

December 2017

From the drivers seat...

By the time this newsletter lands on your door mat another busy year will be almost over, the Peaks and Pennines area has had more than 15 Sunday Runs to all 4 points of the compass, and taken part in motor shows, where our members have won prizes and been away for several over-nighters.

We actually completely filled the accommodation (and substantially reduced the alcohol stocks) in The White Waters Hotel, Llangollen in March!

Several members have successfully taken part in The Max5 and The MX5 Super Cup motor sport events, along with the Owners Clubs Curborough Sprint and Bruntingthorpe Track weekend.

Many more interesting day runs and over-nighters are planned for next year. Several joint runs are already planned with other areas, the first of which is in April when we will join the Northamptonshire Area who are staying in York for a long weekend.

Peaks and Pennines may also host a Northern Area mini rally on the Bakewell Showground in July.

Some of the other 2018 events are already on the new club web site, <https://www.mx5oc.co.uk/areas/peaks-pennines/>, if you come across any venues you think the members would be interested in visiting please let me know.

Safe driving

Blakey

Inspector

AEC Routemaster Bus Owners Club

(and Lesley, Area CoOrdinator Peaks and Pennines Area)



The day we were all bowled over

Another successful day with P & P. 22 cars set off from the Stockyard, Hellaby. Cloudy but no rain, heading towards Blyth, Ranskill and Mattersey.

Having split from the front group we found ourselves with a new leader, who was doing a great job. We passed The Swan Pub, feeling very sad to see it all boarded up. All the smells of the countryside wafting in the car, some good, some lovely, (new mown grass).

Not much traffic on the roads keeping us all together, having said that we did lose the front group in Edwinstow, not too far from our destination, Rob put the Sat Nav to good use, took the lead, so we soon reached Sherwood Forest Steam Railway.

Fun for one or two that had a go on the zip wire, (for KIDS really). A toilet break, a drink, and then for some a trip down the short track on the model steam railway. After a very enjoyable time we got back in our cars heading for our bowling competition at Chesterfield.

Once again we saw lovely villages. Past the Major Oak, Budby, Turning left at the Old School House now a cafe, just after Ollerton. We seemed to have lost a few cars, so once again Rob took the lead, no need for a Sat Nav as he knew the area.

Everybody had fun (I hope) it was a great afternoon. Scores may not have been what they would have wanted, but it was all taken in good humour. The trophies had been donated by Jayne and Rob in memory of our dear friend Gary, who's legacy was our MX5 Alive magazine now passed onto Mike who is doing a brilliant job.

Ladies: 1st Marie (238pts) 2nd Elaine (177 pts)

Gents: 1st Trevor (276 pts) 2nd Rob (223 pts)

The strongest man went to MAC and LESLEY was luck last.

The day came to an end with a meal for all at the Three Cottages Restaurant in Chesterfield, where the trophies were given to the winners by Christine (Gary's wife).

It was a GREAT day, our thanks to Burton & Lesley for organising the run and the meal, and to Trevor for organising the bowling. We have a wonderful club, a good time was had by all.

Eileen





The amazing bowling techniques of Peaks and Pennines



...and how to look stylish on a zipwire.

The monthly social

If you'd like to meet any of the above overgrown children 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!

A tootle around Derbyshire

To waking up to dull skies, the weather forecast wasn't very good. The plan was all to meet at The Moorlands. Burton & Lesley were on their jolly's so once again our new leader was Alan. The second time in 2017 so we knew we were in safe hands.

Eight cars set off with tops down, even though the skies looked very black, (MUST BE MAD).

We headed towards Fox House, but then took a left turn taking us to the Peak District. Nothing much on the road but sheep and bikes. Roads made for MX5 drivers. Some of the roads were very narrow, we just hoped no one would be coming the other way. Alan knows Derbyshire like the back of his hand.

Heading towards Hope & Bamford we got held up at the back of the group but fortunately Alan waited (thanks love) Passing the Travellers pub, then turning right in Hope we headed towards the Vale of Edale. A few spots of rain and very low cloud.

Twisting and turning, up and up until we reached the top of MAMTOR. Once at the top it felt we were on top of the world. Down Winetts Pass then into Castleton. A road closure made Alan have to do a detour, but like good sheep we just followed. Ending up back at the Travellers pub after doing a full circle we did a right turn heading for Bradwell, Tideswell, Taddington, past Monsal Head. The end of our Journey. The end of our Journey at Yonderman Cafe. A very busy, popular place. After ordering our food we sat down to enjoy the chat with the group until the food arrived.

It was a GREAT drive we all enjoyed our trip into Derbyshire (Plus NO RAIN) and the food was excellent.

We ALL thank Alan for our trip, showing us a bit more of our beautiful country side, we are very lucky to have all that on our door step.

Eileen



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Back to the 40s

Wow...what can I say!

What an amazing event this is, the whole town turns out to make this a very special 40s weekend.

From the minute you park your car on the outskirts of town where the local football club give up their playing field for caravan and campervan parking for the weekend, you walk back into the village and the mood, and swing of things changes immediately!

Woodhall Spa has a tradition of hosting this 40s weekend every year. It goes back to the village connection and its airfield in WW2 when it was an important bomber command base, the ace fighter pilot and squadron leader Guy Gibson spent much time at the airfield as the permanent information plaques around the streets explain.

Re-enactments, street parties, a cinema in the woods, 40s style cafe's and a speak easy open air dance hall. Vera Lynn and Winston Churchill tributes! The music of the time taking you back and the fighting speech made by the great leader all go towards making it a very special occasion! Fancy dress is worn by 80% of the town folk and visitors making it very authentic, and all this is followed on Sunday afternoon a "fly past" by the "Lancaster bomber" and a "Spitfire" fighter to close the weekend events!!

Put this event in your diaries, an experience not to be missed. In 2018 it is a week earlier than this year in July.

I lead 9 cars from the "Truck Stop" at Hellaby and we met Burton & Lesley on the caravan site, they were staying in the Campervan for the weekend.....The kettle on constantly!

We had a lovely run, down the A1 to the A17 near Newark and along towards Sleaford turning off to our left just before the town through the Lincolnshire villages and past the RAF College at Cranwell, on back lanes made for the MX5 to Woodhall Spa.

I am sure Burton & Lesley will give us plenty of advance notice, and maybe arrange this event as a club run next year!

And let's all make it a weekend to remember by getting into the "swing of things" don't be shy, and wear something 40s. Peaks & Pennines can "kick the ball" big style for this day!

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