

Anglia Notes November 2018

East Anglian Tour

The inaugural running of the East Anglian Three-Day Tour was a great success and is reported below by Roger Latham:

Two years in the planning it was the first Anglia Centre weekend event of modern times.

Starting from an idea by Margaret Beresford and Barbara Pratley and developed by them into a complete weekend touring event. Their outline plans were brought to the Anglia Centre Committee for approval which was immediately and wholeheartedly given.

From then on over the intervening period considerable detail work was put in by a small sub-committee to create the complete package to present to MGCC members.

The event was very well received and the maximum number of bookings of 25 cars for the complete weekend package was filled.

In addition, there was a concurrent Sunday run which were well supported by entries from local members.

Our base was the Ufford Park Hotel Golf and Spa complex at Melton, Woodbridge.

Friday was arrival and signing on very ably done by Margaret, Barbara and Liz Pelling while Mike Pelling directed MGs to the specially designated parking area. Goodie bags for the entrants were most welcome and contained an excellent offering thanks to our sponsors. The bar lounge was the place to meet, chat and enjoy a complimentary drink before dinner in our private dining room. An excellent four courses was served with a glass of wine to aid the digestion. Coffee was followed by a tricky quiz devised by Mike Pelling. Well tricky for some but one team scored 39 from 40!!

Saturday was the big one. Following a country route over mainly small roads we made our way to Reedham Ferry. This is a chain ferry and accommodates just two cars (3 MGs at a squeeze) at a time. A light lunch was served in the Ferry Inn just the other side. Crews then proceeded to follow the road books to Horning where we boarded the Mississippi Paddle Boat for a delightful cruise on the Norfolk Broads. Some attractive, expensive, riverside houses were passed many with boat houses or docks. Wildlife was abundant; traffic on the water was quite busy crowned by a Norfolk Wherry in full sail a marvellous sight. On our return to dry land we again followed the directions back to our base. The day's run comprising some 112 miles through the best of Suffolk and Norfolk countryside. Dinner was again an excellent four courses with a glass of wine.

Sunday was much more leisurely. After breakfast and checking out an easy run of about 19 miles took one to Snape Malting where coffee and some shopping could be enjoyed. Then just 14 more miles to our final rendezvous at Thorpeness Country Club for a farewell buffet lunch. Sadly the weather was terrible very wet with some roads having water right across. 10 souls from the local area braved it together with the remains of the weekend entrants.

A very successful weekend event with some great by-roads driving together with great scenery. The hotel was top rate. And the organisation throughout was impeccable. Margaret and Barbara were everywhere aided by other Centre Committee members and two local members marshalling as required.

Many thanks to all who organised, planned and executed.



Cars gather at the start



Boarding the ferry

Here's to next year!

Roger Latham.

Snetterton

As we go to press the last MGCC meeting of the year has just taken place and the very last championship has been resolved with the MGCC BCV8 championship going down to the very last race of the season with five drivers still in with a theoretical chance of becoming overall champion.

At the end of a thrilling and very wet race, Jordan spencer was first passed the chequered flag, however so close are the championship points that announcement of the overall champion still has to be confirmed, as the seasons fastest laps and dropped scores have yet to be calculated.

It does seem that the outcome will however be between Russell McCarthy who won his class with fastest lap and Simon Tinkler who also won his class along with fastest lap.

Simon has been confirmed as class AB champion and the photo this month shows a delighted Simon along with partner Trudy standing alongside his race car in a very wet Snetterton paddock following the race.

The other photo's this month are of the E.A.T. and show cars loaded onto the Redham Ferry and an MG Midget, Y Type, MGA and MGF parked up during the tour