

AREA 1 JAGUAR DRIVERS CLUB NEWSLETTER



JUNE 2019

We are nearly halfway through the year – where has the time gone!

18 of us have just returned from an enjoyable few days in Northern Ireland which was the first tour organised for us by Scenic and Continental Car Tours and I think all of us would agree it was a great success. I think most of us would have loved to have stayed a bit longer as there is so much to see but we had good weather, calm ferry crossings and excellent hotels. Maybe it will be a tour we might repeat in the future.

Events for 2019 and 2020

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Tickets for **Flying Day** on 16th June are now on sale. They cost £15.00 per head to include a Hog Roast, salad and a dessert and of course the opportunity to take a flight in one of the planes that will be available for a contribution of £25.00 towards fuel costs for the pilots. Tickets for the event must be purchased in advance (there will be no ticket sales on the day) so please let me know within the next few days how many tickets you will require, and send me payment. I understand it is Fathers' Day but don't let that stop you from coming, just bring your family and friends along for a great day out. Participants do not have to be members of the Club.

Sunday 23rd June - Yattenden is holding its classic vehicle day from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. with I understand it now has added steam! I am sure it would be a good day out if anyone fancied going.

A reminder once again that on **30th June**, Thatcham Rotary Club are holding their Classic Car Show so if you are interested in attending you will need to go on their website and download a booking form or register on line at www.rotarythatcham.org.uk. Don't forget to put down Jaguar Drivers Club to be part of a club stand. I understand there are a few members who are already planning to attend which is always a good social event.

Club night, 2nd July – this meeting will be at the Millhouse, North Warnborough. This time everyone can eat on an ad hoc basis and not have the formal arrangements we had in March. This is in the hope that the weather will be good and members will want to have the choice to eat outside. It would be useful if you could let me know if you intend going along so that I can let the Millhouse know approximate numbers.

Sunday 14th July is “Simply Jaguar” Day at Beaulieu. The cost is £10 per car and if anyone is interested in going please let Malcolm Sykes know. A lot of us were at Beaulieu last year for our 50th Anniversary so if you didn’t get a chance to see everything at Beaulieu then, this could be another opportunity for a visit.

Chairman’s lunch, 21st July – this will be held at Mike and Sally’s house at Chieveley and, as we did last year, we will be asking everyone to bring a picnic together with their own tables and chairs, etc. Unfortunately if the weather is bad this event will have to be cancelled as Mike and Sally do not have the space for everyone to eat inside, but I am sure this won’t happen! Please could you let me know as soon as possible where or not you will be joining us at this event. Nearer the time we will provide details of the venue, timings, etc.

Starlight Charity event – 7th August – this event takes place at Popham Airfield and is an event held for critically and terminally ill children and their families to give the children a magical day of fun with motorbike, helicopter, hovercraft and car rides along with many other attractions and of course the opportunity to enjoy the many trips on offer from the Popham Airfield pilots. Last year a few of our members went along and took some of the children out in their cars on an informal drive around the airfield which was very rewarding. It would be great if this year we could get as many members there as possible with their cars, so please make a note of the date. If you think you are able to go along, please let Dave Greenly know.

3rd September club night – I have arranged a speaker from The Motor Garage near Salisbury.

Sunday 13th October – Malcolm Sykes has kindly agreed to organise a day trip out with lunch. The starting point will be Malcolm and Jan’s house in Fleet. If you are interested please let Malcolm know. There will be more details nearer the time.

The Mill at Sonning, 30th November 2019 – tickets are almost sold out but I am sure if anyone would still like to go we will be able to obtain some more tickets even if it means we can’t all sit together. The show this year is “Singing in the Rain” and the cost is £62.50 per ticket and includes dinner before the show.

Christmas dinner, Saturday 7th December 2019 –don't forget to book for our Christmas dinner at the Norton Park Hotel again. The cost for this year will be £24.00 per head for a three course dinner and a Champagne reception all in the Wonston Room. This is a heavily discounted price which we negotiated with their management in view of the problems we had last year. Our numbers have increased to 46 people attending which is great news but it would still be good to fill the room with 50 members as last year so please do not be put off by the problems we had last year and come and make it a great success to end the year. If you are interested please let me have a deposit of £6 per head. The hotel is also holding rooms for us at a special rate of £85.00 per room, for bed and breakfast, so if you intend to stay at the hotel don't forget to book your room with central reservations and let them know you are with the Jaguar Drivers Club. This should be a very good evening and this year the Club will provide the wine on the tables.

2020 tours

We have now finalised the details for our **European tour** which is being organised by Scenic and Continental Car Tours. The dates are **18th-26th May 2020** for an 8 night tour of the Black Forest area of Germany and the Ardennes area of Belgium with a final night in Ypres. For those who do not wish to participate in the 8 night tour we are offering an alternative 4 night tour from **22nd-26th May** to just the Ardennes area of Belgium with a final night in Ypres. The cost of the 8 night tour is £1,099.00 per person and the 4 night tour is £599.00 per person. This includes half board accommodation in all the hotels except the one in Ypres where dinner is not included. You should already have received full details from me. A number of members indicated that they would be interested in these tours but to date have not booked direct with Scenic Cars. It is imperative that you do so no later than 15th June 2019 to secure your place and let me know please when you have done so.

We have also now finalised the details of a tour to the **Lake District** which will take place from **24th-28th September 2020** (4 nights) when we will be staying at the Castle Inn at Lake Bassenthwaite, near Keswick (www.castleinncumbria.co.uk). The cost of this tour will be £499.00 per person for half board accommodation and details of how to book this tour will be sent out during week beginning 17th June 2019. In the meantime if you are interested in joining this tour, please let me know as soon as possible.

Just to remind you once again to keep an eye on our website which Dave Greenly is updating all the time and don't forget to let him have any photos of your cars on events for inclusion.

Don't forget our next Club night is on 2nd July is at the Millhouse at North Warnborough.

Please let me know where I have requested attendance at events, tours, etc., as soon as possible. Phil and I will be away for two weeks from 23rd June and will not have access to our emails so in the meantime if anyone has any questions or any other ideas for future events or anything you would like us to improve, please let me know.

Sue Parkinson
Chair Person

P.S. Don't forget the Prescott Hill Climb organised by the E-Type Register next weekend, **9th June 2019**. If you are not participating it is always a good day out. There is a restaurant there or just bring a picnic and enjoy the countryside.