

for July's picnic run was the best we have enjoyed for a long time, hot sunshine and amazing visibility, it's a shame more members were not out, but we could not compete with the Wimbledon finals, could they have been coaxed out with Rhubarb and Custard Ice-cream?

By the time this newsletter arrives in your letterbox, 13 members will have been up to Alnwick for the clubs second long weekend of the year, a full report will be in our next newsletter.

Take care Burton and Lesley
Area CoOrdinators



Hope Show with a lot of interest in the MX5's on display

Getting To Know You



Because people are a little shy or maybe a bit too busy to introduce themselves, we thought that we would hopefully start the ball rolling.

Our names are Gary and Christine, we have been members of the club for about three years and we drive one of the Copper Red Mk3 tintops.

We try to attend as many runs and events as we can. As this is the main reason we joined the MX5 club, to visit new places and meet new people, who have all become great friends.

Monthly Social Evenings

Social evenings take place at the Queen's Head, 12 Main Road, Ridgeway, Sheffield, S12 3XR.

Meetings are the first Wednesday of every month and start around 8:15pm, when every one has finished eating.

If you would like to have a meal before the meeting starts, they serve good quality, value for money pub grub until 7:30.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be on:
Wednesday 7th August 2013



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August 2013



FROM THE
DRIVERS
SEAT

by Burton & Lesley, Local Co-ordinators

After a slow start to the year, things have certainly picked up, the June Run started outside The Old Post Office, close to the M1, and wound its way around scenic country lanes to The Strines Pub for a most welcome coffee, and onto Wentworth Castle. After a picnic lunch within the grounds we enjoyed a conducted tour around the castle. Our thanks to The Workop Gang who planned this run.

A number of members from Peaks and Pennines made the short journey across to Blyton Circuit for the Clubs 1-3 motorsport weekend. All the Saturday events were fully subscribed, rain threatened several times during the day, but thankfully passed over. Regrettably we had to leave early on Saturday night to tow Paul Roddison's race car 72 to Mallory Park for Peter Hart to use the following day. It was a drizzling, overcast Sunday morning we woke up to on Sunday morning at Mallory. High speeds were possible on the section of the track that had dried out, many of the drivers forced onto the slippery wet sections had 'moments' regrettably one of the drivers hit the Armco at high speed, knocking himself out, and finishing up in hospital. I understand he is OK now. It was Peter Harts first race after passing his ARDS test, qualifying with a time of 1:04.547 on lap 7 with an average speed of 75.29 mph, a mechanical problem forced him into the pits on lap 7 of the second race.



A few of our members cars at the Hope Show

The MX5 Owners Club was again invited to display their cars at the Hope Motor Show organised by the Sheffield and Hallamshire Motor Club, 16 MX5's were on display, along with many hundreds of interesting cars and motorbikes.

At the July social meeting a run to Lyme Park on the following Sunday was discussed, Trevor Walker suggested that the area would be very busy, due to the favourable forecast at the weekend, a picnic at a location not too far from home was agreed. Liz at the TIC in Castleton, very kindly emailed me a list of suitable sites, after looking at a triangle between the Tissington and High Peak Trails on Thursday evening, Lesley chose the picnic area adjacent to the Middleton Top Visitor Centre, every one present agreed it was an excellent choice.

Due to the high temperatures and risk of dehydration we were forced to called in to The Barrel Inn at Bretton on route, and The Knockerdown Inn on our way home. The weather

continued on the reverse



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SUMMER AT LAST

Hurrah, at last we have got the weather MX5 needs for a good Sunday run. 11 cars met at The Old Post Office Pub, jct 38. Our destination, Wentworth Castle,

The weather started off a bit cool, but the forecast was good, so all the ladies were dressed for the occasion. I must admit I had got a few layers on, but still ready for all weathers, hot or cold.



Gill & Sally enjoying the picnic

It didn't take long for the sun to come out, the roads were brilliant for the MX5, the villages were so pretty. Going through Hepworth an old lady at a bus stop was thumbing a lift. It made me laugh, there was only Alan with a spare seat, but I don't think he saw her, (or that is what he said)

It was Lycra heaven, push bikes and more push bikes out in force, I wouldn't want to change places, some of the hills they had to go up, they must be super fit.

Stopping at the Strines pub for our comfort stop. Sat outside in the sun was so lovely. We were joined by another gent MX5 driver, making it 12 cars.

On the road again passing through Low Bradfield, Deepcar just leaving Wortley, Sharon and Dave had a problem with a fuel leak on their MX5. They decided to go back home, Dave didn't feel it was safe to carry on.

We arrived at Wentworth Castle about 1.30pm. It had been a fantastic run, the sun STILL out so we decided to have our picnic, but first, another slight problem, Alan had locked his keys in the boot, no way he could open it, so after a phone call to his daughter to get her to bring the spare we all sat on the grass to have our picnic.

The meal over, we were all set for our trip around the gardens, (some of the group went round the house) Rhodys, Azaleas all in full bloom, it was a lovely walk around the gardens, it was a steep climb to the top to see Stainborough Castle, built by Thomas Wentworth for his children, Some did venture up the turret.

We made our way back, and who should we bump into but Dave and Sharon, they had been home, repaired the MX5 and then came back to join us. It was good to see them, glad the problem was easy to put right.

Ready for a cuppa and more chit chat, another short walk down to the lake, then back to the cars.

It had been a lovely day, and it was all thanks to Sally, Bob, Gill Phil. Sally's navigation was perfect. It was a PERFECT day

We all thank you.

Looking forward to your next run.

Eileen



We knew we were meeting at The Crosspool Tavern, but not where Burton & Lesley were taking us. Places were talked about at the Wednesday meeting, but nothing was decided. The weather forecast was excellent so a picnic was in order.

Seven cars set off in glorious weather, going through Ladybower, Bamford, Hathersage. Stopping at the Mompessons Well, a memorial to remind people of the plague. This is where people would leave food for the villages at Eyam near the stone and money in the well so the plague would not spread.

A quick stop was taken at The Barrel Pub at Bretton (to admire the view HAHA)

The weather still very hot 27 deg, not a cloud in the sky as



by Trevor & Eileen Allkins, MX-5 Roving Reporters

we continued through Stony Middleton, Calver, Monyash. Our destination was Middleton Top, not far away from Carsington Water. Plenty of parking spaces, grass for our picnic, a shop for our ice cream, and a toilet for you know what. PERFIC

After our picnic, Mike, Trevor & Trish, Rob & Jayne said their goodbyes. Ian & Linda gave us a ring to come and join us. We all met up at The Knockerdown Pub, about 2 miles from Middleton Top.

A cold drink was very welcome, the temperature was still very high. More chatting and then we all headed home. The weather made it a perfect day, plus the company. Thanks once again to Burton & Lesley, a lot of organisation, time and effort is always put into all our runs.

