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From the drivers seat...

Well the hot weather has certainly brought many convertibles out of hibernation, Lesley and I took the motorhome across to Southport this last weekend (29/06/18)we saw quite a few en-route, we resisted our normal reflex action of waving to them!

Southport has a lot of character. It is a bit like Harrogate by the sea, loads of interesting shops on tree lined Lord Street, along with many inviting cafés, bars and restaurants. There were lots of visitors milling about, but very few were spending. I fear many companies will not survive the winter to next year's season. At 3 pounds return the Land Train to the end of the longest pier in the UK was good value for money. Unfortunately at 115 miles each way (from Meadowhall) mostly on motorways it is probably not a suitable run for the club.

Over the last few weeks I have been updating and adding to the Peaks and Pennines Places to Visit web page. Some venues have been found to be unsuitable, for example Fort Paull near Hull is best described as run down, in need of TLC. It's a great shame as it is manned by a group enthusiastic volunteers. Other possible venues have been added, for example the National Trusts Lyme Park and Shugborough Estate, along with The National Space Centre and The Astley Green Colliery Museum.

My thanks to a number of club members who have brought interesting events to me, unfortunately I have been unable to incorporate them into this year's program. I will try and incorporate them into next year so please do not be put off, keep your suggestions coming.

Safe driving

Burton and Lesley



Inside this issue, Max & Keith's ultimate guide to subtle stalking and making friends with strangers in Lycra.

A trip to old Moira

Our meeting place was the Moorlands at Oowlerbar. We started the day with 16 cars, with a couple more joining us en-route.

Weather was cloudy and dull which stayed with us for most of the day, although we had the odd sunny spell. Our route took us towards Hathersage, passing Fox House before heading towards Grindleford and then on to Hassop, also passing through Bakewell. We stopped to regroup and have a cuppa at the Knockerdown pub, as a small group of us had a detour due to missing a turn and got stuck in the middle of a charity bike ride. This went on for miles.

Keith and Mike went on ahead to take photographs of us passing through the ford at Tissington. After this, we headed in the direction of Ashbourne, leaving Derbyshire and going into Staffordshire; passing through Burton on Trent and then following signs for Nuneaton. Finally, we moved on to Moira Furnace.

Some members had beaten us there and were already parked in front of the main building when we arrived. This was where we had our picnic later in the day. Moira Furnace is set in a country park with the Ashby Canal running alongside. The furnace closed in the 1970's due to poor management but had played a big part in the industrial revolution. Built by Sir Rawdon Hastings in 1806, it had quite a community of its own with cottage industries in the area.

There is a small museum to look around on the upper floor and boat trips run on the Joseph Wilkes narrow boat, on the canal alongside. In the courtyard opposite, were some small outlets selling all kinds of craft items but, unfortunately, they were all closed on the day.

Another great day out, and on behalf of everyone who joined us for the day, I would like to thank Burton and Lesley for their efforts.

Rob

THE CYCLISTS...



WATERSPLASH SUPPORT TEAM...



OLD MOIRA...



THE NEW P&P COMPLAINTS DEPT.



THE PICNIC...

THE BOAT TRIP...

TRYING TO PHOTOGRAPH JANE...





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.

Monthly meeting

Come and meet this bunch of oddballs 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!

Sports cars in the park - Newby

As mentioned in the last newsletter I said I would put some more pics in from the fab day out we had at Newby.



Getting to know you, Mike & Sharon

Yes, we're re-introducing the 'Getting to know you' section of the newsletter. It's something we've wanted to do for a while. Plus, as the club is getting bigger it will be good to put names to the faces!

A few facts about us. We live in Huddersfield after emigrating from Lancashire - so I'm a proud Lancastrian!!! We've been married for 28 years and have two daughters; Lynsey (27) and Jess (24) - both have left home (result!). After 29 years of working for somebody else I had the opportunity to set my own marketing company up with a couple of great people. Hence why I now always look knackered! Sharon works as lab technician in a school and has no intention of teaching (despite my suggestions!)

Moving on...we've been in the club now for 7 years. So why the MX5? Well it all happened over a month in April 2011 when I'd just done a parachute jump and decided after that I wanted a two seater sports car. Sharon did roll her eyes (as did our daughters). Decision made. I bought my first car, my silver MK1. Never looked back to be honest, we've had so much fun with the car and being involved with the club. We've made some great friends and seen some great places.

More recently as you'll know I took over creating the newsletter from which I'm constantly trying to get sacked. Alas my efforts are futile. So I guess I'll just need to carry on!!! Sadly the Mk1 has now gone (on long term loan to Mr Hedges!) but Sharon's Mk4 is stepping up-to-the mark. We really look forward to the monthly events and runs. You do buy much more than a car when you get an MX5.



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