

Tour de Yorkshire and some scarecrows

Burton and I arrived in the car park of The Dearne Valley Farm (pub) on Sunday 20th August, which was our second run of the month.

Unbelievably we were the first there, which is most unusual. We were very quickly joined by Christine and Alan and then everyone else trickled in. We had arranged the run to Kettlewell mainly for the newer members who had not done the run previously.

As well as the usual crowd, we were joined by Sam and Jon from Tintwistle on their first run. Also Sean and Jon who I think had joined us on a previous occasion. It was really lovely to meet them all. We had a good turnout, 12 cars and Dean and Gill joined us on route making it 14 cars including us. The weather was kind to us, reasonably sunny and not too cold.

A lot of people had breakfast or had a cuppa and then we set off in convoy. We stayed together reasonably well, driving via Hickleton, Ferrybridge, Mickfield, Tadcaster, Thorpe Arch and Wetherby, ending up at Morrisons Car park for our comfort break where we had about 45 minutes for cuppa and a pastry.

As we left Morrison's, things went a little awry, when we looked round we only had 2 cars behind us. I was struggling with my walkie talkie and couldn't seem to get anyone to hear me so we carried on. Shortly afterwards, a message came through from Dean, saying that he had looked in his mirror to find the rest of the cars following him. So he took the lead and they joined us on route. We arrived in Kettlewell none the worse for wear. We all spit up and did our own thing, some went for a bite to eat/drink and some doing the quiz as they went round the village looking at the scarecrows. They were just as good as the first time round with new additions such as skiers on a ski slope.

Lesley



We made our way back at around 4.30 with 4 cars following us, driving towards Holmfirth and surrounding areas. Some of the roads and lanes were a little bit narrower than we had thought but the views from the tops were well worth it. We didn't get in till around 7.30 but we had really enjoyed the day.

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We looked for a white Audi TT convertible in the car park

But Trevor was nowhere to be seen. We can only assume he turned up inognito!

PS This was Burton's idea not mine - Humpty :-)



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MX-5 alive

From the drivers seat...

There is a definite chill in the air tonight as I sit at home writing this forward, Autumn will soon be upon us, this does not mean that we put our MX5's on SORN and lock them away to the spring, on the contrary we have had some of our most memorable runs during the Autumn to Winter period.

I have found many more interesting places for us to visit next year, I will be updating my list on the web site shortly, the new club web site is coming on by leaps and bounds, I will be adding details of the places we have visited along with a brief description within the next month or so, please add your comments about these runs, lets tell the other area what a good time we have when we are out on runs.

I have moved our last meeting of the year to Thursday November 30th the Rockingham Arms will be putting on a Christmas Menu for us that night, the Sunday Run will be on December 3rd, it will have a festive theme.

Our Dinner / Dance is on December 9th this year at The Holiday Inn, Doncaster, at the time of writing a few places are still available.

Safe driving

Burton and Lesley



WE HAVE A WINNER!

A special thanks to Andy & Marie for donating a Special Edition MX5 25th Anniversary Punic Hamper, it was raffled in aid of the Alzheimer's Research UK at the meeting on Thursday 3 August, they raised £215, which has been greatly received.

The winner was new club member Peter Robinson photographed with Marie Hedges along with Gary Whitham who helped set up one of the Alzheimer's Research UK fund raising groups. Thank you to EVERYONE who kindly made donations for this amazing cause and well done!



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The Bakewell picnic

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We travelled along the Stocksbridge by-pass, left at the Flouch and over the Woodhead Pass to the turn off for Glossop, across to the other side of one of the numerous reservoirs in the valley which supply water to Greater Manchester and on through countryside with spectacular views, to the town of Glossop.

So far so good, everyone in line, present and correct! Walkie Talkies crackled and popped keeping the formation fully informed, walkers and bystanders waved as they watched the superbly turned out

MX5's pass then up and over the Snake Pass. The sunshine had brought people out on the roads, not least the motor cyclists who completed death defying overtaking manoeuvres and held scant regard for speed limits or double white lines!

We called at Derwent Dam for coffee, ice cream and a comfort stop. Not forgetting the photo call in front of the Dam wall. Suitably refreshed it was on through Bamford, Bradwell and many more of the pretty Peak District villages, spectacular scenery all the way towards Bakewell, where Burton had used his contacts and charm to secure us an amazing picnic location! Our very own Bakewell Showground private paddock,

complete with lock and key!

It was out with the folding chairs, cool bags, cameras and picnic hampers as we all sat enjoying the food, fabulous weather and camaraderie. The friendship that is fostered between all members within Peaks & Pennines is wonderful and in no small way thanks to the efforts of both Burton and Lesley.

Then it was a steady stroll by the river to the shops and café's in the town centre. And still it got hotter and hotter!!

Another memorable monthly run under our belts.

Paul



Quarry Bank



A new meeting point was arranged. To meet at Towsure in Sheffield. Plenty of goods to browse through. Camping equipment, tents, clothes, shoes, even tyre's for a wheel barrow. Burton had even secured a deal with the owner Mark to give mx5 owners a 10% discount on all goods purchased. (Hope you bought plenty of man things in your man cave ANDY).

Tea and coffee in the cafe, and even staff to make a full English breakfast if needed.



After the photo shoot of 22 cars we set off for Quarry Bank Mill. It wasn't a sunny start, but at least it wasn't cold or raining. Setting off towards Snake Pass with very winding roads, not much traffic, we made our way to Glossop. We missed our turning at Victoria Street. 2 cars did a U turn, we ourselves put a co- ordination in the Sat Nav and preceded to get to Morrisons for our coffee stop at Chapel en le frith. 9 miles later we had joined the group for a coffee. After a cuppa and a natter we were back on the road again. Passing through lovely towns and villages, Whayley Bridge, Wimslow Village, Styal Village, places we have never seen before. It had turned a little cool, people who had taken a picnic were sat with big jackets on, but i am sure they all enjoyed.

Quarry Bank Mill was a mill for weaving and cotton spinning. Built in 1784 for Irish industrialist Samuel Gregg. It was then restored in 1969. Inside was a water wheel, now run on electric. It also had beautiful gardens, plus The Apprentice House to see what life was like for the pauper children who worked in the mill.

We made our way down to the mill. First thing first we found the cafe. The clouds were still gathering so we decided to go round the gardens first. Last time we had come to the Mill we did go round the mill, and the Apprentice House also the gardens, because of the time of the year nothing was in bloom. This time all the flowers, the shrubs and trees were all in bloom. Walking up to the top we entered the Green House, full of seedling for next years flowers.



Time had gone by so quick, no time to go to the mill, may be next time. We had a lovely day once again. Everything was planned to perfection, thanks to Burton and Lesley.

Looking forward to our next trip out.

Eileen

The monthly social

If you'd like to meet any of the stars and celebrities you keep seeing in the newsletter, then why not join us at our monthly social. They are quite normal - honest.

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!