

# AREA 1 JAGUAR DRIVERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

## MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER



When is it going to stop raining and what with the threat of the Coronavirus let's hope as we move into Spring things will improve in time for some of our upcoming events. I attach an updated copy of upcoming events to this newsletter.

### Events for 2020

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** – Club night (darts evening). You should have already let Caz know your menu choice. If you haven't please let me know immediately as Caz and Dave are away.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2020** – There are still spaces on the Drive out weekend in Weymouth at the Best Western Rembrandt Hotel, with a visit to Nothe Fort on the Sunday. 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. At the moment we have 10 couples participating in this event but it would be nice to have more so if you haven't already done so, please let Derek Clark and me know and at the same time let me have a deposit of £34 per couple. More details to follow but Derek is also hoping to arrange a lunch on the Sunday at a nearby restaurant following the visit to the Nothe Fort.

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** – Jenny Lewis has organised a visit to the Lasham Heritage Glider Centre, arriving at 10am at the main building, good parking, for a briefing about the gliders. There will then be a drive either round the runway or along the road (depending on how busy the airfield is that day) to the Black Hangers for a tour and photo opportunities and then return to club house for lunch. There is no charge for this visit (other than the cost of lunch) but all visitors are asked to make a £5 donation towards the upkeep of the gliders. There are ten cars so far for this event, but again it would be great to have more. Please contact Jenny on [jenclaire@btinternet.com](mailto:jenclaire@btinternet.com) or phone 01420 564088 if you are interested and at the same time, let her know whether you intend to stay for lunch.

**18<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> May 2020 (8 or 4 nights)** – tour to the Black Forest area of Germany, Belgian Ardennes and Ypres. Those of you that are going on this tour, please don't forget that you will need to pay the balance of the outstanding monies outstanding to Scenic Car Tours **no later than 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020.**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June** is our annual Flying Day and following on from the success of the Hog Roast last year we shall be having one again! Tickets will be on sale from April at £15.00 each. These will be available for purchase from Caz Varns.

**24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> September 2020 (4 nights)** – tour of the Lake District. We have 13 couples booked for this tour and it is not too late to book if you would like to join us.

Other events for 2020 are:

A day out to the Portsmouth Dockyard. Derek Clark and Alan Matthews are working on the details. The proposed date is **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020** so make a note in your diaries as this could be a very good day out.

We now have two dates for the Mill at Sonning – **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2020** to see Ray Cooney's "Two in One" comedy and **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021** to see the musical "Top Hat". Please let Alan Matthews and myself know if you would like to go to both or either event as soon as possible. Tickets cost £64.50 each for the summer show and £69.50 for the January one and I will need a 50% deposit for either or both with your booking please.

We have also finalised the date and venue for our Christmas dinner which will be held at the Audley Woods Hotel on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2020**. Caz has already sent out an email and as last year we have to pay a deposit to commit to this booking very early. The cost will be £43.00 per head to include a three course dinner with a pre-dinner glass of sparkling wine, mince pies and tea and coffee, together with the usual Christmas crackers and novelties, etc. She has also negotiated a special rate for those who wish to stay overnight at a pre-paid bed and breakfast rate of £99.00 per room for bed and breakfast for which you will need to call 08454580901, quoting Jaguar Drivers Club, to book your room. 20 rooms have been reserved which will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you would like to join us for this event, please let me have a deposit of £20 per person as soon as possible but no later than 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020.

### **Events for 2021**

April 2021 – Drive out day – possible weekend at Woburn and Bletchley Park

May 2021 – tour of the Shropshire area (dates, venue, etc. to be confirmed)

September 2021 - tour of Northern Spain and the Picos Mountains staying at Parador Hotels. This is being organised by Scenic Car Tours from **19<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> September 2021**. The cost will be £1250 per person and includes the overnight ferries and bed and breakfast with dinner included for three of the nights. Scenic tours are giving us a really good price as it is £250 cheaper per head than they are charging for a similar tour in the summer of 2020.

- 10 day tour from 19<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021
- Return Brittany Ferry Crossing from Portsmouth as stated below  
19<sup>th</sup> September Portsmouth > Bilbao sailing- sails late evening Sunday and arrives into Bilbao early morning on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September – 2 nights at sea/36 hours

27<sup>th</sup> September Santander > Portsmouth – sails late afternoon on 27<sup>th</sup> and docks into Portsmouth late afternoon on 28<sup>th</sup> September (24 hour sailing)

- 3 nights in the [Parador Cangas De Onis](#) (21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>)
- 1 night in the [Parador Cervera de Pisuerga](#) (24<sup>th</sup>)
- 2 nights in the [Parador de Santo Domingo de la Calzada](#) (25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>)
- Breakfast included each morning at the hotels
- 3 hotel dinners included – on the first night in Cangas, dinner included whilst in Cervera, and dinner included on your last night of the tour in Santo Domingo as a farewell dinner
- Onsite car parking available at all hotels. Although there is an additional parking charge of approx 15 euros per car per night in Santo Domingo

Unbelievably the hotels are already getting very booked up so please initially let me and Caz know if you are interested and once we feel there is enough interest we will formally invite Scenic Cars to organise this for us. The deadline for the initial deposit is likely to be around June 2020 or possibly a bit later if we can get minimum numbers to commit.

Please don't forget to keep an eye on our website as Dave is always updating it and make sure you let him have loads of photos of our cars from all our events. These photos can also be included in our Calendar for 2021.

If anyone has any ideas for further events and/or would like to volunteer to organise one, please let Caz Varns and Lorraine Smith know.

And finally, some of you will already know that unfortunately I have been diagnosed with bowel cancer. Hopefully I will be having surgery on 16<sup>th</sup> March. This came as a complete shock to Phil and I, in particular as I feel perfectly well at the moment, but obviously means I will have to be out of action for a while and unfortunately will not be able to join members on the European tour, which we were really looking forward to. However, please keep me informed of things, copy me into emails, etc., as I will need something to do when I am recovering.

Sue Parkinson  
Chair Person

