



Yorkshire Ridings Area Newsletter *"We're having a laugh"*

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

My name is Rosie Morford and I have taken over the role of editor from Caroline North who has unfortunately had to give up the role for health reasons. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Caroline on behalf of the club for all her hard work producing newsletters for us.

Since the last newsletter there have been a couple of changes to the committee. Firstly Keith Coutts has joined Phil Thompson as joint area co-ordinator. Also Reuben Davison has taken on the role of Webmaster previously filled by Lindy Harrop.

The other members of your committee are Shirley Pickett – Run/Events Co-ordinator, and Helen Boyes - Treasurer. I had hoped to produce a bumper edition of the newsletter due to missing out on the last edition but unfortunately due to financial constraints our request for extra pages has been turned down. I would like to thank everyone who contributed a report on a club event and apologise for having edit them down and not acknowledging photographers in order to fit the space available to me

This year's charity voted for at the AGM is Yorkshire Air Ambulance so let's dig deep during 2017 for a worthwhile cause.



BRASS MONKEYS RUN

8th January 2017.

Organised by David and Carol Wooler

Report by Tim Pickett

The day started at Hawthorn Farm adjacent to Leeds Bradford Airport where most of us enjoyed a hearty breakfast before our departure. Carol and David Wooler planned and led the run of 32 cars including 4 newbies. Welcome Susan and William Smith, Neil White, Fiona and Ruben Davison and David Crane. Also present, congratulations to our newlywed members Neill and Lindy Harrop.

Contrary to the implication of the title of the run, the weather for our first run of the year was quite exceptional, allowing, us topless motoring and wonderful views of the South and East Dales. Our first stop was at the ever popular Brymor Ice-cream Parlour where a massive choice of ices were available.

Continuing on more less familiar twisties by Leighton Reservoir, Pateley Bridge and Fewston to Harrogate where the run concluded with a late lunch at The Squinting Cat.



THE VALENTINES RUN

5th February 2017

Organised by Tim and Shirley Pickett assisted by Norma and Rowland Kassell

Report information by Shirley Pickett.

28 cars gathered at Ferrybridge Services for a 9.30 start. Joining the usual suspects were new members Andrew and Matthew Baldock, Ann Phillips from the Lincolnshire Group, and try before you buyers Alan and Karen from Bury and Mick Dunning. Everyone received a bag of sweets and a raffle ticket. The 3 prize winners being Carol Carter, Alison Shaw and Neil White.

After the usual briefing everyone set off for the first stop at The Farm Cafe at Whitley. Following tea and cakes, the second half of the run proceeded to the Wetherby Whaler in Wakefield.



Social at La Cantina 44

15th February 2017

Organised by Mark and Lynne Haultain

Report by Bob Sterrett

Only 13 disciples turned up, but it wasn't by any means the "Last Supper".

Drinks were ordered and everyone got settled. Next thing to sort being the heating, men too hot, women too cold, so the heating went up and down all night.

We all remembered what we'd ordered so along came the starters. Well you should have seen the faces of Rowland and Norma when the garlic bread starters they'd ordered arrived. I could see 'doggie bags' needed later.

We all had a piece to help them out. Main courses followed and everyone happy with the fine quality of food.

Much banter with staff ensued, especially Shirley, who for her cheek ended up with a red rose; left over no doubt from valentine's night. Later all the ladies being offered one.

After sweets the raffle took place, Rowland having the arduous task of displaying all the prizes on a nearby table to the satisfaction of the two ladies in charge; mentioning no names!

Bill sorted, everyone well fed, staff being great all night, a good night had by all. Thanks to Mark and Lynne for organising it, obviously many visits for research purposes being done by them.

The Gummy Bear Run

5th March 2017

Organised by Mark Norris

Report by Rosie Morford

21 cars attended the start at Ferrybridge Services.

Following the usual safety briefing from Mark and the handing out of the tulip maps and "Gummy sweets", it was off on some lovely twisties towards our first comfort stop at Allerthorpe Lakes, where we were joined by Paul and Jude who were unable to make the start due to mechanical gremlins. Following a short stop for coffee and some excellent homemade cakes, it was off again taking in the superb views of the Wolds. Lovely weather, beautiful scenery and fast sweeping roads took us to our lunch stop at "The Fleece Inn", Bishop Wilton. We had a lovely Sunday roast and some of us had beautiful homemade puds.

Today marked the first appearance on a club run of the "RF" model with joint Area Co-ordinators, Phil and Keith both having one each on trial for the day. These generated a lot of interest and discussion amongst members present, keen to hear their views. Judging by the amount of interest shown, how long before a club member appears on a run with one of their own?

Then it was off again along some more new roads for the return trip to Ferrybridge Services. A lovely day was had by all and a big thank you to Mark Norris for his hard work planning it all.

Social at Maxi's

18th March 2017

Organised by Tim and Shirley Pickett

Report by Norma Kassell

Shirley and Tim kindly organised a Saturday Social at Maxis Chinese Restaurant in York and this was attended by 26 members. Most of us chose the banquet menu which was very nice except Rowland who ended up confusing the poor waitress. He had a plate of chips and rice presented to him as a starter !!! He then explained this was to have with his main meal. His main meal came after all the rest of our table had nearly finished but by then the rice and chips were cold some more were brought and he did have a nice meal in the end. (It always happens to him) There was much laughter from all the tables and great company as always and our usual raffle and a great night was had by all. Thanks to Shirley & Tim for organising.



The Daffodil Dale Run

2nd April 2017

Organised by Richard and Antonia Hirst.

Report by Keith Coutts

26 cars set out on this run from Wetherby Services in good weather conditions at 10.30am after our briefing and welcome to 2 couples who had never been on a run. There was a warm welcome to John and Kate and also to Caroline and Neil Corner. We were soon on the wonderful Yorkshire roads that we all love and gradually arrived at our first break of the run. As we climbed up Sutton Bank past the car park for the White Horse, we arrived at the Yorkshire Gliding club where coffee and in some cases cake was welcomed. We stayed long enough to watch a number of glider take offs and landings much to the enjoyment of everyone.

After regrouping we were on our way through the Yorkshire twisty's towards Helmsley and on to Gillamoor for lunch at the Royal Oak. Everyone enjoyed a very nice meal, with many compliments on the service and quality of the food. Off we went again again heading towards Farndale. Richard had warned us about water on the road in his briefing but the road was a river and we soon became Yorkshire Ridings MX5 Aqua club. Funnily enough, a bit further on, we came across a ford with no water in it. No one should be surprised about what happens on one of our runs. We headed back towards Thirsk, Slingsby and on to Castle Howard for an ice cream stop. From there we headed back to the Clifton shopping centre in York where the run ended.

It was a great day out with good weather, good roads, good food and three nicely spaced out stops. We said our goodbyes and went our different ways back home in the satisfaction that we had a fantastic day out.

Joining us on the run were "newbies" Derek and Wendy Perry and "try before you buyers" Neil and Caroline Corner and Sandy Walker's son Jon and his girlfriend Kate in Sandy's car. Hope you enjoyed yourselves folks and will be joining us again in the future.

Social at Toby Carvery

12th April

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Report by Ken Carter

On a fresh sunny Spring evening, 23 Yorkshire Ridings members met up for the April social event at the ever popular Toby Carvery in Oulton, hosted there once again by **Kevin & Diane Tweedy**.

The numbers in attendance were swelled by the presence of new members **Phil & Gill Barrett** and **Christopher Brown & Pam Aston** who were made welcome by the hosts of the evening and other seasoned members. We hope you enjoyed your initial introduction and look forward to seeing you out on a run in the near future.

The relaxed mood of the evening meant everyone had ample time to catch up over drinks, with recent and forthcoming events, news and gossip, etc. before an almost orderly queue formed for everyone to make their meat and veg. selections from the excellent value carvery. Despite most people having mountainous main course plates, the majority also opted for one of the various generously sized puddings.

A social evening wouldn't be complete without 'Shirley's Raffle' and on this occasion with Easter only being a couple of days away there was a couple Eggstra edible MX-5 Club prizes on offer.

On conclusion of the raffle people discussed their plans for Easter and the Spring Rally event, amongst other things, before the evening came to a close.

A great value night was enjoyed by all, many thanks to Kevin & Diane for taking the time to coordinate and host proceedings.

For detail of upcoming events please see the events section of the Yorkshire Ridings website www.mx5yorkshire.co.uk and our closed group facebook page.

