



Yorkshire Ridings Area Newsletter

"We're having a laugh"

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Hello and welcome to the July 2018 issue of our newsletter.

Well after a slow start to the year with events having to be cancelled or amended due to poor weather, and a seemingly never ending cold, damp spring, mother nature finally relented and gave us the warmest May for many a year, including (surprise, surprise) two hot and dry bank holiday weekends!

So plenty of opportunity make the most of it, drop those roofs and get out and about enjoying our little sports cars to the full.

We've had a busy itinerary of club events during May and June which you can read about in this issue, including re-runs of the runs voted most popular for the years 2015 and 2017, a chance to revisit some great roads and scenery for those of us who have been on them before and I hope those of you for whom this was your first run that you really enjoyed yourself. We've also had a visit to a new social venue, if you didn't manage to make it this time there is another social planned for The Waterwheel between Howden and Selby later in the year make sure to get your name down if you can, it's a great place with delicious food.

It's been good to meet up with some new members on the past few events, I hope that you enjoyed yourself and will be back for more. To those new members who haven't been along yet do come and join us either at a social for a chat and a laugh (we have plenty of those, hence our motto) and a chance to get to know some of us and vice versa, or come along on a run and enjoy a drive through some of our stunningly beautiful Yorkshire scenery, often on roads you may not have travelled before. You can be sure of a warm welcome from us all whichever you choose to do. Details can be found on our website www.mx5yorkshire.co.uk and greater details are posted nearer to the event on our Facebook page. Just search for MX5 Owners Club – Yorkshire Ridings. It's a closed group so you will have to apply to join, but AC Keith Coutts should quickly add you if you ask him.

Finally, I don't want to be a nag (Dave may not agree) but if any members have relatives in the 14-35 age group, please, please, please urge them to go on the **CRY** (Cardiac Risk in the Young) website www.testmyheart.org.uk and book a heart screening session. They're **FREE**, are held all over the country during the course of a year and could save a life. **EVERY WEEK AT LEAST 12 apparently fit and healthy young people under the age of 35 DIE from an undiagnosed heart condition.** Don't let it be someone you know and live to regret not doing anything when you had the chance. Happy zoom zooming everyone, see you all soon.

Rosie xx

Future Events

Sun. 5th August – Run- May The Force Be With You – Antonia and Richard Hirst

Sat. 11th August – Social – The Waterwheel – Shirley and Tim Pickett

Sun. 19th August – Run – The August Run To Find The Sun – Keith Lea

Sun. 2nd September – Run – Shirley and Tim Pickett

Wed. 12th September – Social – Ann and John Roberts

Sat. 29th September – Social – National Rally, Warwickshire

Sun. 30th September – National Rally – Ragley Hall, Warwickshire

Sports Cars in the Park – Newby Hall

6th May 2018

Report by Mike Brownlow

A very early start saw 15 Yorkshire Ridings members meeting at Wetherby services on the A1. I tried to get cars into some sort of colour co-ordination for leaving and travelling to Newby Hall.

Already assembled was huge a group of Ford RS's, all a banging and a popping.

After coffee we set off in convoy with 6 x 25th's leading the way followed by True Reds followed by silver and darker colours towards rear. Have to say we looked brilliant with the Reds leading.

On arrival there was a queue but with now over 900 cars attending only to be expected. The queue quickly moved on with lanes going into 3 and then reducing to one which was slow but I would suggest no other option.

MX5 base camp was already in place with Peaks Pennines and also Tyne and Wear, so we sneaked in along side.

True to form YR found and nominated a suitable tree (with shade) to make base camp not too far away from the cars. Once set up the frying pan came out, and Carol and Cath Conolly, (Ooo, yes, NEWS, Andy and Cath have now got "George the 4th", silver mk3.5) with assistance of an old gas man firing up the gas hobs started to create that wonderful smell of cooking bacon. Needless to say the sensitive nose of Pete Cresswell drew him in. What is it about bacon in the open air. Anyways all bread cakes with bacon where demolished by our members and contributions received where passed on to Pete C to donate to the CRY charity. Later in the day Jude produced an excellent chocolate cake which was duly demolished in no time. Thanks Jude.

Thinks the entertainment was down to me ? I bumped into a chap I worked with some 35 years ago very close to my car. I got chatting away with him whilst trying to get into the boot. Embarrassingly the boot would not open so try again so the chap say's "well I'll get off and see you later maybe". Hmm I thinks, can have a proper look now. Why is it not opening ? Some distance away there was great laughter and shouting; it went on for some time whilst I endeavoured again to open the boot. Then the penny dropped, err; wrong car, ahhh. Needless to say most had noted and wanted to remind me of my error for the rest of the day and no doubt rest of the year .Note to self :- when parked with other 25th's check reg number.

Well everyone seemed to have a great day and the weather exceeded itself.



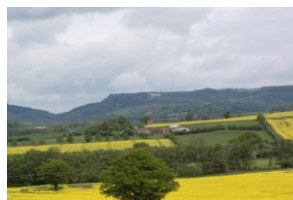
Daffodil Dale Run.

13th May 2018

Organised by Antonia and Richard Hirst

Report by Dave Morford

Photos courtesy of Mike Brownlow and Dave Morford



The re-run of 2017's most popular run attracted 28 cars to the start at Wetherby services, amongst them were newbies Lynn & Keith Parsons and Stephen Tooby & Sonia together with "try before you buyers" Jackie and Paul Beevers. Richard's briefing was preceded by Mike Brownlow presenting a cheque to YAA for the monies raised by the club during 2017. Richard clearly has contacts with the weather gods as the grey skies and promise of rain had turned to blue skies and warm sunshine by the time we arrived at our first stop at the Yorkshire Gliding Club atop Sutton Bank. Very reasonably priced drinks and homemade cakes consumed and off we went taking in some more narrow and twisty roads, including some whose ridge of grass down the centre of the road gave the underside of our cars a pre-clean, before what for many was the highlight of the run as we once more became the "MX5 Yorkshire Ridings Yacht Club", fording a stream by driving along it for 25 yards, to complete the under car cleaning process. A warm welcome awaited us at the Royal Oak in Gillamoor, along with an excellent meal before we wwere off once more, to travel through Farndale, though due to the time of year the famous daffodils were long since faded but there were still plenty of yellow flowers, mainly in the form of dandelions. From there it was time to turn our cars loose on the popular fast sweeps across the NY moors back towards the picturesque village of Hutton-le-Hole, and thence onwards via some more familiar twistys to a final comfort and ice-cream stop at Castle Howard. At the runs end at Clifton Moor all were in agreement about what a fantastic day it had been and why it was voted best run of 2017.

Social at Toby Carvery, Rothwell

23rd May 2018

Organised by Diane and Kevin Tweedy

Report by Dave Morford

22 Members gathered on a sunny mid-week summers evening. Joining us for the evening were newcomers Mandy and Nigel Thackeray, and Sam and Phil Armytage.

As is the case with a Toby Carvery, no-one has an excuse to leave the establishment feeling hungry so we all filled up with some excellent roast meats and mountains of vegetables. The assistance of very pleasant and helpful staff ensured that those who had not done so prior to arriving were able to download the appropriate app to avail themselves of the "Two mains for £10 offer".

Following the meal Shirley organised the usual "everyone's a winner raffle" with her customary efficiency before we all departed for home having had a splendid evening with plenty of "Yorkshire Ridings" laughs.

Thanks to Diane and Kevin for organising.

The Unforbidden Run

10th June 2018

Organised by Shirley and Tim Pickett

Report by Dave Morford

Photos courtesy of Jean Phillips and Dave Morford



10th June found 23 cars gathering at Wetherby services half an hour earlier than is the norm for what was to be a long run as well as being the second former run of the year that we were to take part in, this time from 2015. Although travelling there under grey skies and drizzle the weather soon started to brighten and the sun put in an appearance.

Joining us on this occasion were try before you buy potential new members Debbie and Phil McDonald, Tracey and Phil Catchpole and Veronica and Brian Crowther. Also attending for a second time were Gill and David Mason, who last came along to 2017's treasure hunt.

Following Tim's briefing we followed some familiar twisties to our first coffee/comfort stop at Fewston Farm Shop, a new venue for us and clearly still under development and expansion, where we were made most welcome. Due to the number of cars a nearby field was rapidly pressed into service as an overflow car park. The sudden influx of people caused slight panic amongst the staff who clearly had not had to face so many new customers at the same time but they coped admirably and sorted everyone out with teas/coffees and excellent homemade cakes.

Just as we were departing Andy, Cath Connolly and Gin drove up in their new acquisition, a silver automatic Mk3 named George the 4th. They'd come out to meet us for a coffee and chat but had initially gone to the tea shop at Fewston reservoir where we have stopped in the past on this run. So with a quick hello and goodbye we continued on our way, crossing the A59 and steadily making our way in a north westerly direction, passing through Hebden, Kilnsey, Kettlewell and Buckden before swinging off onto narrow roads over the dale tops to our next destination, the ever popular Wensleydale Creamery in Hawes. Here the canny Yorkshire folk amongst us headed into the cheese shop to taste all the cheese samples on offer (free food!) and possibly stock up on our favourites to take home.

Passports at the ready as the next part of the run would take us over the border into foreign parts, we set off along some fabulous fast sweeping roads through Ribblesdale, passing the famous viaduct along the way, before driving through the beautiful Trough of Bowland. Sadly heat haze prevented us from seeing Morecambe Bay or Blackpool Tower.

The planned stop in Slaidburn turned into a quick loo stop as the place was heaving, and parking difficult due to a steam rally being held that day so we swiftly departed to head towards Skipton and our meal destination of The Trawlerman fish and chip restaurant (formerly known as The Kingfisher) for a well deserved feed.

Thanks to Shirley and Tim for unforbidding the forbidden run because although a long day it would be a great shame not to traverse this route, with stunning Yorkshire (and Lancastrian) scenery and roads just meant to be driven in an MX5.

The Waterwheel Social

16th June 2018

Organised by Norma and Rowland Kassell

Report by Dave Morford

Photos by Jean Phillips



A new venue for us for this social and what a terrific venue it is. 18 members met at this interesting and quirky motor themed restaurant for the usual evening of chat and laughter. The dishes served to us by the pleasant and helpful staff received universal praise for both their quality and quantity. There was certainly no excuse to go home hungry! Following the meal, Shirley and Norma organised the raffle with their usual efficiency. The evening was concluded with a rousing chorus of "Happy birthday to you" for our birthday "twins" Rosie and Jim-Tim, and following Diane's suggestion, Shirley then sold off the cake at £1/slice, raising a further £18 for this year's charity.

We will be visiting The Waterwheel later in the year for another social, be sure to get your name down, it's well worth a visit.

Treasure Hunt

24th June 2018

Organised by Dave Thistlethwaite

Report by Sarah Bamber

Well done and thanks to Dave Thistlethwaite for arranging the 2nd MXS Owners Club Treasure Hunt. A couple of teams unfortunately dropped out due to other commitments, so with a low turnout, only Five cars took part this time. We met on a glorious morning at the Fox Valley Retail Park, sat and had coffee in the warm sunshine and received our instructions from Dave.

Our instructions required several items to be collected along the way, some things to photograph and to watch out for some pub names with an animal link. Dave had already arranged for a volunteer to previously complete a trial run of the Treasure Hunt, following all the clues/directions.

We set off at intervals and headed for the first clue, driving around some lovely twisties, taking in some beautiful views and glorious scenery remembering to take photos of the random items, to look out of the items we had to collect and to spot the pub names. One of the signposts on the first half of the route had been turned slightly, meaning several teams missed the turn to Langsett, and had to double back to get back on plan. We treasurehunted on through a local Fun Run and down to the tree where the Fairies had made their home (yes, really) - our team missed the tractor clue at the farm but we managed to pick up trades on the signs and the bridge clues. We drove across the dam and past the Reservoir (remembering to answer the clue about the water capacity) and in less than a mile we were at the farm stop.

The midway stop was Yummy's Farm Shop, where we all tasted some fabulous ice creams (Norma had the most scrummy looking Waffle with hers) and a well earned drink! There was some time between the teams arriving at the farm, which was lucky, as there was plenty of ice cream to eat, while we waited...

The second half of the Treasure Hunt had a couple of tricky clues which meant that the gaps between the teams grew larger. Dave had double backed to pick up some of the stragglers but when we arrived at the finish line, one of the teams had already arrived. Turns out they'd given up and decided lunch was a better option! Tim and Shirley were last back to the pub, and arrived just when we'd all tucked into our lunches.

1st place: Sarah & Dave Bamber

2nd place: Dawn & John Leggott

3rd place: Shirley & Tim Pickett.



