

September 2006



The Yorkies

Little Clatter

Hi to all the Yorkies

A very emotionally mixed year for us all, 06 summer will go down in all our memories. The sadness of losing our dear friend Sue, and our thoughts are with Bry, I know that his closest friends in the club have done their very best to help him through this sad time. It was good to see him at Darlington and hopefully he will soon be back at all our functions and rides. We all know what an asset he is, and he can get us lost as easily as anyone, remember the lakes ride out - "oooooh is that the sea"!

Our last major rally has passed and all 4 u.k ones have had something unusual, remember wet Wales and baking hot N. London. Our attendance at rallies, weekends away and holidays is fantastic, and unlike other centres our membership is up to 98 including associates, I know that personal contact and our web site has encouraged new members to see what we are all about.

Steve the web man has kept our site bang up to date, over the cold winter evenings reminisce and look back at the rides and rallies, for those not on tinternet we will be sending out dvd's of Tom's films and the centres pics for you to look at.

Its time to book our Christmas dinner dance, and after many visits, costings and availability, the Cairn in Harrogate is really a good safe option. I have made clear our grumbles re the food and they have taken this on board and promised a good HOT menu and as goodwill are keeping last years price. A booking form and menu choice is attached, a deposit is required as soon as possible and we will be running the usual savings club.

Your rally committee starts the hard work very soon, begging, getting more sponsors and raffle prizes. Ticket sales are coming in, and in answer to a few questions- yes us Yorkies do have to pay for our own rally ☺ The rallies this year had some unusual attractions, but with everyone's help I'm sure we will have a cracking rally. Check out next years events - the first 3 are in easy distance to us and those that went to Alfreton will be pleased to see that site as an 07 rally, look out Wetherspoons here we come!

If you have any ideas regarding club merchandise, ie a bike pennant or new style polo/sweat shirts please let Ivan know, mines wearing thin now and maybe a new style would look good - any ideas?

Thanks to all the guys that led ride outs this year, I hope you realise that it is different up front, OK we get lost, have to do u turns, go too fast/slow sometimes but I hope at the end of the year you can look back and say you enjoyed them. Thanks to Mick and Sandie for writing their new member views, its good to get feedback on other peoples thoughts as to what the Yorkies has to offer, if you fancy writing a few lines it will always be welcome.

That's it from me, enjoy your read and hope to see you before the winter sets in.

Terry

Editorial

Well here we are again - where has 3 months (the summer) gone? As per usual I am on the last minute so apologies for any mistakes they were deliberate just to check whether you read it properly... honest! If it all looks a bit crunched up then that's because we're sending out the rally flyers and Xmas/Valentines booking forms with this one. As per usual I have nicked most of the stuff from the website so, if you can get access to a computer, have a look on there as there's loads more stuff and the photos are better!

Many thanks to Mick and Sandie for their write up - it makes a change from editing Terry's stuff down to a reasonable length. As they say - if you haven't been to any meetings etc then come along - the more the merrier and if it's a rally then it's probably very merry hic

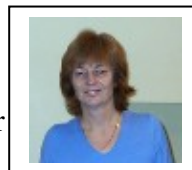
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Yorkies Rally tickets are now available

There's a flyer at the back of this Little Clatter, there should be a flyer in the main Clatter or you can book over the t'interweb on the Yorkies website using Paypal so - no excuses - get on and do it. If you've not been to a rally before then get yourself booked in and see what you've been missing.

What've we been up to?

New Members write up

Well where do we begin?

We joined the "Yorkies" in March 06, after a lot of looking on the Internet at the VSOC web site and joined the first ride-out of the `season` on the 16th of April, around Mid Lancashire. After a briefing by Terry of who was back man and the second manning rule, we set off and had a really good time and were made to feel very welcome by all who attended, such a great bunch of people all with the same common interest. We never actually got to be second man during the ride-out because when it got to be our turn, we would all be stopping for a break. On the next ride-out we were soon into the swing of things, second manning as well and have been on every ride-out since.

Everyone kept telling us how good the rallies are and we were very much looking forward to our first one. As a little taster we went away with the "Yorkies" on the Holy Island weekend, not really knowing what to take with us we loaded up the bike with what seemed to be everything, plus the kitchen sink, hair drier and straighteners for Sandie, of course! She knows better now! How wrong we were! We didn't take a blow-up mattress with us and that ground was so bloody hard and bumpy. We had a fantastic weekend, haven't laughed so much in ages, especially Terry doing the "Lancaster Bomber". We even got used to Tom's snoring and managed to get some sleep on the second night!

Our first rally was the "Road Runners" rally in London, a real eye opener for us. So many bikes and people to see and talk to and the weather was very kind to all of us, it was absolutely roasting. We remembered to get a blow up mattress for this trip, such an improvement from trying to sleep on hard ground. Many thanks to Bev for blowing it up for us with his electric pump! After getting the tent pitched and all our gear inside, it was on with the shorts and have a look around at some of the bikes. As the evening came it was all off to the clubhouse for a few beers and a lot of dancing to a really good band. Saturday saw another scorching hot day and an excellent ride-out into London followed by a boat trip on the Thames. Then it was back to the rally site to chill out for the rest of the afternoon. Saturday evening saw us in the clubhouse drinking and dancing again, it's a horrible thing, but somebody has to do it ha ha!

To cap it all off we came away from our first rally with the trophy for "Best Non-Standard Virago/Star" I was well chuffed and felt about 10 foot tall as I walked up to collect it. A brilliant end to an even more brilliant weekend!

Our second rally was the "Lost Riders" rally in Alfreton, Derbyshire. Once again a time to relax and enjoy all the things that had been put on by them. Great bands and great fun was had by all. 5-a-side football? Don't ask. I thought I was reasonably fit until I offered my services for the "Yorkies" team. Bloody hell, I couldn't wait for the whistle to blow soon enough as I was dead on my feet, my lungs felt like they were on fire and my legs had turned to jelly, but I lived to tell the tale.

Unfortunately due to work commitments, we couldn't go to the Irish rally but wish everyone a safe trip and a great time.

That just about rounds up our story of our time with the "Yorkies" so far, but suffices to say that we are having a really fun time. Many thanks to the "usual crew" that have given us every help and made us feel so welcome amongst them.

So to all you prospective members out there, get joined up, come to the meetings, come on the ride-outs and the rallies and have yourselves a whole lot of fun with a brilliant bunch of people!

Mick & Sandie. Centre 5 "The Yorkies"

Many thanks to Mick and Sandie for the write up and we didn't even have to bribe them!

Peak District Rideout and BBQ

23 bikes and far too many people to count started our ride out around the Peak District. This ended up as a joint lead out ride, it turned out that the first part of the ride was my favourite and after Monsall Head it was Cooperman's fav ride, so you all had, I'm sure you'll agree an excellent day, as the scenery and villages were superb.

As Maggi said at our first stop at Castleton we have done 30 odd miles and I could have done the direct route in 15 mins, but hey we would have missed the drop down into Castleton and watching all the hang gliders.

A very handy coach park gave room for all the bikes, and a very kind warden turned a blind eye to our parking. A good stop this with all the food/loos and petrol places available,

The ride up past Pevrill Castle must have been impressive to the trippers sat outside of the pubs, a convoy of cruisers and all in formation, bet there were a few wives saying "can we have one".... Once again the Yorkies have found the roads were cars fear to travel on, and lets hope it stays that way as the views are excellent up over the tops.

A good route is down into Monsall Dale and then the climb up to the head, where again we stopped for the obligatory ice cream break, Yorkies saying here "How Much" dear but good. The car park here was full with our group and 3 other ride out groups, car drivers were struggling to find places this afternoon, Bev and Mick took loads of photos, which is good for our ride out pics, thanks guys.

Here Steve took over, and how he finds those roads we'll never know, all around Bakewell and the villages around Chatsworth Estate good timing as the majority were at the time of their well dressings.

See why that's one of his favourites as all the roads were quality for bikes, one unusual area was an area called Quiet Lane.... oh yes.... not with 23 bikes travelling through ooops.

A quick fuel stop and it was back through Glossop and the Woodhead to Pete and Sue's fantastic Railway Station house. The BBQ was ready, Ivan and his two girls, Steve's girlfriend Terril and daughter Jazz and a nice surprise to see Sue and Bry joined us all, It was good to hear Sue's fantastic laugh again, and we hope that meeting all her friends again has done her a lot of good.

Cooperman slaved over the BBQ again... def the master chef in our group, and thanks to Pete and Sue we were all fed and watered. I had been given some good raffle prizes recently and with all the donations we made £190 to go to Peter's Yorkshire Cancer research charity, well done everyone.

As England were playing Pete had TVs in all the right places, so no one missed seeing our team get through to the next round.

An excellent day , and a big thank you to everyone for taking part or helping to make it all happen.

Terry



Mick and Sandie's Dales Rideout

The calendar showed a free Sunday and Mick and Sandie asked if they could have a go at leading one of our ride outs. Their choice a long day around the Yorkshire Dales national park. They chose to leave from Squires, which caused a minor problem as Tony and Helen advised us that a rock and bike weekend was on, but we had a back up plan to meet nearby to make life easy.

The forecast was awful after the hottest July on record, but 12 Yorkies braved it on 9 bikes - Mick and Sandie, me and Sue, Paul and Sue, Paul P and Judy Soo, Tom, Bev, John, Ken and Jackie. We eventually left a bit late hoping more would have come and set off through Mick's home village through Harewood, getting snarled up in a VW meet, Ilkley, then Skipton for a coffee break.

Then through some superb villages around Ribblesdale before going over the tops and dropping into Settle, an amazing road, but sadly a bit murky with the weather. For those who have not been on that road before, get a clear day and head out from Settle on the road to Barnoldswick, you will not be disappointed.

Another stop for liquids and food, even though it was not the best of days there is always a good number of bikes in Settle. Fueled up we set off to Ribblehead viaduct. The roads were dry enough to enjoy the bends and clear enough to get the best of the scenery, of course we had to stop here to get our small band of Yorkies together for a photo, less Paul and Judy as time was against them. On to the B6255, the sports bike favourite, but hey even on cruisers it's a brilliant road.

As we hit Hawes the heavens opened and we found a good shelter to let that pass, a local "old racer" nearly ran over Jackie's foot, but was told in no uncertain terms by Ken where to go.

Now even the best planned routes can be forgotten and Mick handled the u-turn in true Steve Cooper style, you would never have guessed!... Into Wharfedale and if you know this road its tight, steep and very twisty, so how did we get behind a large tourist coach doing 20mph, mad or what, we finally got passed him and the grey army onboard near Buckden, and gave the driver a friendly gesture!

Next stop for us was Kettlewell and we hit it during the scarecrow festival, and enjoyed all the models along with all the other trippers, our new grandad bought a brill pair of sheepskin boots for his new grandson, 10 points there Tom.

Into Grassington Square to park alongside a Manchester Hog ride out, the visitors had a mini bike show today with the square full of bikes and chrome. Jackie spotted a celeb in a local shop and pointed out Christa Ackroyd from BBC Look North, so I asked Jackie to convince Christa that she needed a photo with the Yorkies, no problem at all and its our claim to fame for this year so far.

The Harleys left in a roar to fill up with (no not diesel Paul!), and we followed soon after for the final leg home via Blubberhouses and Harrogate.

A very long day but with - I think the best roads around for miles - and an excellent bunch of people, well worth it, everyone thanked Mick and Sandie for taking the time to plan the route and only getting us to do 2 U turns!!

Thanks from all the Yorkies on your first ride leader task.... where next then ?

Terry





Centre 5 & 8 Irish Rally and Holiday



During the colder months this year a joint venture to continue the rally with a holiday further into Ireland was suggested. Ian (centre 8 rep) had a intinery of Killarney-Kilkenny-Dublin lasting 2 weeks. Centre 5 joined up with them for the break in Killarney, and what a fantastic experience it was, in total we had over 50 VSOC members travelling to that southwest corner.

I won't write about the rally as all those that went will tell their own tales, but just like to say, what a great weekend we all had, and with the help of us and other centres it will be one of the most memorable rallies we've been to.



We left early on the Monday morning for the long trip over the country, with the group being led by Ian and Pete bringing up the rear. All I can say is the group rode as 1 unit and was 2nd manned to perfection. Only very minor mishaps with loose luggage delaying us, and of course the Yorkie craving for cig stops, but believe me on those roads any break was welcome to ease the aching backsides.

The local town centre knew we had arrived as riding through the narrow streets with exhausts singing had the cameras out in force, and before long after a couple of re-pitches we had found an ideal place to set up camp in a near perfect camp/caravan park, even a mini hill to erect the centres colours - perfection.

We soon found the local food and beer stores and settled in, a choice between staying around the site or venturing into town had the groups everywhere. Some went on ahead to find a good place to eat and Tina managed to bribe the local bouncers to keep serving food until we all got into the pub. We were slowly getting used to going outside to have a smoke - better get used to this when it happens over here. Eventually we all got back to the site and, going by the snoring, a good day and night was had by all.

Early days the weather was a bit cloudy but as the week went on it was back to clear skies and good sun, we had it made. Our first full day 5 went out on a ride out around the Dingle peninsula. While centre 8 hit the town to find the best eating and drinking places. On our ride out Janet joined our group, and we all had a magnificent ride along the coast and up and through the "Conner Pass" very steep, narrow and some brilliant views as you climbed higher up the mountains.



A stop at the summit for photos and a timely arrival of an ice cream van made the ride well worth it. Dropping down into Dingle proved to be an excellent road, superb twisties with good surfaces, now this is riding to the limits. Dingle itself gave us time for lunch and for tourists to have their pics with the bikes. Again the roads back to camp were excellent, every turn was a postcard view, and we were glad we came over here now! Centre 8 had been up to tricks in town, supergluing coins onto the pavement had them and the local pubs in stitches watching and applauding people trying to prize the coins up, to be ended when the local kids used half a brick to gain their prize! Again it was into town for a good night on the local brew over the next few nights we made one local mini bus owner very happy, ferrying load after load of bikers into the pubs, all for around £1 each it was well worth it. When we all got back, it was the usual into the night good conversation, this is what its all about.

Ian and myself thought it a good idea to take the whole group on a mass ride out around the "Ring Of Kerry". An early start and a wait for the Cottage dwellers to join us, boosting our numbers. The best was seeing Ian, Pete and Jock putting Leprechaun costumes over their bike gear to amuse the many tourists on this route. Won't say they were the only short-asses that would fit in these but they looked superb. At every stop we made, people would come up and ask for a photo to be taken and it wasn't long before the trio started collecting for their charity, brilliant idea and boosted their total a lot. One family in a car chased us all around the ring of Kerry just to get a photo of the trio with her children, what an impact we made. A lunch stop half way around in a town visited by Charlie Chaplin had the cameras out again, thank god for digitals, or this would cost a bomb! The cafe overlooking "Ladies View" was the ideal place for the big group photo, showing the group and all the different Virago and Stars over the years.



Every morning centre 8 had breakfast off to a fine art, and big thanks for that, it was the best example of a midlands production line.... And at the end of it a superb breakfast, this has made me think about getting involved more. Before some of the party left we said a few thank you's and presented Ian and Tina with a small gift, and how could we not forget to get Nigel in one of the Yorkie party pieces, see if you spend too much time with this lot you always end up with a nickname, be warned! Our last day was a rest day off the bikes and with brilliant weather most of us just chilled out. Pete was asked to give our adopted Italian lass a short ride around the town on his bike, but better than that he took her for a full day's ride out, and before we left we heard she had asked to go along with centre 8 for the rest of their trip. Nice one.

The impromptu clubhouse gave us chance for a few too many cans, with some lively chat and brilliant pub games, ok Ian I'll promise to get the hang of that before we meet again. Our Helen just couldn't get the hang of buzz and just had to pay the cost with loads of ale, or was that her excuse.

All the way across Ireland, couple of hours on the ferry to Wales, then 3 hours to Yorkshire, a long and tiring day, but for me well worth the effort. We did just over 1000 miles, excellent weather, superb people, and some brilliant memories, at least now at other VSOC events we will have a lot more closer friends, thanks to everyone. It was brilliant!

Terry

And yet to come

Rideouts

There are just 2 more rideouts this year but please note that these have changed. Full details are in the rideout section.

After that the organised (?!) rideouts are over for the year but if you fancy a run then try calling in at Squires at about 10:00 on a Sunday morning and see if there are any like-minded people about. Don't think that carnations and rolled up newspapers go with leathers so it might be an idea to have something VSOC or Yorkies on so that you can be easily spotted.

Alternatively - if you are on the t'interweb - try using the forum to see if anybody else fancies a run.

Reminder for the Xmas/Valentines Dinner

It's that time of year again and, as Terry said, we need to book and pay deposits for the Xmas/Valentines Dinner (it's bad enough Xmas starting in August but ending in February?!?).

The cost is £50 per person or £20 if you're not stopping overnight and we will be running a savings club so you can pay it in 3 instalments. There's a booking form at the back of this Little Clatter which you need to fill in and return with a deposit of £10 per person to Terry or Don as soon as possible.

2007 Rally Planning Update

The site's organised, we've got the tickets, the bands and disco are booked and we've now organised the portaloos so we're getting there!

Don't forget that if anybody has any thoughts on sponsors then just let somebody on the committee know and we'll be after them or, better still, you can harass them for us!

Another don't forget is that we want everybody to get involved so, even if you haven't fancied joining the committee there will be loads of opportunity nearer the time and especially over the rally weekend. If you have a skill, or just want to help, it will be much appreciated.

And another don't forget is that if you do want to help with the organising then let Terry know or turn up at a meetind! These are usually the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Events

1st Saturday of every month	Rufforth Auto Jumble, Rufforth park near York.
16th to 17th September	BMF Tail End – Peterborough Showground, Peterborough
21st to 22nd October	13th Classic Motorcycle Mechanics Show - Stafford County Showground.
26th October to 5th November	International Motorcycle and Scooter Show - NEC Arena, Birmingham.

Yorkie Rideouts

Date	Destination	Depart From	Time
Sunday 24th September	Wigan Pier (with North Stars)	M606 Little Chef	10.00am
Sunday 8th October	Lincoln	Squires	10.00am

Yorkies Christmas Dinner Dance

You are invited to the Yorkies Christmas Dinner/Dance to be held at -

The Cairn Hotel, Ripon Rd, Harrogate

On Saturday February 10th 2007

Dinner/Bed and full English breakfast /Disco until late - £50.00 per person

Meal only with no room required £20

Names

No of rooms:-

Single

Double

Menu

Number required

Homemade Scotch Broth
With bread roll and butter

Duo of Melon and Red Grape Cocktail

Roast Sirloin of Beef
With Yorkshire pudding and gravy

Salmon & Spinach Mornay
Salmon and spinach topped with creamy three cheese sauce

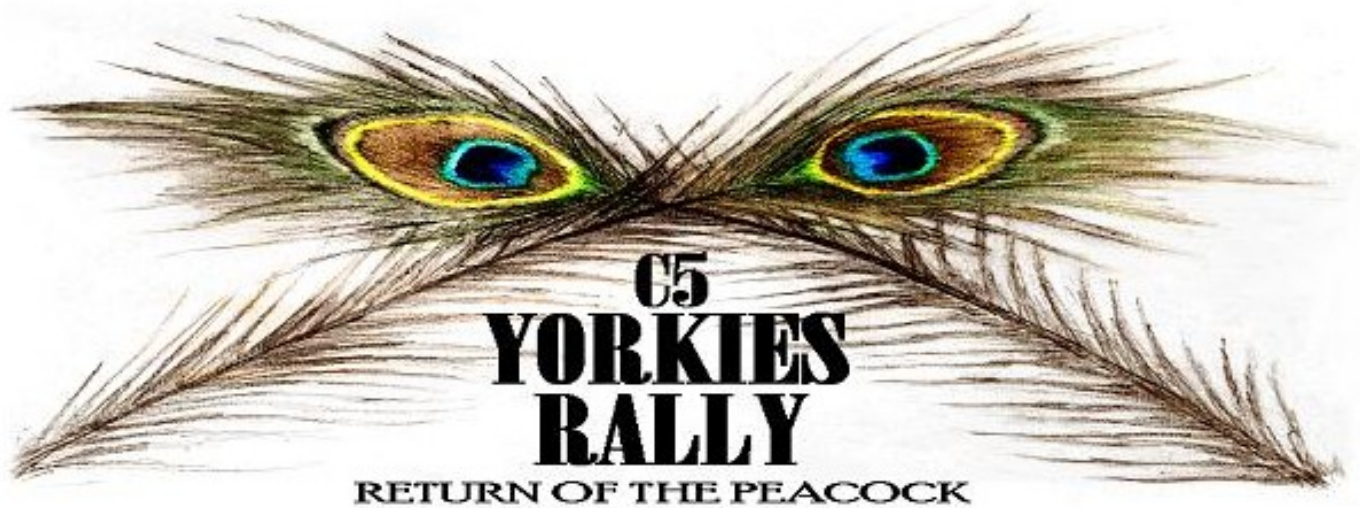
Asparagus, tomato & Feta Tart
Served with a spicy tomato sauce

Rich Chocolate Torte
Puzzled with raspberry coulis

Lemon and lime Posset

Freshly brewed coffee and mints

Selection from the cheese board



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Total £ _____

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Total £ _____

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Total £ _____

Rally pin badges @ £2 pre-ordered (last order March 31st 2007) _____ Total £ _____

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