

## V8 Cambridgeshire Tour – September 2010



The annual V8 tour this year was as popular as ever with our enthusiastic group meeting at the Holiday Inn, Cambridge for what turned out to be a happy, carefree and enjoyable few days. The event was organised by David and Barbara Allen who themed our tour with culture, history and good wining and dining. Joining us for the first time were new enthusiasts Tudur Jones, who had travelled from Tywyn in Gwynedd North West Wales with his recently acquired MGBGT V8, and Roger and Jennifer Glover from Wrexham, for our whirlwind tour of four counties.

On Saturday we visited Sidney Sussex College in Cambridge, the Alma Mater of David Allen and had an enjoyable tour around this 16<sup>th</sup> century building. The very imposing Ely Cathedral beckoned with a wonderful and informative tour of this beautiful building. The V8s then drove in glorious sunshine through the Norfolk countryside to Denver Sluice which is a complex array of mechanisms for managing water levels as far away as Essex. A cream tea was a must for some people at the Denver Windmill!

On Sunday, after a walk around Wicken Fen, the V8s gathered at the Newmarket



Stud in Suffolk and were treated to the sight of some very expensive horses that live in the sort of surroundings that many a V8 would envy! We were given the opportunity to see behind the scenes of this working thoroughbred stud farm. Our last trip of the day was to Audley End House in Essex for some more culture, cream teas, and a trip around the gardens or a peep at the lovely 17<sup>th</sup> century house. The gathering of so many V8 vehicles was much admired in our impressive line up.

As the V8 tour traditionally ends at Monday lunchtime, we managed a visit to the Imperial War Museum at Duxford where our cars once again proved a very attractive diversion for the other visitors! This was a splendid end to a very enjoyable weekend.

Many thanks David and Barbara for your hard work and for keeping up the tradition of providing a terrific weekend. And a special thank you to Barbara for giving everyone a signed copy of her painting "On the way to the wash".

Next V8 Tour - Bob and Carolyn Owen are organising the V8 Berkshire and Hampshire Tour which will be held over the weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> September 2011 inclusive near Winchester in Hampshire.

David & Barbara Allen with Mill Reef at the National Stud

Photos: top left: V8s on parade at Duxford, below left: Dave Stonehouse's Citron V8 with Flying Boat Catalina at Duxford and below: David & Barbara Allen with Mill Reef at the National Stud

