



## Yorkshire Ridings Area Newsletter

*"We're having a laugh"*

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Hello and welcome to the final issue of Yorkshire Riding's newsletter for 2018. Well what a mixed bag of a year for weather we have had this year, beginning with a cold, damp winter that seemed as if it wouldn't go away and more snow than for a few years causing the re-routing and even cancellation of some early runs. Then we had one of the hottest and driest summers on record, ideal for plenty of top down zoom zooming on some great club runs, on which we've been joined by lots of new members, hope you all enjoyed yourselves. Socials have seen us try out some new venues, sure to become popular in future years, as well as some old favourites; and in all of them we've lived up to our club motto. Thank you to everyone who put in the work to organise runs and socials for us all, especially Shirley without whose efficient efforts we would struggle.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have submitted reports on runs and socials for inclusion in the newsletter during the course of the year, and finally a massive thank you to my lovely husband Dave for all his hard work helping me produce this newsletter. I would have struggled without him!

As many of you may be aware, the charity the club have been raising funds for this year, CRY, was proposed by Dave and I, and I can report that we have currently raised £1034. Thank you to everyone who has donated directly or with items to auction. Our aim for this year was to not only raise funds but also to raise awareness of this issue so I hope that we haven't bored you too much. But just to repeat for one final time, every week there are at least 12 young sudden cardiac deaths in the UK, 80% with no prior symptoms. CRY offer free ECG testing for 14 to 35 year olds and this has been demonstrated to be capable of reducing the incidence of YSCD by 90%. For those members who want to know more about CRY, check out their website [www.c-r-y.org.uk](http://www.c-r-y.org.uk), and if you know anyone in the 14 to 35 age group urge them to look on [www.testmyheart.org.uk](http://www.testmyheart.org.uk) and fill in the screening interest form.

May I finally take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, with lots to look forward to in 2019, not least the Spring Rally which Yorkshire Ridings will be hosting.

Rosie xx

### Future Events

**Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Xmas Run – Tour de Yorkshire – Andy and Wendy**

**Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> December – Social – Christmas Party at Burn Hall – Shirley & Norma**

**Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – Run – Carol And David**

**Sat. 26<sup>th</sup> January – AGM – Burn Hall**

## Hey Diddle Diddle Run

2nd September 2018

Organised by Tim and Shirley Pickett

Report by Keith Coutts

Photos courtesy of Mike Brownlow



On a very warm sunny second day of Autumn, 18 cars rolled into the Oil Can Cafe car park high above Holmfirth. Some made their own way there on their own and others met run leaders Tim and Shirley at Woolley Edge Services. It was an early start 9am start but the cafe very kindly opened the doors early for us to serve breakfast. The chef left immediately after making the grub as his wife was due to give birth very soon.

After a very nice feed, we all had a look at the classic cars for sale, the garage where the cars were getting some SOS treatment and the ladies seemed more interest in there clothes of yesterday shop and assorted china that was on sale. We had our briefing in the car park and welcomed Craig and Karen Knighton on their first run.

From there we headed up over Holme and onwards to Glossop and on towards Chapel en le Frith. From there we headed towards Buxton and onto a great road through the Goyt Valley. I couldn't help but notice the single toilet at the end of the valley. From there, it was on to the Cat and Fiddle Pass towards Blaze Farm where some indulged themselves with coffee and cake while others enjoyed a nice ice cream. Guess what option I took ?

After our break, we were off again after the customary group photo and on into Staffordshire. Here we went through Flash, supposedly the highest village in Britain. A quick look at the internet puts Wanlockhead in Southern Scotland at 4 meters higher. Anyway we flashed through the village and headed north into Derbyshire and on towards Buxton, Tideswell and Bamford. From here it was back to Yorkshire over the Strines road and onwards to the run end at Woolley Edge Services where we said our goodbyes in the knowledge that we had great weather, great roads and great company.

A big thanks to Mike Brownlow for his excellent photos. I would also like to thank Trevor Howell and Lorraine Firth who I followed in the morning for stopping at a right turn when I had got stuck behind a slow vehicle. Very much appreciated by a single occupant car. I would like this courtesy to be shown to all single occupant cars and all new members to our club. We were very good at this a few years ago and I would like to see it reintroduced.

## Drax Sport and Social Club Social

12<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Organised by Ann and John Roberts

Report by Dave Morford

Photo courtesy of Andy Henwood



Nine Yorkshire Ridings members gathered in the shadow of the imposing cooling towers of Drax power station at what was originally the sports club and social venue for employees of the power station, but is now open to all.

A new venue for us but which Ann and John have long standing ties to from when they previously lived in the area.

As always with Yorkshire Ridings an splendid evening ensued as we put the world to rights and caught up with everyone's news amidst plenty of the customary laughter and banter for which we are renowned.

Excellent and plentiful food, very reasonably priced along with drinks at discounted prices courtesy of John's membership card all added to the evening.

When we finally emerged to depart for home we were greeted to a clear summers' evening, the floodlit cooling towers looking majestic against a dark navy sky speckled with stars.

Thanks to Ann and John for organising a splendid evening, such a shame that more members were unable to support them and attend, though there does seem to be a recurring trend in this respect for this year with midweek socials.

## Warwick Premier Inn - Social

29<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Report by Peter West

Photos courtesy Peter West



Warwick Premier Inn was the venue for the National Rally social. A select few attended, reminiscent of one of Hyacinth (Bouquet) Bucket's candlelit suppers. What we lacked in quantity was more than made up for in quality! In spite of the fact that there were only five of us there was still a lack of Steak and Stout pie for Maureen and Tim. Shirley also had to settle for a substitute main. Keith and Peter stuck with burgers you can't go wrong with a burger. We all had a pleasant evening and were almost as rowdy as the table next to us with about eight people, to the point where we were the only ones left and almost had to be thrown out. We decamped to the bar for a short while before retiring ready for the next day's event at Ragley Hall.

## Breakfast Social – Bridlington Golf Course

14<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Organised by Mike and Carol Brownlow

Report by Mike Brownlow



When I originally said I would organise this event little did I know that Carol and I would be needing a holiday to wind down from our son's wedding.

I decided that the venue used in 2017 was excellent and as so many who attended really enjoyed it I thought perhaps it might prove to be popular again.

Some 43 members attended the social who all enjoyed a really good full breakfast, lots of tea and coffee and most importantly a good old natter.

So the summer has been exceptional with hose pipe bans and searing heat. However Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> was a different story with the heavens opening up as a group of MX5's met up at Bilbrough Top service on the A64.

Just to put a cherry on the cake I had not anticipated the road closures to accommodate the York Marathon which would make an impact on our route. So ordinance survey maps out and a slight re-route around was needed.

On route other members joined our convoy at Fridaythorpe and Sledmere House

Thanks to my good lady Carol, Shirley for posting the event and updating, Cath C for communications with venue and raffle duties and the Bridlington Links Golf Club once again.



## Halloween Social at The Sidings

Organised by Kevin and Diane Tweedy

Report by Dave Morford

Photos Courtesy Mike Brownlow and Dave Morford



Well the first thing to conclude from this years' Halloween run is that Diane and Kevin clearly have friends in high places, or they'd made a pact with the Devil! Given the occasion I suspect the latter. How have I come to this conclusion you may ask? Well for those of us from the eastern parts of Yorkshire, Saturday morning brought heavy snow showers which thankfully turned to torrential rain. Not much chance of completing the fancy dress for the car or for prospects of a topless run then! Most of the colony of vampire bats on our bonnet flew off during our journey along the M62 to Ferrybridge services for the 1 o'clock meet. However by the time we arrived the rain had ceased and the sky was starting to lighten, and by the comfort stop we got blue skies and sunshine!

Joining us for the occasion were 15 other MX5's including newbies Nicola and Andrew Waller, and Natasha and Steve Morris.

Briefing from Kevin over and it was time for roofs to be lowered and heaters up to max as we set forth for the comfort stop at Stockeld Park, the route taking us through Tadcaster, Wetherby and numerous villages in between. Sadly the cold wind seemed to have kept many folk indoors, but we brought a smile to the faces of those who did see us, a few youngsters overheard with comments such as "Mum, mum look at the big spider on that car!" and "Daaad, why is there a skeleton driving that car?". During the route it was noticeable how slowly John Leggott drove past the speed camera that nabbed him last year!

Once at Stockeld Park we enjoyed warming cups of coffee and cakes, posed for photos for other visitors, scared a few children and brought smiles to the faces of others.

The second part of the route took us through more villages finishing with a run right through the centre of York, as we brightened a chilly day for the crowds of shoppers and visitors with smiles and laughter from everyone we waved to. Steve Clay and Ruth Bell peeled out of the convoy at this point as sadly they were unable to join us for the evening social.

Arriving at The Sidings for the Halloween social we were joined by Robyne and Homi Tehrani, bringing the number of Yorkshire Ridings members back up to 32 as we exchanged tales from the days' run whilst Shirley collected and counted the votes for best dressed car and best costumes.

Voting results :- Best dressed car – 1<sup>st</sup> Diane & Kevin Tweedy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Heather & Robert Witty.

Best costume – 1<sup>st</sup> Heather & Robert Witty, 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen & Craig Knighton, 3<sup>rd</sup> Shirley Pickett.

Once the prizes had been presented and photos taken it was time for a room full of ravenous Yorkshire Ridings members to tuck in to their chosen menu, and a fine meal it proved to be, accompanied as always with a large helping of laughter and merriment, plus on this occasion, live Greek music.

Following the meal the usual "everyone's a winner" raffle was held and some then took to the dance floor to demonstrate their prowess (or lack of) at Greek dancing.





