Meeting Notes 07.03.24 Yorkshire Grey – Earls Coome

David & Gary opened the meeting by welcoming and thanking those members in attendance.

No new members were present, but Stuart Calder was welcomed to his first meeting.

In addition, David Durnell was welcomed back to the group after a long absence.

2024 Drive Season:

Julie & Gary were thanked for organising Februarys first drive of the year. Twenty-six cars were in attendance including a renegade Porsche...

A well-planned route and sunny weather made for an enjoyable day out.

David & Gina are organising the next drive. This will be on March 24th and start and end at Jolly Nice Farm Shop with a mid-point stop for coffee. Route planning is work in progress! details to follow in due course.

Gary outlined details of an extra drive scheduled for Saturday 13th April to Stourhead House & Gardens. Full detail will be on the South West Midlands website and Facebook shortly.

2024 Events:

The current schedule of planned events can be viewed via the South West Midlands & National Owners Club websites.

The aim is to offer a packed calendar with 'something for everyone.'

Heather gave an overview of upcoming events and dates.

She confirmed that the Pageant of Power at Weston-Super-Mare had been cancelled but may be reinstated later.

Newent Cricket Club Car & Classic Show is confirmed for September 1st and will be added to the club events calendar.

Trevor informed the group of his intention to change the start point for his drive in April due to clashing events at Cotswold Barn and will confirm in due course.

We have several ticketed events coming up in the next few weeks. Members were advised to not leave ordering tickets to the last moment to avoid disappointment.

An example would be Septembers Cheltenham Fryer which will sell out quickly.

Several potential events are yet to confirm dates so will be added to the calendar as and when firm details are available.

All present, were urged to use the website as the primary source of information this year. The site will be constantly updated as events and information are added and updated.

No further suggestions had been submitted or were offered at the meeting, but all members are encouraged to come forward with events or drives throughout the year.

Monthly Meeting:

Gina has booked Gupshill Manor for the next meeting on April 4th.

Gary & Julie are looking at a new venue for Mays meeting, more detail to follow in due course.

AOB:

Ken asked if fancy dress was required for the Cheltenham Fryer Event. Gavin confirmed that fancy dress for guests was optional but not required.

Gavin was happy to confirm that he will be wearing his conductor's uniform at the event following many requests from our female members!

Andy asked for an update on the club's new event kit. This is in transit to the owner's club and will be sent out to Area Coordinators for distribution when available.

Members were again thanked for attending and the meeting closed.