



## A bit dishy

**Our meeting place was a very busy Moorlands at Owl Bar. The sun was shining brightly albeit a little cool in the air. We had 16 cars setting off via Froggatt and Calver, going up into Derbyshire; the traffic very heavy to start with due to the Sheffield half marathon, but this did not cause us too much trouble and we were soon on our way.**

A few cars missed a turn so a quick phone call was made and it was agreed to meet at the Cat and Fiddle for a P & T. So, with a new route put in place we are on the move again. As we get to the Cat and Fiddle, we are surprised to find it closed. We dropped just down the road to the Derbyshire Bridge to use the facilities there only to find these closed also. After, some of the surrounding vegetation had a little extra watering. Our new heading is set to go straight to Jodrell Bank.

Our journey took us through some very picturesque scenery, driving through the counties of Derbyshire, Staffordshire and then on into Cheshire, arriving at Jodrell Bank where we have a group hug and we decide to go for a bite to eat first and afterwards to do the tour of the Discovery centre. Sadly a few members left us after we had eaten. The rest of the group went on and did the tour.

The first part took us into a room with an Orrery on the ceiling, which is a mechanical model of our solar system. A member of staff explained how the system works and where all planets are in relation to the Sun. After our little talk we go outside to explore. There are quite a few boards giving plenty of information on the different aspects of the centre, with some science thrown in for good measure. Also there is plenty of interactive apparatus about; both indoors and outdoors too.

Members began to leave as they had finished their tour. A few of us stood chatting just below the telescope as the base began to spin about 360 degrees and the dish moved to face straight up. This was really fascinating to watch. We then said our 'good byes' and in a small convoy we headed for home.

Jodrell Bank is somewhere I have wanted to visit for many years. Now that is another tick off my bucket list. I would like to thank Burton and Lesley for a really enjoyable day out and I am sure everyone who took part enjoyed it too.

Cheers for now, Rob.



## Don't forget, the monthly social has moved

We'll be alternating the meetings between the first Wednesday and Thursday of every month. Check the forum for the dates.

We'll start around 8:15 when everybody has finished eating.

We're now meeting at the The Rockingham Arms, 8 Main St, Wentworth, Rotherham S62 7TL

We'd love to see you there and you'll be made very welcome!



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# MX-5 alive

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## From the drivers seat...

In a misguided moment well over two years ago, I mentioned to Iain Fleming (the Clubs National Event Organiser) that the P&P Sunday run had recently finished at a venue very suitable for a Spring Rally, that was the Wentworth Castle. After a bit of research the Wentworth Woodhouse Estate was found to be more suitable, at times in the run up to the Rally I wished I had kept my big mouth shut! However, the team from Peaks and Pennines made my task very easy. The turn out and the help given by the members the Peaks and Pennines Area on the Saturday afternoon and particularly on the rally day was overwhelming.

A big thank you to all who helped make the rally the success it was. Humpty Hall, our newsletter editor has downloaded and printed elsewhere some of the comments made by visiting members from all over the country, the photos reflect the mood of the day.

Tom the Estate Manager commented to me that our rally was one of the best he had hosted during his 15 years at the house and complimented the clubs organising skills. He said that he would have the club back for another rally without hesitation.

After a the late afternoon litter pick, the remaining members were treated to a bottle of Rally Ale kindly donated by The Wentworth Brewery, the toast was 'Peaks and Pennines'.

**Safe driving**

**Burton and Lesley**



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# What a great job!



At long last Trevor and myself were able to spend a day with all our friends in P&P. It has been ages since our last day out with the group.

What a better place to spend the day at the MX5 SPRING RALLY on our doorstep, the magnificent house Wentworth Woodhouse.

With hundreds of MX5's all lined up in perfect rows, every colour under the sun. Cloths and polish out in force for MX5 owners.

The house had opened there cafe for a very welcome tea or coffee. It had been a cold day but no rain.

Stands and stalls selling everything a proud owner of an MX5 would want. The Dinnington Brass Band made a welcome sound, plus the Owls (they were gorgeous).

I wonder how many spectators will decide to invest in an MX5.

Oh! By the way Lawrence we think the judge should have given you a trophy for your unique MX5, it looks brilliant.

We had a lovely day, I can say I didn't do much only socialising, but Trevor did do his bit. It was great to be with all our friends.

The ROVING REPORTER will be back.

*by Eileen*



## So how much hard work can it be to set-up an event?

Well as it happens quite a lot.

We all arrived around 2.00pm on Saturday. The signs needed setting up (Lawrence was very trusting holding the signs whilst I swung the lump hammer). Then there was the gazebo's to put up, which were actually quite vicious. All fingers stayed in tact. The parking area was strategically mapped out (Mark was very artistic with the yellow spray paint. The shop was then assembled. By about 5 ish we were done.

We met at 7.00am on Sunday (some of us had gone to the 'do' on Saturday night so were some what sleep deprived). Anyway no time to rest. Final signs were put up, Iain's van unloaded, PA system sorted and the shop setup. Then traders started arriving. And we finally got our hi-viz jackets. With hi-viz jackets comes great responsibility (and power!) The gate was manned by Burton (until he said to me I'm popping for a brew, back in 5 mins). It was a long 5 minutes. He did come back.

So with the competition cars in place we had a quick safety briefing and then set about organising the car parking. Just as well as at 10am a crackling call from Burton said 'they're backing up to the road so we're letting them in!'

Next thing we saw was a stream of MX5s pouring into the venue. Like hi-viz ninjas we got everyone parked - smiling as we did it. We must have parked over 700 cars (mostly in straightish lines).

By around 3pm it was time to start the pack up. Down came the signs, cordons, shop and finally the vicious gazebos. Iain's van was finally packed around 4ish. Then it was time to retire to Burton & Lesley's motorhome for a cheeky Spring Rally Ale (or two).

It was really good fun to be involved with and everyone got stuck in. True teamwork!

*Humpty*

"Thank you so much to everyone involved in organising a great day out"

"Thanks to all involved and in particular the volunteers on the ground today, Welcoming and courteous."

"Another big thank you, and it was great to greeted by each volunteer with a big smile and a 'Good Morning' set the day up well. And yes the weather played fair too, well done P&P..."

"A big thank you to all the team who organised the event and all friendly marshalls for their warm welcome - great day - spent too much (so the wife says)!"

"What a great venue, well done to everyone involved and the happy smiling stewards/helpers/members for the warm welcome."

"Peaks and Pennines did a great job with this one"

