



Yorkshire Ridings Area Newsletter

"We're having a laugh"

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Hello and welcome to the first edition of the MX5 Yorkshire Ridings newsletter for 2018, and may I firstly wish you all a very Healthy and Happy New Year.

May I also take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all the new members who have joined Yorkshire Ridings during the past 12 months. If you have yet to come along and join us for any events I hope that you will manage to find the time to do so during the coming year. You'll find us a friendly bunch, always looking to live up to our motto and have a good laugh, who will make you most welcome. Don't be shy, come along and meet us, after all we already have one thing in common, our love for our little sports cars, so think of us not as strangers but as new friends that you haven't met yet.

You'll find a provisional list of upcoming events in the box below, further details are likely to be finalised after the AGM which will be after this newsletter has gone to print, but greater information should be available on the club website, www.mx5yorkshire.co.uk, which has been given a thorough rework over the past year by Reuben Davison. Information on the next upcoming event can also be found on Yorkshire Ridings facebook page if you click on pinned post at the top of the page.

We also have a number of accomplished photographers within our group, whose splendid efforts record club events and can be seen on our new photo archive yrmx5.smugmug.com which Dave Thistlethwaite has put a lot of work into setting it up, transferring all the past pictures as well as sorting all the new ones. So if you have any photos from events that you have attended please contact Dave at dave.thiss@virginmedia.com. Looking forward to meeting friends both old and new in 2018. Rosie x

Future Events

4th February 2018 – Run

17th February 2018 (Sat) – Social

4th March – Run

14th March (Wed) – Social – by Mark and Lynne Haultaine at La Cantina

14th April (Sat) – Social – by Shirley and Tim at The Sidings

22nd April - Run – by Keith Lea

28th April (Sat) – Social

29th April – Spring Rally - Goodwood

There's Treasure In Them There Hills

12th November 2017

Organised by Dave Thistlethwaite

Report by Tim Pickett

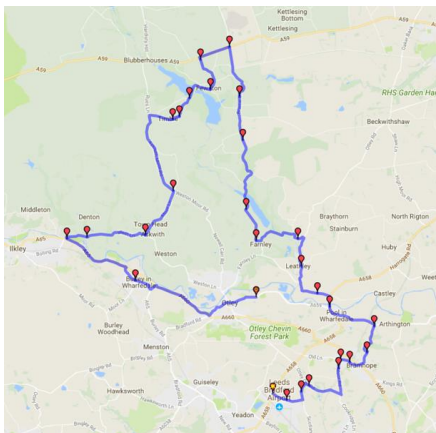
Photos courtesy Dave Thistlethwaite, Shirley Pickett & Lorraine Firth



Now for something completely different! Following a late cancellation Dave Thistlethwaite offered to run a treasure hunt which was enjoyed by 12 crews including newbies Dave and Gill Mason.

We departed Yeadon Stoops on a lovely cloudless but fresh morning.

The route took us by Leeds Bradford Airport passing such places as "Amber Hop" (Bramhope) A Roge Hart" (Harrogate), "The Alley" (Leathley) to our first stop, The Farm Shop Cafe at "Stow Fen" (Fewston). Continuing past Emmerdale and Heartbeat sets to Burley for a walkabout before the finish at Smith's Garden Centre near Otley where results were scrutinised and winners announced. In joint second place Steve Clay, and David and Judith Bell, 1st place went to Nick and Josie Hughes. The booby prize of a compass went to Sarah and Katy Bamber. Thank you Dave for an excellent run we look forward to your next treasure hunt.



Social – The Wetherby Whaler - Guiseley

18th November 2017

Hosted by Pete and Maureen West

Report by Norma Kassell

Maureen & Peter invited us all to their social at Wetherby Whaler on Saturday 18th November and 18 Yorkshire Ridings members attended .

This was previously the first Harry Ramsdens fish and chip shop opened by him and was very famous in the day. The surroundings are lovely with beautiful chandeliers and even a man playing the grand piano, certainly not your usual fish and chip shop.

All agreed the food was lovely and the usual raffle took place with all winning a prize.

On the way home Shirley, Norma, Rowland and chauffer Tim saw a beautiful fox which ran just in front of us.

Many thanks to our hosts.

Merry Xmas 5er's Run

3rd December 2017

Organised by Andy and Wendy Henwood and Keith Lea

Report by Dave Morford

Photos courtesy Jean Phillips, David Wooler and Dave Morford.



Well what a cracker of a run this turned out to be. 20 cars met at the Balloon Tree Farm Shop at Gate Helmsley for what looked like being a chilly run with snow laying on the ground following the wintry weather of the previous few days. Rosie and myself being the ones who live closest to the start we were obviously nearly the last to arrive but it did give us chance to check out the magnificent efforts put in by people to decorate their cars in a festive manner. Then it was time for a quick coffee and check out the equally splendid efforts made by the crews with their xmas fancy dress.

After a briefing from Andy it was time to set forth along some familiar roads to the first comfort stop of the day in Thornton-le-Dale, where Andy had arranged for us to park for free in the coach park area of the public car park. With blue skies and sunshine putting in a welcome appearance we dispersed through the village, some to the local motor museum, others into cafes whilst the remainder wandered round this pretty little tourist spot, seeking out photo opportunities and entertaining the locals with our fancy dress outfits.

Leaving Thornton-le-Dale we headed to Pickering where we swung north to pass through Stape to head towards Egton over the North Yorks Moors. Our convoy wound its way along some superb "MX5" roads as we took in the fabulous wintry Yorkshire scenery, topped by blue skies and bathed in sunshine, encountering a few deepish puddles and fords as the warm sunshine began to thaw and melt the snow from the surrounding countryside. It was then that mother nature conspired against us. On the previous days recce. the route had been clear but the warm sunshine was causing a rapid thaw and we were halted by a ford which had turned from a shallow trickle to a raging torrent over a foot deep in the space of a few hours. Discretion being the better part of valour the convoy executed a 180 degree about face as our leaders plotted a new route, back towards Pickering and then to take an alternative route over the moors via Hutton-le-Hole to Castleton, a well known favourite of the club. We were then able to make our way to the National Park Centre at Danby, who were eagerly awaiting us. More photo opportunities in snowy scenery, warm drinks and cakes, and we got to meet the "Real Santa", who promised to check if we'd been good and deserved anything on Christmas Morn.

Having visited his grotto it was time to bid farewell to the staff who had been most welcoming, and head towards the setting sun along some more fantastic roads and our final destination for the day, The Black a Moor Inn between Ripon and Boroughbridge, where we were once again made very welcome with a free glass of fruit punch. Excellent food was consumed by all as we eagerly awaited the result of the public vote.

And the winners were: Best Dressed Car:- 1. Keith Lea, 2. Rob and Heather Witty, 3. Andy and Wendy Henwood.

Best Dressed Couple:- Jean and Ray Phillips,

Best Dressed Female:- Heather Witty

Best Dressed Male:- joint winners – Andy Henwood and Dave Morford

Also receiving a special prize as runner up in both male and female categories was Richard Sharp/Stella

All in all it was a great run with fantastic roads through the beautiful Yorkshire scenery, some excellent stops and food. Congratulations to all the prize winners a huge vote of thanks to Andy, Wendy and Keith for organising it all.



Christmas Party at Burn Hall

16th December 2017

Organised by Carole Whitelaw and Mark Dunning

Report by Dave Morford

Photos courtesy of Jean Phillips and Richard Sharp



To paraphrase the lyrics of a song played by the DJ during the evening, "Oh what a night, Late December back in Seventeen", seems to sum up this year's Christmas party at Burn Hall, once again organised for us by Carole and Mark.

With seventy members attending, Yorkshire Ridings pretty much took over the dining area, seven out of nine tables being occupied by club members.

The presence of a crib sheet on each table helped out those members who had forgotten what they had ordered and the hard working and well organised staff soon ensured that everyone had a plate of food in front of them. Net result was that the volume of chat and laughter then dipped slightly for the next hour as everyone tucked in.

Appetites sated and it was time for the DJ to crank up the disco, Ian and Diane Wynn being the first to take to the dance floor to strut their stuff and encourage others to join them.

Whilst some members started to "bust some moves" on the dance floor, the non dancers snuck away to the bar (must remember that trick myself for next year!).

To avoid further embarrassment we won't mention the name of the member who demonstrated an excellent knowledge of the dance moves to the "Birdie" song and proceeded to teach it to others, well done Rob Witty.

All in all it was a splendid evening and an excellent way to finish up 2017 for Yorkshire Riding's members so big thanks are due Carole and Mark for organising it all.

One final incident of note. During the course of the evening club mascot Wensley went missing. It later transpired that he had been quickly incarcerated, having made inappropriate advances towards Rudolph whilst he was under the influence of alcohol. It is to be hoped that his lawyers can secure his release in order for him to be able to join us all on next years events.



