



Another Summer Over

From the Driving Seat

By the time STHT lands on your door mat, autumn will be well and truly upon us, we normally have a business meeting during October or November, I do not see the need for one this year, the format of the Social Meetings has been to informally discuss the recent runs and look ahead to future runs.

Also the 'what's on in your area' type publications do not hit the information centres until Easter at the earliest.

Already our events calendar is filing up, currently our stay away trips are Wales on March 24/25 and a number of members are joining Trevor and Trish on a holiday trip to France late June.

A visit to Northumberland, Alnwick Gardens and Castle with an evening meal in The Tree House Restaurant also needs to be fitted in before the kids finish school in early July.



Emma Beddall from Grovefield House (not far from Windsor) has been in touch, offering a special deal to the MX5 Owners Club, for a group booking. We are checking the dates this offer applies to against our provisional events calendar for the next twelve months and will publish further details shortly.

A number of members have commented that they prefer the runs to a named location, rather than the scenic runs around Derbyshire calling at a coffee shop on route, the ever increasing number of cars we now get on the runs seems to confirm this.

I am also trying to give an idea of the route each run will be taking, so the members whose areas we are passing through can join us on route rather than back-tracking for part of the run.



Burton and Lesley

Beck Hole

Another lovely day was had by all. Thirteen cars set off from The Bretton Country Park heading for Bikers Cafe, not many bikes but plenty of MX5s from Yorkshire Ridings.



After a welcome cuppa and a bacon and egg butty we got on the road again to Goathland. Everybody and their grandmother was on the road, taking longer to get to our destination.



Being a little bit on the hungry side, we found the cafe, others went to Beck Hole or went their own way, so we all got split up, but meeting up again at 4:30pm.



Some went home, but we set off for Whitby, how dare it rain, tops up, raincoats, brollys. It didnt last long but we were all set to devour fish and chips.



We set off back about 8pm, hoping to miss all the Sunday traffic, this we did following Burton and Lesley to Malton and over The Wolds and on to Howden

Thank you for a lovely day out, Lesley did a grand job driving (even though she wasn't well).

Thanks Eileen & Trevor

The Scarecrow Run



Bretton Park once again saw fourteen MX-5's ready for the off. The sun was shining, all having a good chat before Burton & Lesley led the way to Kettlewell.

We headed out to Meltham passing through beautiful villages and scenery. Linda & Terry joined us in their home town of Slaythwaite (Slowit) Pat & Dave wished they had waited and met up with us in their home town of Meltham, (could have had another 2 hours in bed)

Having been in the cars for over 3 hours the gang wanted or should I have said needed a toilet stop. Passing one or two garden centres we finally parked in Morrisons.

OH! what a relief.

We seem to be very lucky keeping 15 cars together (walkie talkys do help) even getting through Huddersfield & Halifax.

Arriving in Kettlewell we were surprised to see so many people and cars.

We all parked together alongside 20+ more MX5's from the North West OC.



Left to right - Lesley with Farmer Giles



Our first stop in the village was for a great pork, apple, stuffing sandwich. Next stop was to find a cafe for a cup of tea, or so we hoped, but we got thrown out, we were not welcome as we were eating someone else's pork sandwich.

We soon found someone who sold cups of tea, eating or not.



It was a lovely village, very well looked after, flowers, beautiful houses and cottages.



The village people must have put a lot of work into making the scarecrows.



The scarecrows were brilliant spreading all through the village taking on all different characters, wedding parties, red indians, witches, rugby players, etc.



Some members went for a pint, others an ice cream to end the visit, then back to the cars,



After all the exertion Trevor needed another sleep.

Then we set off for home. A fantastic day was had by all, and may I thank Burton & Lesley on behalf of us all for all the hard work they had put in to make it so.

Eileen