

So this is where Barnes Wallace got his inspiration!



Cosmo Smallpiece lives on



Monthly meeting

Come and meet Cosmo along with all the fun bunch in this edition 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!



December 2019

MX-5 alive

From the drivers seat...

In the August Newsletter I mentioned that a Steering Group was going to be formed to assist myself and Lesley with the planning and organizing of our runs, the group had its first meeting on October 17th at The Rockingham Arms.

It was a very positive meeting with a lot of feedback and suggestions, a comment was made that a lot of the venues that the runs finished at were museums, several alternatives were suggested, the first of these could be as soon as March, to Cadbury World, after our visit to see the snowdrops, in February.

Rather than visit Wales next year we plan to tour The Cotswold's the weekend before Easter.

The Sports Cars in the Park event is to be visited again in May, before moving on to a pub (or the coast) for a late afternoon meal.

The inter area meeting hosted by P&P at Rowsley was enjoyed by all who attended, a similar event is being planned at a different venue in June.

The exact location of the Clubs National Rally in Buckinghamshire (MK18 2EX) on Sunday 4th July being kept 'under wraps' at the moment until the contracts have been signed. As the venue is very close to Bletchley Park, a visit there is being considered on the Saturday. There is also a Club Motorsport event on at Blyton the same weekend.

Ellenroad Engine House Steam Museum near Rochdale, the home of World's Largest Working Steam Mill Engines -Victoria & Alexandra, will be the destination of our club in July.

The Scarecrow Festival (August 8th to 16th) possibly combined with The Forbidden Corner and overnight stay in Masham (home of Theakstons Brewery) is being investigated.

And 'now for something completely different', a weekend away by coach to Liverpool, taking in a visit to The Cavern, along with our annual 10 Pin Bowling Match has been pencilled in for next Autumn.

The 2020 Pre Christmas run is to Lyme Park NT, Stockport newly restored after extensive flood damage on 2019.

Those of you who have taken part in club motorsport days at The Blyton Circuit will have seen the owner Richard Usher up in race control, he sold the circuit to Ginetta last year, his current project is to create a vintage car museum, with a difference, he is calling it The Great British Car Journey -When Britain Ruled the Road. Along with a café overlooking the River Derwent there will be a one mile route where visitors can drive a selection of the Museums exhibits, this will be called The Drive Dad's Car driving experience. More than 100 vintage cars would be on display. A run down to the venue in Ambergate is being planned once it opens in late April or early May.

Safe driving.

Burton and Lesley

Getting to know you, Marguerite and Roy

Hi Fellow MX-5 Owners!

Marg and I have been married for 46 years (where did the years go). We met at school - and yes - I used to carry her books and walk her home! Occasionally I would give her a lift on my bicycle which I made up from any old bike parts that I could find. I made it up once piece at a time and it didn't cost me a dime, as the song goes, but that's what we did in those days!

We progressed to Mods and scooters, parkers and hot pants with white boots - Marg not me I might add - good times.

We have two great sons, four lovely grandchildren and two elderly parents all of whom take up our time, but we still manage time for ourselves.

Marg started work at Swinden Labs - part of what was then British Steel - doing secretarial work whilst I started work in the steelworks as a grinder. We've both changed our jobs several times during our working lives until Marg retired at 61, whilst I changed jobs once more round about that time to become a Park Ranger until redundancy/retirement at 65.

We have travelled quite extensively throughout the years with destinations such as South Africa, Zimbabwe, Australia, Canada, America etc. also Scotland's North Coast 500 trip in our MX-5. We bought our first MX-5 Mark 2 which gave us some very good service, then we joined the MX-5 Owners Club and progressed to a Mark 3. Joining the club proved to be a very good move for us as we have met some wonderful people and made some great friends, but most of all, thanks to Burton and Lesley, our club co-ordinators. We have been on some great runs and have had some great experiences which is down to their hard work and dedication, so a big thank you to a great couple for a job well done.

We can certainly recommend the North Coast 500 run to anyone who hasn't done it and maybe thinking about it, but watch out for the midges as they would appear to like Englishmen!

Looking forward to many more experiences with the MX-5 Club and all you like-minded people out there.

Bye for now

Roy and Marguerite



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One Penny Ride

WOW.... What can I say!

The weather looked a bit bleak with dark clouds over head. 16 cars set off from the Stock Yard Hellaby with tops down.

John and Alex joined us later. Heading towards Thurcroft, Brampton, Bassetlaw, Carlton in Lindrick. We were very lucky to have missed all the rain as the roads were very wet at Hodsock. Then the sun came out YIPPEE. On toward Ranskill, Bawtry, not far away now to Hayfield Lake near Doncaster, for our coffee break. A great location with a very large fishing pond, lovely grounds, and a brilliant pub that made excellent coffee and cake.

Back on the road again and not too far away, we entered The Trolley Bus Museum at Sandtoft. The sun still shining we made our way to the cafe. A full tummy, then we can enjoy the day. IT was the 50th Anniversary of The Trolley Bus Museum. Trolley buses have been around since 1911 first seen on the London streets. They then became popular all over the world until 1972 when they were discarded by the British. But still used abroad. They were powered by mains electricity collected from special over head wires by two poles on the roof. They had rubber tyres and run on normal roads.

The Museum stored many such Trolley buses coming from all over the world, Europe, Canada, New Zealand. We started with a ride on a very old Motor Bus, for over half an hour we spent a very enjoyable journey with a very funny smiley guide (Steve) showing us the country side and the village of Epworth. (All the staff are volunteers)

Serving or retired emergency service personnel gave us a demonstration of the excellent work they do attending an incident. There were shops with old camera's and clothes memorabilia, also a prefab bungalow with 1950 decor and furniture. A blast from the past for some of the oldie's (me included).

We then paid our PENNY and got our ticket for a ride on the TROLLEY BUS, we went up stairs to get the front seat, but it had been taken, but plenty more seats. Believe it or not this was the first time I had ridden on a Trolley Bus. It was short and sweet, but very enjoyable.

Time had gone so fast, lots to see, but I am sure we didn't see it all. Our last look and to take some pictures of those magnificent fire engines, plus the police car and motor bike. Things were closing down, so time to head back to the car. It had been ANOTHER great day.

Thanks once again to Burton & Lesley for finding something different for us all to enjoy.

Eileen



Strike it lucky!

12 cars started the day at the Dearn Valley Pub. The forecast wasn't the best but our feisty team decided that TOPS SHOULD be DOWN.

Loosing the front group, due to roundabouts and lights near Birdwell, we soon caught them up. Plenty of cars on the road also plenty of big puddles, due to all the past rain. Rob and Jayne nearly got a soaking when an oncoming car went through the biggest puddle.

Heading out towards Woodhead, passing over Woodhead Bridge, then taking a sharp left turn onto Dam Wall. It was good to see the dams were very full of water. A lot of twisty bends, very enjoyable for MX-5 drivers, heading towards Glossop. There we took a left turn and headed out to the wide open country side.

We got higher and higher we even got above the low clouds, shrouding us in fog. Once we started our decent the mist cleared, even the sun came out. Over Ladybower Bridge we soon arrived at The Anglers Rest for our coffee stop. We were shown to a room with tea and coffee laid on, ordered by Burton & Lesley beforehand. Our next destination was to meet up with the North East Midlands MX-5 group on Baslow Hill near Chatsworth.

Burton will have to fill you in with that one as we left the group with Jayne and Rob to go straight to the bowling ally for Trevor to organise his bit of the day. Eventually the rest of the group made it to the bowling alley. Plus other members who had come for the bowling and the meal to follow

2 games had been booked, I think everybody enjoyed, some HIGHS and some LOWS. Just a bit of fun and something different. All the luck of the game. After bowling we all made our way to The Riverside pud for our evening meal. With tummy's full we presented the lucky winners of the bowling with their trophies,

I want to congratulate the winners!

Nicola	248 pts	1st lady
Babs	173 pts	2nd lady
Maxine	The strongest	
Keith	230 pts	1st gent
Alan	221 pts	2nd gent
Nige	The strongest	

Well done to all that took part.

It was another great day thanks to Burton and Trevor for organising it all. Looking forward to next year.

Eileen

