

Newsletter

September 2022

On the Border.

The three branches meeting in the Borders is, for a few of us lightweights at least, the last camping outing of the season. This year the weather did not look promising and, as we rode South East, thundery looking clouds seemed to be constantly in front of us. We expected heavy rain the whole way and there were certainly plenty of signs of flooding on the back road to Broughton and past Dawyick. Puddles the full width of the road and deep enough to need me to lift my feet off the rests as I rode through.

Despite the forbidding skies, it was little more than showery until just outside Kelso when the rain started in earnest. Luckily the Khyam tent only takes minutes to erect and all the gear can be thrown into the porch area. From there the dry-bags can be emptied into the sleeping area. Once unpacked, its time to get the stove going - there is something quite settling about the sound of the pot coming to the boil, especially with the rain pattering on the canvas, it feels cosy and comforting.

Through the afternoon and early evening, people continued to arrive until our allocated pitches were taken. A couple of cancelations but luckily nothing serious.

The weekend followed the well established pattern - food and drink at either The Plough or Borders Hotel and John Powell leading a



run on the Saturday.

This year the destination was the Samye Ling Buddhist Centre in Eskdalemuir.

Great to see everyone, do it again next year?



EVENTS

September Sunday 18th

11:00 to 16:00

SCMC Autumn Gathering, Tullybanocher café, Easter Tullybannocher, Crieff PH6 2JY

Join the SCMC for their Autumn gathering

October Sunday 30th

11:00 to 15:00

TVNOC Tattie Howkers lunch meeting Tullybanocher café, Easter Tullybannocher, Crieff PH6 2JY

Just a coffee, cake and tyre kicking session to round off the season.