

AREA 1 JAGUAR DRIVERS CLUB NEWSLETTER



AUGUST/SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Apologies for not sending out a newsletter in July or at the beginning of this month but we were busy with holidays and family, etc., so I am sending out a combined August/September newsletter which I hope will update everyone on what is going on.

Since the last newsletter we have had a number of successful events including Flying Day, which despite the weather particularly at the beginning of the day, proved to be another great success. Everyone seemed to enjoy the Hog Roast and apple pies and amazingly we made a profit of £670.00 and the umpteen number of flights that Dave Greenly made in his 4-seater plane meant there were no disappointed customers.

I understand that the Club night on 2nd July at the Millhouse at North Warnborough was also a good evening with good weather which is always a bonus for that venue because of its lovely location.

28 members brought their picnics along to the Chairman's lunch at Mike and Sally's house which was a good turnout and there was quite a variety of food. We are looking at changing the format for next year and are always open to suggestions.

EVENTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR

Tuesday 3rd September, our next club night – don't forget we have arranged a speaker, Ian Hunter, from The Motor Garage near Salisbury so please come along and support this evening. I believe he is giving a talk on classic cars. If you are intending to eat before the talk, please ensure you arrive at the Vine no later than 6.30 p.m. so that we can start the meeting promptly at 8.00 p.m. Ian will be joining us for a meal as well.

Sunday 13th October – Malcolm Sykes is organising a day trip out with lunch. The starting point will be Malcolm and Jan's house in Fleet and Malcolm has chosen a route with various clues and things to find on the way to a hotel for lunch. Please let Malcolm know if you intend to join us if you haven't done so already, to book your place. Further details to follow.

Tuesday 5th November - we shall be holding a Darts evening at this club night.

Wednesday 13th November. Following on from the success of last year, we shall be having another curry evening at the **Mumbai Brasserie** in Andover. Details will follow later.

Saturday 30th November 2019, The Mill at Sonning – tickets are all sold out.

Tuesday 3rd December – AGM, followed by a quiz that Brian Cutts has kindly agreed to organise again.

Saturday 7th December 2019, Christmas dinner – don't forget to book for our Christmas dinner at the Norton Park Hotel. 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 now increased to 50 people attending which is great news. If you are still 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 be providing the wine on the tables.

Events for 2020

We are already looking at events for 2020 and would welcome fresh ideas or please let me know if you would like any particular events that has been held this year repeated, or not.

So far plans are already being made for two days out or even a weekend away next year - one in or near Weymouth probably in April to possibly include a night in a hotel and a visit to the Nothe Fort, and the other to the Portsmouth Dockyard, probably in October.

European tour, 18th-26th May 2020 - an 8 night tour of the Black Forest area of Germany and the Ardennes area of Belgium with a final night in Ypres, with an alternative 4 night tour from **22nd-26th May** to tour the Ardennes area of Belgium only, 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. There are still some places available so please let me know if you would like to join us and book direct with Scenic Car Tours International.

Lake District tour, 24th-28th September 2020 (4 nights) at the Castle Inn at Lake Bassenthwaite, near Keswick (www.castleinncumbria.co.uk). The cost of this tour is £499.00 per person for half board accommodation and if you are interested there are still some places available.

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 at events for inclusion in the gallery. Dave is also going to organise our calendars for 2020 so please let him have photos of your cars for that as well.

As we have a reasonable amount of money at the Bank, at our last committee meeting it was agreed to donate £300 to charities, £100 to each of Cancer Research, Enham Alamein

Trust and the Thames Valley Air Ambulance. We also agreed to waive the voluntary subs for 2020 as it was felt that this was something that everyone would benefit from.

Going forward, we are still looking at ways of organising future tours and keeping the prices down as I appreciate that the cost of the tours being organised by Scenic Car Tours are more than we have been used to. However it does mean that all the hard work in organising such tours is taken off our hands and there are no legal implications with regard to holding members' monies which legally we cannot do, and Scenic Car Tours use ABTOT so our monies are protected.

However, as we did in Lincoln last year and in the Peak District this year, the hotels we booked actually preferred to take bookings and deposits direct from our members but someone had to organise the itinerary for the tour, any group bookings, venues, etc. (David East for the Lincoln tour and myself for the Peak District tour) which all involves a lot of hard work. However this certainly keeps costs down and we could just not have any tour book and do our own research of places to visit and just meet up the evenings. However, it may or may not be as easy to individually liaise with hotels in Europe and book ferries, etc. and we are more likely to need a more detailed itinerary and route book which again is a lot of hard work. It maybe that in the future we should organise UK tours ourselves and use an organisation like Scenic Car Tours to organise European tours, if there is sufficient interest.

There are lots of things to think about so any input would be greatly appreciated but unfortunately as always we need volunteers as well.

Sue Parkinson
Chair Person