

SVW Event at Battle Near Hastings.

28th to 30th July 2020

As many of you know, we are staying at the Powder Mills Hotel in Battle, the town named after the famous battle of 1066 that resulted in the Norman King William taking over the throne of England. The hotel is well known to some of our members who praise the food and the beautiful surroundings. Their website is <https://powdermillshotel.com/>.

The event starts on Tuesday afternoon with a visit to a local restoration company followed by a buffet meal at the hotel. Our plan for the next two or three days follows but are still subject to change.

For Wednesday our programme is to drive to Beachy Head on the White Cliffs and return via the Filching Museum where Malcolm Campbell's boat Blue Bird is displayed along with many other vintage vehicles. From there we will go to a local pub for lunch. We plan to get back to Battle in time to visit the Battle Abbey where there is a both a school and priory and a presentation of the history of 1066. Our AGM will take place at approx. 6pm at the hotel when MGCC members can attend and the committee for the coming year is voted in. Our Gala Dinner will follow at about 7:30 pm

On Thursday morning we plan a country run to visit Herstmonceux Observatory, where the telescopes of the Royal Observatory are still in use, though their more modern ones are in Chile and the Canaries. We will lunch there and set off after lunch to the Chapel Down vineyards, where award winning wines are produced. Here we can see the vines and the wine production up close, and sample the product before returning either home or cross country to the hotel for dinner.

Those who stay overnight on Thursday can either leave for home after breakfast on Friday or join us for a trip to Dover Castle. This has been a barracks in the 18th and 19th C as well as a medieval castle, and also where tunnels were dug in the chalk cliffs in the Napoleonic and World Wars. It is a fascinating location and those who come can leave after lunch for home.

Clearly, if we go to these locations the entrance fees will have to be met, though we will be able to secure reduced prices for the Group. We will also provide lunch on Wednesday and Thursday.

We expect the costs to be:

Filching Museum £10 per head; Pub Lunch £10 a head; Battle Abbey £12 a head; Herstmonceux Observatory £17 including lunch and guide. Total £49 a head to be collected from you on arrival, together with the cost of rally plates, maps etc. estimated at £25 per car. Total for two people in a car about £123, plus £49 for each extra passenger.

The entrance cost for Chapel Down is £17 a head and Dover Castle £12 a head. These two visits are optional as owners may depart before they happen, though we will need to know numbers in advance for those who want to go and we will collect the money on the event.

Meanwhile, if you have not yet booked the hotel, call them quoting MG SVW Register and also let us know by email who is coming and in what car.