

## Newsletter December 2018

The Beamish Awards evening in November went very well with our appreciation going to award winners who had travelled from far and wide to both compete and collect their awards. Once again, thanks go to Tom Norman and his support team as well as to the Cricket Club stewardess for a very good buffet.

There were 19 riders in the championship trial at Hindlethwaite which was won by Jim Jardine from Paul Harrison and Graham Powell. Full results are in the trials link as well as the final result of the 2018 championship which was won by Graham Powell. Congratulations to one and all.

At the section AGM, Steve Hodgson stood down as chairman with all other committee members continuing for another year. With no nominations for chairman for 2019, the committee will arrange for a replacement on an ad hoc basis. Thanks go to Steve for his leadership over the last two years particularly the encouragement of smaller machines to take part in section events. This seems to be a growing trend as members find traditional mounts harder to handle.

Events in December are in the calendar with the trial on 16<sup>th</sup> being at Braidley. The Anniversary social run on the 9<sup>th</sup> December details will be decided upon depending on the weather forecast. Last year due to inclement weather it was cancelled and took place in a local pub, best turn out for years!

The social run to Teesdale on Boxing Day will start from Darlington market place at 10/10-30am. This year we are returning to the High Force Hotel. There will be no club night on 27<sup>th</sup> December.

Tickets are still available the Christmas Party on 13<sup>th</sup> December and also the awards evening at the Darlington Mercure Kings hotel on 12<sup>th</sup> January.

Attendance at club nights seems to be reducing so these two social occasions give us a chance to renew acquaintances in a convivial setting. Try to make it to at least one.

Finally, Kelvin McNish is back at home and making the best of his illness. We wish him, and indeed all of you and yours, the very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. May you continue to enjoy riding in 2019.

Tom Reed