



Yorkshire Ridings Area Newsletter

"We're having a laugh"

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Hello and welcome to the July edition of the MX5 Yorkshire Ridings newsletter.

Well we've certainly had a mixed batch of weather since the last newsletter, with the longest warm spell since the last longest warm spell since records began, perfect for a spot of topless zoom zooming. Hope you were all able to take full advantage. There's been a few, shall we say, inclement days too, but they come in handy for getting the editors assistant to work on this newsletter.

Firstly I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new members and I look forward to meeting you all over the coming months, so if you spot me please come up and say hello. You'll see a list of forthcoming events in the box to the right, so I hope that you will come along to meet us, you can be assured of being made very welcome by a friendly bunch. As our motto says, we get together to have a laugh. So don't be shy, come and join us.

Full details of upcoming events can be found on the events section of our website –

www.mx5yorkshire.co.uk - and details of the next event to take place will appear as the pinned post on our closed group facebook page, so if you haven't done so please apply to join it as this is the main way to sign up to join in the events. For those of you not computer savvy, if you contact either Phil or Keith, our joint area coordinators (contact details at the top of the page), they will be only too glad to help.

Finally a big thanks to my lovely husband Dave for all his assistance in putting all the information into a semblance of order to create this newsletter.

See you all soon,
Rosie x

Future Events

22 July 2017- Run/Social – Big Skies, Bigger Trees and a Barbie by Dave and Rosie Morford, finishing at The Sidings for the club bbq.

6 August 2017- Run – Picnic at Bolton Abbey by Richard and Antonia Hirst.

12 August 2017- Social – by Shirley and Tim Pickett.

20th August 2017 - Run – by Andy and Wendy Henwood.

3 September 2017- Run – Troughs and Peaks by Pete and Maureen West.

13 September 2017 – Social – at The Windmill , Dunnington, by Norma and Rowland Kassell.

24 September 2017 – National Rally at Gaydon.

Social – The Wishing Well, Selby

10th May 2017

Organised by Mike and Carol Brownlow

Report by Alison and Andy Shaw

May's social saw old and new members coming together at The Wishing Well, Selby. Hopes were high of finding last year's missing cookie jar. It was great to meet new members Margaret and John Hirst who provided a bit of culture coming from the city of Hull. The evening saw people getting together as usual and putting the world to rights. Dinner was ordered and smiles all round with the 2 for 1 offer. More chat and with a little coaxing the dessert menu was reached for. There it was, Cookie Jar Dessert, would it make an appearance this year? Orders were dispatched and hopes were high. Dessert was served and enough to feed the hungry hordes but sadly the Cookie Jar remains to be seen. Maybe a detective with a healthy appetite and free time will have to be found to resolve this annual mystery. If anyone knows of such a person please contact Shirley in the usual way. Many thanks to Mike and Carol for organising. Welcome to Margaret and John. Nice to see Ben Clow.



The Yorkie Up Down and Around Run.

21st May 2017

Organised by Keith Lea, assisted by Andy and Wendy Henwood

Report by Pete West

Photos courtesy Mike Brownlow, Keith Lea, Lorraine Firth and Phil Thompson.

Right, hands up all who didn't make this run. Well you missed a cracker. Keith briefed us all at Clifton Moor and explained that he had ordered good weather, which turned out to be true. We also received a Yorkie bar each from Keith which was a bit soft by the time we got home. A total of 28 cars made the start with some new faces. New members, Margaret and John Hirst, Clive Kay and Lesley Callaghan and Dawn and John Leggott. We also had two Try before you buy members Sue and Graham Harker.

Keith led us off up the A19 towards the popular and well known Sidings Restaurant and on some challenging roads through Helperby, Marton Le Moor and Coxwold to the first pit stop at Beadlam Grange Farm Shop and Tea Rooms just outside Helmsley. Plenty of people availed themselves of tea/coffee and cake which all looked lovely. The proprietors had set aside plenty of parking for us in an adjacent field although we had to watch where we put our feet! We left there together again after one or two had missed their braking points earlier. Some narrow roads followed and we went on through Byland Abbey, a lovely spot. It certainly was up, down and around and we came past Sutton Bank visitor centre and through Ampleforth. We finished up at The Red Lion at Nether Poppleton, where it must be said the food and service was exemplary. The weather played its part admirably.

Thanks must go to Keith, Andy and Wendy for a great day out.



Social at Bruntingthorpe

10/11th June 2017

MX5OC Track Event
Report by Phil Thompson

Photos courtesy of Mick Boyes and Lorraine Firth



The weekend of fun started on Friday evening when Phil, Moira, Helen and Mick and Rosanna set up their camp for the weekend, later joined by Trevor and Lorraine. Trevor had brought a pop up shelter, which was soon erected along with windbreaks to form a really cosy set up.

Norman and Helen arrived in their fantastic motorhome, with BLOW on a trailer, which attracted lots of attention from fellow campers.

During the evening, we all enjoyed a fantastic BBQ along with toasted marshmallows on the BBQ.

On Saturday, the fun started on track. Phil & Norman had booked 3 sessions in their respective groups and open pit lane on both days.

Trevors family arrived on Saturday, and were taken out on track , much to their enjoyment !

Kathy, Steve, Nick and Anita arrived to enjoy the fun, and it was great to see them all .

Phil had problems on track, as the decibel limit was set very low at 87db, and he triggered it at 93 db, however with a lot of negotiating, he managed to stay on track. With thanks to Lee Gaskill, a Sports Cat, was hastily manufactured back at Dinnington, and was fitted by Rob Greensmith Racing at 7.30 on Sunday morning . Steve Lancaster arrived on Saturday evening, to pitch his tent, ready to enjoy some track fun on Sunday. On Saturday evening, we were given a guided tour of the Cold War aircraft collection, which was fascinating.

Another evening of laughter, drinks and a delicious BBQ was enjoyed by everyone.

Sunday morning arrived, with another lovely day, but still a bit windy. Even more fun on track began, with Norman and Phil taking people out on track. Phil took Rosanna out on track, which she thoroughly enjoyed, wish we had recorded her screaming ! At 4 pm, we started to pack up and head home after a fantastic weekend of ' Having a Laugh ! ' For the figures , Phils car did average 13.4 mpg, new pads fitted, and engine oil and filter change (the oil was black !) and 172 miles on track, but it was all worth it!



Social at The Wetherby Whaler Wakefield

17th June 2017

Organised by Tim and Shirley Pickett
Report by Pete West

Shirley and Tim Pickett invited us to a club social at the Wetherby Whaler in Wakefield. It was well attended by 24 members and most of them arriving topless on a scorching evening. We welcomed Paula and Andy Grinsdale back to the fold now he has a gorgeous red MK.1. I followed Kevin Tweedy's lead and had the Giant haddock. Upside, belting piece of fish, downside, no room for pudding!

There was the usual raffle and the usual laughing and shouting and everybody had a great time as far as I could tell. Bring on the next one.

Out On The Tiles Run

25th June 2017

Organised by Mike and Carol Brownlow



Photos courtesy Jean Phillips and Dave Morford

28 cars attended the start at Starbucks, Pocklington, Neil and Michelle having succumbed to a catastrophic tyre blowout on the way and having to be rescued by the AA. Newbies along for their first run were Ian and Diane Wynn in their lovely white Mk4, also Jane Elizabeth's stunning red RF made a first appearance on a run. Joining the MXs for the day were James and Beka in Beka's gorgeous red Merc, the pair of them there to act as paparazzi for the day. Following a briefing by Mike we set off to follow a route winding around the beautiful scenery of the Yorkshire Wolds and then to cross over the awe inspiring Humber Bridge. Whilst queuing to pay our tolls we were treated to the spectacle of competitors in the Humber Bridge half marathon heading for the finish line. Fair do's to the stragglers we met several miles further on close to our first comfort stop at The Old Tile Works, Barton. Waiting there to join us were Steve and Kathy in Martini. Following coffee and cakes, chat and photos we were off again on roads new to most of us as we followed the twisties through the lovely Lincolnshire Wolds to make our way to the lunch stop at The Falconer, Welton Golf Club near Lincoln. Faced with a table plan, were you to be sat next to that awful relative Uncle Knobhead you haven't spoken to for 20yrs. No, relief, just some fellow club members ready for a laugh. Sunday lunch consumed with much chat and laughter and we were off again, now under blue skies and sunshine, entering our third county of the run as we took in a few Nottinghamshire lanes and roads familiar from the Clumber Park run last year but run in reverse direction, eventually arriving at our run termination at the M18/M180 services near Doncaster. Thanks to Mike and Carol for organising a splendid run for us.

Abbey Roads Run

2nd July 2017

Organised by Rowland and Norma Kassell

Photos by Jean Phillips and Dave Morford

21 cars met at Clifton Moor for a re-run of last year's most popular run. Joining us on this occasion were "newbies" Rick and Julie George, making a return to the fold, and Graham and Sue Harker who, undeterred by a previous "try before you buy" run, have signed up with their lovely 25th AE MX5. Briefing over and with blue skies overhead we set off on some familiar roads to the first coffee/comfort stop at Yorkshire Lavender. Coffee and cakes, fabulous views and scents enjoyed, we were off again, along some more twisty and at times narrow roads, leaving behind the Howardian hills, to skirt through the edge of Dalby forest via Ebberston, Hackness and Harwood Dale and up the coast road to Whitby. Along the way we enjoyed encounters with cattle, sheep, some motorcycle trials riders who had obviously found somewhere very muddy. Everyone arrived safely at our picnic destination of Whitby Abbey, where we circled the chairs and tucked in, one or two members choosing to avail themselves of fish 'n' chips in Whitby. Appetites sated, some members then chose to leave us at this point, attracted to the bright lights (and ice creams!) of Whitby, the remainder forming a smaller group for our return to York. This time we travelled along fast sweeping roads, perfect MX5 territory as they swooped and twisted over the North Yorks Moors, the sheep along the way clearly big MX5 fans as they gathered in numbers at the road side to watch our progress. After a short refreshment stop in Gillamor, it was time to head back to Clifton Moor, several cars dropping off the back of the convoy along the way to head for home, so that by the time we reached our destination there were only Five 5's left. Huge thanks to Rowland and Norma for organising a fantastic day out, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.



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