

H.A.B.

WEEKLY NEWS

Harrogate Advanced Bikes:

Meet on second Monday of every month.

September to March:

Bilton Cricket Club. Bilton Lane. HG1 3DQ.

April to August;

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H.A.B Happenings.

At our September meeting Tim and Pauline gave us a fascinating talk about their "trip of a life-time." They had biked around Peru for three weeks. We were all totally absorbed by their adventure. Told as it was we saw the beauty of the country, the fun of riding on another continent, the sights, scenes and smells were all vividly brought into the B.C.C. in full colour. Thanks Tim & Pauline for a really great evening.

October; Monday 8th.

October group Meeting. Meet at 7.30 P.M. B.C.C. (Plus Buffet)

Speaker:- Noel Whittall who rode from Landsend to J.O'Groats .

Noel Whittall and his 94-year-old Triumph.

When 71 years old Noel Whittall had a heart attack while piloting his paraglider 1000 feet above Addingham.

In 2009, having recovered and while looking for another, perhaps slightly less risky adventure, he decided to make a journey he had been considering for some time; to ride from his home near Leeds to John O'Groats, from there to Land's End, and finally back again to Leeds.

But he planned to do this on his 'Trusty Triumph' - a Model H belt-drive motorcycle built in 1918!

Noel completed the journey alone, without any support team or other backup, and subsequently wrote a highly amusing and absorbing book about it, called 'A Stupid Thing To Do!'.

Noel has kindly agreed to talk to HAB members about his trip and his lifelong enthusiasm for motorcycling, and 'H' will also be present in the room so that members will have a chance to see for themselves the technology of a famous model of motorcycle used extensively in World War I. Copies of Noel's book, at the very reasonable price of £10 each, will also be available.

An evening not to be missed.??

October; Sunday 21st

Last H.A.B. Sunday Ride-out for 2012.

Leader Doug Masterton.

Where to ??? All revealed!! Full route details on **page 3 !!!**

November; Monday 12th

November group Meeting. Meet at 7.30 P.M. B.C.C.

Speaker & buffet.

No meeting in December!

January. Saturday 19th

H.A.B Annual Not-the-Xmas Dinner. New venue, new format. We will be going Italian. Please make a note in your diary:-
January 19th 2013 Luigi's in Harrogate.

January. Monday 14th.

First meeting of 2013. Bilton Cricket Club.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Two of our associates received their Test Pass certificates at the September group meeting.

Chairman Bob was full of smiles when he presented certificates to Alistair Smyth (Right) & Stewart Harker (Below)



Congratulations go to the observers as well; Graham Crowther & Tim Simms who coached Alistair and Stewart to success.

I have just heard that Nick Cahill passed his test on Friday 21st September. Congratulations to Nick and Stephen Corsen (observer.)

The October H.A.B. Third Sunday Ride-out.

The final ride out of the 2012 season will be led by Doug Masterton on

Sunday 21st October.

The route planned is **150 miles** and the destination is Whitby where there is a big selection of eating outlets. Given the late date in the season the ride will predominantly use main roads.

Departure will be from the car park adjacent to **Asda in Harrogate at 9:30.**

The route will go via Knaresborough and Minskip to Boroughbridge and then follow a direct cross country route to Helmsley.

Up Wass Bank that Doug has used on previous occasions and which offers opportunities to practice positioning in a variety of contexts.

From Helmsley the ride will take the Yorkshire TT to Stokesley and then head east to Whitby for lunch in the vicinity of Whitby station.

Leaving Whitby the ride will head south to Pickering via the Hole of Horcum route and then west to Helmsley and finally down the AIM to end at the retail park (McDonalds) on the Knaresborough by pass.

Most of the route is on well known roads that are no less pleasant to ride.

The route can be viewed at

<http://goo.gl/maps/6qi9q>

Should the weather be poor a decision will be made, if necessary, on the day to change the ride out to cut the distance or avoid the high level roads even if the seaside destination has to change.

Bob Hill has kindly agreed to be tail-end Charlie.

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