



# ULYSSES NELSON

## NEWSLETTER

### March 2023



*First day at our new Saturday morning coffee venue. Alioke Eatery in Berryfields.*

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## ***Ulysses Nelson***

# **TOP OF THE SOUTH**

## **RIDES AND EVENTS : Mar - April 23**

**Club Rides:** There is a branch ride every Sunday. Distances (total) and time away (approximate) are provided. Rides will alternate between distance rides (200km+) and rides to more local destinations. Something to suit everyone. Rides south and west leave from NPD (Lower Queen St Richmond), east from BP Haven Road. Departure will usually be 10.00am for pre ride chat and leaving 10.30am. More local rides may leave later. Keep an eye on Headsup and this Itinerary.

### **Sat Coffee Mornings**

All welcome! Great chance to catch up and meet with other members and for new people to come along and find out what we are about. 10-12 am, Alioke Eatery, 4A Central Park Lane (off Berryfield Drive, Richmond. (next to Sprig & Fern)

***Wear your name badge please.***

**Impromptu Rides - via What's App:** The What's App Ulysses Group means if you are heading out on your bike and want some company you can post on this to see who would like to come along!. Or someone may come up with a ride and you can reply to say you will join them! Don't forget to put your name on the post and if you are not in the What's App Group yet, let the branch Secretary know so he can add you. ([nelsonsec@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:nelsonsec@ulysses.org.nz) )

***Distances are for round trip.***

### **Sat Mar 11<sup>th</sup> NU600**

*This event will have a social finish at **Cox's Berry Garden.** ) Hosts Stephen and Karen Cox Every branch member (and partners) is welcome. We will welcome the riders completing the event. Food is provided by the branch BYO drink. (If coming in a car, bring a chair if you can) **Find them on SH60, just over the Motueka River, halfway down the straight on the right. Gather from 4.30pm on.***

### **Sun Mar 12<sup>th</sup> Flat Rock Café, Kohatu**

80-100kms (Depends on route taken) 2 hours

**Departs: NPD Richmond** (lower Queen St) Meet **11.00am** for coffee / chat. Departs 11.30am

### **Fri 17<sup>th</sup> – Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Mar Ulysses New Zealand national Rally and AGM** Christchurch

### **Sun Mar 19<sup>th</sup> Reads Roadhouse 65, Maruia**

Website: [REID'S ROAD HOUSE 65 \(reidsroadhouse65.com\)](http://reidsroadhouse65.com)

360kms (estimated) 3-4 hours

**Departs: NPD Richmond** (lower Queen St) Meet **10.00am** for coffee / chat. Departs 10.30am

### **Sat Mar 25<sup>th</sup> Honda's 50th Anniversary celebrations**

**Where** - Honda Dealership, Wakatu Estate.

**Time** - 12.00 noon We will go there after morning coffee at the Alioke. Sausage sizzle, Gold Wing Honda representatives, new bikes, test bikes, gear, talks and more.

**Sun Mar 26<sup>th</sup> Toad Hall, Motueka**

**Departs: NPD Richmond** (lower Queen St) Meet **11.00am** for coffee / chat. Departs **11.30am**

80-100kms (Depends on route taken) 2 hours

**Mon Mar 27<sup>th</sup> Ulysses Nelson Branch AGM.**

**Salvation Army rooms (upstairs).** 57 Rutherford Street. (Supper will be provided)

**Sat Apr 1<sup>st</sup> Morning Glory Ride – Sunrise at Rarangi Bay**

*This is an special event, originally create by Derek O'Beirne, held annually in memory of him.*

278 kms 5 hours

**Departs: BP (Haven Road)** Departs **6.00am** Sunrise **7.40am**

**Sun Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> Courthouse Café, Collingwood**

262 kms 4 hours

*Was on our Itinerary back on Feb 5 but the weather was really bad. Here is a reschedule.*

*Lovely place – check it out at: [www.thecourthousecafecollingwood.com](http://www.thecourthousecafecollingwood.com)*

**Departs: NPD Richmond** (lower Queen St) Meet **10.00am** for coffee / chat. Departs **10.30am**

**Sun Apr 9<sup>th</sup> St Arnaud Picnic**

180 kms 2 hours

*Bring your own lunch. We will gather at the Public Shelter in Kerr's Bay. Choice of three routes for returning home. Discuss on the day.*

**Departs: NPD Richmond** (lower Queen St) Meet **11.00am** for coffee / chat. Departs **11.30am**

**Sun Apr 16<sup>th</sup> The Jolly Roger, Waikawa Bay (Picton)**

290 kms 4 hours

*Right on the marina at Waikawa Bay. Enjoy the aquatic eye candy moored alongside.*

**Departs: BP (Haven Road)** Meet **10.00am** for coffee / chat. Departs **10.30am**

**Sun Apr 23<sup>rd</sup> Mrs Smith's Cafe and Vegetables**

*You will have ridden past this place many times. Really delightful local café with excellent food and coffee. Ride via Neudorf and Dovedale*

**Departs: NPD Richmond** (lower Queen St) Meet **11.00am** for coffee / chat. Departs **11.30am**

**Sun Apr 30<sup>th</sup> Rivers Café, Murchison**

**Departs: NPD Richmond** (lower Queen St) Meet **10.00am** for coffee / chat. Departs **10.30am**

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## COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS



Hi everyone

Weren't we lucky to have this great riding weather continue through the last month! You may need an extra thermal from now on though!

The move of the coffee morning to Alioke Cafe in Berryfields a few weeks ago, has been very well received. I've heard the coffee is very good – they certainly get a good crowd there, so I imagine the food is too. Good parking for your bike, well in view of the public and possible new members.

This Saturday is the NU600 – there is still time to get involved. All welcome to the branch BBQ at the Coxes (310 Main Road, Riwaka) afterwards (from 4.30pm on) and the chance for you to make your own berry ice-cream.

Finally, the branch AGM is at the Salvation Army rooms on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for electing the new committee, a guest speaker, some supper and time for catch up with fellow members.

As this is my last Co-ordinators comments, I would like to thank Allan for his continued effort, getting the Newsletter out every month – it takes a lot of time and we are very lucky to have his ongoing enthusiasm and commitment. I'd also like to thank the current committee John, Pat, Phil, Felecia and Diane, for all their help throughout this last year.

All the best to the incoming committee and to all our members – enjoy your Autumn riding!

*Vronne Collins* #9815



# Ulysses Nelson Member's Discounts

## Autocraft Car Repairs

51 Parker's Road  
Stoke

**03 548 5578**

All makes and models  
Special deals for members  
[service@autocraftnelson.co.nz](mailto:service@autocraftnelson.co.nz)

## BNT Automotive

74 Oxford Street  
Richmond  
Mention motorcycles  
and receive trade prices.

**03-543 8381**

## Filco Farm & Sport

141/143 Quarantine Rd  
Annesbrook

Tel: **03 547 2420**

10% discount on gear. You must  
present your membership card.

## Hokitika Treetop Walk

**20%** discount on entry fee  
Show your membership card  
<https://www.treetopsnz.com>

## Hotel Motueka

Free fries with any purchase.

**03 528 7070**

## Interislander

Special rates to club members and  
partners, only if partner is travelling  
with a club member.

Group booking number

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Contact Allan for more detail  
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## Morley Motorcycle Centre

25 Elm St  
Wakatu Industrial Estate

**03 544 8703**

Discount 10% off accessories

## Motueka Motorcycles

Special discounts for  
Ulysses members  
**03 5286372**

## Murray Thorn Motorcycles

Special deals for members

**03 5289992**

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67 St. Vincent St, Nelson

**03 548 3786**

Discount 10% off accessories

## Nightingale Massage

\$10 discount.  
Relaxation or sensual  
Mention this ad.  
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## Stopforth's Motel Hokitika

30 Hall St. Hokitika  
**10%** discount on Tariff  
Show your membership card  
<http://www.stopforths.co.nz/>

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Discount 10% off motorcycle  
and car WOFs  
20 / 24 Pascoe St  
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## Waimea Vehicle Testing Station

Mention this ad  
WoFs car \$60  
motorcycle \$52  
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## Your Ad here!

If you have a discount or benefit  
you can offer branch members,  
there is space for you to advertise  
your company / service on this  
page.

### Sun Feb 12<sup>th</sup> River Haven, Ngatimoti

Another beautiful day to be out riding with Ulysses Nelson. I turned up, then Clive and once again we had familiar brief conversation about where everyone was and why they didn't come out riding. Then we set out, took the long way to Ngatimoti, via the delightful windy road through Neudorf and Dovedale.

The River Haven was nothing more than a coffee caravan parked at a restaurant entrance in exceptionally pretty surroundings. The coffee was good but little food on offer. We have a pleasant conversation and swapped some thoughts about the joys of parenting, then headed home.

*Allan Smith*

### Sun Feb 19<sup>th</sup> Okiwi Bay Picnic

Another beautiful summer's day and a much better turn out. Seven riders and six bikes headed out to Okiwi Bay.



The road down into the bay had some focussing moments where there had been slips that were really only half fixed (some right on sharp bends).

Dropped my back wheel into a big hole on one of them and looked for it carefully on the way back up.

The bay was absolutely turning on the summer, with lots of folk about. The park at the end of the road was a delightful little picnic spot.



A very enjoyable day out.

*Allan Smith*

**Sun Feb 26<sup>th</sup> Park Café, Marahau**

***First morning at our new  
Saturday Coffee venue ....***



***was well attended ...***



I found it a very fitting destination today especially as it was my grandmother's birthday and Marahau is where she was from, many of the streets named after her father or grandfather. 10 of us on 9 bikes made our way in various styles over to Marahau. Negotiating slow drivers, (bless them on their Sunday cruises), gravel over the hill to Marahau and a little bit of rain in the mix too. I personally got to chat with a few people I've seen before but not really spoken with, which is what these rides are for, apart from riding bikes of course. We had a variety of discussions from work to a new app that was the hot topic, (thanks to Gavin) What3words, which is a navigational app for anywhere in the world.



After a bite to eat we all dispersed in many ways, David and I chose to go home via Kaiteriteri, very windy but hardly a pine needle to be seen.

*Felecia Isaacs*

*Ulysses Nelson Newsletter March 2023*

## Thursday Rides

There are a small group of us that have been riding on Thursdays and sometimes Fridays.

Not all of them, and not regularly. It's been quite casual and the group is made up of riders from other groups as well as us Ulysses women mainly. In a conversation at the last coffee morning we decided to make these more regular and to also invite members from other motorcycle riding groups so we can all mix and mingle and swap ideas.

Lets face it, there are quite a few of us that belong to more than one riding group and I personally find they are all so different from each other. Mixing with the different personalities who have different riding interests, keeps it interesting.

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> March saw our first formal organised ride (led by Ulysses women) take place. A reasonably long ride via St Arnaud, lunch at Wairau Tavern, then Renwick and disperse to different points

Seven riders turned up

This group was made up of:

-three of us from Ulysses (great to see Angela on her new Ducati – woohoo)

-4 from Spyder riders

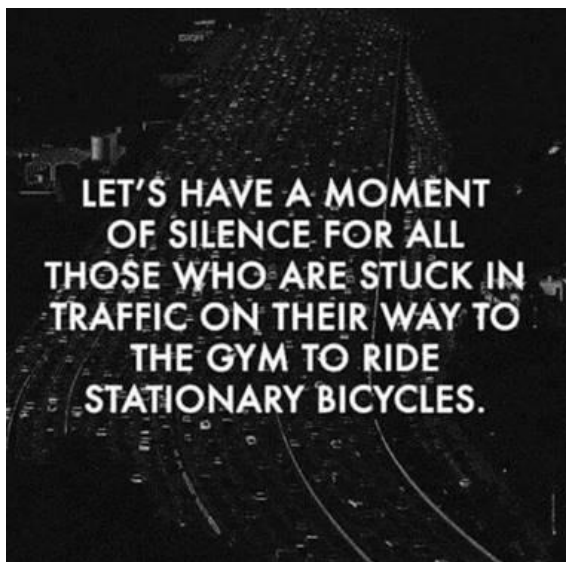
-3 from Babe's riders

+ 1 friend of Lorraine's from Nepal touring ( on a Royal Enfield of course)

I know that the maths don't add up but some of us belong to more than one group remember.

The weather was perfect and there was nothing on the roads, That's the beauty of weekday riding.

The Wairau Tavern was a lovely surprise. The new young owners have done a lot of work so far in doing up the place, and the food choices have improved out of



### **Ulysses Nelson Branch Annual General Meeting**

**Salvation Army rooms (upstairs).**  
57 Rutherford Street.  
(Supper will be provided)

*An important occasion where you  
can be part of the change of  
leadership. You can contribute  
ideas to what might happen in the  
branch in 2023.  
Looking forward to seeing you  
there.*

sight . We were all happy with what we got and the service was excellent as well.



*Wairau Tavern*

Definitely worth more visits.

At Renwick we all split up for petrol etc. 4 of us stopped at Pelorus. 3 of us for coffee and cake and Angela for a swim in the river! Go Angela!



*Pelorus Oasis*

We were joined by a lovely couple from Southbridge riding a Harley so there was lots more conversation and laughs.

By the time I got home this was a full day of great riding, great companions, lots of varied conversations, great weather, great hospitality and food.

Come and join us next time. The riders will be posted on Whats App and our Facebook page and probably only a week or a few days out. So, make sure you check regularly

Look forward to seeing you there

*Lorraine Lindsay*



# *A Double for Derek O'Beirne.*

Derek, Bob and I have covered thousands of kilometres on various road trips all over the South Island mainly to the Burt Munro Challenge.

On most of the Burt trips I would meet up with Derek and Bob at our accommodation In Invercargill as I always went early to catch up with family and friends.



On one of these trips where it was only Derek and myself, we nearly drowned on our bikes we got so wet, even rode through a waterfall not far south of Haast, five minutes before the road was closed, on our way to Cromwell.

There was so much surface flooding it was a very slow trip; we had intended to ride from Cromwell to Te Anau and up to Milford Sound but the Milford Road was washed away. Roads were closed everywhere, even the road around lake Wakatipu was washed away in places. When we got close to Invercargill all the roads into the city were closed, so we ended up staying at my sisters in Riverton, waiting for the roads to open.

The trip to Milford took three attempts due to weather, but Bob and I did make it eventually, sadly Derek was not with us in body but was looking over our shoulders.

We also managed Coronet Peak, The Remarkable ski field road as well as Te Anau and Milford when we went last year to Not the Burt Munro Challenge, the Burt being cancelled due to Covid restrictions, but we went for the ride anyway. Derek would have loved it.

A tradition we started the year we lost Derek was to have a drink in his honour on these trips. He drunk bugger all when on the bike trips but when he did it would normally be a Coruba, so Bob and I decided we would keep up his tradition and have a Coruba on ice in honour of our riding mate. We would normally have a single as neither of us liked the stuff and as we missed the rum last year it was decided doubles were needed this year.

Derek was a good bugger to go on rides with and is sorely missed by all who knew him. RIP old boy, we will ensure the rum toast is always in your honour.

*Barry Ward  
Bob Griffith*



*Bob peruses the menu with a drink set up for Derek.*

*First up in April is the 'Morning Glory Ride' which is Derek's creation and is now annually in memory of him – check out the itinerary.*

# One of the Invisible Disabilities

When you internet search Fibromyalgia Syndrome you get a condition that causes pain all over the body, sleep problems, fatigue and often emotional and mental distress. This condition often occurs after a trauma and takes years to diagnose, as mine did.

It started, or at least it really got my attention one morning when I got out of bed and trying to walk felt like someone had smashed the bones in my feet. Over the years the intense pain has shifted to various parts, while there's still an overall pain and seizing of joints/muscles. There is no cure and the medications I've tried so far I had to stop as the side effects were unmanageable.

Over the past 2.5 years as a rider I have come to understand a few things and limitations about me and riding. I had to buy a bike I could flat foot. I wear strong, secure and comfortable boots and riding gear. I have heated grips to ease the pain (even in warmer weather) and I have a wrist support attached to my throttle. (My next bike will have foot plates instead of pegs and cruise control). My ride limit for a day is about 5hrs, (Nelson – Christchurch), but I couldn't do this for days on end. I need to take breaks, stretch and move my limbs. Sometimes my hands and feet get numbness, my elbows seize up and I get regular headaches and occasional migraines. (I'm a regular barrel of laughs). I almost always have Panadol or maxigesic somewhere on board me or the bike. Almost everyday starts and ends with pain relief. I don't remember the last time I slept through the night, as a result of constant poor sleep I have poor concentration/attention span, (a bit like a butterfly mind), and I prefer bullet points or written instructions.

Riding gives me a freedom and lets me be at one with my bike and my surroundings. The smells, scenery and experience in general are enough to make me forget even for a little while. At times I've forgotten what gear I'm in, how to change gear, and even where I'm heading! I'm thankful for the people I ride with who have compassion and understanding, who often take the lead (as this can be exhausting). David #9618 does the grunt work when we are away for rallies or longer journeys. Robyn #10205 always has anything I may have forgotten. What that woman can pack into her bike is outstanding and deserves an article all of its own. And for all the women I ride with and go away with I thank you for the laughs which make me feel normal even though we all know I'm not 😊

*Felecia Isaacs*



*Felecia (second from top) with riding mates on the Babes in Twizel ride.*

## Honda's 50th Anniversary celebrations

Date - 25th March 2023

Where - Honda Dealership, Wakatu Estate.

Time - 12.00 noon

Leave from coffee morning venue to go straight there

Sausage sizzle, Gold Wing Honda representatives,  
new bikes, test bikes, gear, talks and more

Gary Furniss' (one of our new members) son is  
the new owner of Honda Nelson Let's go and support them ,

# Burt Munro Rally 2023

It seemed like ages since we had one of these rallies. I have been going to these since they started (only missed a couple) so was determined I wouldn't miss this one. Unfortunately, just before I went I lost my dear old best mate and loyal guardian and companion of 13 years ~ Jammu my dog. So I decided I would add extra days to this ride and make it a bit of a healing journey. Meaning that I would spend more time catching up on friends and family and visiting places I would normally bypass.

The Burt Munro Rally covers 4/5 days now, so I decided I wasn't going to bust my gut trying to go to everything and also (A first for me - I wasn't going to camp). My brother, who lives down there, has always gone down to the rally site a few days early and set up all our tents and campsite so I would just rock up to my tent and set up my bedding. This time he had just had a knee op so wasn't up to camping and decided he was taking his work van down with a mattress in the back to sleep in so I was on my own to decide what to do. I immediately took up my cousins offer of staying with him in his newly extended house in Invercargill. (I am getting soft I think).

I set off from Nelson on Waitangi Day (Monday 6<sup>th</sup>) with the goal of reaching my friends place in Christchurch. I stay there a lot on my way down or back on rides. I also had the goal of indulging myself in doggie cuddles for the whole trip. Very convenient, as my friend had lost her little companion before Xmas and had just replaced him with the cutest little 8 week old puppy .

It was a great ride down along Kaikoura coast and I was now becoming at one with the Batmobile (still like riding a camel though!) I love these long trips as you get to visit your favourite eating places and try new ones. Unfortunately, as it was Waitangi day I lucked out at finding any food around Blenheim.

At Kaikoura I stopped at what I thought was one of my favourites (a cottage opposite the camp) but I mistakenly went into a new one next door that looked similar. Whatever

you do DO NOT go there. It was a nightmare. I walked in the door at about 12.50 and as I was just engaging with the guy behind the counter and officious little aggro prick came through from the back and said "Kitchens Closed" I was deperate for food so put up with a dry panini from the cabinet. The whole time the two of the guys were bickering away. The tables were piled high with everyone's dishes, the toilets were disgustingly filthy and no one gave a stuff really. It was called "The Beach House". Avoid it if you can.



*A canine encounter at Vanessa's Cafe, Hampden*



Tuesday, the plan was to ride to Ashburton to Can Am to get it properly set up for me (this wasn't done by the dealer) and a check to see if Blenheim (new service centre there) had done a good job on my first service. From there I had a vague plan to ride inland and spend overnight at Twizel or thereabouts.

While the bike was getting checked I got picked up by a very old friend and we went for lunch.

The bike was hugely different and felt much safer as the suspension had been set for me personally plus my luggage.

I cruised inland to Twizel and rocked up at my favourite motel to find there was absolutely no accommodation left in Twizel! There was an unbelievable amount of tourists everywhere.

. Same thing in Omarama and Wanaka and Cromwell!

Damn! I had no option but to ride through to my brothers in Winton that night so riding the two days I had planned in one day! My poor old body is not set up for that these days and especially how most of the day had been in 34 degrees and I was so looking forward to chilling with a glass of wine and cool shower at Twizel. So, at 6 o'clock at night I set off from Omarama to ride another 3 hours. Thank god I was on the Spyder. Even though I was tired my body wasn't hurting and as long I took a few breaks to get off and walk around I did it. Of course by now it was freezing cold and the next days weather was sideways hailstorms. I was safely tucked up with my old schoolfriends having lunch and wine.



I couldn't be bothered going to the drag racing but the beach races were on the next morning so made a quick change of accommodation to my cousins in Invercargill and spent an enjoyable few hours at beach racing. The weather was very mild with no wind and no rain. The actual campsite was huge this year and what blew me away was half of it was taken up with campers and caravans, I guess everyone was getting fed up with the weather. No matter that they changed the date from November to February. There was still no noticeable

difference.

Saturday, I caught up with more friends and relatives and took my cousins untrained and unruly dogs for a walk. That evening, the Speedway was spectacular as always and so was the weather.

My cousin works for "Real Journeys" and mainly spends his time on Stewart Island so that's where we spent Sunday. The weather was beautiful, we went across on the ferry which only takes an hour then drove around the 24 kms of road to some beautiful beaches, met all the locals, scoffed more Blue Cod (my cousin's freezer is full of blue cod) and spent time with the lady who runs the fish factory who just happened to have a German Shepherd so I could have cuddles.

I left on Monday and took the direct route back to Nelson because the cyclone was threatening. I struck some nasty weather from Christchurch to the top of Lewis Pass then over the top it was dry road back to Nelson.



It would be great next year if we could get a group together to go and camp together. You don't get the sense of being at a rally if you don't camp at the site.

*Lorraine Lindsay*