

AREA 1 JAGUAR DRIVERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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We are now half way through the year and what a strange time it has been Especially as we still don't really know what is going to happen going forward over the next six months. It is obviously really difficult for us as a Club to plan anything for the near future for the time being and being cannot recommence our monthly meetings. The important thing, as restrictions are being more and more relaxed, is that we all take even more care and stay safe and well.

We were due to meet at the Millhouse at North Warnborough this month but that has been cancelled. Going forward, we have been in touch with Mandy at the Vine but she is unable to take group bookings under the current social distancing rules. She can only take a booking in the garden in one area for a maximum of 6 people who are not from the same household with tables spaced out to allow for social distancing between them, and some limited bookings for inside. She had originally thought that she might be able to let us have the garden to ourselves and spread tables out so that we were still socially distancing but still able to meet but apparently not yet. In any event we would be very dependent on the British weather which is not very reliable! I attach information from Mandy about what she can and can't do with opening times etc. just in case some of you would like to meet up in a small group. If you would like to do this you must book with Mandy beforehand.

Unfortunately the Starlight Charity event at Popham Airfield has been cancelled as the children are obviously vulnerable to coronavirus. However it is still hoped that we might have a picnic on **Sunday 16th August** at Popham, and depending on government guidelines, Dave Greenly intends to make his plane available for flights. If you would like to join other members of Area 1 for a picnic on 16th August, could you please let Caz know so that she has some ideas of numbers. Her email is cazvarns@icloud.com.

In the meantime, Popham Airfield is now open so if anyone fancied getting out into the fresh air for a little while without crowds and watching planes, this is a great place to go. There is an outdoor van, open 7 days a week from 10-4 p.m., selling burgers, hotdogs, doughnuts and various other options. There are also hot and cold drinks available. The van is situated just past the club house. There are seats at a distance and a gazebo. The airfield toilets are one in, one out, to keep distance with hand sanitizers available.

At the moment we have no news about the Lake District weekend at the end of September. I know Best Western Hotels are opening this coming weekend but we don't know if and when they will be running at full capacity and presumably for the time being they won't be accepting groups so if the event does go ahead I think it would be a very different type of tour with restrictions in place.

Also at this time we do not know if our Christmas dinner will be going ahead at the Audleys Wood Hotel on 28th November. I am very conscious of the fact that we are holding deposits from everyone and some members have booked accommodation. We had delayed paying the deposit until this month and for the time being are going to hold on to it and wait for the hotel to contact us. If they do require payment I want to ensure that the deposit would be fully refundable in the event of cancellation.

On the bright side, I understand that David and Mary East have recently celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary so we must send congratulations to them for such a wonderful achievement. I have also heard that Bill and Shirley Airey had planned a summer celebration of their forthcoming 50th Wedding Anniversary and Shirley's 70th Birthday both of which are later in the year, which they had to cancel. Hopefully they will be able to reschedule some sort of celebration in the future.

I will just remind you again of the following events that are planned for next year and if you have not already booked a place, please do so as soon as possible.

- Mill at Sonning, Saturday 16th January 2021
- Eight day tour of the Black Forest/Belgian Ardennes with optional four day tour of the Belgian Ardennes, Monday 17th to Tuesday 25th May 2021 or Friday 21st to Tuesday 25th May 2021
- Trip to Weymouth and the Nothe Fort, 12th/13th June 2021
- Flying Day, 28th June 2021
- Ten day Tour of Northern Spain and the Picos Mountains, Sunday 19th to Tuesday 28th September 2021.

You are probably aware of JDC's new website and also please keep looking at our own website (www.jdcarea1.club) which Dave continually updates, and send him any pictures you might have.

In the meantime please take extra care to stay safe and well and if you have any questions, please let me know.

Kind regards

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