



## Yorkshire Ridings Area Newsletter

*"We're having a laugh"*

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Hello and welcome to the May 2018 issue of our newsletter. As I write this it seems that what feels to have been a never ending winter has finally come to an end, blue skies and sunshine are putting in an appearance at last to tempt us all out for some topless fun. If the weatherman is to be believed we are due to get a really warm and sunny early May bank holiday weekend so I hope you've all have a great time zoom zooming out and about.

On a personal level, as some of you may know Dave and I are in the midst of a hectic period family wise, with our youngest son and his girlfriend buying their own house and moving out and the eldest and his fiancée due to get married at the end of May. As a consequence we have not been able to attend as many events as we would have liked and I would like to put on record how grateful I am to those of you who have contributed reports for me, much appreciated everyone. Hopefully normal service will shortly be resumed (assuming that we haven't collapsed from exhaustion)! Dave would also like to apologise to anyone whose photos he has used to illustrate reports and not acknowledged the photographer, due to photos often going straight to the smugmug photo archive, from where he is grabbing them.

As many of you may be aware, the chairman of the MX5OC visited York with a group of friends at the end of April and I think it only right that we should acknowledge the huge amount of planning and hard work put in by Keith Lea and his assistant Andy Henwood to ensure that the weekend ran smoothly and that our guests departed with a favourable impression of Yorkshire Ridings and the beautiful countryside and fantastic "MX5" roads that we have to offer.

There have been some changes to the clubs facebook site and the next event now appears under the heading of 'announcement' rather than pinned post.

Finally, and I know that I have mentioned this in previous newsletters, but this year's charity is CRY, (Cardiac Risk in the Young), and Dave and I not only want to raise funds for them but also to raise awareness of the great work that they do. **EVERY WEEK**, at least **12** apparently fit and healthy young people under the age of 35, **DIE** from an undiagnosed heart condition. CRY organise **FREE Heart Screening** sessions across the country for anyone in the age range 14-35. We have a plentiful supply of leaflets with further information so if you want to know more just ask Dave or myself. Please spread the word to all your friends and relatives, you could save a life. See you soon, Rosie x.

### Future Events

**Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Social – Toby Carvery, Oulton – Diane and Kevin Tweedy**

**Sat/Sun. 26/27<sup>th</sup> May – Track Weekend – Rockingham Speedway**

**Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> June – Run – TBC – Shirley and Tim Pickett**

**Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> June – Social – The Waterwheel – Norma and Rowland Kassell**

**Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> June – Run – Treasure Hunt – Dave Thistlethwaite**

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup> July – Run – TBC – Maureen and Peter West**

**Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> July – Run/Social – BBQ and Run – Dianne and Ian Wynne**

**Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> August – Run – May The Force Be With You – Antonia and Richard Hirst**

## Social at La Cantina

14<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Organised by Lynn and Mark Haultain

Report by Norma Kassell

Lynn and Mark kindly held a social at this lovely restaurant. It looked initially as though only five MX5ers would attend but Tim managed to join us at the last minute. It was a beautiful meal as usual and the owners were very attentive, handing out free liquors and chocolates after our meal. Being so few of us we had a good laugh and talked constantly until closing time at ten o'clock.

Thanks to both of you and a good time was missed by all who did not attend.

Norma

## Social at The Sidings

14<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Organised by Shirley and Tim Pickett

Report by Dave Morford

Photos by Shirley Pickett

On what was for a change a lovely spring evening 21 members of the club gathered at what has become a popular venue for us for social gatherings. As usual we were treated to an excellent meal, served by their friendly and helpful staff, who were having to cope with the sad news that a member of the family who manage the venue had passed away suddenly a few days earlier.

An unexpected highlight of the evening was the sight of a steam engine thundering past amidst the usual regular stream of passing goods and passenger trains.

The regular raffle, organised as efficiently as we have come to expect by Shirley and Norma was followed by an auction for a cake to raise funds for this year's charity, CRY.

After a little encouragement and persuasion, and I must emphasise the word little, the very generous winning bid was placed by our resident cake connoisseur Pete Cresswell, to nobody's great surprise. This was swiftly followed by calls to summon medical experts asap. when Pete then gave the cake away to one of the other members present! Yes reader, I can tell that you are as shocked as the rest of us were.



Many thanks to Shirley and Tim for organising another splendid social evening, greatly enjoyed by all who attended, informative and entertaining as ever with plenty of Yorkshire Ridings laughter.

## God's Own County Weekend

21<sup>st</sup> – 23rd April 2018

Organiser in Chief – Keith Lea

The penultimate weekend in April saw Ted & Lucie McKay (MX5OC Chairman and Lady) & a group of MX5 friends visiting York and God's own County; with requests for runs, pub lunches, Whitby fish & chips, a visit to old friends Peter & Val Rolt who now live in Skipsea and Peaks and Pennines to join in the fun. A planning meeting determined that Peaks and Pennines under Burton Marsland would lead a run on the Saturday to see the Farndale daffodils with a walk and a pub lunch; York resident Keith Lea would provide a Tourist Welcome Pack and lead a run to Whitby for fish & chips on the Sunday, a short run circumnavigating York on the Monday with a lunch stop and produce details for our guests to navigate themselves to Skipsea on the Tuesday. Finally, Lucie McKay had agreed to organise a social evening on the Saturday night. The Stableside Hostel at York racecourse would be the base for all the weekends' activities. So a hectic weekend involving vast amounts of work by those organising things, well done to all involved.

### Daffodil Run

Report by Dawn Leggott

We all set off from Stableside through a very very busy York. As a consequence wrong turns began extremely early on and many cars were lost, and remained so until the lunch stop as nobody was at Sutton Bank when they arrived there! Driving conditions throughout the day were excellent with lovely sunshine, everyone enjoyed the walk to the pub for lunch and the daffodils were amazing. Lunch was good but by the time we had walked back to the car park it was 5 o'clock so everyone decided to go their separate ways.



### Saturday Social

Report by Keith Coutts

A group of about 30 people from different areas got together at Stableside York for a bit of fun with some games organised by the chairman's wife Lucie McKay, followed by a quiz with 40 questions dating back to an era when I was a lot younger. A team made up of 3 of Ted's friends and myself came in first, winning a few cans of ale. A team from Yorkshire Riding with Shirley, Rowland and Norma didn't do so well and came in last winning a tin of Yorkshire Caviar, a tin of Mushy Peas!

Many of the group had eaten a big meal earlier and just had snacks, but for those of us who needed to be fed, a Chinese carry out was organised by Shirley and Norma, washed down by whatever we had brought with us to drink, in my case a nice bottle of red wine.

The evening came to an end with everyone chatting away to one another before we all retired for some sleep before our planned run to Whitby the next day.

## Seeking the SOLE @ Whitby

22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018

Organised by Keith Lea assisted by Andy Henwood

Report by Keith Lea

Photos by Jean Phillips



I donned my "Nobody's perfect but if you come from Yorkshire you're pretty close" tee shirt and entered the fray. Shirley and Norma kindly dished out the Tulips and collected a total of £72 towards this years charity CRY, as well as keeping me in order. I briefed the motley crew from Northampton, Milton Keynes, Chilterns, Peaks and Pennines and 'us lot' from Yorkshire Ridings.

With a total of 35 cars and 65 people we made Beadlam Farm Shop at Helmsley in around an hour, parked in a field and some enjoyed the £5 pre-arranged 'drink and bun' in the fold yard.

It started to rain, my biggest disappointment; we left along the A170 to turn up onto the North York Moors to traverse part of the route which was flooded during Andy Henwood's Christmas run. This time we made it and part way I dropped the roof, wiped the moisture from my glasses and pressed on to Whitby park and Ride. As participants donned waterproofs and headed for the bus, 'hey presto' the sun came out!

Everyone appeared to have enjoyed their 'Sole' in Whitby and we departed via Sleights and Egton Bridge towards Rosedale to 'sweep' the Rosedale Chimney (30% grade with curves), enjoyed by some on the Saturday and me on the Sunday.

We then stopped at Hutton le Hole for a 'Loo' break and group photo.

Our final leg took us across country past Castle Howard. Crossing the A64 roadworks was less traumatic for most than expected and we returned to Stableside just before 6pm; thankfully with some smiling faces.



## Yorks Secret Bypass has a SIDING

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018

Organised by Keith Lea assisted by Andy Henwood

Report by Keith Lea

12 cars and 21 people made up of Ted's group, two P&P and three YR cars, traversed minor roads around York in an anti-clockwise direction. Andy Henwood drove and I navigated, taking us via Bishopthorpe, Acaster Malbis, Bilborough, and the Aldwarke toll bridge to the Sidings Hotel. A minor crisis I failed to mention was that the Sidings agreed to open specially for lunch and a week before a member of the managing family passed away suddenly. The digital highway ran hot again as we had to pre-order food to aid the hotels temporary team.

Our guests enjoyed the meal and seemed fascinated by the quirky venue as we kept losing some as they went for a 'nosey' at the accommodation, prior to our departure. For our second leg Peter and Val Rolt mentioned they would be peeling off at Stamford Bridgeto go home; you guessed it, two guest cars followed them! We waited on a route next to the old Stamford Bridgerailway station, only to be 'rollocked' by school children who felt we should not have parked in the unmarked bus stop area....

The 12 cars were now 6 as we returned to Stableside for the last time and wished Ted's expeditionary force all the best for their trip to Skipsea on their way home on Tuesday. By all accounts their trip home was wet but all reports appear to have been favourable. All in all God's own country had impressed and a bid thank you to all those who participated and helped make the weekend a success.





