



This is a short history of the Yeadon & Guiseley Motor Club H.Q's since the formation compiled by the late D. T. Smith.

1926 to 1939 Clothiers Arms, Yeadon

As I told you in my second article on Club History, the club was formed in 1926 and Harry Lamb, Landlord of The Clothiers agreed to be our first President and offered the use of his house as H.Q where we spent 13 happy years until the outbreak of World War Two.

1946 to 1958 Station Inn, Henshaw

When the club started again after the war, we found that Harry Lamb had moved to The Station and we were again made welcome to use his house as our H.Q, where we remained for 12 years until his retirement from the Licensee's Trade. Since his successor was not interested in the Motor Club it became necessary to find a new H.Q and since I had been friendly with John Bickerdike during my service with the A.R.P. during the war I persuaded him to let us have the use of one of his Public Rooms on a temporary basis until he could find more suitable accommodation.

June to September 1958 – The Regent Hotel, Guiseley

We had the use of a Public Room for four months, which was not very satisfactory, but a suitable room on licensed premises was difficult to find.

October 1958 to November 1959 – The Royalty, Otley Chevin

Eventually we contacted Jack Stott, a pre-war member who was now landlord of The Royalty and he allowed us to have the use of the Old Wooden Hut at the back of the Pub, since he had no suitable room inside. The Hut was cold and dingy in winter so it was decided we should move again,

November 1959 to 1961 – The Ings Hotel, Guiseley

We looked around and eventually obtained the use of a private room at The Ings with Landlord Cecil Lamb, a relation of our previous President Harry Lamb.

Unfortunately, membership was at a low ebb around this time and eventually the Landlord decided that since there were only 8-10 members attending meetings it was not worth opening the room for us unless we agreed to payment. This of course was not on to Members (Yorkshire men all) and Roger Pullein hared off to The Commercial, Guiseley where the Landlord, Mr. Stanyon made us welcome although the place was being turned inside out.

1961 to 1982 – The Commercial – later The Yorkshire Rose, Guiseley

Due to the friendliness of Mr. and Mrs. Stanyon we put up with the uncomfortable quarters until the alterations were completed and then moved into the upstairs room which we used for 21 years.



December 1982 – The Rosse Hotel, Saltaire

Since we could reach no agreement with the new Landlord at the Yorkshire Rose, we had to move and thanks to the efforts of Charlie Hagger we obtained temporary use of a room at the Rosse where three meetings were held.

January 1983 – The White Swan, Yeadon

Thanks to efforts by Mike Hinch, we obtained the use of a private room at The White Swan which appears to please, judging by the attendance figures to date.

So, we are back in Yeadon where it all started, and we hope we shall be able to use The White Swan for years to come.

August 1985 to 1992 – Yeadon Constitutional Club, Yeadon

Thanks to Karl Jackson we again had a home after the club fell out with the Landlady at the White Swan.

1992 to 1994 – The Yorkshire Rose

Due to rising costs demanded by the Constitutional Club's management we relocated to The Yorkshire Rose. This move was short lived as the landlord had plans to convert the meeting room into some kind of bistro.

1995 to 2020 - Guiseley Cricket Club, Guiseley

This period was viewed as the most successful in the club's history, with maturity of the first generation of A/B riders coming to the fore. The results speak for themselves: British and European Championship wins in the SSDT, Scott Trial and Halifax Shield became our own. Due to the demands of the new stewards, with regret we looked to relocate.

2020 to 2025 – Rawdon Conservative Club, Rawdon

The next generation of A, B and C riders are coming to the fore and showing great promise to keep the club in the spotlight.

A complete change of management took place in 2023/24 bringing fresh ideas and energy to the club. It was thought by the directors that a change of venue was required as Rawdon CC was a little isolated, also meetings to be monthly and on Thursdays, so off to Otley.

2025 to Present – The Tree House Bar, Bondgate, Otley

