



Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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We welcomed a new member at the meeting; Lee Kempton, who has a lwb XJ, unfortunately it was a bit dark to see it properly.



The good weather has continued for recent events. Long may it last as there are still things going on throughout the month.

Brian was the only one who went to the small event at Waltham Cross and also to the Knebworth show. This now has a new company running it and seemed well organised. The auto jumble was smaller than it used to be, probably because so many people can get spares on Ebay now.

The show in aid of Little Haven Hospice was good as usual and one of the highlights was a silver Spitfire flying across several times.



We went to the combined XK and XJ dinner and the following day at Stratford Armouries, which is in a lovely country setting. We enjoyed it, as we always meet up with familiar faces, and also met a couple from Bedfordshire who bought a very good XK150 at auction last year. What we found extremely disappointing though, was the lack of XKs supporting their own Register. When we first started getting involved with the Register in the late eighties, at their days at Burghley House, there would be getting on for a hundred cars in attendance, with separate lines for 120s, 140s and 150s. This year there were only about ten there.

On the same day, some people went to the Village Day at Tewin, which attracts quite a good selection of cars, plus the normal enjoyable fete activities.



The Cuffley Steam and Country Show was very well supported; it seems as though extra advertising paid off. The heavy horses are always popular but sharing the event with their organisation means that it is not a very profitable event for the Museum despite the increased number of visitors. Unfortunately the lovely weather attracted lots of wasps, and Keith Williams was kept busy with his zipper racquet.



On 7th September, several of us will be at the always enjoyable Buntingford show.

The next day is the car show at Capel Manor. I don't know if pre-booking is essential but a form can be downloaded from their web site.

There is a car show at Forty Hall on 14th, and Roy should be able to Email more details when he gets them from Keith Oswick.

On 15th there are shows at Elm Court, Potters Bar and Wanstead.

The second Little Haven show is on 22nd which although it is classed as an autojumble, plenty of cars attend as well. Dick still has some passes for this.

We have been invited to a collection of cars at Arkley on the evening of Monday 23rd. Ring Keith O for details.

The coach trip to the Morgan factory on 7th November is now fully booked, but if anyone has not paid please give a cheque for £38 per person to Keith Oswick.



I have booked breakfast for us at Redcoats Hotel again on Sunday October 6th. The price is £15 .50 per head for a full English breakfast. I will need names by the end of this month to give them final numbers. Some of us meet in the service road at the top of Bullsmoor Lane, next to the petrol station at 8am. Please ring me or email to put your name down.



As people enjoyed the Christmas dinner at The Galley Hall last year, Barbara is going to make a provisional booking for us on December 7th. Their menu should be available sometime in October.



Mentioning the Capel Manor show reminds me that lots of our present members wouldn't know that we used to run our own Area Day. We started at The Sword in Hand pub at Westmill which proved very successful, attracting between eighty and a hundred cars of all types. It got so popular that cars had to park down the village street, as the paddock at the back of the pub got filled up. We agreed with the publican that we would be able to use the land adjoining his. Unfortunately we did not find out until the morning of the show that the land belonged to McMullens and, not only had he not tried to get the use of it, I subsequently found out that they would not have let us have it anyway. Needless to say, it was time to look for another venue, and for a few years we went to The Merry Fiddlers near Epping. The numbers started to go down and we decided to try somewhere with other things for people to see rather than just cars in a field. We then approached Capel Manor and held one show there. Despite the attractions of the venue, the numbers were still low and we agreed that we would no longer hold an Area day as they were quite a lot of work. We even had special trophies made by Doug and Eric.

