



Fuel duty rise dropped

Welcome news for motorists in the Autumn Statement or Mini-Budget in December which confirmed the planned 3p a litre increase in fuel duty due to come in this month was scrapped. The 2013-14 increase planned for April 2013 has been moved to 1st September 2013 so there will be only one fuel duty increase in 2013. For the remainder of the Parliament, subsequent increases will take effect on 1st September each year instead of 1st April.

Two V8 Tours in 2013

This year V8 enthusiasts will have several

V8 tour options – first a “**V8 2 Day Add-on Tour**” to follow the European Event of the Year in August at Aviemore in Scotland. The add-on tour will be based near Ullapool on the northwest coast of the Highlands and will include a tour of the fascinating Assynt region and a drive round the Wester Ross Trail with stunning views of mountains and lochs from a route which passes by Loch Ewe and Gairloch, through Glen Shiel and the Great Glen to Dalwhinnie on the A9, the route south. Details and the tour and booking arrangements will be available on the V8 website in February. The second option is a **V8 Loire Tour 2013** planned for the end of September, possibly spilling into October. Robert and Stella Crowson have offered to organize this tour over five to six days in the Loire valley. See the website for information or contact Bob Owen on **0118 933 2533** for further details.

V8 Curry 2013

An annual V8 Curry Night has been a tradition of the V8 Register since 1979 and it is usually held in February on the evening before the International MG Show at Stoneleigh nearby so members can combine the two events. This year it is on Saturday 16th February 2013 at the Palash Bari in the village of Fosters Booth which is between

Towcester and Weedon on the A5 in Northamptonshire. The V8 Curry is being arranged again this year by Tony Lake and full details and a booking form are available on the V8 website or you can get details from Tony on **01604 589104**.

Best RV8 mods survey

The response to the survey of members' views on 40 popular modifications that can be made to the RV8 has been good. The results will be published soon showing how members rate each modification. The survey was the idea of fellow RV8 member, Roger Aldridge. A similar survey of the Best MGBV8 Mods will be launched soon and is being run by V8 Roadster enthusiast, Ralph Coulson.

V8 35th/40th Anniversary 2013

This year we have the 40th anniversary of the launch of the MGBGT V8 model in August 1973 together with the 35th anniversary of the formation of the V8 Register in 1978, so we are planning a compact programme of anniversary events spread over the two months or so before MGLive! rather than packing them into the week running before that major event. Full details of the events will be announced towards the end of February.

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