

## Area 33 – Sunday Lunch –The Spotted Dog, Bishops Green



Well, despite my warning regarding invoking car troubles based on two previous visits, seventeen members and guests took their cars in their hands and visited this venue.

As predicted the meal confirmed it was a well-deserved risk!

Eric & Linda, to ensure not being late again, left early and were first to arrive. We were quickly followed in by Norman & Irene in their X Type and their friends Gillian & Andrew in a nice MkII.

I must say at this point, that Norman gets a demerit for really dirty tyres; however his excuse was that he had to take a dive into a muddy puddle to avoid a local 4X4; no respect for Jaguars!

The staff had laid a long table for us as Tony & Sian; Terry & Trish; Peter & Brenda; Tony & Anthea; Pam & Ron and Robert joined us inside as we savoured the menu. The place soon filled up, such is its popularity, so our orders followed quickly.

Unusual but delicious starters included Moule Marinere, Veal Pork & Black Pudding Terrine and Spicy Salmon & Cod Fishcakes. Favourite mains were Liver & Bacon, Roast Lamb or Roast Beef and Breast of Chicken with a Stilton Mouse; all very tasty and clean plates resulted.

Sticky Toffee Pudding, Panna Cota or Crème Brûlée followed for those who could!

Long tables are never best for sharing conversations but judging from the noise around ours there was no shortage of subjects or discussion.

Another great lunch with Area 33 and a nice drive home along Essex country lanes.

See you next time.

Eric Hoile