



WETHERBY CLASSIC CAR CLUB

January to March 2026



The Great British Car Journey museum

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.

Draft programme for 2026 - Dates are provisional, and can be changed to suit those who volunteer to organise the events.

Sunday 11th January - The 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 Bob know if you are coming.

Tuesday 13th January - Club meeting at the Bridge Hotel. A “Hobbies Night”. Members are asked to bring some examples of their non-classic vehicles interests, and show them to fellow members with an explanation of their ‘other’ hobby.

Monday January 26th - Inter club quiz night at Netherton Sports and Social Club

Tuesday 10th February - Club ‘Beat the winter blues’ party on a theme of “The Great Outdoors”.

Sunday 15th February – Valentines Day run, from the Bridge Hotel to a pub for lunch. Organised by David and Anthea

Monday February 23rd - Inter club quiz night at Netherton Sports and Social Club

Tuesday 10th March - Club meeting at the Bridge Hotel with a speaker tba

Sunday 22nd March - March Hare run. A run to a pub for lunch. **ORGANISER NEEDED**

Tuesday 14th April - Club AGM at the Bridge Hotel followed by a nice easy quiz.

Tuesday 21st to Friday 24th April - Club trip away to the Eden Hall Hitel, Penrith, Details soon. Organised by David and Anthea.

Tuesday 21st April April - Drive It Day Run. A run to Lastingham on the North York Moors for lunch. Date tbc **ORGANISER NEEDED**

Tuesday 12th May - Club meeting at the Bridge Hotel with a speaker tba

Sunday 24th May - May Madness Run. **Organiser needed.**

Sunday June 7th - Yorkshire Rover Club show at Oakwell Hall, Batley

Tuesday 9th June – Concours night at the Bridge Hotel

Tuesday 23rd June - Golden Oldies run, From the Bridge finishing at YHVG meet at Squires Café, Sherburn in Elmet for 5.30pm. **ORGANISER NEEDED.**

Sunday 19th 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 26th July - Ripon Old Cars Classic Car Show at Ripon Racecourse. WCCC Club stand as usual.

Thursday August 6th – Drive to a picnic in the countryside. **Organiser needed**.

Tuesday August 11th - Evening drive from and to the Bridge Hotel, **Organiser needed**

Sunday 23rd August – Picnic at Harewood Hill Climb “Classic and Vintage Hill Climb”. Organised by Bob and June

Sunday 30th [or 31st August] tbc - Burley in Wharfedale Village Show, a lovely day out for the whole family. WCCC stand.

Tuesday 8th September - Club meeting at the Bridge Hotel with a speaker tba

Sunday 13th September - Knavesmire show on York racecourse, club stand at one of the biggest shows in our area.

Past events



Tuesday 30th September - Run to a bowling club from the Bridge Hotel. Colin and Barbara organised a run to the south of Wetherby, using roads quite different to the clubs usual routes. Members were able to enjoy a game of bowls at the finish venue, and most took advantage of this. An enjoyable day out for all.

Tuesday 14th October - Club meeting, Andy Wilson from Yorkshire Cancer Research gave us a full resume of the history and activities of the charity. Most of us were surprised at the extent of their work. Sadly, people in Yorkshire are more likely to get cancer, and more likely to die of cancer, than almost anywhere else in England. As Yorkshire's cancer charity, Yorkshire Cancer Research exists to change this. A collection raised over £100 for their funds.

20th – 24th October 4 Days away in Northumberland staying at the Cottage Inn, Dunstan. We had our usual enjoyable few days organised by David and Anthea. The weather was fair, the food was good, the accommodation comfortable if a little dated. The highlight was a run organised by Colin and Barbara to the village café at Angram. A lovely drive with a stop at an antiques market to a café which was in the Angram village hall at the end of a country road alongside a trout stream. How they found the location, organised the run and got it all printed is a mystery. Great job.

Monday October 27th and 24th November At the first inter club quiz night at Netherton Sports and Social Club. A reduced WCCC team gained the wooden spoon. At the second session, our pride was restored as WCCC shared first place. It would really be nice if a few more members could join in this activity, which can be a fun night out, and raises funds for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Tuesday 11th November - The traditional November Beetle drive was a bit different this year, building a big saloon car instead of the usual VW Beetle. Please let Bob know if you think we should continue with a bit of fun like the Beetle Drive in future years.

Sunday 16th November – The run through some local lanes was very good, and the carvery at the Chequers Inn was agreed to be the best that WCCC have had in recent years. Really a run and pub we should repeat in the summer.



Tuesday 9th December - Christmas dinner at the Bridge Hotel was a very enjoyable occasion. Several members in their Christmas jumpers, a really smart layout by Margaret and Gillian, good service by the Bridge Hotel staff. Real Christmas music added to the atmosphere. Many thanks to the team for ensuring that a good night was had by all.



Chairmans Rant

So the much forecast budget has come and gone with no raid on Classic Vehicles. Electric vehicles are to be charged a mileage rate 3p per mile. At an average of 10000 miles a year that will add £300 to the annual cost of ownership. Apparently there will be no calculation of overseas travel deducted, so £30 or so to the UK Government for driving through France. It is no surprise that the tax man wants to recover the lost revenue given to Electric car owners with free VED, and thus abandoning part of the motivation for the drive towards Net Zero.

The whole club is very grateful to David and Anthea for all the work they do organising runs, shows and away days. It would not be the same without their efforts.

David and Anthea's show visits

On Sunday 12th October we went to the car show at the Golden Lion, Northallerton. Good weather and a good turnout. I counted 62 cars and vans in the car park, including an Austin Loads car in the side street and 9 in front of the hotel. Also 36 bikes. The turnout included a Toyota Sera [the model with the butterfly doors]. The best in show plaque went to a Jaguar XK150 [I voted for a Triumph Renown]. We met 2 past members, Keith and Fiona. The carvery in the hotel was good.

Bill and Margaret's travels

During their summer long touring of the UK with their caravan, Bill and Margaret visited the Great British Car Museum at Derwent Works, Ambergate, Derbyshire DE56 2HE. The museum is very well laid out, with room to view the cars properly. The number one USP is that several of the cars can be driven around the site for a small fee. Ambergate is about 1 1/2 hours drive from Wetherby via the motorways, so well within reach of a day trip. Amongst the exhibits is the Land Rover used in the Vera films. Todays special puzzle - What is the red car in the picture? (No prizes)



FBHVC

The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs (FBHVC) has released its **2025 National Historic Vehicle Survey (NHVS)** – the most comprehensive study ever conducted into the UK's world-leading historic vehicle movement.

Key Headlines

- **Record Growth in Historic Vehicles:**

The number of historic vehicles registered with the DVLA has risen again to **1,934,178**, just shy of the 2 million once forecast for 2025.

- **Economic powerhouse:**

The historic vehicle sector now contributes **£7.3 billion** annually to the UK economy, with owners spending on average **£4,567 per year** maintaining and enjoying their vehicles.

- **Jobs and businesses:**

The movement supports **2,700 specialist businesses**, collectively employing **34,500 people** across restoration, maintenance, parts supply, museums and events. Nearly half (45%) of those businesses now offer, or plan to offer, **apprenticeship programmes** to pass on vital heritage skills.

- **Growing enthusiasm nationwide:**

The UK is home to an estimated **690,777 historic vehicle owners**, and more than **22.7 million adults** regard historic vehicles as a vital part of Britain's heritage.

Over **9.7 million people** say they would like to own one, and **4.3 million** attended a historic vehicle event in the last year – a 100% increase since 2020.

- **Minimal road impact:**

Despite their visibility, historic vehicles account for only **0.2% of all miles driven** in the UK, with the average vehicle covering just **837 miles annually**.

- **Demographics and Future Generations:**

The **average age of an owner has risen to 66**, highlighting the importance of engaging younger enthusiasts. Encouragingly, the under-35s now show the most significant **interest** in historic vehicles, while the introduction of the **'Youngtimer' category** (vehicles aged 20–30 years) offers an accessible entry point for new enthusiasts.

- **Skills and apprenticeships:**

With over **11.9 million adults** agreeing that apprenticeships focused on historic vehicle skills should be available to young people, the FBHVC calls for continued support to sustain these specialist trades for future generations. Businesses echo the call, with **45% already offering or planning training schemes** to ensure vital historic skills are passed on.



ADVICE FROM A RETIRED HUSBAND....

It is important for all husbands to remember that, as women grow older, it becomes harder for them to maintain the same quality of housekeeping as when they were younger.

When you notice this, try not to yell at them.

Some do become oversensitive, and there's nothing worse than an oversensitive woman.

My name is Ron.

Let me relate how I handled this difficult situation with my wife, Carol.

When I retired a few years ago, it became necessary for Carol to get a full-time job, as well as her part-time job, both for extra income plus the health benefit insurance cover that we desperately needed.

Shortly after she started working full-time, I noticed she was beginning to show her age.

I usually get home from the golf club about the same time she gets home from work .

Although she knows how hungry I am, she almost always says she has to rest for half an hour or so before she starts dinner.

I don't yell at her.

Instead, I tell her to take her time and to be sure to wake me when she gets dinner on the table.

As I generally have lunch everyday in the Men's Grill at my golf club, eating out is never an option in the evening.

I'm always ready for some good home-cooked grub when I hit that door.

She used to do the washing up as soon as we finished eating. But now it's not unusual for them to sit on the table for several hours after dinner.

I do what I can by diplomatically reminding her several times each evening that they won't clean themselves.

I know she really appreciates this, as it does seem to motivate her to get them done before she goes to bed.

Another symptom of aging is her excessive complaining, I have noticed.

For example, she will say that it is too difficult for her to find time to pay the monthly bills during her lunch hour..

But, Boys, we take 'em for better or worse, so I just smile and offer encouragement.

I tell her to stretch it out over two, or even three days. That way, she won't have to rush so much.

I also remind her that missing lunch completely every now and then wouldn't hurt her any (if you know what I mean).

I like to think tact is one of my strong points..

When doing simple jobs, she seems to think she needs many more rest breaks.

Yesterday she had to take a breather when she was only half-finished mowing the lawn.

I try not to make a scene. I'm a fair man.. I told her to fix herself a nice, big, cold glass of freshly squeezed orange juice and just sit for a while.

And, as long as she is making one for herself, she may as well make one for me, too.

I know that I probably look like a saint in the ways I endeavour to support Carol.

I'm not saying that showing this much patience & consideration is easy.

Many men will find it difficult.

Some will find it impossible!

Nobody knows better than I do how frustrating women get as they get older.

However, Guys, even if you use just a little more tact and less criticism of your aging wife after reading this article, I will consider that writing it was well worth the effort.

After all, we guys are put on this earth to help each other.

ADMIN'S NOTE:

Ron died suddenly on June 26th of a perforated rectum.

The police report says he was found with a fairly new Callaway extra-long RAZR Fit Extreme Driver golf club jammed right up his posterior, with barely 5 inches of the grip still showing. A small sledgehammer was laying nearby

His wife Carol was subsequently arrested and charged with his murder.

An all-woman jury took only 10 minutes to find her 'Not Guilty'.

They unanimously accepted her defence that Ron somehow, without looking, must have accidentally sat down on his new golf club.