

AREA 1 JAGUAR DRIVERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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It seems now that after a disappointing August the summer is coming to an end, the days are getting cooler and the days are getting shorter, and with only a few restrictions lifted due to Covid-19 the prospects of returning to some normality seem to be a long way off and the chance of resuming our monthly meetings does not look good.

However, the picnic on Sunday 16th August did go ahead at Popham Airfield and 30 members enjoyed meeting up with each other again. Dave's plane was on hand although the only member that had a flight was Derek Clark. We were lucky with the weather with just a tiny bit of rain but we were able to move into a marquee that had been left up following a previous event.

As I said in the last newsletter we still do not know if our Christmas dinner will be going ahead at the Audleys Wood Hotel on 28th November but sadly I think it is probably unlikely.

The committee are meeting up later this month for the first time since January to discuss plans going forward. Also, as you are probably aware, I shall be giving up the position of Chairperson at the end of this year so we shall be looking for someone to replace me. If you would like to join our committee, please let me know as soon as possible. We normally meet four times a year at someone's house. At the moment I am not sure whether we shall be having a formal AGM in December and if so how we will hold it, but this will be discussed at our meeting and we will also be looking at ways that we might be able arrange some future events.

Once again I will just remind you of the following events that are planned for next year which hopefully will go ahead, 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.

On a sad note, I heard from Stephen Adam that following a colossal storm last Thursday, he had a river running down his drive and sadly his XK, which was on the drive, ended up with two feet of water around it for a couple of hours. The carpets got sodden and water would have gone up the exhausts. Stephen is pretty certain the car will be written off which understandably he is pretty upset about. Fortunately his E-Type was not in his garage, which was like a swimming pool under eighteen inches of flood water, as he had taken it to Pitt Lane in Winchester earlier in the day for an MOT. Unfortunately the flood water also soaked the whole of the ground floor of his house, so our thoughts are with Stephen and Frances as they go through the process of getting their house repaired and replacing furniture, etc., with assessors and insurance companies.

On a slightly more positive note I went down to South Wales a couple of weeks' ago to see the grandchildren (the first time I had seen them since Christmas!) and Phil should be home by the end of September, so I at least have something to look forward to although we will both have to be even more careful to avoid any chance of either of us getting Covid-19.

If anyone has any suggestions of how Area 1 could meet up again with social distancing rules in place, we would welcome ideas.

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

Kind regards

Sue