

Another TV Star

Hot on the heels of Mark 'Brush Strokes' Abbot, it looks like we have another personality amongst us.

Dave was recently captured on CalendarTV at a sub-mariners reunion. Or are they remaking Indoor League? Ah'll Si' Thee!



Welcome back!

After a short break our Shelley and Gary are back in the MX5 fold.

As you can see Shelley is pictured here relaxing in front of their nice sparkly MK3.5. Not sure where Gary is, no doubt he has been sent on a mission to get more drink for these lovely ladies' empty glasses.



A bunch of 25s

Our very own MX5 fashion gurus Andy and Marie have just come back from a weekend away with the elite '25th anniversary' group.

Matching cars, bags and hats. Slightly worrying.



And finally...

A few of us did the Ale Trail the other week. Rather entertaining to say the least...

And, yes Jeanette the newsletter takes me more than half an hour to put together :-)



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MX-5 alive

From the drivers seat...

The last two months since the last newsletter have been busy ones, two well attended Sunday runs, the Bruntingthorpe Motorsport weekend and the Curborough Sprint meeting, along with the Hope Motor Show. Something for everyone I hope, write-ups for two of these events are in this newsletter.

The new club web site is now up and running, I am gradually moving the Peaks and Pennines Area web pages across to it, have a look at it, I like the ability to be able to easily see what the areas around us are up to, I hope it will lead to more joint runs and meetings.

I am looking for a venue where Peaks and Pennines can host a regional meet next summer, the Bakewell Showground is favourite at the moment, they will let us have exclusive use of an area by the River Derwent for our club shelters, there are toilets nearby, the pubs and shops in Bakewell are just a stroll away. Early July, before the showground starts gearing up for the annual show is when I have in mind.

The Clubs National Rally is on September 24th at The British Motor Museum at Gaydon, near Coventry, it is 110 miles from The Stockyard, down some very pleasant country roads, the Fosse way being the major part of the route, two options, drive down and back on the day, setting off at 9am arriving at Gaydon at 11 ish or staying at a hotel near by then going to the venue on Sunday morning. At the moment the hotels on the M40 near Warwick are £50.00 for the room - upwards, with an early start on the Saturday we could have a scenic drive with a picnic in 'willy wobble dagger country', please let me know your thoughts at the next meeting.

Safe driving

Burton and Lesley



Win this posh bag!

At our recent monthly social, raffle tickets were sold in aid of Alzheimers to win this stylish limited edition bag. Versatile and practical, it's what every MX5 owner wants. Over £100 was raised on the night with more tickets to be sold on the next Sunday run. We'll let you know who won.

The limited edition Mazda bag was also up for grabs.



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Tour de yorkshire

Starting off at the Truck Stop Hellaby. The weather was dull and cool, only 10deg but 22 cars came out to brave the elements to start our journey following those very fit gents on there bikes to do the Tour De Yorkshire.

Keeping in convoy through Bawtry, Blaxton, Lindholme and many more towns and villages. It took us down the M62, our itinerary told us to get off at J37, we lost a car at J36, but he soon joined us again at our coffee break at The Langlands Shiptonthorpe Garden Centre. The bakery side was to die for. We forgot our calories for the day.

Back on the road again, it took us for ever to get out of the garden centre. Then we got held up with a tractor rally crossing the road. By this time Burton & Lesley's group were well in front. 5 cars got split up so it was decided to head straight to Whitby. The Post code was entered into our old faithful SAT NAV, with Rob & Jayne leading.

We went on some great MX5 roads, still seeing blue and yellow bikes and bunting. So we were still keeping to the Tour De Yorkshire. Going over the moors we were engulfed in low cloud and drizzle. That coast is noted for Sea Frets.

Arriving at the car park, other groups came driving in. At last all were together again. Blowing a gale (we were parked up near the Abbey) rather cool weather we walked down into the town, found a brilliant Fish & Chip restaurant (not the Magpie). Had a quick walk along the Harbour then it was time to head back to the cars.

It was a lovely day. NO SUNBURN but very ROSY CHEEKS, Burton you can't get it right every time.

Thank you Burton & Lesley from us all.

Eleen



Cheddleton

Flint Mill by Eleen

Oh! what a joyous day (that sounds very biblical) but it was a lovely day. Not a long run, but that was great, to give us more time to chat and get to know our group over a picnic. Twenty cars (27 when Alex joined us at the coffee break) once again Moorlands at Owlbar did breakfast eaters proud, not to mention tea's and coffee's.

The sun was shining down on us as we set off, through Fox House, Hathersage, turning left at the Travellers Rest Pub and heading towards Bradwell. Everybody and their Grandma's were out on their bikes, it's a long time since I have seen so much LYCRA.

As we passed through Miller's Dale the road was closed, but after a bit of negotiation (I think £5 pounds was mentioned ... JOKE) they let us through. We had to put our hazard lights on, not quite sure why, as nothing was coming the other way.

We went a bit wrong in Monyash, but after doing a U TURN we were soon back on track, and soon reached the Carriages coffee shop. After everybody had a good natter we set off towards Ashbourne, through Biggin, Hartington and down into Ecton, just so THE BOYS could blast their horns, hear their exhausts, and race through THE TUNNEL (boys and their toys). The roads were very narrow and very bumpy, we were a bit concerned about Lesley's recently broken ribs.

We found 5 MX5's seeming a little lost, so Rob took the lead and we soon found ourselves at Cheddleton Flint Mill, near Leek.

The weather had turned a bit dull with rain in the air, but what's a bit of rain, chairs came out to enjoy our picnic. Some of the men fetched their umbrellas, but by this time the rain had stopped.

A Trust Member and volunteer John Outram came to give us an interesting talk, explaining a little about the Mill, first recorded in 1253 to grind corn and was powered by water by the original working water wheels from the River Churnet. In the 18th Century the mills were converted to grind flint for the pottery industry, it was then taken on the canal to Stoke on Trent to the pottery mills. There was no admission charge just a voluntary donation was requested.

We walked into the cottage to find things that our grandparents would use. The old lady who owned the cottage (98) and still alive was living in a cottage across the way.

It was a lovely day. Thank you Burton and Lesley.

The rain did come back and boy did it rain on our way back home, but that didn't matter, it had stayed fine for most of the day.



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!