

Newsletter July 2019

Looking back to June, we've previously reported on Dave Headon's Social Run & Concours but moving on; Eric's Evening Excursion, which was the 39th, was run on a delightful evening around local lanes on which even I was vaguely familiar. There were 19 participants with David Porteous being the star rider from John Fawcett and Dave Headon. Full results are reported on the website and, as ever, our appreciation is extended to all who made the run possible and to Denise and Sheena who provided welcome refreshments after the event and before the late run for home. Next year will be Eric's 40th running of EEE and, as he will then be pushing 85 years young, he is threatening that enough is enough. It will be sad if he does call a halt. Volunteers needed?

The trial at Gilling West attracted 15 entrants and was won by Graham Powell from Stu Chapman and Paul Harrison. Full results are in the trial link.

In July, I can report that the Northumbrian Gathering attracted a good entry from the South Durham Section amongst the full entry of over 75. Just for clarity that is the number of machines and not the average age although that must be close. This year, the organisation was superb and took in roads to the South and West of Wooler giving a miss to the usual foray into the Scottish borders. The ladies of the WI at Hepple provided a feast of tea, coffee cakes and scones for almost no money – great. The lunch stop was at the Ox Inn at Middleton. On leaving for the afternoon run, one rider attempted a slo-mo U turn and dumped self and bike in the gutter. Intensive investigations failed to identify the incompetent soul but I thank the

chaps who rushed to get me upright and send me on my way –
pew.

Three members of the section, Alan Eddleston, Stewart Westgarth and Howard Masters travelled to the County Antrim weekend. There were the usual idiocies and lapses which won't be repeated here to save blushes. If the TV companies want a follow-up to "Last of the summer wine", I think that South Durham could come up with a wealth of alternative characters and plot lines.

More future events are in the calendar, including the Chairman's Run, and I'm sure that you can latch into the various organisers for details. Tickets for Viv and Sue's Saunter and BBQ are selling fast.

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