



Yorkshire Ridings Area Newsletter

"We're having a laugh"

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

So far it's not been the best of summers for topless zoom zooming but hopefully you've all be able to take advantage of the rare sunny days to get out and enjoys our glorious Yorkshire countryside.

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.

Reuben Davison has been working very hard to produce a splendid new website for us so check it out at www.mx5yorkshire.co.uk where you will find lots of information about the club including details of upcoming events. 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 who are not part of the online community, contact our events coordinator Shirley who will be only too pleased to help (contact details at the top of the page).

I know that a lot of our members are going on holiday over the coming weeks, many of you on touring trips to the continent, so I just want to wish you all safe journeys and look forward to seeing the photos and hearing all about your zoom zooming adventures.

See you all soon

Rosie x

Future Events

13th September 2017 Social – at The Windmill, Dunnington, by Norma & Rowland Kassel.

23rd September 2017 - Social – Premier Inn, Warwick.

24th September 2017 – National Rally, British Motor Museum, Gaydon.

8th October 2017 - Run – by Norma & Rowland

15th October 2017 - Social – Breakfast at Bridlington Golf Club – by Andy & Cath Conolly

28th October 2017- Run/Social – Halloween run by Diane & Kevin Tweedy, social at The Sidings by Tim & Shirley.

12 November 2017 - Run – by Phil & Moira Thompson.

18th November 2017 – Social – by Pete & Maureen West.

Big Skies, Bigger Trees and a Barbie Run

22 July 2017

Organised by Dave and Rosie Morford

Report by Ann and John Roberts

Photos courtesy Rowland Kassell and Phil Thompson



What a fine run Rosie and Dave organised for this years' BBQ run with a good time had by all. The run coincided with my birthday so it was a great celebration for me.

13 cars met up at Starbucks, Pocklington at 12.00, joining us on this occasion were newbies Adrian and Carol Joyce, and Val and Peter Rolt who have transferred from the Milton Keynes and Chilterns region where Pete was AC. We hope that you enjoyed your first run with the crazy gang, you started off as newbies but you are now friends.

Following Dave's briefing we departed on time, the weather being kind to us yet again so it was tops down all round.

We followed some interesting twisties with lovely scenery, Thixendale was spectacular and opened out onto a vista of Yorkshire that took your breath away. It makes you realize how lucky we are with the area we live in.

A road closure discovered late the previous evening had resulted in a quick change of plan and reprint of the tulips but we all arrived at the rearranged comfort stop at Yorkshire Lavender where John and I had some of their delicious cream scones and of course photographer Rowland caught John breaking his diet!

Following a short run we arrived at The Sidings, this year's venue for the BBQ, and spent a few minutes filling in our voting slips for car of the year, to be handed to adjudicator Keith Coutts for counting, and caught up with those members who had gone straight to the venue.

47 of us then got settled in the trackside garden to have a drink, enjoy some excellent food and wave at the passing trains like loons, but it was great fun.

Norma and Shirley then got to work extorting money from all those present for the raffles. They make a mean team but also help to make it a special day.

Winner of the main raffle for a flight in a Gypsy Moth and an evening meal to the value of £100 were Adrian and Carol Joyce. Adrian was overjoyed as he said that he never wins anything.

Keith then announced the car of the year award, the winner being Phil and Moira's immaculate white Mk3, with runners up being Dave and Rosie Morford, Andy and Wendy Henwood and Mike and Carol Brownlow.

On a personal note we would like to thank Phil, Keith, Shirley and the rest of the committee for their hard work on our behalf all year. We have now been members for a year and it is the best thing we have done joining the "Having a Laugh crazy gang" so thank you all.



Not the Bolton Abbey Picnic Run.

6th August 2017

Organised by Richard and Antonia Hirst

Photos courtesy Dave Morford, Shirley Pickett and Lorraine Firth



Under a cloudy grey sky, with the odd sliver of blue promising better things to come, 21 cars gathered at Woolley Edge services on the M1. Joining us for the day was newbie Rupert Reader, but sadly Chris Brown and Pam Ashton who were to make their first run were forced to drop out with electric roof troubles before coming under starter's orders.

Richard's briefing over and off we went, following some narrow leafy lanes as we wound our way through the West Riding countryside, getting held up in Holmfirth for a while when we met a bus coming down a narrow hill that we were ascending. Everyone arrived safely at Morrisons supermarket in Meltham for a brief comfort stop and the opportunity if needed to stock up on picnic supplies.

Having gathered up some strays who had ignored WPC. Antonia Hirst's parking directions as we entered the car park, we departed on the next stage of the run.

With warm sunshine beginning to break through the grey skies, we were treated to some superb views across the Pennines as we wound our way along some fine twisty roads that rose and fell across the countryside, just made for top down zoom zooming, taking in Ripponden, Hebden Bridge and Haworth. On arrival at the destination of our next comfort stop, Craggies farm shop, where an exclusive outdoor extension of the cafe had been set up for us, complete with a table laden with delicious looking cakes, (they'd obviously been forewarned that a certain Mr Cresswell was amongst our party)

Luckily for the rest of us, Jean and Ray were there to greet us and they had had the foresight to remove all the "Reserved for Pete Cresswell" labels from the cakes.

Coffee/tea and cakes consumed, it was time to bid farewell to Jean and Ray plus a couple of cars from the convoy who had other plans for the rest of the day, and away we zoomed across the Pennines, greeted by more stunning vistas as we headed cross country towards Skipton and Gargrave.

With the sky darkening, we arrived at the car park in Malham, where Richard negotiated a substantial discount off the parking charge. A few spits and spots of rain began to fall as we raised roofs, donned coats and hats, and circled the chairs. They breed us hardy in Yorkshire and no way was a bit of rain and a chilly breeze going to prevent the crazy gang from having their picnic. After half an hour, and with the light drizzle turning into a steady downpour, it was time to pack up, say our goodbyes and head for home. Thanks to Antonia and Richard for organising a splendid day out, with great roads, fantastic views of Yorkshire, tasty food and most of all, a lot of laughs.



Social – Maxi's, York

12 August 2017

Organised by Shirley and Tim Pickett

15 members gathered at Maxi's Chinese restaurant in Poppleton for an excellent meal, accompanied as always by a lot of laughter. With two tables pushed together to accommodate us the decision was quickly taken to have a set meal, so everyone was able to sample and enjoy a goodly range of different dishes. Highlight of the evening being Emma the MX larvae dropping in to see us and treating everyone to a glass of bubbly. Appetites satisfied and the world put to rights, Shirley and Norma ran the raffle with their usual efficiency, then 'twas time to head for home, looking forward to the next one.

Five Delights to Flaxton Run

20th August 2017

Organised by Andy & Wendy Henwood and Keith Lea

Report by Andy Henwood

Photos courtesy Mike Brownlow, Andy Henwood, and Dave Morford.



Back on the old Google Earth again searching for potential 'twistie' routes that we have not been on for a while, eventually managing to come up with one that I thought met the bill. Mapping the route, it was time to check elements of it with Wendy then meet up with Keith Lea and a blank tulip template to put the route together.

I daresay we all have our own process, but for us the run lead (me) comes up with the idea and the route, runs it past the other (Keith), communicating with various route visits or stops followed by a 'first' run (in the run leads car), including confirmed tulip design, check timings and stops; including tasting lunch. The tulips are then completed by the run lead followed by a second run using the assistant's car, cross checking tulip aspects (timings, directions, mileage etc.). A final run was then completed during the week before the actual run (in our case on the Thursday before) and all admin aspects checked.

We were really looking forward to the run, the weather for the recce. was fabulous and the moors seemed alive with colour; the pre-run had gone really well and Mike and Carol Brownlow had agreed to be 'David and Mrs Bailey' for the day taking photos for us. We had done our prep, so what could go wrong

Opened the curtains on the Sunday morning to a bright sunny day with the temperature threatening to be around 20c. Members duly arrived at Cliftonmoor and after Wendy and Moira issued the tulips and 'Turkish Delights', Andy briefed everyone.

27 cars and 52 members departed for the first part of the run to Helmsley, including new members **Nigel and Jan Pamplin** who were being looked after by Keith and Daniel Lea. The route took us out past Wiggington, Farlington, Stearsby, Bransbry, Yearsley, Ampleforth, Rievaulx Abbey and down into Helmsley for a 45 minute comfort and look around stop. Some people stayed in the car park chatting, Phil set up and flew his drone (that was new), Pete ate some food (that was not!), whilst others went for some goodies and refreshments. We left Helmsley and started by taking a round trip to the 'Birds of Prey' in Dunscome Park, only to temporarily lose a third of the convoy within the first 700 metres! Making our way out of Helmsley north via Carlton we drove up onto the moors which, with the sun shining, looked stunning with the heather in a nice purple bloom. We stopped briefly to take photos of the scenery and cars, supported by both Andy and Phil taking some aerial shots with their drones (well Andy did!). We continued on, negotiating sheep, potholes and humps, cattle grids, gates and an old vintage bike rally where bikes with very little stopping power would fly over brows of hills or cut corners; they were fab to see though. A beautiful drive took us on to a brief stop at Hutton-le-Hole followed by a 30-minute drive to 'Pete's Mums' (The Cresswell Arms) in Appleton-le-Street via Marton and Brawby, for a lovely lunch and a welcomed drink. Some of those living on the East Coast left from there, whilst the remainder made their way (some by a partially different route!?) to Sandburn Hall near Flaxton via Castle Howard and Bulmer.

All in all and despite some technical frustrations I experienced with my radios and camera's, myself and Wendy had a successful and enjoyable day with some great company. We cannot thank Keith Lea enough for his help proving and running the route and his continued support throughout and of course to those attending and supporting us on this run.



