

Area One Jaguar Drivers Club Newsletter

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I write this newsletter before our October get together at the Wellington Arms which falls a bit later in October on Tuesday 7th.

40 of us have just returned from our tour of Suffolk which Caz did a wonderful job of organising last week. Having stayed at the Ufford Park Hotel some thirteen years ago without any problems, we were disappointed with the food and service this time. The hotel had apparently changed hands recently and although the rooms were fine and the staff were very friendly, the hotel suffered from poor management and staff training. However this did not spoil the enjoyment everyone seemed to have.

Caz arranged for us to visit Sutton Hoo on Monday to see the area where the Anglo Saxon boat burial is located, and a very interesting guide took us around. On Tuesday we went to Framlingham Castle, a ruin but with a long history. Wednesday saw us on a boat trip off Orford Quay. Orfordness was home to a lot of experimental Government work on radar and other methods of intercepting enemy incursions.

We had a free day on Thursday and Sue and I went into Woodbridge to see the work of recreating the long boat used for the Saxon burial at Sutton Hoo. The craftsmen and women are only using tools and building methods used 1500 years ago. That means no saws and the only way to prepare the oak for the ribs and planks is by using an adze and a type of draw knife.

On Friday some of the group visited Flatford Mill and Cottage made famous in a painting by John Constable. Sue and I had already been there, so we headed off home via a petrol station where a chap in a BMW ran into the back of us. Fortunately it was only about five miles an hour, so little damage was done to our E Type and we were able to continue on our way.

We are looking forward to our trip to the D Day Museum on the 12th October organised by John May. We will be meeting at the Sutton Scotney southbound services on the A34 at 9.30 for a coffee and will depart on John's route, avoiding main roads, at 10.30. Please book with John if you have not already done so and pay £14.00 per couple to Area 1.

Please also book your Christmas Dinner at the Audleys Wood Hotel with Lorraine - we still have a few places available. The cost of the Dinner will be £65.00 per person and we require a deposit of £20.00 per person now to secure a place which is payable to Area One in the usual way. If you have already put your name down for the Christmas dinner and have not paid your deposit, please do so to Area 1 as soon as possible and at the same time let Lorraine have your choice of menu.

Just to finish off, your committee will soon be starting to compile a calendar of events for next year but we are always looking for new ideas for future events, so if any member has any suggestions and/or would like to organise something themselves, please let me know.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on 7th at the Wellington Arms.

Tony Eades, the reluctant chairman.

