



Yorkshire Ridings Area Newsletter

"We're having a laugh"

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Hello and welcome, this is the 6th issue of our newsletter that I have produced so that's a whole year gone by, my doesn't time fly. I hope you've all enjoyed what I (and Dave, better give him a mention, don't want him going on strike!) have done over the last 12 months.

There have been a few changes to the committee line up since the AGM, with Phil Thompson stepping down from his role as Joint AC, and Dave Thistlethwaite has taken over the role of running the website as well as the photo archive from Reuben Davison, so may I offer a big thank you to Phil and Reuben for all their efforts on behalf of Yorkshire Ridings. Dave Thiss. has created a number of new links on the website so have an explore when you've a few minutes to spare, www.mx5yorkshire.co.uk where you will find, amongst other things, details of this years' planned events, how to post your photos to the archive site and information about this years' charity.

May I wish a warm welcome to new members. I hope that you'll come along to meet us during the coming years events, we're a friendly bunch, always looking to live up to our motto. If you're on t'internet then if you haven't already done so please seek out our facebook group where you will find details of upcoming events posted if you click on the pinned post button at the top of the page. It's a closed group so you'll have to apply to join us to join in, but Keith should deal with your request fairly promptly.

Exciting news from the AGM is that Yorkshire Ridings will be hosting the Spring Rally in 2019 at Elvington airfield, and the national chairman is coming up in April this year to meet us.

This newsletter contains a report from Mike Brownlow on the charity fundraising we did for Yorkshire Air Ambulance during 2017, splendid effort from everyone. This years' charity is Cardiac Risk in the Young, please follow the link on the website and have a read. Dave and I proposed CRY and Dave has created a donations page – <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/davidmorfordcry> . It's a charity that we feel strongly about and our aim is not just to raise funds but to urge anyone who has relatives or friends in the 14-35 age group to get them to sign up for a FREE heart screening session. At least 12 apparently fit and healthy young people DIE EVERY WEEK from an undiagnosed heart condition. Don't let it be someone you know and care about! We have a plentiful supply of information leaflets so should you wish to know more please just ask Dave or myself. You'll also find information on the club website.

Hopefully, by the time you read this, spring will finally have arrived and we can all get out and enjoy some topless zoom zooming through our glorious Yorkshire scenery. See you all soon.

Rosie x

Future Events

Sun. 22nd April 2018 – Run – A run from York – MX5OC Chairman and Keith Lea

Sun. 29th April – Spring Rally - Goodwood

Sun. 13th May – Run- The Daffodil Run – Richard and Antonia Hirst

Wed. 16th May – Social – TBC – Diane and Kevin Tweedy

Sat/Sun. 26/27th May – Track Weekend – Rockingham Speedway

Ladies Excuse Me Run

7th January 2018

Organised by Carol and David Wooler

Report by David Bamber

Photos courtesy David Wooler and Shirley Pickett.



"I'm ready, let's GO!"

"But it's only ..."

"Excuse ME – I'm driving and I'm ready ...", and so began the Ladies Excuse Me run in January. How is she going to cope with being told which way to go? I had wondered – only time will tell!

We arrive at Hawthorn Farm and, surprise' surprise, we are first; still look on the bright side, there's plenty of room to park. The rest of the gang arrive, tackle a breakfast and stock up on coffee, then we meet outside for Carol's briefing. The ladies pose for photos, dangling the car keys in the early morning sunshine.

I start reading out the tulips and Sarah is going where I tell her (definitely a first!) then it dawns on me that the tulips were written by a lady, so she instinctively believes them. It's very cold but a beautiful sunny day. We have a good run to the first toilet stop, with some great twisties. The ladies all park nicely in a long line for the photographs – who says they can't park properly? The ground was solid and the car park was twinkling with frostiness in the sunshine.

After a quick stop we're off again and the roads over the top are getting icier and icier until at the top of a steep hill we come to a halt. The road is almost all ice, we stop to confer and it is decided that the group should turn around to find an alternative route to the mid-way stopping point at Settle. Here the run divides into two groups, with half following Carol and the renegades following Shirley.

We meet up again at the Mill in Settle and laugh about who took which roads – Shirley's Renegades arrived first – Carol's group clearly took a more scenic route. Whilst David was helping to find parking spaces for us all he slipped on the car park ice – a timely reminder that it's January and although we'd been whizzing around enjoying the sunshine, it's definitely Winter!

At this point it was decided that as the group is running a little late due to the icy detour, we'd head for the food (I'm sure Pete Cresswell would have approved) and go straight to the Wetherby Whaler for their fish and Chips. Sarah and I decided to head home. With glorious views of the Ribbleshead Viaduct and Hawes in the sunshine, and my new CD blasting, Sarah relinquished the keys and I drove back to Northallerton.

A big thank you goes to Carol (and David) for organising the run. It was a beautiful day, just a shame that the cold weather hampered their original plans; well done for improvising alternative routes! I felt the ladies really did cope admirably with some challenging roads, black ice and interesting navigation! I finally have the keys back and am allowed to drive my car again – bring on the next MX5 run.

AGM and Social – Burn Hall

13th January 2017

Report by Dave Morford

Photos by Dave Morford



This year's AGM was once again held at Burn Hall, around 40 members attending, with illness, and work commitments causing a few late cancellations. Amongst those joining us were "newbies" David and June Farrer and Derek Smith who we welcome warmly and hope to see again on club events in the coming year.

Chairman Phil began proceedings with a read through of last year's minutes, followed by Helen Boyes giving us a comprehensive run through of the club's finances. Shirley then gave us a rundown of events planned for 2018.

AGM contd.

Next on the agenda were the results of the club votes for run of the year and person/s of the year, with the winners being - Antonia and Richard Hirst for the Daffodil Run, and Norma and Rowland Kassell persons of the year. Reuben Davison received a special award for all his hard work producing the new club website

Phil then called upon us to vote for the nominated charities for 2018, the charity gaining the most votes being Cardiac Risk in the Young.

Reuben and Dave Thistlethwaite then gave us a demonstration of the new website and how to post photos/videos on the new Smugmug photo archive which has replaced the previous Magix one.

The AGM was concluded by Phil announcing that Yorkshire Ridings will have the honour of hosting the 2019 Spring Rally at Elvington, in connection with which the MX5OC chairman will be visiting us later this year.

The AGM adjourned to be followed by the first social evening of the year.

The Last Minute Run

4th February 2018

Organised by Shirley and Tim Pickett, Norma and Rowland Kassell

Report by Dave Morford

Photos courtesy Mike Brownlow, Keith Lea and Dave Morford



24 cars lined up at Wetherby services for this run, gathering under cloudy grey skies, an improvement on the tales of rain/sleet and snow which members had travelled through on their way to the start venue.

With coffees consumed, tulips obtained and Tim's briefing received, we were off along some familiar roads to wend our way via Knaresborough and Ripon to take a loop through Studley Royal deer park. Clearly the deer, unlike some of the other visitors there, weren't impressed by a convoy of MX5s as they did a rapid disappearing act, leaving some of us to comment " Oh dear, no deer dear ".

From Studley Royal we then followed some popular twisties up to Masham, and thence on to that club favourite Brymor Ice-cream for our first comfort stop. Although the cloud was starting to break to reveal patches of a cold blue sky and the odd hint of sunshine, many deemed it too chilly for ice creams, opting for a warm drink and cake instead.

Suitably refreshed we were off once more along some splendid twisties in the direction of Thirsk, from where we skirted the edge of the Hambleton hills to make our way to another club favourite for comfort stops, Castle Howard.

Time for another warming drink although the sun had by now put in a full appearance but was struggling to counter the effects of a chilling wind. A few members chose to head for home at this point leaving the rest of us to make our way back to York, and a new final meal destination, the Derramore Arms in Heslington. Thanks must go to Keith Lea for finding this for us at very short notice, (the planned finishing point at Dunnington having ceased trading, without notice, less than a week before the run), living up to the run name in every way.

Huge thanks to Shirley and Tim, assisted by Norma and Rowland for organising a grand day out with great roads, excellent stops and weather suitable for topless motoring despite the previous few days being somewhat ropey.



Social at the Wetherby Whaler – Guiseley

17th February 2018

Organised by Keith Coutts

Report by Dave Morford

15 Members gathered at the old Harry Ramsdens fish restaurant in Guiseley, now part of the Wetherby Whaler chain for an splendid social evening organised by Keith.

Excellent food as always, served by a friendly and efficient staff, ensured a terrific evening with plenty of "Yorkshire Ridings" laughter. Following the meal, Shirley and Norma organised the raffle with their usual efficiency, followed by an impromptu auction for a cake to raise funds for this years charity.

On departure for home several members left with doggy bags, courtesy of Kevin, (Ted says thanks very much for his!).

YORKSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE CHARITY OF THE YEAR 2017

A report from Mike Brownlow

Back at the start of 2017 at the AGM for Yorkshire Ridings I nominated the Yorkshire Air Ambulance to be our charity for the year.

The rationale for me to nominate this charity came about a local lady attending a local sports centre suffered a heart attack. Whilst the centres staff did an excellent job the Air Ambulance arrived and was able to provide the necessary equipment and medical attention which without any doubt saved her life. She is now fully recovered and I see her on a weekly basis whilst shopping at a local supermarket.

Also prior to Carol and I joining the Yorkshire Ridings group I understand one of our members unfortunately had an accident in their MX5 and the Air Ambulance attended, fortunately it was not needed to air lift anyone.

It's quite clear that the service provided by the Air Ambulance is there for all of us no matter what type of incident has occurred. The service is charity funded which our government should be ashamed of.

So how do I go about raising monies. Well I contacted Mazda UK who generously donated various items which where auctioned. These included hats and sun glasses. The 25th Anniversary Group donated a MX5 hamper which had been given to them on their annual meet in 2017. Throughout the year members gave me various items to sell for the charity. The biggest fund raisers were the summer BBQ thanks to Shirley and her many helpers and M.E.T Auto Care who donated a raffle prize for a flight and meal for two in a Tiger Moth plane.

So it's a big **thank you** to all our members of Yorkshire Ridings who helped me in my year raising monies for this excellent service. No matter how small any donation was it helped us raise £3029 (including gift aid).



