

# 35 cars and a cow

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As we made our way into the truck stop, it was nice to greet a number of newbies to the fold, all of whom fitted in nicely. I am finding it increasingly difficult to keep up with names, someone suggested wearing name badges so that we can all keep up.

After we had finished our cuppa and sarnies, we were delighted to find the sun was well and truly out.

Our run took us through loads of pretty little villages and country lanes which were made for MX5 adventures. As you can imagine, keeping all the cars together proved to be challenging to say the least and as you might expect, we did get split up at times but ended up together in the end. Burton has come up with a run sheet which people can run off, so that if we get split up, it gives people a point of reference.

Our first P & T stop was at the bikers café which is in Sherburn in Elmet. Most of the regulars are familiar with, but it was the first time for some of our new-comers. The café has recently changed hands and a new carpet was in evidence, but the essence and feel of the place was how you would expect, with all the interesting and varied motor bikes which is a show in itself. We met some more members there, which boosted the car numbers. Off to Thirsk we went.



Everyone arrived at Thirsk Racecourse Caravan club, where Burton had arranged for us to park on a stretch of grass for a picnic. We didn't arrive together because of the large number of cars in the convoy and we were no longer leading. As we pulled onto the grass there were already people getting out the picnic baskets chairs and tables, glasses of bubbly/gin and tonics/coffee. Everyone enjoyed their picnic.

After re-grouping we set off for the museum in Thirsk town which covers the life, books and TV series (All creatures great and small) of the 20th century veterinarian James Herriot, who died in 1995.

After he died, the district council bought the 1940's house where he had his original practice Kirkgate known as Skeldale House in his books. The living quarters and sets have been restored, enabling members of the public to view and take part in the interactive displays. There were plenty of laughs as always and all seemed to enjoy the museum.

We all made our own way home, but a small number of cars followed Burton and I travelling up Sutton Bank then, over the wolds, one of our favourite routes from that neck of the woods.

We hope you all enjoyed the day and hope to see our new friends at the next meeting or run. Just keep your eye on the website for details.

*by Lesley*



Left to right: Old cow, Lesley.



Lawrence's new mood of transport.



Shall I pull the udder one Burton?



Put th'iphone away love, can't be doing with them new fangled gadgets. Just get ni tea on.

Note from Burton: I knew Humpty would come up with some cow comments coming from 'Uddersfield'

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

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

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



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# MX-5

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## From the drivers seat...

### Something for everyone

The last two months since the last newsletter have been busy ones, two well attended Sunday runs, the Blyton Motorsport and social weekend, televised MAX5 racing at Donington along with the Hope Motor Show. Something for everyone I hope, write-ups for these events are in this newsletter. If you come across an event or attraction you would like the Peaks and Pennines Area to go to please let me know, and I will see what can be arranged.

The theme for the Clubs National Rally is the Wacky Races, the event may seem a long way off as we await the arrival of summer! It's on October 2nd, I would like you to give some thought as to how we can dress our cars up and to which characters you will go dressed as. There will be prizes !! anyone know of a dignitary who could present them !!

### Safe driving

Burton and Lesley



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# Keeping alive the Humber car

19 cars met at the Truck Stop Helaby. Hoping for a perfect day with a trip to The Humber Car Museum at Hull.

Tops down, sun tops on, we all had high hopes of good weather.

Traveling through Tickhill, Bawtry, Haxy, Low Burnham, Epworth just to name a few. We had almost got the roads to ourselves, staying in convoy with Steve & Johns yellow mx5 in the middle (I called it our rubber duck, Steve wasn't offended)

We called in at the Pink Pig Farm at Holme, for a short coffee and tea break.

The weather didn't disappoint us, it had turned very hot and not a cloud in the sky.

Our journey took us over the Humber Bridge. Alan had joked about every one sticking together, he spoke to soon. Only Rob and ourselves came over the bridge and not a MX5 in sight. We never saw them again until we reached the Museum.

We had all split up, but fortunately Burton had done a summary of the route with post code, so everybody found their destination.

The Museum was a working garage, but full of Humber cars, Imperial, Hawk, Scepter and many more.

Some of the cars had plenty of history, owners, Edward & Mrs Simpson, Stirling Moss, George V, The Queen Mother. We could sit in any car, plenty of pictures were taken. A free cup of tea and biscuits were given and then we all sat down for a very enjoyable talk from Allan.

His talk was funny and he had so much knowledge on the Humber Car.

The sad point about the Museum it wasn't recognised by the council, so it got no funding, depending on donations. We all gave our donations after enjoying a very pleasant afternoon, we hope it continues for many years to come.

We said our goodbyes and set off to Drax Power Station Social Club for our evening meal. The meals were enormous but very enjoyable.

After saying our goodbyes we set off home, tops still down at 21 deg.

Thank you Burton & Lesley another THUMBS up for a brilliant day out. Even the ladies enjoyed the day.

by Eileen



# Peaks and Pennines The Royal Couple



Just to let you know we have a celebrity in the MX5 club. Pat Maxfield of Meltham near Holmfirth has been made Mayoress of the Town (fanfare...)

What an honour for her, we're sure she will be a good one. She is kind and very caring. With David by her side they will do a good job.

So, in order not to cause any embarrassment to Pat and us mere commoners, we thought it would be good to give you a couple of handy hints to remember whilst in the presence of her ladyship.

### Keep your distance

It's important to give her plenty of space as she wafts around her mayoral duties. You'll notice in this picture that a safe distance has been kept between the commoner and the mayoress.



### Always make sure you are positioned lower

It's wise to make sure you're always looking up to her ladyship. Always position yourself correctly. In this picture the commoner has the correct level.



We're still awaiting a full list of mayoral duties so we cannot report as to when her grace will be on the runs. So in the event of an unexpected appearance please make sure your MX-5 is kept clean and tidy. Just in case. Bowing / curtseying is optional.

# Humpty goes to Blyton

Here's my review of Blyton.

Awesome. Nuff said.

If you've not been before you need to try it!

Thanks to; Burton and Lesley for the bacon sarnies, Lawrence for the use of his skid lid, Dave for his invaluable driving tips 'Go on get up his \*rse', Sharon for the pics and Clive for the amazing laps in the race prepped Mk 3.

See you next year.

Humpty



And the prize for most eventful Blyton driver goes to...

As you may (or may not) know, Lawrence's enthusiasm for the MX5 knows now bounds.

And, in recognition of his many entertaining outings at Blyton, Burton and Lesley felt it was only right to give him his own personal number plate.

Now, does anyone have a big jig?



# Spot the difference

We know it's difficult as there's an uncanny resemblance. But here's a clue - the real one's on the left.

Answers on a postcard to: Andy Hedges, The Doghouse, Nr Wentworth, South Yorks.



A record number of members for P&P

The Peaks and Pennines area now has over 180 members, the highest number ever, which is brilliant.

It's important to keep in touch

I see that 8 members have ticked the box on their membership application 'no contact from the AC', this means that they will not receive my monthly updates or details of last minute changes by email, this can easily be changed by going into 'profile' once you have logged into your account on the clubs main site.

Burton