



Yorkshire Ridings Area Newsletter

"We're having a laugh"

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Hello and welcome to the September 2018 issue of our newsletter. Once again we have been very busy with runs and socials.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new members and to some of the not so new that are attending again after a break.

I do hope that the newsletter gives you a taste of what Yorkshire Ridings members have been up to and perhaps spurs you to come along and join us. We're a friendly bunch and you can be assured that you will be made most welcome and we like to live by our motto so plenty of laughter can be pretty much guaranteed.

Dave and I are extremely grateful to you all for the very generous donations made to this years' club charity. As we go to press the total stands at just over £1000, so please keep donating.

Coming up shortly is the National Rally, at Ragley Hall in Warwickshire, hopefully with a strong presence from Yorkshire Ridings.

And don't forget to get 28th April 2019 marked down in your diary when Yorkshire Ridings will be hosting the Spring rally at Elvington Airfield on the outskirts of York. Watch this space for further details and no doubt requests for help from the organising committee.

Hopefully by the time you read this newsletter many of you will have been on your annual holidays. Hope the summer weather held out and you've had plenty of opportunities to enjoy some topless zoom zooming.

See you all very soon

Rosie xx

Future Events

Sat. 29th September – Social – National Rally, Warwickshire

Sun. 30th September – National Rally – Ragley Hall, Warwickshire

Sun. 14th October – Breakfast Social – Mike & Carol

Sat. 27th October – Run/Social – Halloween run to The Sidings – Norma & Rowland, Tim & Shirley

Sat. 10th November – Social – Pete & Maureen - venue tbc

Sun. 18th November – Run – Norma & Rowland – tbc

Sun. 2nd December – Run – Christmas Run – Phil and Moira

Sat. 8th December – Social – Christmas Party at Burn Hall – Shirley & Norma

Chip 'n' Dales Run

1st July 2018

Organised by Pete & Maureen West

Report by Keith Coutts

Photos courtesy of Shirley Pickett & Lorraine Firth



On Sunday 1st July, 15 cars set off from Hawthorne Farm, Leeds/Bradford Airport on a very hot day with clear blue skies. It was nice to see Ben Clow back in his recently purchased Mk1 MX5, JOEY. We also had Joe and Jake on the run who were on a Try Before You Buy.

We headed off and were soon on some nice roads heading towards North Yorkshire. We were delayed by the major road works at Pool in Wharfedale. Just when we had negotiated them we were held once again as the Arthington Show was on. Undeterred, we found a good place to regroup before heading northwards our first stop at Brymor Farm, home of the delicious Ice Cream. I think it's fair to say everyone of us thoroughly enjoyed their cones and tubs of delicious ice cream. I certainly enjoyed my tub of double Black Cherry Whim Wham. It was nice to meet up with Nick and Anita who was celebrating her 50th birthday.

On leaving Brymor, we headed south on some tremendous roads that seemed as though they had been built for MX5's. We were up and down, round many a bend before hitting a wonderful road over the tops that brought us back into civilisation around Bolton Abbey. From there it was a short hop along the A65 to Skipton and down to Cross Hills to The Trawlerman Fish Restaurant where we all thoroughly enjoyed our fish and chips washed down with a plenty of water and pots of tea.

Afterwards we all said our goodbyes and headed off in the direction off home. This was an exceptionally good run and I know that a lot of folk missed it for various reasons. Don't worry, I am sure we will be doing again in the not too distant future.

A big thank you to Peter 'n' Maureen for a great day out.

Pit Villages to Green Tights Run & BBQ

14th July 2018

Organised by Dianne and Ian Wynn

Report by Dave Morford

Photos courtesy of Dave Morford



17 cars gathered under blue skies and hot sunshine at Ferrybridge services for this years' BBQ run and social, a few members who were hoping to have joined us having to drop out at short notice for health or work reasons.

Following Ian's briefing we set forth to wind our way through the former coal mining areas of South Yorkshire, the effects of the death of the mining industry clear to see in the colliery villages that we passed through, some looking a little tired and scruffy, whilst others have been developed to become posh commuter villages. The abundance of speed bumps through the villages and dips in the road caused by mining subsidence certainly gave everybody's suspension a good work out! We also passed by what was once the largest open cast mine in the country, now a series of lakes. Our first comfort stop was at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park near West Bretton, each car stopping on the way to the free parking organised for us, for Ian to take a photo with a sculpture as backdrop. Dave and Jane Thistelthwaite joined us at this point to boost numbers. Break over and it was a short run to Nostell Priory for a short stop for another photo shoot in front of the house. We then proceeded to Ian and Dianne's beautiful house and garden in Wentbridge where they did us proud with the quantity, quality and variety of food available for consumption, no excuses for anyone to go home hungry!

"Mother" Shirley ran raffle proceedings with her customary efficiency as she emptied everyone's pockets, our charity for the year, CRY, benefitting to the tune of £360. Keith Coutts' Z sport won the voting for the car of the year.

All in all a brilliant day and a massive thank you to Dianne and Ian for all their hard work in organising it.

“May the Force be with you” Run

5th August 2018

Organised by Richard and Antonia Hirst

Report by Dave Morford

Photos courtesy Dave Morford & James Wilkinson



The lure of blue skies, warm sunshine, stunning scenery and a picnic drew the biggest turnout of the year so far with 31 members cars present at the start at Wetherby Services. Joining us for their first run were Mark Scott, Ben and Sara Tunnacliffe, and Kim and John Estritt. Also along for the day were “try before you buyers” Mel and Nigel Studley, and Tracey and Dennis Thornwood.

With such a large turnout we were split into two groups, team A led by Richard and Antonia and team B following 10 minutes later behind Andy and Kath Connolly.

Following Richard’s briefing we set off, initially along the A168 to make some rapid early progress on what would be a long run north, before cutting inland to skirt through the edge of Ripon and follow another club favourite the A6108 through Masham to our first destination, the Tearooms at Jervaux Abbey. The group having been split up slightly by traffic as is the norm, the “mid section” of group A arrived at Jervaux to find no sign of the leaders! They eventually arrived just ahead of group B having taken a wrong turn in Ripon! Much merriment and “Yorkshire Ridings” laughs at Richard and Antonia’s expense when they revealed that they’d recc’d the run 6 times.

Delicious cakes and drinks consumed and off we went, tracking north along the 6108 through Leyburn towards Richmond before cutting cross country via some “twisties” over the moorland to join the A66. A quick blast westwards along the A66 then we were off the main road to find our way to Barnard Castle and our next stop at the Bowes Museum.

After a short comfort break and photo opportunities in front of the museum we departed to follow some fantastic twisty roads via the beautiful scenery of Hamsterley Common before looping round back down into Teesdale and our picnic destination of High Force waterfall.

A few strange looks from other visitors as we formed our “circle” of chairs in the picnic area, whilst others wandered amongst the packed ranks of MX5s in our reserved parking area, with a some overheard comments from youngsters of “can we get one Dad?” Rosie dished out the pies whilst discovering that although yours truly can bake, the maths isn’t so good. Admin will in future be left to the professional in the family!

After allowing time for those who wished to visit the falls a short walk away to do so we departed for our final halt at Mainsgill Farm Shop at the side of the A66. Unfortunately we arrived 2 minutes before it closed so there was only time for a quick dash to the loos for those who needed them before we said our goodbyes and made our own ways home.

Thanks to Richard and Antonia for organising a splendid day out with great roads through beautiful scenery, excellent stops and plenty of laughter as is the Yorkshire Ridings way.



Social at The Waterwheel

11th August 2018

Organised by Shirley and Tim Pickett

Report by Dave Morford

18 members were present for our second visit in as many months to the motor themed Waterwheel Italian bistro near Howden. Clearly this is going to become a new club favourite venue.

On this occasion we were given a room to ourselves, (didn't think that we were that noisy last time so maybe it was to make it easier for the staff to look after us!)

Once again some of the portion sizes could be best described as ample so several couples, having learned from our last visit, chose to share a starter so as to leave space for a pud.

An excellent evening ensued with plenty of laughs as always, thanks to Shirley and Tim for organising.

The August Run to find the Sun

19th August 2018

Organised by Keith Lea, assisted by Andy & Wendy Henwood

Report and Photos by Dave Morford



16 MX5's gathered at the Askham Bar Tesco store, York. Joining us on this occasion to take part in their first run were new members Homi and Robyne Tehrani, who had spotted us all gathered for our picnic on the previous run at High Force, made some enquiries, and un-deterred by what they had witnessed, have joined the club and signed up for some Yorkshire Ridings laughs. Welcome to you both. Also along for a first run was Mark Norris's lovely new soul red Mk4 which he had only just acquired 2 days before.

Keith issued each arrival with a bag of "sunshine" to accompany the tulip map, and given that everyone seemed to have driven through heavy showers on the way to the start venue and a weather forecast promising more of the same it was feared that the Sunbites Popcorn(other varieties are available) might be the only sunshine that we were to see.

But Keith is clearly a very righteous man with the good Lord on his side as the clouds broke and the sun came through as he commenced his briefing ,and apart from a couple of moments of light drizzle we were to see no more rain during the course of the day.

Briefing over, newbies ,and solo drivers , of whom there were several on this run paired up with cars with a navigator, we set off following a route south west of York via the back roads through a number of small villages to wend our way to the first stop at the Aero club at Sherburn in Elmet where we were able to avail ourselves of well priced refreshments.

The next stage of the run took us to that old favourite, Wetherby Services ,for a brief comfort stop. But at 1.30pm the place was heaving and we ended up parked wherever we could find a space. As a consequence our departure was somewhat chaotic with confusion reigning as to who had departed and when, necessitating a phone call or two to sort things out and organise a regroup.

Time to complete the final section of the days' run, following some great roads through beautiful countryside south and west of Harrogate, including some very narrow twisties with very few passing places (good job we didn't meet anyone coming the other way).

Part of this section took us through a couple of gated fields across a farm. The resident sheep, unlike their cousins on the North York Moors ,were obviously not accustomed to a convoy of rasping, burbling exhausts and promptly fled from the roadsides!

Passing Fewston Reservoir the effects of the long hot summer were very evident with large areas of dried mud around the perimeter.

Finally we made our final destination of The Sun Inn, where most had opted for the delicious carvery from the extensive menu. An excellent end to a splendid day that had seen a great variety of different roads, some truly stunning views of our native county, some well chosen and spaced comfort breaks and as always, a lot of laughs with great company.

Thanks to Keith, Andy and Wendy for all the hard work putting it together.

