

AREA 1 JAGUAR DRIVERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



I can't believe this is my last Newsletter for 2019! Where did the year go! Thank you to everyone for supporting Area 1 throughout the year.

17 of us enjoyed another really good meal at the Mumbai Brasserie in Andover on the 13th November. The food just kept coming and coming and there was far too much to eat. I think we shall be repeating this again next year!

I understand that 32 of our members enjoyed a very good evening at the Mill at Sonning last night. It was the first night of the production of "Singing in the Rain" which finished with a standing ovation. I am sorry that I wasn't there this year. Thanks must go to Alan Matthews for organising it.

EVENTS GOING FORWARD

Tuesday 3rd December – AGM, followed by a quiz that Brian Cutts has kindly agreed to organise again, so please support this evening. There will be prizes for the winners and losers! You will need to divide into teams of 4 or 6 although as last year there will be penalties for teams of more than 4! The AGM will start promptly at 8.00 p.m. so if you intend to eat beforehand, please arrive no later than 6.30 p.m. The quiz will take place immediately after the AGM.

Saturday 7th December 2019, Christmas dinner – 54 people are due to attend this event and some of us will be staying at the hotel overnight. We will have a Champagne Reception in the Wonston Room at 7.15 p.m. followed by dinner at 7.45 p.m., but I expect many members will meet in the bar beforehand. The dress code will be smart/casual. The club will be paying for the wine on the tables and a couple of soft drinks for those who do not drink.

Saturday 7th March 2020 – if you haven't already done so, please don't forget to contact Jane Lawrence (01635 827954) if you would like to join us at the Madejski Hotel in Reading for a gourmet dinner and overnight stay at a cost of £150 per couple for dinner, bed and breakfast. This has become an extremely popular event and not to be missed!

Saturday 25th/Sunday 26th April 2020 – Drive out weekend in Weymouth at the Best Western Rembrandt Hotel, with a visit to Nothe Fort on the Sunday. The hotel is holding 15 rooms for us. The cost of the rooms are £145 for bed and breakfast with the addition of an evening meal at a cost of £25 per head. If you haven't already done so please let me know if

you would like to join us and at the same time let me have a deposit of £34 per couple as we need to confirm numbers with the hotel no later than 20th December. Derek Clark is organising this and is also hoping to arrange a lunch for us on the Sunday at a nearby restaurant following our visit to the Nothe Fort.

18th-26th May 2020 (8 nights) – tour to the Black Forest area of Germany, Belgian Ardennes and Ypres. There are still a few places available so if you would like to join us please let me know as soon as possible and book direct with Scenic Car Tours. Remember there is also a shorter 4 night version of the tour from **22nd-26th May** which just covers the Belgian Ardennes and Ypres. If you want a copy of the itinerary please let me know.

24th-28th September 2020 (4 nights) – tour of the Lake District. Again there are still a few places available so if you would like to join us, please let me know as soon as possible and book direct with Scenic Car Tours. As it is quite a long way to travel, I did wonder if we might book a hotel on the way up or on the return journey (or both). If there is enough interest I will try and source a hotel which I suggest we then book individually and not through Scenic Car Tours, unless anyone has any other ideas or know of a good hotel. Please let me know your thoughts.

Last year it was suggested that instead of everyone giving out Christmas cards we should make a donation and Area 1 would then send the money to a charity. I thought it was a good idea so I suggest for those that would like to, that we do it again this year. I will have a container available for our contributions at the AGM and the January meeting.

Lastly, don't forget to let Dave Greenly know as soon as possible if you would like a 2020 calendar. His email address is dgreenly@mac.com.

Hopefully I will see many of you at the AGM and Quiz night on Tuesday but if I don't I hope you have a really good Christmas and wish you a Happy New Year.

Sue Parkinson
Chair Person

P.S. for those who would like to know, George Gibbs' funeral details are below:
Wednesday 11 December at 2.00pm
Charlton Park Crematorium, Andover, SP11 0TA – 01264 318760

