

AREA 1 JAGUAR DRIVERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2020 NEWSLETTER



What a very strange situation we all find ourselves in! I do hope everyone is staying safe and well and managing to keep themselves occupied during these very difficult times. Maybe some of you are using the time to work on your cars? I am afraid our XKR is just sitting in the garage on trickle charge!

Anyway, I must thank everyone for the cards, phone calls and emails I have received over the last few weeks. I am actually feeling pretty well but have to be very careful not to put any strain on myself, so no lifting, driving, or doing very much at all! At least this lockdown is forcing me to rest whilst poor Phil remains in residential care getting very bored!

You will be pleased to know that the committee, in particular Caz and Malcolm, have been busy trying to re-organise events. For the time being we have cancelled all events up until at least June but I fear that it could be a lot longer. You will be pleased to know that Caz has been in contact with Mandy at the Vine, and they are keeping busy with painting the pub, and Mandy and her chef are offering a takeaway service which the village is making use of.

Events that we are still hoping will definitely take place this year are the Lake District tour in September and our Christmas dinner. The final balances for the Lake District tour are not due to be paid until at least July so there is plenty of time yet and we have been able to delay signing the contract and paying the deposit for our Christmas dinner at the Audley Woods Hotel until 1st July.

However, we are looking at possibly moving Flying Day to mid-August and maybe combining that with the Chairman's lunch. If not, then I think we will have to cancel both of those events for this year.

Looking forward to next year, 2021, we are hoping that the following events will take place:

- Trip to Weymouth and the Nothe Fort, possibly 12th/13th June 2021
- Eight day tour of the Black Forest/Belgian Ardennes with optional four day tour of the Belgian Ardennes. Revised dates are Monday 17th to Tuesday 25th May 2021 or Friday 21st to Tuesday 25th May 2021
- Ten day Tour of Northern Spain and the Picos Mountains, Sunday 19th to Tuesday 28th September 2021.
- Four night tour of the Shropshire area, Spring or Autumn 2021.

A number of members have already paid deposits or even the full monies for some of the events for this year, and for next year we will have to see what response we get from members before we

make a final decision on what takes place and when. The deposit we have paid for the Rembrandt Hotel in Weymouth can be transferred to a future weekend. Likewise the monies that members have paid to Scenic Cars for the Black Forest/Belgian Ardennes tour can be transferred to the tour in May 2021, to the tour of Northern Spain in September 2021 or to any tour organised by Scenic Car Tours in the future (you do not have to use the money for an exclusive Jaguar tour!) Scenic Car Tours do organise more or less exactly the same itinerary for the tours they are organising for us which are open to anyone. Please look at their website for more information at www.sceniccartours.com. For those going to the Lake District, if that tour takes place, then some of the monies paid to Scenic Cars can be used for that.

The Shropshire tour will very much depend on the response to the European tours but I would like to think that those who cannot or do not want to participate in one of these tours, would join us in Shropshire. This tour is being organised independently by Alan Ravenhall. Unfortunately it may mean that if all these tours go ahead the group numbers may be lower than normal but it was felt that at this stage it is too early to look at 2022! It also means that if anyone who has paid for the Black Forest tour and cannot make that tour, that hopefully they will be able to transfer their funds to the Spanish tour next year.

Please could you all acknowledge this newsletter and let me have some indication as to whether or not you would like to join one of the tours. If you had not planned to join the Black Forest/Belgian Ardennes tours this year anyway, but now find you can join next year, there may well be spaces as some members that had booked for this year, cannot make the new date in May 2021. In which case their booking can be transferred to another member who would then pay the member who was at risk of losing their money direct, rather than Scenic.

Some of you may already have confirmed with Scenic Car Tours and/or Malcolm or Caz that you are happy to transfer the funds that Scenic hold to next year's Black Forest tour or have already indicated that you are interested in the Spanish tour but even if this is the case please could you confirm again to me, copying in Caz, so that we can get an idea of numbers now so we can make the final decision on which tours should take place. Please note we are not asking for a firm commitment at the moment, but just an indication of which tours you would be interested in or not:

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| 1. Eight night tour of Black forest/Belgian Ardennes | 17 th -25 ^h May 2021 |
| 2. Four night tour of Belgian Ardennes | 21 st -25 th May 2021 |
| 3. Ten day tour of Northern Spain & Picos Mountains | 19 th -28 th September 2021 |
| 4. Four night tour of Shropshire area | Spring 2021 or |
| 5. Four night tour of Shropshire area | October 2021 |
| 6. Weymouth weekend | 12 th /13 th June 2021 (provisional) |

I look forward to hearing everyone's response **by return**.

Kind regards

Sue

