



WESSEX VEHICLE PRESERVATION CLUB

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'WESSEX WAYS' OCTOBER 2022

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

Hi everyone,

We welcome Paul Stickler to this month's club night to give us a talk on the Kray twins, Paul has visited us in the past and everyone found him very entertaining.

As for me this last month we have been engrossed in the task of trying to sort out a venue for the festive Christmas meal even though there was 3 months to go a lot of venue's were booked and unable to help, but we have done our best and hope that you are happy with the result, well that's me done for now so you all drive and ride with care.

Doug.

CALENDAR OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tues 11th October – Club Night – Talk by Paul Stickler on the Kray Twins.

Sat 8th – Sun 9th October – Organford Classic Car and Steam Show

Tues 8th November – Club Night - AGM

CHRISTMAS MEAL 2022

Your Committee has been searching for a suitable venue and dates for a Xmas meal. The options we came up with are the Coach and Horses Inn, Wimborne or The Bridge House Inn, Longham and The Bakers Arms, Lytchett Minster.

The Bakers Arms price was £27.50 so was eliminated.

The issues with the Coach and Horses Inn are :- They can only do a Saturday night on the 26th November, also there is a lack of parking spaces particularly on a Saturday night. The number of seats is maximum 40.

The Bridge House Inn at Longham has plenty of parking spaces and also they can do Saturday night on 3rd December. We would have a room to ourselves with more than 40 seats if necessary. I have attached a menu for The Bridge House Inn for you to peruse.

Prices for the Coach and Horses are 2 courses £16.99 or 3 courses £19.99. The Bridge House are 2 courses £17.00 or 3 courses £22.00 So there is not a lot of difference between the two.

There will be an open discussion at the next Club Night on the 11th October. Also we have to make a decision by Wednesday 12th October so any suggestions would be welcome.

HAWKE OWNERS CLUB DORSET TOUR 16TH - 19TH September 2022

This article is not related to the Wessex Club in any way except that I (Dennis Jones) organised it but I thought it may make interesting reading for you.

As most of you know I built and own a GCS Hawke kit car (Morgan Replica) which is now 22 years old. I belong to the Hawke Owners Club and I was tasked in 2020 with organising a trip down to Dorset that year but due to Covid it was cancelled and postponed until this year.

I decided on the Bridge House Inn Hotel in Longham as a good venue for all to stay. I had a total of nine Hawke kit cars and one SUV sign up and a total of 18 people. 4 from Norfolk, 1 from Wales, 2 from Swindon, 2 from Wolverhampton, 2 from Towcester, 2 from Southend, 2 from Berkshire, 1 from Romsey and myself and Chris, so quite a mix.

We all met up at the hotel on Friday the 16th, all with stories of the various tribulations of their journeys down to Dorset. After a few drinks and evening meal and my instructions and route map for the following day and a start time of 9-30 am on Saturday we all retired to our rooms

Saturday dawned bright and sunny so all had the roofs off and we set off towards the Martyrs Museum at Tolpuddle where we spent half an hour and posed for a group photo. We then set off towards Puddletown and up on to the A354 towards Blandford and then on to Compton Abbas Airfield for a coffee stop. Next location was the Berwick St John Steam Show which we were kindly allowed to drive into during show hours. We all parked up in a group and caused quite a spectacle with all the same model but different colours. After 2 hours we gathered to set off but yours truly had a fuel pump issue which was a bit embarrassing but all ok in the end. The next part of the tour was via Tollard Royal, Horton Inn and on towards Wimborne where we parked and visited the Model Town and the Minster. Then back to the hotel for more beverages and stories. Total mileage covered was about 70 miles and compliments on the day came from everyone.

Sunday morning again dawned bright and sunny and at 9-30 am we set off to Christchurch Quay where we all managed to park in a line in the car park. Chris and I stayed with the cars to keep an eye out while the others explored the Priory and the Quay. Then after an hour we set off via Hurn, and Matchams towards the Roman Villa at Rockborne. Unfortunately the road at the end of the Matchams road is closed due to road works so we had to go up on to A31 and round Ashley Heath roundabout towards Verwood and then on to Alderholt and Sandleheath to the Villa. We had very interesting guided tour and talk by an archaeologist and a photo shoot of the cars. Next on towards Fordingbridge and through the forest towards Cadnam and visit Furzey Gardens where a cream tea was sampled and a look around the gardens. Two couples were then leaving for home so after goodbyes the rest of us set off back via the A31 to Ferndown and the Hotel. Again about 70 miles travelled and everyone was happy with all the visits.

Monday morning and again it was sunny for the various journeys home and we all said our goodbyes in the car park. I can now sleep at night after an enjoyable weekend. Dennis Jones.

