

Raid Tan Hill 2009, Sunday 4th January.

Celebrate the New Year at Great Britain's highest inn.

Dear 2CVer.

Thanks for your enquiry re Raid Tan Hill.

We hope the following will give you most of the information but if you need anything else please contact us.

On the **Saturday** evening before the event, starting about 8.0 pm, there will be a convivial gathering at the **Grove Inn** in the Leeds City centre. See attached map. The pub sells a wide variety of real ales and has several times been voted Leeds CAMRA pub of the year.

The event itself starts early on **Sunday** morning at the **Lawnswood Arms** on the A660 Leeds - Otley Road.

The pub opens its doors at **8.30 a.m.** to provide tea, coffee and bacon/sausage butties. Having taken on sustenance for the task ahead **we leave the pub at about 10 a.m.** and set off in convoy on a **60 mile** spectacular route through the **Yorkshire Dales National Park**. Along the Wharfedale Valley, then Upper Wharfedale, over Langstrothdale, down to Hawes, (*estimated arrival at 12.00noon – webmaster*) where we have a twenty minute break for a glass of mulled wine, then onwards over the Buttertubs Pass, through Thwaite and Keld, up the fearsome Keld Bank and finally over the moors to Tan Hill.

Arriving at Tan Hill at approx. 1.30 pm we have exclusive use of the pub's heated barn, lunch is available from a special Raid Tan Hill menu, there will be 2CV videos on the large screen, and we finish with our famous free raffle at about 3.0 pm.

Every driver completing the route from the Lawnswood Arms to the Tan Hill Inn receives a certificate and a sticker, with special ones for the oldest car and the furthest travelled.

A midwinter trip to Tan Hill is always a challenge, whether it is on foot along the Pennine Way, which passes the door, or in the relative comfort of a small, air-cooled, two cylinder, French motorcar. With its 1 in 4 ascents, steep descents and narrow roads it is not for the faint hearted.

May the force be with you!

If you want to stay over Sunday night at Tan Hill Tracy the landlady is offering the same **bunk down in the lounge** facilities as last year for £10 a head including full English breakfast, bring your own air bed and sleeping bag.

The pub also now has two bunk rooms, price negotiable.

To book a place ring Tracy on 01833 628246 .

They also have some luxury twin bedrooms with en suite facilities at £60 including breakfast.

Camping is free but they like a donation to the local cave rescue team and breakfast is available by arrangement with the pub.

There is also accommodation at **Reeth** which is about 20 minutes drive from Tan Hill.

There will be some evening entertainment, quiz, folk music, etc .

Accommodation in Leeds.

Accommodation is freely available in Leeds but if you want to stay in the centre we recommend the newly opened **ETAP HOTEL**.

They are currently only charging £35 for a double room.

They are at:

2 The Gateway North
Crown Point Road
LS9 8BZ
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Tel 0871 22 222 88

From M1 exit at junction 43 to the M621. From M621 exit junction 3, merge onto A653 (follow the post signs to City Centre). Take left at A61 and merge to Crown Point Road.

An alternative is the **IBIS HOTEL**, also fairly new.

They are at:

Marlborough Street,
Leeds LS1 4PB
Tel: 0113 220 4100

The **Etap** hotel is about ten minutes walk from the **Grove Inn**, the **Ibis** about twenty but a cheap taxi ride.

If you need any further information please ring us on 0113 2931371 or email leshiboux@ntlworld.com

Brian, Sarah and the Tan Hill team at “Les Hiboux”