

Newsletter Jan 2020

Happy New Year

We have missed Tom Reed's newsletters since his last one in August, but not so much as we have missed seeing Tom at recent events. Unfortunately he has been hospitalised and our thoughts and best wishes go to him and his family in a difficult time. We also wish Stan Fraquet a recovery after his recent trauma

Back in December some celebrated the 44th anniversary of the formation of the South Durham Section with a ride into the countryside.

Thanks to all for those who came long to our final club night of 2019 and contributing to the festive cheer at our Christmas party, when entertainment was organised by Angela, Yvonne, Victoria, Viv, Sue, Paul and Brian and Summer.

A damp Boxing Day saw many, gather at the High Force Hotel in Teesdale. A very sociable meeting which included some older familiar faces and those travelling from our neighbouring Sections. See gallery for a few [photos](#)

We were delighted that the VMCC Management Committee have selected Victoria Feldon to receive a national award for a member under 25 years old who consistently rides in Club events for her efforts during 2019. The Daphne Hedington Dent Memorial Award will be presented to Victoria at the VMCC AGM in March.

The big event in January of course is our Presentation night carvery and social. This year Martin Porteous has accepted the Committee's invitation to be Guest of Honour and present awards. Martin is a former Section Chairman 1997 and 1998 and committee member who has been in the VMCC for 40 years, organised our annual Quaker Run for 35 years. He and Irene participated not only in Section events, but others throughout the country, Ireland and the Isle of Man on solo and sidecar outfits with friends from the Section.

One noteworthy winner will be Roy Sturgeon who will receive the John Webb Trophy for his long term and continued commitment in the organisation of the Section's Pre 65 Trials.

The Section's calendar of events for 2020 is now available on the website.

On the 23rd January club night Wallace Holmes is hosting an objects quiz, so please bring along something unusual.

Dave Porteous