

# AREA 1 JAGUAR DRIVERS CLUB NEWSLETTER



## FEBRUARY 2019

As I type this February newsletter I am looking out at a very snowy scene! Let's hope the snow has stopped and it has all gone in time for our darts evening on Tuesday – roll on the spring and our future events!

I thought you would like to know that our Christmas card donation amounted to £105 and as promised the Club matched that amount, so I have sent £105 to each of Cancer Research and the Thames Valley Air Ambulance.

You may or may not know that Dave Greenly has taken over the running of our website and is going to update and revamp it over the next few months so do keep an eye on the site at [jdcare1.org](http://jdcare1.org). Dave hopes to display pictures of members and their cars at various events, however if anyone has any objection to this please let me know and in particular if you would prefer your vehicle number plate to be blanked off. In the meantime we must thank David East for the work he has done on the website over the last few years.

## Plans and events for 2019

I will just mention a few of the events for the first part of the year.

Please don't forget to let Mick Resteghini know as soon as possible if you are going to join us for **Sunday lunch** at the Royal Oak, Yattendon on **17<sup>th</sup> February**. It is a very nice pub in a lovely Berkshire village.

Just to remind you the **March club night, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March**, is at **the Millhouse** at North Warnborough. We will be using the room to the right of the bar. Please arrive anytime from 6.30 p.m. and order your food on arrival in order to stagger the food orders. Please could you let me know if you will be coming by the end of February so I can give the Millhouse an idea of numbers.

**The Cilantro deal at the Madjeski Hotel** in Reading on 9<sup>th</sup> March is now fully booked with 20 rooms taken up.

We have 13 members booked for the tour of the **West Berkshire Brewery** at Yattendon on 20<sup>th</sup> March.

We have 11 members signed up for the **Skid Pan course** at Thruxton Motor Circuit on 10<sup>th</sup> April.

**Drive out day** on **28<sup>th</sup> April** is being organised by Alan Ravenhall. He is organising a scenic drive to Petworth House in Sussex followed by lunch at 2.30 p.m. at a nearby pub. Sounds like a great day. Further details to follow.

We are still trying to organise a breakfast meeting in May but as yet nothing is confirmed.

As you already know our Flying Day this year will take place on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June and the price of the tickets will include a Hog Roast with salad, followed by a dessert. Unfortunately we have felt it necessary to increase the price of the tickets this year to £15.00 and we will be asking people to commit well in advance as the company providing the hog roast will need to be paid in advance together with numbers. Other than that the day will have the usual format.

Don't forget the **E-type register track day** on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** which is always a good day out. If you are interested in participating please contact Tony Eades or just turn up as a spectator. However, there is also a **Classic Car Show at Popham** Airfield on the same day which some of you may be interested in attending. If you are interested you will need to go on the Popham website at <https://www.popham-airfield.co.uk/classic-car-rally> and download a booking form. I am sure if there is enough interest then everyone will be able to park together.

Also on 30<sup>th</sup> June Thatcham Rotary Club are once again holding their Classic Car Show so if you are interested in that you will also need to go on their website and download a booking form or register on line at [www.rotarythatcham.org.uk](http://www.rotarythatcham.org.uk). Don't forget to put down Jaguar Drivers Club to be part of a club stand.

**Peak District, 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019.** 17 couples have booked this tour. The hotel have extended the reservation on the rooms until **15<sup>th</sup> February** so if you would still like to join us please let me know and contact the hotel direct to pay your deposit.

### **Future tours**

At our last committee we discussed future tours and how we were to go about arranging them as Phil and I feel we can no longer spare the time to continue organising them. We have decided to ask Scenic Car Tours International to organise a tour to Northern Europe (possibly Holland, Belgium or Germany) in May 2020, followed by a tour in the Lake District/Yorkshire dales or South Wales in September 2020. We might use Scenic Car tours for our UK tours, however we have found two venues/organisations who actually organise

tours for classic cars from their base. The only slight drawback is they are restricted in the number of people they can accommodate but in both instances they can offer accommodation in a nearby B&B or nearby cottages, although people would have to share in the cottages. This is still very early days and I am hoping to have a meeting with Scenic Car Tours quite soon initially to discuss our requirements and see what they can offer us.

If anyone has any questions or any other ideas, please let me know.

Finally, please don't forget to pay your subscriptions, albeit voluntary, but it all helps with contributing to the organisation and administration of events, etc.

Sue Parkinson  
Chair Person