



WETHERBY CLASSIC CAR CLUB



The WCCC Stand at Burley

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

**Regular monthly meetings are held at the Bridge Hotel, Walshford, Wetherby,
LS22 5HS on second Tuesday each month at 8.00 pm.**

Wetherby Classic Car Club 2024/25 programme

The runs and shows in the 2025 section of the programme are subject to confirmation. Dates of runs are flexible to suit organisers, so please come forward and take over a run. Many thanks to David and Caroline for getting us well ahead with speaker bookings.

Tuesday October 8th - Club night with a presentation by Susan Dyke, telling us about the Wardill motorcycle.

Sunday October 27th - Halloween Run. We are going to the Worsley Arms in Hovingham. Anthea needs numbers etc and will hand out menus at the next club night. If anyone who cannot make the next club night wants to join us please contact Anthea. Meet at the Bridge Hotel car park for departure at 11.30.

Tuesday November 12th - Club meeting with a Beetle Drive to keep us on our competitive toes.

Tuesday 10th December - WCCC Christmas Dinner at the Bridge Hotel will be priced at £24.00 per guest. The club will give each person a £2.50 drinks voucher towards some Christmas cheer. Please complete the booking form [which will follow this magazine] and return it to Margaret at or before the November meeting.

Sunday 12th January - The Peter Woodhall memorial run from the Golf club at Wike to the Bridge Hotel for a carvery lunch. Meet at the golf club car park at 11.30, or drive direct to the Bridge for 1.00 pm. Please let Joan or Bob know if you will be there.

Tuesday 14th January - Club meeting at the Bridge Hotel with a presentation on Disability Action Yorkshire, by Nigel Thompson.

Tuesday 11th February - Club 'Beat the winter blues' party on a theme of "The Great Outdoors". Menu details in the next magazine, but probably a billy can on a primus stove.

Sunday 16th February – Valentines day run, from the Bridge Hotel to a pub for lunch. Organised by David and Anthea. Details in the next magazine.

Tuesday 11th March - Club meeting at the Bridge Hotel with Derek Roberts telling us all about Mintex brake systems.

Sunday 30th March - March Hare run. A run to the Dales for lunch. Organised by Bob and June.

Tuesday 8th April - Club AGM at the Bridge Hotel followed by a nice easy quiz.

Sunday 27th April - Drive It Day Run. A run to Lastingham on the North York Moors for lunch. **Organiser needed.**

Tuesday 13th May - Club meeting at the Bridge Hotel with a speaker tba

Sunday 25th May - May Madness Run. **Organiser needed.**

Sunday June 8th - Yorkshire Rovers Club show at Oakwell Hall, Batley

Tuesday 10th June – Concours night at the Bridge Hotel

Saturday 7th June – Picnic at Harewood Hill Climb “Classic and Vintage Hill Climb”. Just bring a picnic to join fellow WCCC members and watch the classic cars storming up the hill. This an untried idea, please let Bob know if you are interested asap so that we can try to book a car park area for the club.

Tuesday 24th June - Golden Oldies run, From the Bridge and finishing at YHVG meet at Squires Café, Sherburn in Elmet for 5.30pm. **ORGANISER NEEDED. provisional date.**

Tuesday 8th July - Club meeting at the Bridge Hotel, “Retirement for beginners” by Jeff Jacklin

Sunday 20th July - Newby Hall classic car show. One of the biggest shows in our area. Only cars registered before 31st December 1979 can be displayed. No WCCC stand.

Sunday 27th July - Ripon Old Cars Classic Car Show at Ripon Racecourse. WCCC Club stand as usual.

Tuesday August 12th - Evening drive from and to the Bridge Hotel, organised by Pam and Gerald.

Sunday 24th August - Burley in Wharfedale Village Show, a lovely day out for the whole family. **provisional date.**

Tuesday 9th September - Club meeting at the Bridge Hotel with a speaker tba

Sunday 17th September - Knavesmire show on York racecourse, club stand at one of the biggest shows in our area. **Date tbc**

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3 night trip away to an hotel – It would be nice if we could revive the idea of a few nights away together. Northumberland has served us well for several years, but it is probably time for pastures new. If any member would like to take on this rewarding task, please let Bob know. Dates and location entirely at your choosing.

Past events

Tuesday 9th July – The evening drive had to be cancelled due to bad weather, so members had a natter in the club's room at the Bridge.

Sunday 23rd June – Alvis show at St John the Baptist Church, Knaresborough. A lovely little show, with views from the church over the Knaresborough viaduct which I had not seen before. David and Anthea told me about this show, and as I was interested in Alvis as a possible replacement for the MGB I went along. A very friendly group of Alvis drivers gave me useful information, the tea and cake was lovely. Well worth a visit, but I do not think it is an annual event. [We later test drove an Alvis, and we decided it was not for us.]



Saturday 20th July - Leeds MG and CCC show at Grange Park, Wetherby. This was a new show, organised by Leeds MG Club as they had lost their previous location. The facility at Grange Park, which did not work for our club meetings, is very good for a classic car show. There is plenty of space to exhibit the cars, plenty of indoor facilities. WCCC had a stand, and the total display and entry was very good for a new show.



Sunday 21st July - Newby Hall classic car show. As one of the biggest shows in our area, this used to be a worthwhile show. For some reason, it seems to have gone 'off the boil'. Only a couple of WCCC members attended, we were not allowed a club stand and not all our members have cars which meet the age requirements i.e. registered 40 or more years ago.

Sunday July 28th - Ripon Old Cars Classic Car Show at Ripon racecourse. This show was blessed with good weather and a good turnout from WCCC members. David Ezard got involved in a chat with one of the organisers and found himself judging the motor bikes. Fortunately, David has plenty of experience with bikes and chose a worthy winner. The picture shows the WCCC stand from an unusual angle.



The Ripon show usually has a good and varied selection of exhibits, and this year was no exception. One of John's friends was showing his maroon Renault Caravelle alongside John's white one. Quite unusual to see 2 examples of such an interesting car.



Tuesday 13th August - Club meeting with Margaret and Bill's neighbour describing his hobby of bee-keeping. Honey was on sale, and several members took a jar home. There was some new and interesting information for members on the techniques of looking after these particularly important insects.

Thursday 15th August - We had 7 classic and 1 modern car take part, the weather turned wet shortly after eating our picnics, but everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves.



Sunday 18th August - Burley Village Festival. The weather was very mixed with long periods of dull & overcast being mixed with glorious if short periods of intense sunshine. The cricket club did a roaring early morning trade, the bacon butties were much appreciated. The Burley show involves the whole village, there are street food stands, charity stalls, Antique and craft fairs, family entertainment. The space is limited, and places for cars are snapped up literally as soon as booking open. The space allocated to clubs is very tight. The Aston Martin club had the best stand, which included what looked like a modern Japanese car with an Aston Martin badge. Apparently, Aston Martin upgraded and badged a number of these cars to

manage the average emissions of their full range.

The picture shows the Yorkshire Rover club stand opposite the WCCC stand.

Tuesday September 10th - The afternoon Tea Cruise on the Leeds & Liverpool Canal replaced the club night at the Bridge. Many thanks to Joan who organised the event, and to Brian for taking over and persuading several members of his Rolls Royce club to join the trip.



Sunday 15th September - We had our usual WCCC Stand at the Knavesmire show. The weather was unkind, and the reports of the show on t'internet said it was a 'washout', but WCCC members persevered, albeit some staying chatting in their cars. Some exhibitors left early, or did not arrive at all, but even so there was a good display of cars.

Sunday 22nd September - We had a Run to Thompsons 'Famous' chip shop on the A64 near York. The run covered some remarkably familiar territory and a few 'new' roads east of York. 18 members enjoyed the fish and chips or the steak pie. The portions were a bit big; the chat was enjoyable. 3 members came in their 2CVs, a much easier run than their annual trip to the Tan Hill inn at New Year.



Chairmans Rant

We managed a few car shows and club runs in between our travels this year. It is really nice to see how our mutual interest in classic cars brings us together, and how many other topics of conversation arise at our events. Many thanks to David and Anthea for all their efforts in organising the shows. We have finally resolved our search for a classic to replace the MG. It took a long time, we had 5 criteria:-

1. A comparatively rare classic
2. Easy access for octogenarians
3. In good "driveable" condition
4. Reasonable supply of spares
5. Affordable

We looked at quite a few, including Rover P5, Wolseley 4 44, Triumph Renown, Alvis, Riley Pathfinder, but never a Lea Francis, so when we saw a Lea Francis 14 hp for sale at the Burley show, we had a good look. Both Davids and Jeff also had a look for us, and David Ezard accompanied us on a trial ride. We agreed a price, paid for it and left to visit our family in Canada for 4 weeks. Two days after we returned home the LeaF passed an MOT Test with no advisories, and John delivered it to us in Collingham. We took it for a short drive to the Bridge Hotel, then popped it in the garage beside the MG. 2 days later, without any detailed checks, we took it on the Fish and Chip run, a total of 70 miles. It performed without problems, although the drum brakes were even poorer than I expected.



During the week at home, I looked it over, tightened a loose bolt, topped up the brake fluid, added a WCCC sticker to the windscreen and then took it on the Distinguished Gentlemen's Drive the following Sunday. Again, it performed well, and I got used to the brakes. Now it needs to have a couple of leaks sorted and an oil change, greasing, then it will be ready for more outings. The most surprising thing was the reaction of the younger generation [i.e. teenagers]. Apparently, it is a "Really Cool Car". Maybe the classic car movement has a future.

We discovered the Distinguished Gentlemen's Drive whilst playing around on the internet during a quiet time in Canada. It sounded like fun, cars must be minimum 40 years old, it is a worldwide charity raising funds for Movember, which supports men's mental health and prostate cancer research. There was a local run based on Bowcliffe Hall, drivers and passengers to be dressed in period, 70 miles but never more than 15 miles from home, so we entered. Friends and family donated generously, and hunting for period, 1950's, clothes was interesting if a little stressful. We duly arrived at the start at 9.00 am on the day to find no cars in sight. We were first there, unusual for us. Eventually more cars arrived including a boiling MG B GT which finished it's run on the spot. Registration was straightforward, we received a nice badge for the car and the bacon butties were good.



The route was on our phones on Google Maps. We found this very difficult to follow and went off the route twice, eventually we just used local knowledge and Waze to drive to the finish at the Dunesforde Vineyard. There we discovered that most of the 27 entrants had lost the route and spent even more time than we had finding the way back. Then we were told that the promised food was not available. That made us really appreciate the work that David and Anthea, and others, put in to produce good, easy to follow route instructions for our WCCC runs, carefully managed lunch bookings etc.

INTER CLASSIC CAR CLUB QUIZ

HELLO EVERY ONE RALLY SEASON ALMOST OVER AND WE ARE SURE ITS BEEN A GREAT ONE THIS YEAR POLISHED YOUR TROPHIES ?? MOVED THE ASPIDISTRA AND ARRANGED TROPHIES ON THE SIDE BOARD . {THAT'S IF YOUR ALLOWED} PUT YOUR GALOSHES AWAY AND HUNG YOUR RAINCOATS OUT TO DRY !! SO THE GOOD TIMES? AREN'T OVER YET, AS THE INTER CLUB QUIZ NIGHTS ARE ALMOST HERE ! SO FOR YOUR CLUB DIARIES FIRST ONE IS ON MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER AND WILL BE HOSTED BY THE TRIUMPH STAG CLUB, AS ALWAYS STAGED AT NETHERTON SOCIAL CLUB AT NETHERTON. ALL DATES ARE LAST MONDAY IN EACH MONTH EXCEPT DECEMBER . . FOR REFERENCE THESE ARE:- 25TH. NOVEMBER-27TH. JANUARY 2025-24TH. FEBRUARY-31ST MARCH AND 28TH. APRIL BEING THE FINAL ONE. ALL STARTING FROM 8.00PM..... LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL THERE TONY, ROLAND & BILLY

A Day in the Diary of a BMW Driver

"The other day I was cruising along as usual coming onto one of my motorways, which was very busy with inferior cars. First off, I couldn't believe that the volume of traffic DIDN'T slow down for me AT ALL as I came off the slip road! I had to squeeze into a barely big enough gap between two cars in order to get onto my motorway! The driver of the car behind me did realise his mistake though and honked an apology to me with a long blast of his horn. Unbelievably, I had to do the same again before I could get to the BMW lane. Anyway, once I was in the BMW lane and posing along at 110 mph enjoying the adulation that the inferior car drivers were giving me, I noticed an inferior car ahead of me which was not only in the BMW lane of my motorway, but was driving at a ridiculous 70 mph! Naturally, I got within a foot or so of his rear bumper and flashed my headlights to remind him he shouldn't be in the BMW lane of my motorway and to get out of my way. Of course, once he realised it was a BMW behind him, he did just that, but I could hardly believe it when he pulled straight back out behind me! He also tried to keep up with me and when he realised I would out-run him, he put on some blue lights in his front grill and urged me to get onto the hard shoulder so that he could congratulate me on my excellent car. Needless to say, I was eager to oblige and when we had stopped, the man gave me a piece of paper confirming what I already knew - that my car goes fast! Apparently he wants everyone to know what a superior car I have, so I had to take my driver's licence to a police station to be sent away to have some points put on! (They're not free points either - they're £20 each and I was only allowed 3.) But the man at the police station said that because I drive a BMW, it won't be much longer before I earn the full 12 points, and then I won't even NEED a driving license, so they will take it off me! See, now THAT'S the sort of respect you get when you own and drive a BMW! "

