

An uplifting day

Another sunny day for 16 cars to start their day out from The Moorland Pub, Derbyshire.

Taking our back slot with Jayne & Rob we set off making our way to Fox House, Hathersage, Castleton, and then up to Winnats Pass (how beautiful it looks on a lovely sunny day) heading on to Chapel-en-le-Frith and Huddersfield. A short break in Sainsbury's. It was very busy so MX5's had to find room wherever they could. A lovely surprise when we were joined by 4 more MX5's Pat & David, Ian & Linda, Alex and Tony. On our return to the cars we found ourselves in the middle of the group. Getting split up we acquired 2 new leaders. Thanks to Ian & Jayne we arrived at Anderton Boat Lift. Burton had even booked prime parking spot at the side of the Canal.

We all parked up and Burton assembled the new Peaks and Pennines banner - very smart! After that it was into the museum to get our tickets and then off for the boat trip. We had a very entertaining trip on the river, our guide was brilliant. We found out

a lot about the area around the boat lift and then more about the boat lift itself. It's a giant structure, constructed in 1875 by Edwin Clark, to transport Cargo Boats from the River Weaver taking them 50 feet up in the lift to join the Trent and Mersey Canal. Fund raising started in 1983 to raise £7m to restore the lift which was completed in 2002 and opened to the public in 2003. A Museum, coffee shop and gift shop was added.

It was a great day out and well worth a visit.

Finding all our trips out Burton & Lesley you DO take a lot of time and trouble. We all thank you once again for a smashing day out.

And can I add if any lady in our group found a camera case in the ladies loo and handed it in, thanks very much!

Eileen

The burning question



Revised dates for December 2016

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

Sunday 4th Dec: Last run, meeting point and route T.B.A.

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



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December 2016

MX-5 alive

From the drivers seat...

The Club, and in particular the Peaks and Pennines Area, goes from strength to strength.

It has been a really full year for the members who attended organised events, generally the weather was kind to us, there have been many short runs around Derbyshire and some longer runs including one to north of Yorkshire.

Early in 2016 P&P moved our social meetings from The Queens Head, Ridgeway to The Rockingham Arms, Wentworth, we have exclusive use of their large restaurant, it has proved a good move as many more of the members from the north of the area are now attending.

In April, Peaks and Pennines were privileged to host the clubs spring rally, over 765 MX5's attended the fabulous setting of Wentworth Woodhouse, the Estate Manager commented that it was one of the best rallies that he had seen on the estate.

The Sunday runs have been well attended with up to 32 cars being out, the runs have always been to places (hopefully) of interest including, Richards Arkwright's Mill, The National Mining Museum, Jodrell Bank Observatory, The Humber Car Museum, The James Herriot Experience, Wentworth Woodhouse was revisited (at their invitation), Batemans Brewery, The Transporter Bridge, and The Anderton Boat Lift.

Various members competed successfully in the three MX5 racing series, MAX5, BRSCC Mazda MX-5 Championship and 5Club MX5 Cup, and at club level, members took their cars to the limit (and a bit further) during The Blyton Motorsport weekend. Cars were also displayed at The Hope Motor Show in June.

More recently well over 2000 cars went to the National Rally at The Donington Circuit, over 40 were from our area, several members cars were displayed in the competition area. TV Presenter and Racing Driver Vicki Butler Henderson kept us entertained during two presentations in the Launch Pad Hub.

The new Club website was launched in October to Area Co-ordinators during their yearly meeting at Kegworth, it will be a lot easier to use and keep up to date.

I have a long list of places I would like to visit and explore, prior to taking club runs to them in 2017, two over-nighters have been organised already, watch the new website for details.

Have a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Safe driving

Burton and Lesley



Vicki Butler-Henderson comes all the way to Donington to meet Lesley.



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Auf Wiedersehen Pet

meets Billy Elliot

By Lesley Marsland, aged 29 3/4



Our September run on the 3rd had a bit of a murky start, the forecast wasn't good but we usually seem to fall lucky with the weather. Our meeting point was at The Stockyard where we had an obligatory cuppa and a sarnie for those who wanted one.

Despite the poor weather we had a good turnout of 13 cars. As we were about to leave, a long standing member called Chris introduced himself, he just wanted to say hello to everyone as he is a shift worker so cannot commit to all of the runs but would like to do so when convenient. We were short of a few regular members due to holidays and other commitments, but were rewarded with the presence of some of the newer members so this gave us a little more time to get to know them better.

We managed to set off with the hoods down as the rain had kept off, we made our way through Ravenfield village (one of my favourites) and onto the A630. Everyone gave a wave to the guys at MX5 City as we passed their establishment. We needed to do some motorway driving on this occasion, to get us to our destination on time (or that was the plan).

Our half way stop was a lovely little farm shop and café called Willow House in Wigginton, where we were made very welcome. It was the first time we have used this farm shop, but would certainly go there again. This is where I confirmed and booked the orders for our meal at the scheduled stop in Churchhouses, The Feversham Arms Pub.

Remarkably we kept pretty much together on the run, in part due to Burton putting the route out prior to the start. Because we stayed longer than planned at the farm shop, we arrived at the Transporter bridge later than expected, so late in fact that John (our guide) was on his way home, but saw the convoy of cars and about turned.

We waited for the gondola on the north side of the bridge, to be transported across the river. What an amazing site it was when we all pulled up at the south side. The gondola is suspended from a frame travelling along the main beam of the structure and pulled by the cables across the Tees, what a fabulous feeling.

Four cars went on the first crossing, nine on the second, John Needham rushed to one of the supporting towers, we all thought he was going to have a bungee jump, we were disappointed when he only went to the first landing and took his camera out!! (a few unkind people said that he would get lost on the way to the ground anyway!!)

The bridge itself has been a landmark for the area since opening in 1911. It spans 851ft (259 metres) and took 14 months to build. The transporter has transported tens of millions of people across the Tees since its opening. There is also a visitor's centre which was opened by the iconic Fred Dibnah in 2000. The bridge was also featured in the film Billy Elliot and also famously in Auf Wiedersehen pet.

As part of the package, we were treated to a run-down of the bridges history in the visitors centre, where we were given a commentary and film footage which was projected onto the walls of the centre.

After leaving the bridge we made our way via Guisborough, Castleton and The Lion Inn on Blakey Ridge, the highest point of the North York Moors National Park to our final destination, Church Houses at the head of Farndale. This is where we get to eat very large portions of scampi, the scampi outnumbering the chips. We have visited Feversham Arms on numerous occasions and are always made very welcome. By the time we had finished eating it was 4.45 so it had been a long day. We made our way home via Hutton-le Hole, Pickering, Old Malton, North Grimston, Bainton and over the Wolds ending up on the M62 at Howden, arriving home just in time to watch the X-factor.



The monthly social

We meet at the The Rockingham Arms, 8 Main St, Wentworth, Rotherham S62 7TL

We'll be alternating the meetings between the first Wednesday and Thursday of every month. Please keep checking the forum for any last minute changes.

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! And you might be able to meet our very own fashion guru's.



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