

## **Area 33 Sunday Lunch – August - The Prince of Wales, Stow Maries**

Our Sunday lunch venue for August gathered a hungry group of fourteen members, comprising Dennis & Francis; Sian & Tony; Terry & Trish; Mike & Sue; Tina & Bernie; Alan & Sheila and Linda & Eric.



Sunday turned out quite warm and as the party was large we were allocated

the conservatory; nice and convivial but like a greenhouse inside!

Anyway, menu selections from the daily board eventually provided enormous servings of Battered Cod & Chips; Whole Sea Bass; Crispy Duck & Salad and Chicken Stack. Puddings of Vanilla Cream Caramel, Fruit Crumble and of course a Chocolate thing for Tina!

After lunch we were booked into the Stow Maries Aerodrome and Museum for a guided tour at 3pm so the seven Jaguars set off in convoy to the location, about a ten minute drive.

This turned out to be a fantastic location! After meeting owner Russell Savory we were escorted to the mess area where over tea & coffee Curator Ivor gave us a very detailed, humorous and informative slide show on the history of the Aerodrome and its use from 1916 to 1918.

This was followed by a walkabout with Simon of the many original WW1 buildings complete with stories of the period. Some buildings have been completely renovated and plans are in place to complete all buildings back to original condition. On our walkabout we were entertained by a Lancaster fly over (?) plus a couple of light aircraft landing on the field and parking up; clearly a popular location.

Russell then took us around the RS Performance Cars workshops and explained some of the details on the 600hp supercars he and the team manufacture, OK if you've got £125,000 to spend!

The weather was very kind to us and really made the whole day absolutely great.

For those interested there is a Vintage Fly-In on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 where any classic or specialist cars are welcomed to attend. See Website page <http://www.stowmaries.com/news/story.asp?NewsID=82> for more details.

See you next time.

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