

Newsletter August 2018

I rounded off the July newsletter with the hope for the heatwave to continue. Inevitably this was not to be with the deluge coming just as hosepipe bans came into force in many areas. The good news is that South Durham events have missed the rain and more temperate conditions have been most welcome.

In July, I understand that the Northern Pioneer Run, organised by Wallace Holmes for veteran machines, was most successful with more than 30 entrants. Spectators were treated to admirable gymnastics by riders of clutchless machines at junctions which is to be greatly applauded. Well done all.

The Northumbrian Gathering again enjoyed good weather for the main run although the route over the MOD Otterburn Ranges was somewhat arduous. Full results are in the runs link but the overall winner was pot-hunter-in-chief John Robinson. Well done John.

There were 17 starters from 21 entrants for Howard Duddle's Sunset Run which was won by Grant Sellars, from Tom Norman and John Shaw. It's nice to see Howard back in action. Again, full results are in the runs link.

As last year, the ride-in on 12th July was run as two events with the "tiddlers" setting off before the bigger machines. Pictures of some of the smaller but perfectly-formed machines are in the home page. A lovely evening was enjoyed by all riders prior to a very good buffet at the Cricket Club. Thanks Brian and Steve.

The section was thanked by the organisers for providing a display at the North Park Darlington. Our contribution was arranged by Gerry Beer.

The Chairman's Run was held in good weather and enjoyed by 24 starters from Manfield with the lunch stop at Bainbridge. Results and pics are in website link with the overall winner being Les Dawson from D. Holden and M. Roberts. Thanks Steve and team.

The July trial was at Battersby with 21 riders. There was a 4-way tie for first place with no points lost by G Powell, J Saffron, Rob Green and John Pattinson. No doubt a winner will be forthcoming.

Moving on to August, we have the Saunter and BBQ on 4th organised by Viv and Sue Tubby. Always a good do.

Dennis Marwood and I, and no doubt others, will be riding in the Topcliffe Run on 19th. If you want to ride down to Sutton Bank with us, we'll meet at Great Smeaton as usual. Well that's enough for today so see you soon.

Tom Reed