

## July 2017

Well, wasn't the weather changeable in June. Depending on the day, runs varied from being held in bright sunshine, in miserable drizzle or being called off completely. Dave Headon's Evening Excursion and Concours programmed for 6th June, was a case in point being a washout following continuous rain throughout the day although Dave hopes to re-arrange things later in the year.

Also in June, the Durham Dales Run was organised by TYYC was well supported and covered some 150 miles of the Durham Dales and the North Pennines. The Crown Inn at Manfield was the start/finish venue and offered their usual good hospitality.

Eric's Evening Excursion was held on a lovely evening guiding 24 riders around the local lanes with John Fawcett taking first place from Ian Tigwell and Colin Bennet. See full results below. New entrants this year were Andrew Frank who took the best veteran award on his 1914 Westovian accompanied by his 17 year old son David on his 1946 Excelsior and Cameron Crowther on his 1954 Velocette. Welcome chaps and thanks to Eric, Dennise, Sheena and route question masters.

The Beamish Reliability Run was held in mizzly weather although there was a good representation from the section. The trial at Downholme was won by Ron Atkinson from Graham Powell and Rob Green.

Moving on to July, the main Saturday run at the Northumbrian Gathering covered scenic roads in fine weather through North Northumberland and the Scottish Borders with a dozen entries from the South Durham section. The weekend was a tribute to the organisers who deserve congratulations. Morning coffee and lunch stops were held at the Golf Club at Duns and are thanked for their hospitality.

Howard's Sunset Run is on Monday 10th July starting from Middlesbrough Motor Club and regs. can be downloaded or entries will be accepted on the night. Other events are listed in the section calendar with plenty

of opportunities for putting some miles on the bikes.



On a more general note, a new member to South Durham, Ron Paterson pictured above, has motivated interest in cyclemotors and similar machines. Chairman Steve Hodgson and Tom Norman are getting involved so, if you have a tiddler, it may be time to get it out and have a play.

Finally, Eric Londesbrough has decided to give up riding and, having sold a couple of machines, has put the remainder into the

Tenants Auction at Leyburn. This will be held on Sunday 16th July and includes cars, bikes and automobilia. Eric's lovely 1914 New Hudson and his 1936 BSA outfit will be in the sale as well as a 1928 flat tank Norton and the usual Rolls Royce, Mercs etc. For those with deep pockets, this could be the sale for you.

See you on a run in July.  
Tom Reed