

## Museum of Lincolnshire Life

The day was over too soon. It had been another successful organised run with Burton & Lesley at the helm.

A good turn out of 12 cars met at The Truck Stop, joined by Alex at the other side of Workop.

The weather was hot, then dark clouds would spoil the sky, but no rain, so the tops stayed down all the way to Lincoln.



We paid our toll at Dunham Bridge, then 13 cars in convoy entered the car park at The Museum of Lincolnshire Life. It was very good, full of memrobilia, room after room (before my time I may add) kitchens, workshops, washdays, a printing room, child's bedroom. WW2 soldiers full life models, sights and sounds. A large hanger provided old tractors, steam engines, even a tank, AND DID YOU KNOW, the track system on a tank was invented in Lincoln in the 1900's by Richard Hornsby. They named the tracking The Caterpillar.

Leaving the cars in the car park, we all walked into town. Some of the group decided to have a walk, others went on an open top bus. Once again we were told 2000 years of history in 1 hour about the Cathedral, castle, universities, the water front and many more original buildings, a lot of information to take in. Too much in 1 hour.

We all met up in the town, ready to go back to the cars, saying our goodbyes to Mick & Sharon and Mel & Janette who did not join us for a meal at The Pye Wipe Pub.

It was a very good meal, plenty of choice. I know everybody enjoyed it. After the meal we spent a very nice time by the River. Phil & Gill were invited to board a boat that was moored. They looked really well sat at the wheel. We didn't want it to end, but as all things must end, we all said our goodbyes. The sun was still hot, so we had a good journey home.

Thank you Burton & Lesley for a great day out. I am sure we will all look forward to the next.

Why not, you new members come along then you will see for yourself how much fun you could have in just a few hours.

Eileen



## Getting To Know You Trish & Trev



With the smiles on our faces, it's hard to believe that Trish and I have been married for over 40 years, have two great children and two wonderful grandchildren. We joined Peak and Pennines in 2007 when I bought my first MX5 ZSport, and despite having one or two cars in between, I have now bought another ZSport, same car, same colour, and the same year. They say hindsight is a wonderful

thing, just think of the money I would have saved if only I had kept the first one, oh well, what goes around comes around. We joined with a little bit of trepidation, having had some bad experiences with other car clubs, you know the thing, clicky, elitism and just down right not friendly, but after just a couple of visits, we have never looked back; it's like most things in life, the more you put in, the more you get out; and we have certainly got some great memories and made some great friends over the past six years. We've driven through most of England, some of Scotland and a lot of Wales, not to mention a twelve car convoy down through France in 2012. Great memories great friends and hopefully lots more to come, what more can you ask.

*It's good to see Trevor now back with a proper car, an MX5.*

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# PEAKS & PENNINES

# MX5 alive

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## FROM THE DRIVERS SEAT

As autumn rapidly approaches we are looking forward to organising several more runs and events before the festive season kicks in. Some of our most memorable runs have been during the autumn and winter months, watch the P & P web site and forum for details.

Have you been on the club web site lately? Ramsay Ashby the clubs web master has spent many months giving it a new look, it's a lot easier to use, to get the full benefits you will need to register, this only takes a few minutes, if you have any problems registering, I will talk you through it.

This year, in response to feedback from our members, we will be having two Christmas parties, the first being a low key and informal affair, which will be held at the Queens Head, which is our regular social meeting Venue, on December 4th. Mark, the landlord is putting on a special Christmas meal, so please pre book on or before our November meeting. The second is at the Double Tree in Sheffield, early in December; this is being organised by Trevor Walker, and places are still available. Full details of both events can be found on the P & P forum.

As temperature drops do not forget to prepare your MX5 for winter, a basic hydrometer ( the device used to check the concentration of anti freeze), costs a few pounds at any car accessory store, and can save you many ££'s in the long run.

## Monthly Social Evenings

Social evenings take place at the Queen's Head, 12 Main Road, Ridgeway, Sheffield, S123XR.

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.

Along with the regular Sunday runs, two long weekends are being planned for 2014, the Cotswolds are to be the venue for our March weekend, during the scenic run around the area we will be visiting Lacock (NT) a picture post card village where time has not moved forward since the 40's, along with Lacock Abbey, where several Harry Potter sequences were filmed.

Seahouses in Northumberland is proposed for our June / July weekend, the same chain that owns The Hogshead in Alnwick has agreed to put together a special deal.

Lastly I have had a number of phone calls from new members asking about what they need to do before attending meetings or going on runs, just turn up you will be made very welcome.

Take care

Burton and Lesley Area Co-ordinators



## NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday 6th November 2013



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# LUCKY 13 GO TO ALNWICK

Burton has talked about Alnwick for over a year. On Friday 12th July we finally made the trip. Seven cars were to meet at Tay Barn, but with commitments Chris & Gary, Gill & Phil said they would make their own way up. The sun was shining, and the forecast was perfect for our weekend in Alnwick. Stopping at McDonalds on the A19 for a snack and a loo break. It was a perfect drive, we arrived at The Hogs Head about 5pm. Gary & Chris were already there. Good choice Burton the hotel is lovely. We booked an evening meal, Gill & Phil arrived half an hour before the meal so we all sat down to eat a hearty meal (and very nice it was).

## SATURDAY 13th July

After everybody had eaten breakfast we made our way into Alnwick to take the open top bus which took us to see the sights around the town. The commentary was very good, but too much information (Glad we didn't have to sit an exam). Next on the list was Alnwick Gardens. Some went to explore the Castle. Once again the weather was very hot so with the sun beating down we took a very slow meander around the beautiful gardens. The Poison gardens we found very interesting. Did you know that more than 10 cups of tea a day could KILL you? Phil and myself really shouldn't be here in that case. A cold drink and a bite to eat was on the agenda, then finally a walk to the places we had missed. We took a walk around the town, very pretty and clean, calling at Barter Books, bookshop on the way back to the hotel. Some of the group were feeding their faces with tea and cakes, (Mel & Janette) Oh well they were on holiday. A short rest then down to the restaurant for another enjoyable meal.

## SUNDAY 14th July

The order of the day was Cragside, home of Victorian engineer Lord Armstrong, the first house lit by hydroelectricity. First by car we did a 6 mile journey around the 1000 acres of gardens, woodlands and lakes. It was a shame the rhododendrons had all finished. Parking the cars we all descended on the Tea Room Cafe. Once again the hot sun had burnt through the clouds (Phil said if we had faith it would that, and it did) a drink was needed. Cragside was built 150 years ago in 1863, a remarkable house and very enjoyable to wander around the many rooms. A 10 ton marble fireplace was something to look at and enjoy. The gardens were very hilly, at times it felt like climbing mountains, we did a lot of walking which gave us an appetite for our evening meal at The Tree House Restaurant. It was a great night out in the quirky Tree House, the meal was very good, and the moving rope bridge gave us a lot of fun. A walk back to the hotel calling for a SWIFT HALF, half way, ending another brilliant day.

## MONDAY 15th July

Another hot day, (HAVN'T WE BEEN LUCKY) today we were off to Lindisfarne. Parked the car for 2 hours, then walked into the village. Unfortunately the castle was closed, but the walk, the scenery, the company, an ice cream and a lovely cuppa what more does one need. Back to the cars, we passed BAMBURGH CASTLE no room to park so we carried on to Sea Houses. That would be the end of our GREAT weekend in Alnwick, most of the group said their goodbyes. Keith & Maxine were staying until Tuesday, and Trevor and myself were staying until Thursday. We all had a FANTASTIC few days together plenty of fun and laughter and it was all thanks to Burton & Leslie for making it possible

Thank you from all The Lucky 13

Eileen



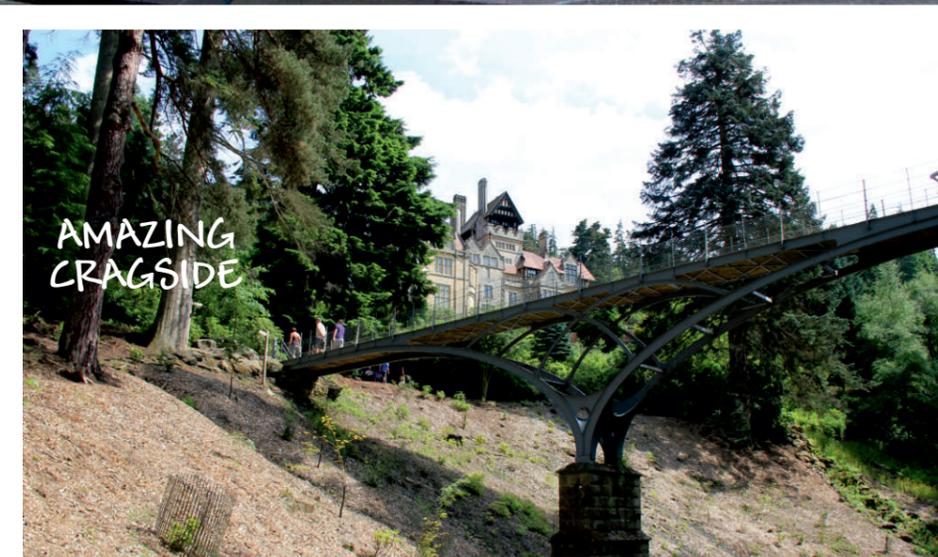
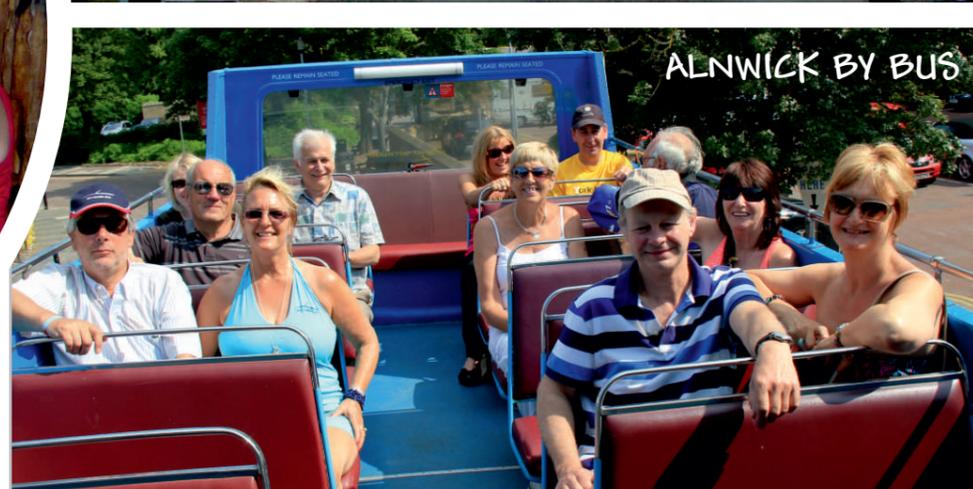
### THE HOGS HEAD, ALNWICK



### INSIDE THE TREE HOUSE RESTAURANT



### ALNWICK BY BUS



### AMAZING CRAGSIDE

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