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AREA REP'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



What with herons trying to relieve us of our pond fish and more magpies than I have seen for years attempting to get the sunflower hearts out of the bird feeder, it seems as though there is always something to be shooed away. Never mind, we are still winning.

I'm pleased to say that our new venue at The Robin Hood, and the Christmas Dinner last Monday have all worked out well.

Until next year, have a good Christmas, keep well, and we'll see you in February.

Doug





Although it is a shame that having a new venue means that we are not able to have our traditional mince pie night, I think the Christmas Dinner worked well. When Doug and I took the menu choices to The Robin Hood, we spoke to the under manager, Mandy. We asked if we could have separate bills on the night, as it can be a bit chaotic sorting out one total bill at the end of the evening. The method that she worked out was very good, and it was so easy to pay for our own meals. I believe that this was our first Club Christmas Dinner since before the lockdown, so I'm glad it all worked out well.

Going forward, Mandy has also confirmed that our meeting on the first Monday in the month has now been accepted as a regular booking, rather than two or three meetings at a time as it had started out. As the first Monday in January falls on New Year's Day, our first meeting of 2024 will be on February 5th.



As normal for the next few months, I will have very little to write about so if any of you can think of a short article about your cars or places that you have visited that didn't get written about in the Newsletter, let me know or send direct to Roy.



Back in September, Doug and I had a short break in Oxfordshire where we visited Malcolm and Margaret Price, who we have known for many years through XK Weekends. Malcolm is a retired farmer and the various buildings, where cows used to be milked in the past, have made perfect garages for his collection of cars which include an XK150, E-type, a 1½ litre thirties Jaguar saloon and over a dozen other cars mainly from the thirties and forties.

