

THE YORKSHIRE BOREEN RUN 2017

Friday 16th to Monday 19th June

A Boreen is an Irish word describing small narrow back roads. The word appears to have been adopted, at least by the BMW Club, to describe riding events both in Ireland and in the UK. There have been at least three regular events on Section Calendars in recent years; The Irish Boreen Run, The Northern Section Reivers Boreen Run and, in Scotland, they have a regular Rathad Run. Essentially these events comprise guided rides round the wilder areas of the country combined with accommodation, good food and good company over a weekend.

The Yorkshire Section has decided to organise their own ‘Boreen Run’. After all, Yorkshire is blessed with some of the most delightful and dramatic countryside in England which is crisscrossed with mile upon mile of lovely lanes and byways. Many Yorkshire Section members are well acquainted with this wild playground for bikers and are well placed to set up the routes and guide you through God’s own County!

We’ve chosen the famous Edwardian Cairn Hotel close to the centre of the lovely town of Harrogate for our accommodation. The Hotel has been extensively up-dated in recent years and has delightful public areas, bar and restaurant. There are plenty of free parking spaces for bikes and cars. We’ve pre-booked mainly twin rooms so that two can share if they want to. (There may be some single rooms available at an extra charge but must be booked early if required. Contact the writer as below). The rooms are all ensuite with plenty of space, comfortable beds fixtures and fittings. Full English breakfasts and three course evening meals are included in the price. Alcoholic drinks are extra and paid for individually.

Participants should arrive during Friday in time for dinner in the evening. They can then enjoy three night’s dinner bed and breakfast over Friday, Saturday and Sunday with the group going their own separate ways on the Monday morning. We have reserved sufficient rooms for about 20 persons and intend to split in to two groups of 10 for the ride outs. We’ll run two different routes on each day with about 10 in each group. One group will spend the day in the North Yorks Moors and surrounding area. The other will go off to the Yorkshire Dales for the day. (Harrogate is well placed centrally between these distinctly different areas of Yorkshire). The groups will swap over to the other route on the second day. We will use the ‘drop off’ system to keep the group en-route and together with a leader and back marker to act as ‘sweeper’. This has worked well for us in the past and with just 10 riders shouldn’t cause any detriment to your enjoyment of the ride. If you don’t know what the drop off system is, we’ll explain it all at the pre-ride briefing. Start time from the Hotel will be 10.00am with return by around 5.00pm to give time to rest and freshen up for the evenings revelries. You should make sure you are fully fuelled up before the set off. Shell fuel including premium unleaded is available just half a mile up the road. Expect a ride of about 125 miles per day but this is still to be finalised. We are looking at including some off road forestry tracks as an option. This will be advised in advance and will be avoidable for those that don’t wish to go off road. We do not intend to race around! We’ll choose a suitable pace to keep you all safe and allow you to enjoy the wonderful views and vistas that we pass.

The price of your weekend is £195 per person based on two sharing a twin room. This will include half board at the Hotel and light lunches at cafes on the route with mid-morning and mid-afternoon coffee/tea stops also provided. A £50 deposit per person is payable on booking. This is only refundable if we can fill the space after cancellation.

Yorkshire members are very welcome to join in with this event but we think it may be more suitable for members who live in other areas of the Country and don’t particularly know their way around Yorkshire. Depending on the numbers booking the event, we may be able to offer Yorkshire members ‘non-resident’ access to the ride-outs for a modest fee but this will be strictly by pre-booking and will be limited or not available at all if we get fully booked with ‘residential participants’. We can probably only advise on this about a week before the event takes place.

All Club members are welcome to book this event but, if you do book, you should be confident of controlling your machine on what might be, at times, steep narrow and grassed over or gravelled roads.

For more information or to make a booking please contact:

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