

April 2019

# MX-5 alive

## From the drivers seat...

**Since I opted for semi retirement I have been helping a friend out by delivering and collecting motor parts from the Midlands area.**

The quickest way down there is via the M1 and across on the A50, but as time is not of the essence I have been taking the scenic route via Bakewell and Leek, during the last week of February it looked as though Spring had arrived early, the sun was shining as I headed towards The Roaches, it would have been better if I had been in a MX5 rather than a Ford Transit Combi van, but nevertheless the scenery was stunning and the air was cool but very fresh.

I called into The Winking Man pub to enquire if they would be willing to open early one Sunday dinnertime later in the year to serve tea and coffee to the owners club later in the year, the answer was yes and they told me that other areas already visited them, another run was in the making.

My next step was to visit the many pottery factories and museums in the Stoke on Trent area to find out which would be the best for us to visit, parking the number of MX5's we now get on the runs is the stumbling block, at the time of writing I have one more location to visit before the run is finalised. Watch the area web site for more or this and more interesting runs.

The next edition of the Peaks and Pennines Newsletter will have an extended write up on the areas visit to Llangollen, please bombard Humpty with photos and anecdotes and ply John with a few sherbets - if he finds his way to Wales.

Safe driving

Burton and Lesley



## In memory of Sally

*A very lovely lady who passed away in January.*

*Sally will be sadly missed at the club and will always be remembered for her wonderful and friendly personality.*

*Our thoughts are with Bob and his family.*

## Made in Sheffield

**We started off at the Moorlands, a bit dull and cool, 24 cars decided to brave the day. Some with tops down, and some with tops up, (come on people don't let P&P down).**

Turning right to Curbar, through Calver, Stony Middleton, Housley, past our favourite January Sunday winter cafe (Yondermans Cafe) Coming out of Bradwell our new RED leader took a left too quick, that was no problem, we could see MX5 on the High road while we were on the Low road, missing out Bamford. We all came together near Derwent Valley Dams. Parking up at Fairholmes car park near the Dam wall. A coffee and snack to warm us up before we walked to the cascading wall of water that was flowing over the Dam. A group photo, and a one minute silence for one of our dear friend, Sally, a young, long standing member.

Returning to our cars we made our way to Glossop. Slight rain, but nothing to worry about. Through a very busy Tintwistle, Crowden A left turn towards Dunford, Townhead, Carlecotes, Past the wind turbines, (road surface not very good for taking pictures while on the move) We are not sure what went wrong but some seemed to take a different route, but all's well that ended well, we all made it to Kelham Island Museum, once we had got out of the traffic jam due to road works.

It has stood on a man made island for over 900 years. The first thing to see was the Bessemer Converter, only 3 left in the world. The beginning of Mass Steel production in Sheffield.

Next was the Power House, where the River Don Engine Boiler was housed. Weighing 400 tons and running on 12,000 horsepower, powered up at 3pm for us to see it in all its glory.

Built in 1905 and still in use at British Steel Corporation's River Don Works until 1978 it was the most powerful steam engine in Britain. The Hawley Gallery with over 100,000 tools on show, salvaged from 1927 to 2014.

All MADE IN SHEFFIELD So many more items to see, old cars, motor bikes, milk float. Plenty of memorabilia.

All MADE IN SHEFFIELD How sad to think what Sheffield has lost over the years.

I could go on forever, but I think if I have wet your appetite you MUST go and see for yourself.

Our thanks once again for a wonderful day Burton & Lesley.

I think I speak for all MX5 P&P members.

*Eileen*

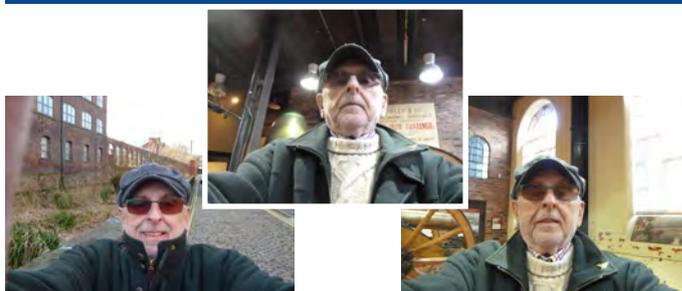




Fight?



John's guide to photography - the selfie!



Have you seen this man?

He's wanted by the RSPCA for allegedly turning an otter into a hat. Last seen speeding from a nature reserve.

REWARD £1.50

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!

# Getting to know you, Keith & Max

Hi there, we are Keith (Norman) and Maxine (Mad Max). This year see's our 10th Anniversary, not of being together, but 10 years since I bought my very first MX5 a shiny red 2 litre Mark 3 and we became members of the Peaks and Pennines MX5 Car Club. Fitting really that traditionally 10 years equates to a tin and aluminium celebration!

After many years of touring on a motorbike, Max was excited about getting the MX5, not because she didn't like the bike, but because of all the extra luggage she could now take! So, a Car Club yes, but it could also be called a social club because that is what it became for us, meeting and making great friends and sharing unforgettable times together on monthly runs (along roads I didn't know existed) to some amazing and fascinating places. We've had some fantastic times on our annual long weekend pilgrimage to Wales, even getting my car pranged whilst I was in the bar didn't dampen the spirits (thanks to John for his "citizen's arrest" of the culprit). Numerous other weekends away notably York, Alnwick, a 3 days coast to coast run and who could ever forget Burton's bonfire night in Walesby (Max and Lesley probably can't remember much, but Trish still has nightmares).

A fortnights trip to France saw 11 MX5's get lost, found, lost again, get split up, get together again, join a cycling race (the marshals weren't happy), but above all made lifelong friends. The red car did 117,000 miles doing the above and with over 110,000 miles on the clock did a trip across Holland, Austria, Germany and Italy taking in the Stelvio and other alpine passes on the way to Venice and back without missing a beat. Last year we swapped red for blue and another 2 litre Mark 3 so here's to the next 10 years of happy motoring and exploring more amazing places.



## Sports Cars In The Park - May 5th 2019

After the success of last years turn out, we're going to be doing Sports Cars In The Park again. If the weather holds up the event will be really good!

We're still finalising what the day will look like but to give you an idea, we'd leave Silkwood (nr Wakefield just off the M1) at 8.00am. Sorry for the early start but getting into the event takes quite a while. We'd do a picnic for lunch and then around 2.30/ 3.00 head off for a drive over to Whitby. Whitby drive is optional!

If you're interested in going or have any questions then please email me: [mike.j.hall@ntlworld.com](mailto:mike.j.hall@ntlworld.com) or call me on **07802 309476**.

You can find out more and register to book your tickets here: [www.sportscarsinthepark.co.uk](http://www.sportscarsinthepark.co.uk)

I'm just in the process of confirming whether we have our own group or we join the main club - you have to make the selection when you buy your ticket.

Please note, in order for you to attend the event you **must** register, you cannot just turn up on the day.

Andy, Marie, Sharon and myself will be testing the route before we go so a full route will be available on the day.

Hope you can join us!

Mike



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