

Another Xmas Do

Yes, it was that time of year again. Another great turn out from P&P.

The venue was the Holiday Inn, Doncaster. I think this was the third year for us. We all met in the bar with the usual passing of Christmas cards. I must admit trying to juggle beer and Christmas card despatching can be quite a challenge.

It was great to see such a good turnout, well over 40 of us (quite a combined age I would have thought!) After much chatting and trying to remember everyone's name so they got the right cards we headed off to the restaurant area. There were quite a number of other parties going on so there was a really good atmosphere. We had two tables in parallel to each other which meant it was far easier to attack each others tables than last year (Shelley's idea).

A great three-course meal was served by very helpful staff. The usual party poppers and crackers got well used. And Burton's Blakey moustache somehow ended up on Lawrence. Nuff said.

Once the coffee had been served it was time for the entertainment - an 80s tribute band wearing some very dodgy outfits. I'm sure I didn't dress like that, but there again I did have bleached hair and a mullet. Lots of dancing went on and as per last year there's a definite need to get more blokes dancing.

A few of us then retired to the bar for more drinking. For those of you who stayed over I've not seen any newspaper headlines so I can assume no hotel trashing went on! We were supposed to stay over however with the forecast of heavy snow (especially around Huddersfield) we decided not to stay.

And naturally, there was no sodding snow in the morning!!

A big thank you to Keith, it takes a lot of effort to sort these things and once again he's done a really top job.

Look forward to doing it all again next year.

Here's to a great 2018!

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PS Dave, I'll get your pic in soon...promise!



January 2018

From the drivers seat...

Welcome to the first Peaks and Pennines Newsletter of 2018,

We have some memorable drives planned in 2018!

In addition to our regular Sunday runs around the local area, other longer runs, some with overnight stays are planned, in early March we will be heading across to the North Yorkshire Village of Goathland (Aidensfield in Heartbeat) where we can watch steam loco 'Tornado' 'storm through' before having a (soft) drink in the Aidensfield Arms. Later in March the club has taken over the White Water Hotel again in Llangollen for the weekend, where like minded people who love driving their cars on roads built for MX5's will experience great evenings, with good social banter, mixed with a drink or two.

In April we will be joining the clubs chairman, Ted McKay and other members of the Northampton area for the weekend in York, with a Sunday run to see the daffodils in Farndale, the

week after a convoy from the Peaks and Pennines area will be going down to Goodwood to attend the clubs spring rally. May will see us following parts of the Tour de Yorkshire around the Yorkshire. We will be stepping back in time in June when we revisit the 40's weekend in Woodhall Spa and display our cars at The Hope Motor Show.

As the format of the club forum will be changing shortly, full details of the forthcoming events will only now be on the Peaks and Pennines section of the club web site <http://pp.mx5oc.co.uk>

If you are unable to spend the whole day with us, why not join us at the start of a run for a coffee or breakfast? You will be made very welcome.

Safe driving

Burton and Lesley



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Seal of approval

Always a highlight of the P&P calendar is the trip to Donna Nook to see the seals.

We all met at The Stockyard for a prompt departure. Well over 20 cars - yet another great turn out.

We headed off all with roofs down, via Tickhill, Ranskill, Matterse, Gainsborough, Caenby Corner to Market Rasen and then stopping at the The Willows Garden Centre for a quick brew.

From there it was onto Binbrook, Ludborough and Covenham Reservoir, before reaching Donna Nook.

That's where the fun started. It would seem that every man and his dog was out as it was such a really nice day. And, it's only a one car wide track in. Eventually we all got into the car park.

What a view, once you get over the sandhills there's literally hundreds of seals and their pups. And you are so close to them. They do bite though. Not that we put them to the test. There was also a couple of seals getting shall we say rather friendly with each other. We could just see parents thinking how they were going to explain that one.

There was also a bloke who looked like a professional wildlife photographer covered head to foot in camouflaged gear. He blended in quite well apart from the fact he was stood next to a bloke wearing bright red. Hmmm.

There was also some local farmers selling there veggies. Trevor took advantage and bought some sprouts.

After the seals it was time to head to the pub. However, Donna Nook is an RAF base and the army had decided to have a big delivery made. So they shut the roads. Peak time #notthoughtthatonethrough. Eventually they allowed us out which ended up being a bit of a free-for-all.

We finished up at the Pye Wype, always a great venue!

I'll let Eileen sum up the day (let's just say I totally agree!)

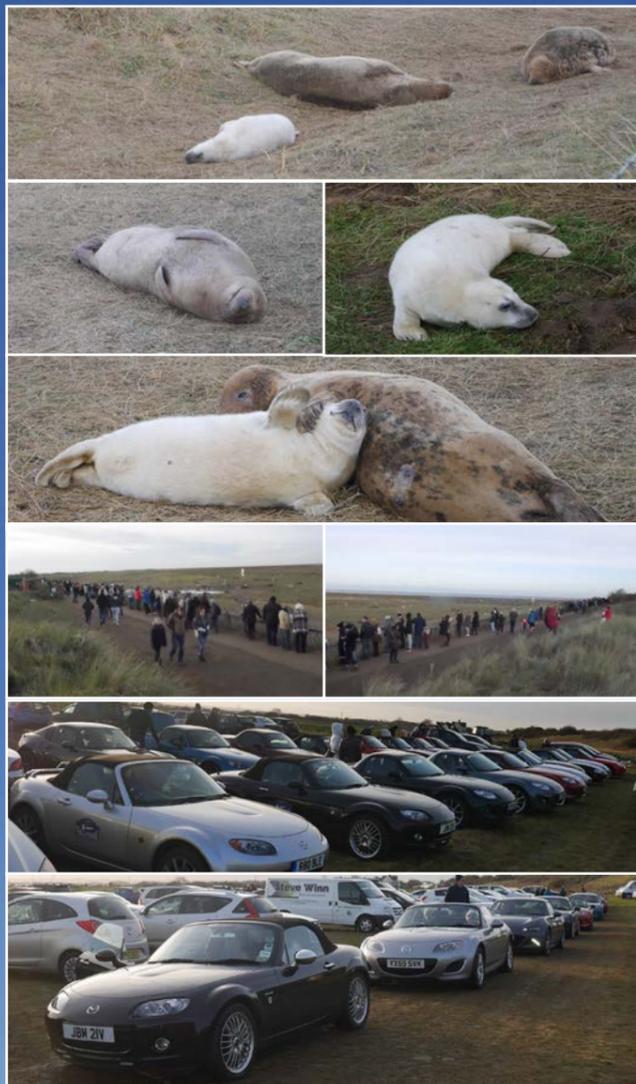
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Here we see Trevor playing his own version of the Crakerjack game Double or Drop*. We can only assume Eileen has gone to get some more cabbages.

* Each of the three contestants was given a prize to hold for each question answered correctly, but given a cabbage if they were incorrect. They were out of the game if they dropped any of the items awarded or received a third cabbage. While the winner took his or her pick from a basket of toys, every runner-up won a much-envied marbled propelling pencil as a prize.

Oh what fun.



A message from Eileen

Like the film FROZEN I can't let it go. Without thanking Burton and Lesley for another great day. What a day. Everybody was out in their cars, all queuing to see the seals and there pups.

Burton and Lesley had done so much to make it a day to go smooth. First he had trouble with the menu from the Pye Wipe. We should have been eating at 3 30pm, but due to volume of traffic plus the Army closing the lanes, we were once again delayed. B & L were not phased, still smiles all round.

Eventually we had our meal, and very good it was. I think everybody enjoyed. To find a venue for 30 to 40 people to sit down to eat must be a great worry. I can vouch for that and the club wasn't as big as it is now.

We don't know the half what B & L go through before our day out. My hat comes off to them both. Thank you so much.

There would be no P & P without them.

PS This isn't my blog, just something I wanted to say.

Memories of the past

Only 13 cars set off from the Moorlands. The weather was dull, a slight fall of rain, but who cares.

Tops down we set off towards Fox House, doing a left turn towards Grindleford. Winding our way back to Bretton, passing The Barrel Inn. The view on a hot sunny day is spectacular, (but unfortunately not today) Great Hucklow, Great Longstone just to name a few, until we entered The Peak Forest. Sharp bends and very steep hills.

We then began our way down passing through Buxton, then up Goyt Valley, very narrow, deep drops, fortunately only a one way road. A brilliant road for a sport car. (But not today) a loan cyclist spoiled some of the drivers fun. He must have thought YOU WILL NOT PASS, so he stayed in the middle of the road.

Once at the top we did have a short toilet stop Making our way down, passing the Cat & Fiddle the view over the moors looked very bleak and very unfriendly with the mist. Eventually we got to the Royal Oak for a coffee stop. Only half an hour was spent as we were behind time to reach our destination.

We did see the SUN, for a minute, then it was gone but the temperature had gone up to 9deg. Keeping in convoy was great but towards the end 5 cars did get split up from the front group, so Jenny & Eric took over, they did a brilliant job so we were all soon back together at The Museum Of Childhood.

Nothing had changed since our last visit, but i must say i was rubbish with the whip and top. Glass cabinets full of memorabilia, some even dating back to the 1800 (even before my time) Today's children will have missed out on so much fun. We had great fun in the school classroom, the teacher was very strict, i was even threatened with the cane. But the blue eyed boy was Andy, (there is always one) Our visit to the hall was very short, most rooms had been blocked off, no upstairs to view. A magnificent building built in 16 60 by George Vernon's, originally the owner of Haddon Hall. In 1962 it was took over by the National Trust, who restored it to its original beauty.

It was another great day out thanks to OUR P&P double act Burton and Lesley

Eileen

PS Even the Very large MR MOON was shining down on us as we made our way home.



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!

