

THE YORKSHIRE TUNN

Whilst sitting in front of a roaring fire one cold winter's evening someone suggested 'why don't we organise a hundred mile run'. From this suggestion grew the idea of the 'Yorkshire Tun', not the mileage but the amount of beer that could be consumed whilst planning the run. The idea was quietly forgotten for some time until it was decided last summer to do a practice run to see if this was a viable idea. Instead of three laps of the same route three separate routes were planned varying in length from 32 to 40 miles. Ride all three and you covered 106 miles, or give up and head for the nearest pub after the first lap.

So on the 5th of April, the nearest Sunday to the 1st, sixteen riders eventually found their way to the start of the first 'Yorkshire Tun' at the Café @ Bistro at Thorpe Arch near Wetherby. It was a dry, sunny, morning although bitterly cold with icy roads after a hard frost. Early arrivals included Carl Squirrel and Roly Scarce, John Aston, and Paul Harris. By 9.30am John, Carl, and Paul had all set off on the first 40 mile leg of the route. Tom Norman and John Shaw were the next away with John riding his MV Augusta, a beautiful little 50cc Liberty Sport. Peter Crowder and father Philip 'Grumpy' Crowder turned up with a van load of Cyclemaster's, with Fred Richards 'Croxa' and Dave Stevenson's Sunbeam 'Mini-Motor' completing the cyclemotor section. Sensible local section members turned up on a variety of Honda models, easy to ride, reliable, and guaranteed to get you to the pub on time. Soon the car park was deserted and the long wait for the return of the first riders back began.

We didn't have long to wait as Philip Crowder soon appeared pushing his Cyclemaster that had given trouble within the first few miles. It appeared that a full tank of petrol had been devoured by the 'big carb' fitted to his Cyclemaster. A lengthy and troublesome carb strip to repair the flooding carb resulted in those fortunate to be present finding out why he is called 'Grumpy' as they were treated to a lesson on how to swear like a true Yorkshireman as the repairs were carried out on the errant machine. Eventually the 'spare' Cyclemaster was dragged out of the van and Philip continued on his way.

By now the first riders were back from their first 40 mile leg and after refuelling, petrol for the bike, bacon rolls for the riders, the second leg was then tackled before most riders took a break for dinner. Some riders never got any further than this deciding that supping ale and talking about how far they had ridden was far more important than the last 34 miles. At this point the final rider Colin Cook turned up to start the run. Having left his home in Ormsby at 8am Colin set off to ride to the start on his newly rebuilt Moto Guzzi 'Zigolo' to cover the 50 miles in time for the start. Unfortunately the bike had other idea's and took Colin by the scenic route through Helmsley, Pickering, Malton and York, a distance of over a 100 miles. Well at least that was Colin's excuse for arriving late.

By early afternoon most riders had completed the full distance or given up and gone home. Carl Squirrel however was having none of that, having covered the full route on Debbie's FS1-E (I'm running it in for her) Carl changed over to his Honda Novio to ride one of the routes again to accompany Roly who couldn't, or wouldn't, read the route notes for that leg.

Most agreed that the event with its format of a choice of distance and different routes had been a success and a repeat for next year is being planned. Of the sixteen rider's taking part, ten covered over a hundred miles with the combined mileage covered by the riders totalling 1305 miles. Perhaps we should rename the event as the '1,000 Mile Run'

The 'Yorkshire Section' would like to thank all those members and helpers who came along to support this event, especially Josie who took the photo's, Marion for admin duties, Robert the van driver, and Taz for guarding the bikes at dinnertime.

The following is a list of riders who took part and the (mileage) they rode, John Aston, Honda 50 Super Cub, (106) Sherwood Grimshaw, Honda NF75 (72) Paul Harris, New Hudson Autocycle (106) David Casper, Honda CB50V (118) David Brearley Honda NF75 (106) Martin Tordoff, Honda ST90 (106) Peter Crowder, 25cc Rudge Multi Cyclemaster (106) Philip Crowder, 32cc Cyclemaster (72) Carl Squirrel, Yamaha FS1-E/Honda Novio (148) Roly Scarce, Honda PC50 (106) Ray Parkin, Honda Express (72) Fred Richards, Croxa (40) Tom Norman, NSU Quickly (106) John Shaw, MV Liberty Sport (106) Dave Stevenson, Trojan Mini-Motor (75) Colin Cook, Moto Guzzi Zigolo (40) plus there and back (200)

All photo's taken by Josie Stanley.

1. Honda CB50V 'Dream 50', Dave Casper
2. Honda '50 Super Cub', John Aston
3. Unknown person passing by
4. New Hudson 'Autocycle', Paul Harris
5. Yamaha 'FS1-E', Debbie Doy, ridden by Carl Squirrel
6. John Aston, wind?
7. Honda 'PC50', Roly Scarce
8. Debbie's 'Fizzie'
9. Honda 'Express', Ray Parkin
10. Paul Harris and Philip Crowder.
11. Peter Crowder's Rudge Multi Cyclemaster engine unit
13. 'Scotts of York' butchers bike/Cyclemaster, Philip Crowder
14. Cyclemaster fetherling
15. Philip Crowder's Cyclemaster unit with 'big carb'.
16. New Hudson 'Autocycle', Paul Harris 1
7. Paul Harris sets off
18. Honda 'NP75', David Brearley
19. Peter Crowder sets off
24. 'Croxa', Fred Richards
25. MV Augusta 'Liberty Sport 50', John Shaw
26. John Show heads for the knobbly knee's competition.
27. Fred's 'Croxa'
28. Fred's 'Croxa'
29. John Shaw shows off his kecks
30. NSU 'Quickly', Tom Norman
31. Honda 'ST90', Martin Tordoff
32. Fred's 'Croxa' yet again
33. MV Augusta 'Liberty Sport 50', John Shaw
34. David Brearley
36. Sunbeam 'Mini-Motor', Dave Stevenson
37. John Aston finally finishes





Replacement trousers following ride around the carpark on the Crowther trouser eater.









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