

June 2018

From the drivers seat...

By the time this news letter arrives through your letterbox, we will be almost halfway through 2018.

Despite the late arrival of summer we have only had to cancel one run, the first time for many years! In January Alan treated the members to a run 'A Round Derbyshire', In February we went across The Pennines and back to the Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet for a trip back in time, finishing with a cuppa and a cake. The original March run to see the Tornado pass through Goathland (Aidensfield in Heartbeat) had to be cancelled, it snowed! The weather was more kind the following weekend, some members watched the Tornado steam across the North York Moors, others stayed in The Goathland Hotel sampling their hand pulled beers.

Two weeks later we took over The White Water Hotel in Llangollen for the weekend, our thanks to Trevor and Trish for organising this most enjoyable event, it was so successful that a return visit to the area is already being planned.

April was a busy month starting with our shortest ever run, all the way from The Stockyard to The Lifewise999 centre just

less than a mile, not even John got lost !! The day was finished with a return visit to Cluck, just off the Sheffield Parkway for one of their value for money Sunday Roasts.

Our second weekend away of the year was in York where Ted our new club chairman came a visiting. Peaks and Pennines hosted the Saturday run, Yorkshire Ridings hosted the Sunday run, the quiz night organised for those stopping over was organised by Teds wife Lucie, was enjoyed by all, however Lesley had to tell Paul G how much he was enjoying it !!

The following Tuesday we had the implications of the new MOT standards explained to us by Paul Roddison, followed by a buffet curry night down the road in The Indus Restaurant. The month was capped off by the clubs Spring Rally at The Goodwood Circuit, several cars from the Peaks and Pennines area made the 500 mile round trip.

Write ups and pictures of these events are in this newsletter and are on the web site. Many interesting visits and runs are planned for the second half of the year, please have a look at the Peaks and Pennines website.

Safe driving

Burton and Lesley



Right Said Fred are making a comeback....or is it Telly Savalas and Yul Brynner...or the Mitchell brothers...

A glorious weekend away

We were woke up to drizzle, but that didn't bother us. The forecast said it was going to be sunny and warmer. Meeting at the Hassop Station Cafe.

24th March 2018

It was very busy with a run and a bike ride for all those LYCRA fanatics. 23 cars set off at 10am. Burton & Lesley were going to meet us at the Garden Centre as Lesley wasn't feeling too well.

Now we had blue sky PERFECT. Things went fine, no one got lost, following the route which Trevor had planned, things did go a bit ARAF (that means slow in Welsh) in

Congleton, the through traffic was very very busy.

The group were all split up but everybody arrived at the Bridgemere Garden World for our coffee break. With everybody fed and watered (only a snack, we had to leave room for our evening meal) we were back on the road for the last leg of our journey. Still no sign of B & L. Fortunately a few miles down the route they did join us. Now we were all back together.

The last part of the journey was up the Horse Shoe Pass just outside Llangollen, it went up and up until you got to the PONDEROSA CAFE it felt like we were on top of the world. A photo shoot was in order, some of the group stayed for a coffee, others made their way to the White Waters Hotel.

Our room was very nice, a bed large enough for 4 (we didn't share). The meal was excellent, the lamb shanks were enormous, they must breed very large lambs in Wales. Afterwards just chilling out with the group, then off to bed for another early start next morning.

25th March 2018

A very cool and frosty start, but the forecast was good. Trevor ordered the sun, and sure enough he got what he ordered. Blue skies and it went up to 12deg. We made our way through Corwen, Llandrillo wending our way to Llangynog, there we did a U turn in the car park and did the same route back. What a brilliant bit of road, it was fantastic. 7 miles of MX pleasure. We hadn't done that road before so we found it exhilarating. I did manage to get a picture of Mount Snowden. Then back to Bala, skirting around the edge of Afon Tryweryn Lake, making our way towards Ffestiniog. We have done this road before, once again I just shut my eyes and let my Trevor do the boy racer thing (it makes him happy).

Finishing our run at Betwys-y-Coed we all did our own thing. Some of the group said their goodbyes others had a wonder. Getting back for our evening meal, once again it was very enjoyable. With 2 bottles of wine FREE on every table, to say sorry for not having hot water (due to a boiler failure) Apparently John had his fair share of the wine who kept them all entertained with his stories.

26th March 2018

After our full English breakfast we all said our goodbyes to make our way home.

Thank you so much to Trevor & Trish for all they did to make it a FANTASTIC weekend away

Eileen





These members remember the Mallard being built in 1938 and where excited to experience steam travel again.

Tornado, a 100mph Steam Engine.



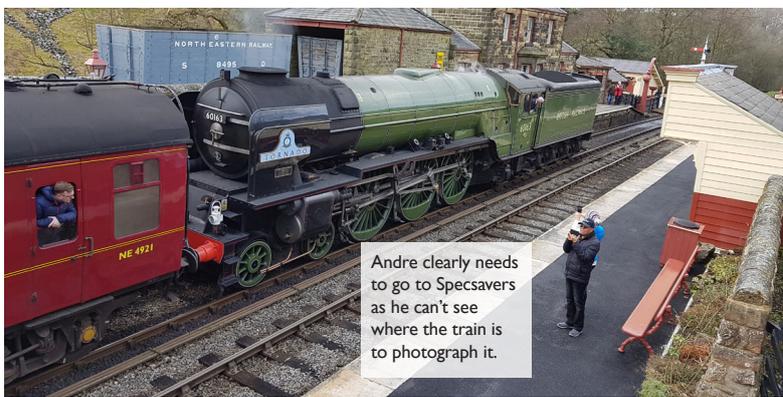
10 cars started from Dearne Valley Farm on a dry but chilly morning, for our March run, roofs down was order of the day and our 2nd attempt to view the steam locomotive which was visiting the North Yorkshire Moors Heritage Railway as part of its whistle stop tour round a number of Heritage Lines to celebrate its 10th Anniversary since manufacture. The build made all the more remarkable, as it was funded wholly by sponsorship and public donation! It was shedded at Gromont for the 7 day visit making journeys, mostly fully booked between Pkclering and Gromont.

It was our 2nd attempt to view, as the previous weekend was a wipe out and heavy snow curtailed our planned outing (it also curtailed Tornado arriving at Gromont on its arranged date).



We made our way to Goathland via a very interesting and picturesque route, planned by our leaders, Burton & Lesley which took us via lovely villages full of spring flowers, daffodil and snowdrops. Brotherton, Aberford, Wetherby Services for a coffee stop and then up the A1 to Whixley and through Alne up the Sutton Bank and past the Yorkshire Gliding Club along the A170 to Helmsley and then Pickering and a drive over the North York Moors to Goathland.

A village made famous by the long running TV series Heartbeat. We parked up in a makeshift car park and all decamped across the road to the fictitious Aidenfield Arms pub. To make a plan!! The best way to view the engine. We decided to walk through the village and down the hill to the railway station and join others on the platform to see this special locomotive which is celebrating its 10th Anniversary by running on both Heritage and British Rail main lines pulling the many popular special excursions up and down the country.



Andre clearly needs to go to Specsavers as he can't see where the train is to photograph it.

It was a very nostalgic sight, especially for those of us of a certain age that can remember with fondness steam on British Rail!

Another great monthly run out, and something both different and special to those of us there, the weather held fine all day and special thanks to Burton & Lesley for something very enjoyable in a beautiful part of the country on roads made for the MX5!

Paul



The Borrowers were recently spotted on the platform.

Monthly meeting

Come and meet this bunch of oddballs. 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!

Pictures please...

I'm often on the hunt for pics. Don't care how incriminating they are (within reason) or if you want your car on the front page then please send them through. My details are on the back. Ta v much. Humpty.

Road Safety at Lifewise



Anne Summers at Lifewise - who'd have guessed!

These crash test dummies are so realistic.

We met at the Stockyard at Hellaby; about 8 cars I think. It was a short run down to Lifewise999 (Road Safety Awareness Session); it took all of 10 minutes.

Lifewise is an interactive learning centre run in conjunction with the south Yorkshire emergency services. Once we had parked up we were signed in, had another drink and then we made a start.

First of all, we had an introduction by the team followed by a presentation on tyres. Tyres are very important where safety is concerned and our talk really brought this home. The difference in stopping distance in the wet from a tyre with 1.6mm of tread and the same test done with 3mm of tread can be as much as 30 – 37 feet. These tests were done on small hatch, a family saloon and a small 4x4. Results were quite scary.

Then we split into two groups: one went for a first aid refresher; giving us sound advice on what to do should you find yourself as the first person at the scene of an accident. The other group were in the meeting room discussing the dangers of phones, drugs and drink driving. Some of the videos we were shown make you think about the dangers when our phone goes whilst we are driving. We had a Policeman and a Fireman doing the presentation and the stories they had to tell were quite shocking to say the least.

On the set activities had been set out for us to take part in, checking our reaction times for things, such as braking, and a game that had random lights coming on and we had to press the button to put the lights out. Also, a team from the highways agency gave us a look around one of their vehicles and explained their role in the running of the highways.

Afterwards we had a tour of the set which has a pub, a shop, an A&E department, a jail, a court room and a park area. This is set on a road layout where all kinds of scenarios can be set up to show how accidents can happen. We also went into two bedrooms: the before and after a fire. We had a very interesting morning and learned quite a lot about the dangers that are all around us.

Afterwards it was time for dinner at Cluck just off the Parkway. The portions were pretty good and the staff made us all very welcome. Most of us were discussing the day's events whilst we were dining. It was nice to see Eileen and Trevor & Pat and Tony, who joined us for dinner. After which everyone made their way home.

So, all in all it went really well and everyone enjoyed the day. Last of all I think it is the shortest run I have ever done, but I would like to give a big thanks to Burton and Lesley for a really interesting day out.

Rob

Sports cars in the park



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