



Yorkshire Ridings Area Newsletter

"We're having a laugh"

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

Firstly 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.

Dave Thistlethwaite has been very busy setting up a new website for the clubs photo archive and has transferred all the past pictures over to it. In future Dave will be posting a link on our facebook page after each event so that members will be able to post their own photos direct to it and miss out the middle man. Check it out at yrmx5.smugmug.com.

Following on from Reuben's work on updating the YR website we've seen some big changes to the online presence of our club this year to carry us into the future.

Whilst on the subject of websites, Phil and Keith have recently attended the Area Co-ordinators AGM and whilst there have received instruction on how to post on the YR section of the main owners club website which has also been upgraded this year.

Other exciting news that they brought back with them was that Yorkshire Ridings will be hosting the Spring Rally in 2019 so we can all look forward to helping out with that.

With 2017 coming to a close we can all look back on a year filled with some superb runs through the glorious Yorkshire countryside that we are lucky enough to live amongst, together with some excellent social meetings. There's been a big influx of new members joining us too so we've made lots of new friends.

On a personal note I hope that you've enjoyed reading the newsletter as much as I have producing it. Also I must thank hubby Dave for all the work that he has put in as sub editor.

All that remains is to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Rosie x

Future Events

3 December 2017 – Christmas Run – by Andy and Wendy Henwood, assisted by Keith Lea.

16 December 2017 – Social – Christmas party at Burn Hall. Organised by Carole Whitelaw and Mark Dunning.

7th January 2018 – Run – Ladies Excuse Me – by Carol and David Wooler.

13th January 2017 – AGM – Burn Hall Hotel - Huby

Troughs and Peaks Run

3 September 2017

Organised by Pete and Maureen West

Report by Keith Coutts

Photos courtesy Mike Brownlow, Neil White, Mick Boyes & Lorraine Firth



Peter and Maureen welcomed 18 cars on this, the first run that they have led. Ruth Bell and Steven Clay joined us for their first run of which I hope was the first of many.

We started off on a nice but chilly morning at the Premier Inn at Bingley in West Yorkshire for a run that took us into North Yorkshire and, horror upon horror Lancashire; a brave move knowing the feelings of some Yorkshire folk.

The run took us through some nice twisty roads up above Bingley on the wild moors before hitting some lower but typical MX5 roads round about Bolton Abbey and onwards to our first coffee/ comfort stop at the Watershed Mill. After about an hour we were off again around the Clapham and Slaidburn area towards the lovely Trough of Bowland with some wonderful roads towards our lunch stop at the Bridgehouse (not Brighthouse) Tearooms in Wray, where we had a damp picnic as it had started to rain a little. The roofs went up to keep our seats dry while we fed ourselves. Andy Henwood entertained us with his pocket-sized drone which flew over the cars. Thanks Andy for the tutorial and uploading its flight later that evening to our Facebook site. The weather did not improve any and we headed off with our soft and hard tops in the upper position towards Gargrave in the dales and onwards homeward bound.

I think it's fair to say that everyone enjoyed the run and picnic and if this is the standard of run that Peter and Maureen can throw up on their first run, then I for one look forward to the next one that they put together

On a footnote, I completed a full house of now having driven Mk's 1,2,3 and 4 of the MX5 range. A big thank you to Lee Gaskill for the loan of Sid for this run.

Social – The Windmill, Dunnington

13th September 2017

Hosted by Norma and Rowland Kassell

Report by Dave Morford

Following a two year gap due to the reputation of The Windmill having declined, the 14 members who attended this mid week social can attest to the fact that the food and service have returned to their former standards, the only slight black mark being the time it took for them to source an egg cup full of baked beans, without which Kev couldn't possibly have consumed his steak pie!

As always, we filled the conservatory with laughter and chat, catching up with everyone's holidays and getting to know folks a little better.

In the absence of Shirley, Norma took charge of the raffle and volunteered Rowland to be her assistant for the evening. Much laughter and confusion ensued as he manfully attempted to fill the role. No disrespect Rowland but "don't call us, we'll call you".

Thanks to Norma and Rowland for hosting a splendid evening, greatly enjoyed by all those attending, and good to have time to chat to folks that we haven't had the opportunity to converse with before.

National Rally Social

23rd September 2017

Organised by Phil and Moira Thompson

Report by Tim Pickett

This years National Rally Social event arranged by Phil and Moira was somewhat different to the usual form. Most of the participants arrived at the intended venue The Premier Inn at Warwick on Friday to find that they could not cater for our party on Saturday night.

On Saturday some of our group stayed in Warwick where Maureen West was inadvertently locked in the castle. The majority of us visited Stratford on Avon where a food and drink festival was taking place. We hired power boats on the River Avon and some of us rode the ferris wheel.

Our evening meal was at The Dirty Duck which is frequented by actors and audience of the nearby Royal Shakespeare Theatre.

Maureen was released in time to join the rest of the party to eat at the Premier Inn.

On Sunday Keith lead our convoy to the National Rally which I am sure will be well reviewed in the accompanying STHT.

A Bear Goes Home Run

8th October 2017

Organised by Norma and Rowland Kassell

Report by Dave Morford

Photos courtesy Dave Morford and Jean Phillips.



A grey overcast sky greeted 24 cars at Wetherby Services as Rowland briefed us for the run with tales of numerous re-routes due to road closures encountered on eight recce runs and possible problems with the planned comfort and food stops. Joining us were newbies Andrew and Alfie Sheard, and Robert and Emma Ward, together with "try before you buy" first timer Iain Bradley. Other "newbies" were Phil and Moira's lovely "burple" Mk1, and Ann and John's Mk1, "Reggie".

Rowland and Norma's fears proved to be groundless as within half an hour blue skies and sunshine started to appear, staying with us for the rest of the day, as they led us on a superb run, starting off on some familiar roads to take us beyond Wetherby and past Swinsty and Fewston reservoirs, crossing the A59 to head in the general direction of Pately Bridge to find our first stop at Toft Gate Barn Farm a popular halt with cyclists since the Tour de Yorkshire passed by.. Here we were able to sit out on the terrace area in warm sunshine and enjoy our coffees and splendid home made cakes whilst taking in some fabulous views.

Comfort stop over and we were off again towards Pately Bridge before swinging north to take a sweep through Nidderdale, passing several more reservoirs along the way and taking in some more superb scenery. Whilst climbing up out of Lofthouse, to head over the the moorland towards Masham, we met a group of fellow motor enthusiasts heading the other way though their choice of mount, a variety of Porsches, meant they looked a little nervous as the two groups squeezed past one another on the narrow road.

Joining the main Ripon to Leyburn road near Jervaulx abbey we headed north to pass through Wensley, the home town of our mascot , before following a loop up over the moorland above Leyburn, between Wensleydale and Swaledale, yet more fantastic roads and stunning views. Time then to head for our lunch stop at Berry's Farm Shop in Swinithwaite. Excellent food and efficient service saw everyones appetites sated then it was time to head back to Wetherby, numbers slowly dwindling as a number of cars dropped off the convoy to find their own routes home.

Big thanks to Norma and Rowland for organising a fantastic run in perfect weather, another contender to add to the list of possibles for run of the year.



Breakfast Social at Bridlington Links Golf Course 15th October 2017

Organised by Andy & Cath Conolly

Report by Dave Morford

34 members accepted Andy and Cath's invitation to a new venue for the breakfast social meet. A short pre social run began at Bilbrough services on the A64 to follow a route via the A64 and A166 to Fridaythorpe, then across country via Sledmere and Rudston to the golf club near Sewerby. Most members started from Bilbrough with others joining in along the route so that we all arrived together. A murky misty start to the day meant that the sea was barely visible from the restaurant as early morning golfers appeared and vanished again. An excellent full English was served buffet style, along with as much tea/coffee as one could drink. Then it was time for the usual raffle, efficiently controlled by Cath and Diane. And guess who chose the cake from among the raffle prizes when it was his turn to go up and select. I'll mention no name as I'm sure most members can make an educated guess! Thanks to Andy and Cath for organising an excellent social with good food and excellent company.

Spooktacular Ghost Train Halloween Run 28th October 2017

Halloween Social at The Sidings

Run organised by Kevin and Diane Tweedy. Social organised by Shirley and Tim Pickett

Report by Dave Morford

Photos by Dave Morford and Phil Thompson



Grey skies and a cold blustery wind greeted 17 cars and occupants when they met at Ferrybridge Services for Yorkshire Ridings annual Halloween run.

Everyone had been very busy decorating cars and donning fancy dress, to such an extent that some familiar members identity was difficult to discern until they spoke.

Briefing from Kevin over and the convoy set off 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.

Once at Stockeld Park we enjoyed coffee and cakes, posed for photos for other visitors, scared a few children, and some members found that the comfort part of the stop was complicated by their chosen outfits!

The second part of the route took us through more villages and right through the middle of York as we brightened the day with smiles and laughter for everyone we waved to.

On arriving at The Sidings for the Halloween social we were greeted by some members who were only able to join us for the evening but sadly some from the run had to leave us as they had other events arranged for the evening. 29 members assembled for the social, beginning with an exchange of tales from the days run whilst the votes for the best dressed car and best costumes were collected and counted.

Voting results :- Best dressed car – 1st Keith Lea, 2nd Diane and Kevin Tweedy, 3rd Trevor Howell & Lorraine Firth
Best costume – 1st Trevor and Lorraine, 2nd Diane and Kevin, 3rd David and Sarah Bamber.

By then the staff at The Sidings had laid out a splendid and plentiful hot buffet which was descended on by a horde of hungry Yorkshire Ridings members. Then it was time for the raffle, followed by an excellent evening with live Greek music and a disco, all accompanied with a great deal of laughter and merriment. Apparently Pete Cresswell's older twin brother took to the dance floor, although strangely nobody called for this gatecrasher to be thrown out! All in all a great time was had by everyone during the course of the day and big thanks must go to Diane and Kevin, Tim and Shirley for their organisation of their respective parts of it.



