



Cambridgeshire

2013 programme

This year's programme will include a run to Wrest Park, a visit to the Morgan factory, the Duxford Spring Car Show, a car treasure hunt and our first overseas trip to the Somme on April 4-7. Further details will follow in subsequent Gazettes.

My new car



Mark Taylor (left) with Steve Howie and his 'new' 260E.

For a while I've wanted another W124 (my first Mercedes was a 220E estate) so in November I took the plunge and bought a 1989 260E with 64,000 miles on the clock from Mark Taylor in Keighley (www.mtsv.co.uk). It was a pleasure meeting and dealing with Mark, who had been recommended to me by two friends, both Members. Mark's favourite car is the W201 190, but he does a good line in W124s as well, and won't sell a car until he's entirely happy with it. I tested both this car and a 190E 2.6 he had on sale at the same time, which

incidentally featured recently in *Mercedes Enthusiast* magazine's 'Forecourt find' section, but had no doubt that the W124 was the one for me, although the 190E was a very good example.

Mark pointed out three things that needed doing to the car and fixed them for no extra charge by the time I picked it up the following week. He also gave me a 10 per cent discount as I wasn't trading in. I certainly join my friends in recommending Mark!

It's interesting to compare the W124 with my daily driver, a 1998 W210 240E. The latter's V6 seems to rev more easily, but the former has been, so far, rather to my surprise, slightly more economical – 30mpg as opposed to 29 in mixed driving.

End of season lunch – December 2



Members enjoying lunch at the Chequers.

In 2011 10 Members attended this event; in 2012 there were 25 of us. For the first time, we went to my 'local,' the Chequers in Cottenham, and took over the whole restaurant. Trevor and his team treated us very well, with excellent food and drink well served. Next year's venue seems to have presented itself already!

Steve Howie