



WETHERBY CLASSIC CAR CLUB

July to September 2025



Traffic queuing to enter Wetherby in the late 1960's

Web Site

: <http://www.wetherbyclassiccarclub.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 2025 programme

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

Sunday 17th August - Burley in Wharfedale Village Show, a lovely day out for the whole family with a WCCC stand as usual.

Thursday 21st August – Run to a picnic organised by David and Anthea

Sunday 31st August – **NOTE CHANGED VENUE** City of Leeds show at the Milk Churn, Beech Grove Farm, Wetherby Road, Scarcroft, Leeds, LS14 2HQ. WCCC club stand.

Tuesday 9th September - Club meeting at the Bridge Hotel with a speaker Lura Cooke from the Recycling centre at Allerton Park.

Sunday 14th September - Knavesmire show on York racecourse, club stand at one of the biggest shows in our area.

Tuesday 30th September - Run to a pub for lunch

Tuesday 14th October - Club meeting with a speaker

Sunday 2nd November - Sunday lunch run Organised by David and Anthea

Tuesday 11th November - Club meeting with a speaker, Andy Wilson from Yorkshire cancer Research.

Sunday 16th November – Run to a pub for lunch organised by David and Anthea.

Tuesday 9th December - Christmas dinner at the Bridge Hotel

Past events

Sunday, 6th April - Tony and Simon's April Fools Run, from Wakefield to Brighton Airfield. An interesting route to watch a wide variety of planes taking off and landing at the airfield. Too many cars turned up, making the food service at the airfield difficult.

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

Tuesday 29th April - Members took their own routes to Lavington and enjoyed the excellent food at the Blacksmiths Arms.

Tuesday 13th May - Club meeting at the Bridge Hotel with an amusing look at the perils of retirement.



Sunday 18th May WCCC Members were invited to Little Ouseburn open gardens and classic car show. 8 members cars put on a little show alongside the modern cars of the Mercedes Club. The food prepared by the ladies of the village was excellent, and a nice day out visiting the gardens on show.

Sunday 25th May - May Madness Run. Cancelled as no organiser.



Sunday, 25th May Thornton le Dale car show attracted 3 members cars. The weather was just about okay until after lunch when a threat of heavy rain made the organisers bring forward the closing ritual of award presentations, and a speech by Derek Matthewson of "Bangers and Cash" fame. Very good value teas in the clubhouse, and the weather held for the journey home.



Saturday 7th June – Picnic at Harewood Hill
Climb 6 members enjoyed a picnic at the Harewood Hill Climb Vintage event. The cars included 2 Austin sevens similar to Mervyn's car. It was very interesting to watch so many cars, from minis to

Bentleys tackling the twisting hill. After only a couple of dozen cars we began to interpret the information screens so that we knew the speed of each car as it passed us, and it's total time for the climb. The organisers of the event set aside the best viewpoint on the top of the hill for us to park our cars and watch the event. Definitely an addition to our calendar for 2026.



Tuesday June 10th – WCCC Concours night at the Bridge Hotel. 52 cars arrived to enjoy the good weather. Richard's organisation ensured a smooth event, with marshalling assistance from David, Caroline and other members. Publicity on social media attracted 30 visitors cars. The visitors best in show, based on members and visitors votes, was awarded to the little Autobianchi. Members best, and chairman's choice, were both awarded to the Renault Caravelle shown by David Siviour. The chairman's choice is decided before he is informed of the votes result, but this is the first time that both awards have gone to the same car.



Tuesday 17th June – Golden Oldies Run from the Bridge, Yet another new route in our home area found by Colin and Barbara. The lanes above Collingham really are a good hunting ground for classic car runs. The gathering at Squires was, as usual, an eclectic group of cars, trucks and buses.



Saturday 21st June Harrogate Super Cars David Addyman writes:-



Yesterday I went into Harrogate to see the town centre car shows. James Street was closed to traffic for a veteran car show. Apollo Capital Finance had a super car show at the Yorkshire Hotel and Princes Street. Both car shows were free and next to each other. I counted 66 veteran cars parked both sides of Princes Street. The other show had mainly Ferraris, Lamborghini and McLaren mixed with Aston Martin, Porsche, Mercedes etc., they had a Bugatti Veyron and a Ford GT40 among others. Even had a Rolls Royce Cullinan. They are hoping to repeat the shows next year.

Martin's funeral



8 members cars turned out as a tribute to Martin. Martin was a long term member of Wetherby Classic Car Club. Along with his best friend Richard, he was a very regular attender at our monthly meetings, and worked with Richard to organise the annual concours night. The club cars formed a procession behind the hearse and family cars from the house to the funeral parlour. The celebration of life was a very appropriate send off for Martin, who was obviously a well loved family man, and a talented engineer. He will be missed by us all.

Chairmans Rant

My sincere apologies for the late completion of this issue. I have been somewhat distracted by events.

We have managed to attend a few club events, and I have been to a couple of events which were not on our list. I was made aware of several events which were not listed in the Morgans Directory, [including some of the events attended by members above] some of them very local to us. I am wondering if we should rely on t'internet to find events rather than buying the Morgans. Please let me know your thoughts.

The classic car scene seems to be growing more vigorously now, but the situation is changing. More and more 'Modern Classics' are filling the aisles at classic car shows, and the style of the shows and clubs seems to be evolving more to an informal format. Two of the clubs [or groups] which I belong to have no formal structure [i.e. no chairman, secretary etc. or any legal entity] but they have members in the hundreds all over the country, and informal meetings every week, sometimes 2 or more at different locations on the same day. The Motorist at Sherburn regularly hosts meetings, usually for a particular make or type of classic, The once dominant Newby Hall show seems to be shrinking, particularly in the Autojumble, whilst Ripon Old Cars and the Knavesmire are growing and becoming the major local traditional shows.

Gerald and Pam's Cars

Here is a life time of cars from gerald and Pam. Apologies to them both, I have mislaid the notes they sent to go with the pictures.

