

# A mans idea of paradise by Eileen

Fourteen cars set off from The Truck Stop, 5 more cars joined us on the way. We were all given a detailed route map of our journey (to be used in case we got split up).

The weather was warm but dull so tops came down hoping it would improve.

The journey took us through Laughton, Dinnington, then out into the countryside, I think we had just missed a heavy burst of rain, it was our lucky day.

Keeping in convoy we made our way on the A57 towards the A1 turning off at Elkersley towards Eaton Village and through many more lovely villages, our countryside is a beautiful place to live. We paid our 40p toll and crossed Dunham Bridge into Lincolnshire and at last the sun had come out.

We then continued to our morning coffee stop at Scothern Garden Centre. Feeling better after our half hour break, dark clouds had gathered, then the rain, Trevor Walker put his top up (what a wimp !!) only joking love. The rain soon came down, it was like April showers in July.

Taking the A158 for miles and miles, a great road with not much traffic, Trevor & myself (back marker) got held up in Wragby, but Rob and Jayne made sure we were ok by waiting for us. We missed our turning on to the B1195 but seeing Annette & Graham waiting at the junction soon put us on the right road. We thanked them also for waiting, it would be great if all drivers would be as considerate to the car behind.

We arrived in Wainfleet, and soon we were heading into the car park behind Batemans Brewery.



It was founded in 1874, rooms were named after family founder members, the windmill was made into a bar where visitors could sample the beer. On a sunny day people could sit in the beer garden to enjoy a pint or two. It had an excellent dining room and a beautiful carvery was enjoyed by everyone. The bottles of beer purchased that day had MX5 labels on them to commemorate the MX5 Owners Club visit.

We also had a visit round the old part of the brewery, giving us an insight to what goes into a bottle of beer, it was very enlightening.

We all had a great day, we were very lucky with the weather, even the trip home was still warm enough to have the top down.

I know I say this every time, but our thanks to Burton & Lesley, you always give 100% to make it a perfect day out for us all.



# MX-5 alive

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## From the drivers seat...

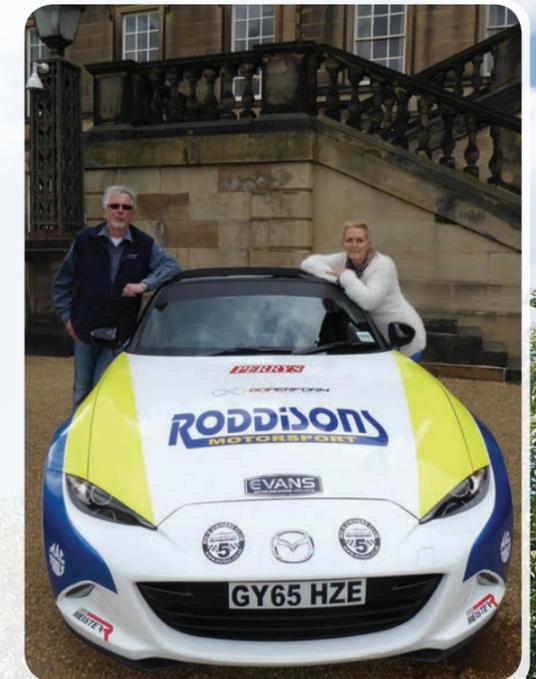
Welcome to the latest edition of The Peaks and Pennines Newsletter, as Autumn descends and the dark nights approach I am thinking about the runs of next year. I have a list of over 10 venues Lesley and I intend to visit before taking a run to them, some of our old favourites will be resurrected.

This year's National Rally is at Donington Park on Sunday October 2nd, as it is only under an hour away for most members I hope many members from the Peaks and Pennines area will attend, full details of this event are in this edition of Soft Top Hard Top. A convoy from the Peaks and Pennines area will meet at The Stockyard for a cuppa and buttie and leave at 9:30.

Next year's Spring Rally will be at Ashton Court, Bristol on Sunday 23rd April, I am planning an 'over nighter' for that weekend, staying near the Cotswolds and visiting Lacock Abbey, Fox Talbot Museum and Village on route, on Saturday afternoon. More details at our next social meeting.

Safe driving

Burton and Lesley



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# A treat for Peaks and Pennines *by Eileen*

Today we are in for a real treat, Burton has arranged for P&P to have a private viewing of one of our iconic landmarks in Yorkshire, Wentworth Woodhouse.

Twenty eight cars left The Moorlands Pub at Owlter Bar to do a spot of cruising around Derbyshire. All the places we went through, Carver, Hassop, Wardlow, Bradwell, and Bamford were all known to us but being 'Yorkshire' we never get tired of visiting these places. We drove on some beautiful roads and through breathtaking countryside, Bradwell had even got the bunting out for us.

Making our way back to the Ladybower Dam it had stated in our itinerary we were having a comfort stop at Heatherdene car park, shock horror when we went straight past (I really needed that stop, I guess I just had to sit on it a bit longer) time was ticking, we had to be back at Wentworth Woodhouse for 12 noon.

Taking a left turn onto the Strines Road, we passed a guy taking a video of our cars, it was club member Gary behind the camera. By this time we had become separated from the rest of the group, held up by a Sunday driver keeping us at the back of him for quite a few miles. A few cars took a wrong turn but we were near the Stocksbridge by-pass so a quick run down the M1 to Thorpe Hesley and we soon found our way back to our destination, spot on mid day.

As we approached Gary was once again filming, this time we did give him a wave. The MX5's were all lined up in front of the very impressive stately home. Wentworth Woodhouse has the longest frontage of any English country house. It is the grandest Georgian house in England, built in 1630, home until recently to the Fitzwilliam family

Plans are being made to turn it into a Museum, Hotel and Conference centre, we are very lucky we had the privilege of seeing it before all the changes take place.

We are also very lucky to have a great co-ordinator and wife.

Thank you Burton & Lesley for organising another great day. Even the weather was perfect.



## Revised dates for December 2016

**Thursday 1st**  
Social Meeting with Christmas Fayre - at The Rockingham Arms.

**Sunday 4th**  
Last run of the year, meeting point and route T.B.A.

**Saturday 10th**  
Club Dinner Dance, Full, with waiting list.

## Don't forget, the monthly social...it's just round the corner from here!

We alternate 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 meet 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.

And you can meet people just like these...

