



Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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With the season drawing to a close, it's nice to be able to report on things that have enjoyed good weather. As you will have read last month in Margot's report, we had a beautiful day at our house for the BBQ which included the veggie competition.



Over the Bank Holiday weekend, the Steam and Country Show was held at Northaw for the second time. I gather that the weather was better on Monday when we had eight or nine cars there, but we heard some of the stall holders say that Sunday had been a better day for them. The Knebworth Classic Car Show was on over the same weekend and some people went there on Sunday.



We had five E types, our XK, and Roy's Goldwing at Buntingford, and enjoyed the usual relaxed sort of day that these street shows seem to be. We all agreed that the number of people wandering around looking at the vehicles and appreciating the sunshine was the most we can remember. Various prizes are presented, as chosen by entrant's self judging, with the car of the day being an Austin Swallow. We didn't know that, new for this year, was the Chairman's choice, which our XK won.

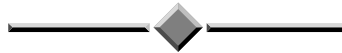


As Audrey's report on the Warwickshire weekend says, we had lovely weather, whereas I gather that Silverstone on the Sunday was pretty chilly, according to John and Loraine who had gone to see the 1,000km race for Le Mans cars.

On the same day Brian had been to the St Mary's School show at Bishops Stortford, where it was also not very warm and, as has happened before, car dealers seemed to have been allocated more space than exhibitors.



Len, Sally and Brian went to the second Croxley Green show which always attracts plenty of interesting cars. The Carter's Steam Fair is always at this venue but, with only three of them, they couldn't stage the usual Area 57 invasion on the bumper cars.



The Breakfast Run to the Woodman at Nuthampsted is definitely booked for 11th October, and Barbara is waiting to hear from you. If anyone hasn't joined us for this before, they always make us very welcome and provide a traditional English breakfast.



It won't be long before Barbara will start taking bookings for our Christmas dinner at Pearse House, Bishops Stortford on December 12th. Again, if you haven't come along to one of our dinners there before, why not join us.



Congratulations to Dick and Eileen on their Ruby Wedding Anniversary next month.



A GLORIOUS WEEKEND IN MIDDLE ENGLAND

Report by Audrey Williams

The annual Area 57 weekend away took place on the 11th-13th September – this time between Stratford on Avon and Warwick. We stayed at the Glebe Hotel in Barford, after most of us meeting up for lunch en route at 'The Bell' at Shennington on the Friday – a beautiful Cotswold village, very friendly staff and good food. Wendy always picks the best!

On arrival at the hotel, after unpacking etc. we spent a couple of enjoyable sunny hours in the garden, having the odd drink, before a tasty dinner later on.

Saturday was spent in Stratford upon Avon, having used the town's excellent Park & Ride facilities. We all went on the Open Top sightseeing bus to familiarise ourselves with the local attractions. Some of us also went on a river trip which again was good, the weather being hot and sunny for the whole day. On arrival back at the hotel we were lucky in that we were allowed to use their private gardens for our outdoor fun and frolics.

After another enjoyable meal that evening, on the Sunday we all went to Warwick, and after a long circular walk around the town, eventually found The Mill Garden, which was open for charity. It was the most beautiful place with terrific views of the river and castle. Later we all met up again at the White Hart Hotel at Moreton-in-Marsh, for various snacks including cream teas! Apparently the Club had stayed there before on one of their earlier weekend jaunts some 23 years ago!! Surprisingly they still served us!!

It was a perfect weekend, company, weather food and entertainment (apart from Eric wanting to re-design the bookcases in the hotel lounge!!) A big thank you to all the quiz organisers, garden entertainments manager (Giant Jenga & mobile DJ) and some very good sports. You know who you are!!

A particular thank you to Wendy who does us proud every year, but with the fantastic weather, I think it's fair to say an exceptional weekend away.

Here's looking forward to our 2010 outing.

