

## V8 Autumn Tour 2016 based in the New Forest – preliminary details - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> to Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016



### Preliminary notice for you to reserve these dates in your new 2016 diary of the Thursday 1st to Monday 5th September.

Arrangements are now in hand for next year's tour which will be based in The New Forest National Park in the County of Hampshire and is approximately 150 square miles in size. The deer of the New Forest was the very reason it was declared a royal hunting ground in 1079 for King William I and his noblemen.

The tour will be based at the [Forest Park Hotel](#) in Brockenhurst which is a traditional and comfortable New Forest hotel. Accommodation has been reserved for four nights at a discounted group rate of £80.00 per person per night based on two sharing one room including bed, breakfast and evening meal. Single accommodation rates will be



£130 per night including bed, breakfast and evening meal for sole occupancy of a twin or double room (as there are no single rooms at this hotel).

We are still engaged in organising the final arrangements, but we will be touring through beautiful areas of the forest and visiting various

establishments, including a winery, the famous Buckler's Hard where ships of the line were built and finishing at The Museum of Army Flying for a tour followed by a buffet lunch prior to departure for home. This is located north of the New Forest and is ideally situated for those returning north, east and west as it is very near to the A303 and A34.



### New Forest Cattle and Pigs

New Forest wildlife includes ponies, deer, pigs and cattle of various breeds and will be seen roaming freely and sometimes they will block your road ahead. **Pigs** can also be seen in larger numbers during the later autumn months when they are used to forage for acorns that have fallen from the oak trees. **Ponies** that eat large quantities of fallen acorns can suffer serious digestive problems, and this risk is cut down significantly when the pigs clear the ground of thousands of acorns.

**Beware! Foraging pigs can be very aggressive** towards humans, and pigs have been known to chase and even bite people. For this reason, it's best to view the pigs from a safe distance, as they can decide to charge at any time and without warning!

### Early booking recommended for the tour

Places are limited and early booking is recommended once details have been finalised. Booking details will be posted on the V8 website in the New Year. You will be requested to initially register your interest in this event participation and you will then be provided with a code to book your hotel room directly.

We look forward to seeing you in September!  
Meanwhile, best wishes for Christmas and the New Year

Mike & Jackie Lane

