

NEWSLETTER MAY 2022
RYEDALE AND BILSDALE LOOP
DAVID AND JULIE SHILLITO
SUNAY APRIL 3RD

Twenty cars assembled at Clifton Moor under cloudy but brightening skies for Yorkshire Ridings April Run. Unfortunately, due to positive Covid tests, Julie and Dave, after all their hard work planning a route and associated stops, were unable to attend. Thankfully Rosie and Dave Morford stepped up at short notice to lead the run, ably assisted by other long-standing members. Amongst those joining us were new members Julie and John Davies and Claire and Phil Reid: plus, Jim Collin and Ian Barnes on a “try before you buy” basis. Joanne and Rick Taylor, having been on some previous socials were also taking part in their first run.

With no time to carry out a recce of the route, Dave’s briefing was necessarily short and the run commenced with sunshine and blue skies beginning to put in an appearance. The first part of the run followed a familiar route north up the up the B1363 via Sutton on the Forest to Helmsley. By now, bathed in warm sunshine, the route followed the B1257 through Bilsdale, a new road for many of us. Lovely scenery with the sunshine lighting up early spring flowers on the roadsides. The early cars in the convoy caught the unusual sight, at that time of day, of a Barn owl hunting along a roadside hedge. I guess he/she had some hungry young mouths to feed. Late morning saw our arrival in Stokesley for our first comfort stop, with plenty of free parking spaces in the town market place.

The next stage of the run took us East to Castleton and then South over the moors between Rosedale and Farndale, a popular road with the club, sweeping bends, great views and an opportunity to let the cars stretch their legs. On arrival at Hutton le Hole and parked up for the lunch stop, Mike Brownlow, who had been liaising with the landlord took charge to organise those who were having Sunday lunch at the pub. An excellent lunch it was too judging by the comments of those who partook. Whilst at the pub we were joined by ex-members Cath and Andy Connelly with Gin, who despite being Merc mounted, were permitted to join us for the final part of the run along some familiar roads to Castle Howard for a final comfort stop and to say our goodbyes.

General consensus was an excellent run with a good mix of roads through some beautiful scenery, enhanced by lovely weather and some well chosen comfort stops. Well done David and Julie, such a shame that you were unable to lead us.

On a slightly sad note, this was the final run out for Sarah and David Bamber who are selling Stormy Blue. You will be sadly missed and hopefully will acquire another MX5 at some point in the future and re-join the Yorkshire Ridings fold.

CREDIT: Rosie Morford

**SPORTS CARS IN THE PARK
BARBARA AND MICHAEL SENIOR
SUNDAY MAY 8TH**

Eleven cars met at a misty Wetherby Services then ran in convoy to Newby Hall for Sports Cars in the Park. On arrival, with all eleven in an unbroken group, the sun came out and the weather was perfect to show off our shining MX5s. There was a very good turn out of MX5s this year, 61 in total from different clubs, but we all felt that we were not placed in as good a position in the grounds as last year, tucked away in a corner away from the main area. However, spirits were high and we had a great day.

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