover. Overall I am impressed. The acceleration of the AE is phenomenal, better than any petrol or turbo diesel I have ever driven. The PHEV is little different to driving an ordinary automatic car.

The Tesla has a feature which I have only read of. It literally drives itself. On a motorway or well marked road, the car monitors other traffic and road markings, and the driver can sit back and relax, touching the steering wheel every few seconds to let the car know he/she is awake. I was quite apprehensive about this as a passenger, particularly when the driver started to use the car’s screen to search for a restaurant with a charging station whilst travelling at 70mph. The cars screens have full internet access and can be used as full rear view mirrors. The Tesla has 2 screens, with touch control for internet connection, sat-nav, music, and many other functions. The main screen is bigger than my laptop. With a range of 400 miles, and fast charging stations at many points of interest such as restaurants, motorway services, shopping centres, long distance driving is quite comfortable. The car can be controlled via a smart phone. Seeing it drive itself out of the garage was a strange experience.

The Range Rover has only a 35 mile range on it’s electric motor, but can be set via the touch screen controls to combine petrol and electric usage pushing the mpg up towards 60. There are 3 screens in the RR, with even more options for driving style, road surface type, comfort etc. Just as with the Tesla, there are many opportunities to charge, and the car charges itself on downhill stretches with a lot of braking.

We did find that over reliance on technology can be a concern. If the car electronic key battery fails, and the car is parked in a place such as an underground garage with no mobile phone connection, the car cannot be opened, started or driven at all.

So, will I buy one? If I do, I would prefer an AE, but I do not think a new AE will ever be within my budget. Second hand is questionable according to the experts, as battery life is limited and for replacement batteries I would need a mortgage. Technology will advance, and there may be an opportunity in the future, I shall have to wait and see.

## Wetherby Classic Car Club 2021 programme.

The working group have discussed the possibilities, and we propose the following activities for 2021/2. With thanks to David Addyman and Dave Perrins for regular updates. This list includes events we believe will actually go ahead, and for most of them it will be a case of individual booking.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October** – Club Barbecue at the Collingham and Linton Sports Association. Bring your own meat or fish to be barbecued along with the salads and desserts on the buffet. Starting at 3.00 pm, with BBQ cooking a little later. If you are not fond of BBQ meat, just come along anyway and bring a picnic. Bar open for drinks. Cost £2.50 per person. Please contact Joan to book your place, pay at the BBQ.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October** - Club night at the Bridge with a presentation on the gardens of Goldsborough Hall.

**18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> October** - 3 night trip to Northumberland. Joan has re-booked the cancelled March trip, and everybody originally booked has signed up again. There is already a waiting list. This should go ahead.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November Guy Fawkes run** - A run from the Bridge Hotel to a nice pub for Sunday lunch. Full details at the October meeting, so put it in your diary now.

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November** - Club night at the Bridge with a Presentation by Graham Read [a regular contributor] entitled “Formula 1’s 10 British champions”

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas dinner at the Bridge.

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022** - Nigel, Heather and Tony are hoping to arrange the much anticipated “Scalextric Grand Prix night”

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February** - Supper night. A chance to chase away those winter blues with a light-hearted social evening. Details during November.

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March** - Club night at the Bridge with a speaker

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April** - AGM and quiz night

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May** - Club night at the Bridge with a speaker

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June** - Concours night at the Bridge Hotel. Put our cars on display and invite other local clubs to join us.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July** - Evening drive from and to the Bridge Hotel

### **Winter Quiz nights**

Always an evening of fun as the various teams try to prove that their answers are better than the quiz masters. Our own Tony, assisted by Roland, will be asking the questions. Do join us at the Horbury Working Men’s club, Cluntergate, Horbury, Wakefield, WF4 5DB at 8.00 pm for the 5 events, Pie and Peas available after the quiz,

Monday 25th October

Monday 29th November

Not December because of Christmas

Monday 31st January

Monday 28th February

Monday 28th March

### **FHBVC News**

#### **AGM**

The Twenty Second Annual General Meeting of the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs Limited will take place on Saturday 9 October 2021 at the British Motor Museum, Banbury Road, Gaydon, Warwickshire, CV35 0BJ (time to be confirmed) for the following purposes.

#### **Partnership with Motul**

The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs (FBHVC) is delighted to announce it has appointed Motul in a new three-year deal to collaborate on securing the future of lubricants for historic vehicles, through product innovation and support for the historic vehicle industry and club community.

Motul is a core part of transport history, having been founded in 1853 in the USA as part of Swan and Finch. It became a French headquartered company in 1957. The brand remains in family ownership to this day. Throughout the entire era of motorised transport, Motul has been conscious of its role in not only creating history through innovative product and service development, but also contributing to the heritage of the industry as a whole. Motul's credibility and expertise are second to none. Motul supports the preservation of motoring heritage, through Motul's Fondation du Patrimoine, via museums & exhibitions, as well as through its partnerships across the historic vehicle world (with FIVA, the Tour Auto, Goodwood Revival, Silverstone Classic, Carrera Panamericana and Le Mans Classic). This illustrates the passion of the brand, its owners and staff and their desire to transmit this passion to the younger generation.

FBHVC Chairman David Whale says, "Passion is a word that occurs regularly in our conversations with Motul. The company has a philosophy towards passion that considers it an invaluable resource within their business that cannot be bought or taught. Motul has such passion and that obvious commitment to the future of historic vehicles will prove powerful for us all in their role as Official Lubricant Partner to the FBHVC. Today, we start a journey that will last at least three years and there is a clear commitment on both sides that this is only the beginning. The resulting outcome will be the creation of solutions to future proof this important aspect of keeping historic vehicles on our roads." Motul believes that supporting historic vehicles will also have a positive impact on sustainability - as they are, by definition, sustainable, thanks to their greater age, limited use and because they will not require end-of-life disposal, with the negative environmental impact that entails.

## Past events

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July – AGM and Concours night** The weather was very kind and strolling amongst the cars, chatting to members, inviting hotel guests to join us, really made it feel like the end of Covid restrictions. 14 member's cars were on display, plus a very nice Volvo P1800 from the Deighton Bar Classic Car Club, an exclusive group of 5 friends from Deighton Bar. New member Steve Wilson was awarded the Chairman's trophy for his MG Midget, which he has rebuilt from scratch during the lockdowns.



The AGM almost broke the "30 persons in a room" Covid barrier, but as a couple of members decided to stay outside, we were able to carry on legally. David and Anthea volunteered to take over the role of Show stand organiser, otherwise all the members of the working group were re-elected. Following discussion of club business, it was agreed that from 2022 family membership fees will be increased from £12 to £15 per annum. The Clubman of the year was awarded to Tony Lucas, after which your chairman was touched and surprised to be awarded a special Member of the Year award recognising work done during the lockdowns to keep the club going.





## Silver Anniversary Dinner

20 members enjoyed a social evening to celebrate [a little late due to Covid] the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Wetherby Classic Car Club. The hotel did a very good job for us, the food was enjoyed by all, and the efforts to dress or illustrate the colour theme of silver were excellent as can be seen from the pictures. A pin badge was presented to all who attended, and there are some remaining which can be purchased from Colin and Barbara for £1.50 each. Many thanks to Margaret, Joan and Gillian for their hard work preparing and organising a memorable event.



The pin badge



## Knavesmire show

Here's our five cars at the Knavesmire. It was a good day with fine weather - Michael Evans said it was the best weather he had ever known at that show.

The two balloons attached to the 2CV car were silver and had the number 25 painted on. They were from the Gala Dinner! (Pity the wind rotated the balloons the wrong way)

Editors note:-

This was the first show to be arranged by our new organisers, David and Anthea. Well done, it went well even the weather was set up apparently.

## Drive to Darrington – 24<sup>th</sup> August

7 members cars arrived at the Bridge Hotel car park and followed a route to Darrington. Quite a different part of Yorkshire to our usual stamping ground. Colin and Barbara provided a “pocket history” of the Battle of Towton, the site of which was on the route. Apparently the weather was the main factor in the Yorkists very bloody victory. Lunch was



at Gallimore's Restaurant within the Kyte Hotel. The menu was very interesting And the food well prepared and served. The Chef came out for a chat after lunch, and explained that this was a new venture. In our opinions well worth a drive for an excellent meal.



Whilst we were at the Bridge, the manager told us that a group of about 50 Rotary Club classic car enthusiasts were due to arrive for a 3 day stay. I returned that evening to see their cars, including a couple of Bugattis. They were a friendly crowd, and their cars were seen frequently around Wetherby over the next couple of days. Many thanks to Colin and Barbara for an enjoyable day out.



There wouldn't be a petrol shortage if people weren't filling up their tanks.



Figure 1