



Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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It is now very close to the Enfield Pageant so please make sure that you have let Eric know when you are attending. Any queries you have in the last week before the Pageant, please ring Doug not Eric. I'm sure you all know the routine by now; on site by 9am and make keys available for moving cars around. If you are usually responsible for bringing anything in particular, don't forget it.

April 13th Breakfast Run

Fourteen of us went to the Bocket Arms for the first Breakfast Run of the season. Parking is limited as we knew but we squeezed in. In all the years that we have been going out for these runs, it was the first time that people could choose to have porridge which was served with fresh fruit rather than cereal. Several people also enjoyed smoked salmon and scrambled egg instead of traditional cooked breakfast. There were a few teething problems but it was the first time that they had done it and overall, I think it made a good impression especially at a very reasonable price. Unfortunately, someone went into the back of Keith and Bobbie's E-type on the way home. The work will be done by Dave who has previously done Ron's, Keith W's, and our E types, so he is in good hands.

XK Spring Weekend at The Pudding Club

This choice was very popular and was fully booked. The Threeways Hotel at Mickleton, N.Cotswolds has been the home of the Pudding Club since 1985 and some of you may have seen it on television. It was decided back then that restaurants just did not serve traditional puds and determined to change that. Every Friday, they hold a Pudding Club night when around seven different puds are paraded in. We weren't part of this but had a very good meal in the restaurant. Our turn came on Saturday night when we had a parade of just four different puds but this was more than sufficient. All the food and service at the hotel was very good although our bedrooms were very small.

We had travelled down with Alan and Barb, both in E types as Friday was extremely wet and the forecast was not good, so the XK stayed at home. On the way there we stopped at The Crown, Church Enstone where we had a very good lunch.

On Saturday morning we all headed off to Snowhill Manor where a gentleman called Charles Paget Wade had amassed a very large collection of all sorts of things including some 17thC Samurai suits of armour. We stopped for a coffee and then drove off to kill some time before an arranged cuppa at the very old Fleece pub nearby. Seeing Stanway House on my map and knowing that Keith and Audrey had been there, off we went only to find that it wasn't open. We also tried to visit an event at the nearby Gloucester, Warwickshire Railway but it was ticket only. By then it was raining again so we went back to the hotel for a relaxed snack.

On Sunday, we were due to visit Hidcote Garden, a few minutes drive away. Despite a few showers, we were able to have a pleasant wander around before following our instructions to our lunchtime venue, the Plough at Kingham. A very crowded car park and restaurant but we all eventually got served and then it was time for goodbyes. There were a few new couples on the weekend who all seem to have enjoyed it. Bob Mackman and girlfriend Lynn organise these weekends really well so we are now all looking forward to wherever he takes us next year.

Thanks to Bobbie for standing in at the May meeting and report is Emailed separately.