

JULY 2012

Our very last meeting at the Enfield Royal British Legion Club was very well attended to discuss our future options for a meeting place. It was very gratifying that several people had taken the time and interest to look for possible new venues. Thanks to Ossie, who after investigating other Legion Clubs, has managed to secure a very reasonable "pay at the door rate" at the Whitewebbs Museum, which had always been our first choice if possible. It was agreed that we will now only meet on the first Monday of the month, so our next meeting will be on August 6th at Whitewebbs. There are facilities for making tea and coffee and Ossie will run the bar. It should be a very successful move for us. It also gives us the option of showing DVDs etc.

Over the past few weeks the weather has played havoc, with some events being cancelled, notably Aston Clinton and Kimbolton. Luton went ahead as the ground has good drainage. We were very lucky with the show at Cressing Temple in Essex on July 15th; a lovely sunny day sandwiched between two wet ones. It was a very good show with lots of cars including some veterans. The site has two huge barns dating back to the 1100s. One highlight was an act in one of these barns by a Laurel and Hardy look alike duo who were excellent. They were driving around the show afterwards in their Model T.



Earlier in the month several of us were asked to put on a display in aid of the Red Cross at the gardens at North Mymms Park. The rain held off and it was a very pleasant afternoon but everyone was very disappointed with the gardens. We had been there three or four years ago and thought they were lovely but they really do need some TLC.



Last year a few people went to a new show at Waltham Abbey but, at fairly short notice, it was moved to Boreham Wood. Douglas was one of the six cars that turned up.



We should have been at Stratford on Avon for XK/XJ weekend on 7th/8th but opted out due to the forecast. We have since been told that the ground at the Stratford Armouries was waterlogged so that also fell foul of this "summer".



Wayne went to the show at Barleylands on the same weekend which was good but quite muddy.



Hoddesdon has usually enjoyed good weather but I suppose there is an exception to every rule and it rained solidly till about 3pm however, there were still plenty of people about.



Everyone who is going to Harpenden on 25th July should have passes and there is no entry without a pass.



The first of the two Croxley Green shows is on Wednesday 1st August and always gets a large number of cars there.



Dick now has the passes for the two Little Haven shows; the one on August 12th is the one we usually go to and the later one on 23rd September is mainly an Autojumble. Speak to Dick if you want passes for either of these.



On August 19th, the Club BBQ is at Alan and Barb's. Arrangements are the same as the recent ones at our house; take your own meat and alcohol and let them know a week beforehand if you want to attend.



Hopefully the Cuffley Steam & Country Show over the August Bank Holiday will be dry and considerably warmer than last year. I believe either Dick or Ossie will be organising passes for this, which we always attend on the Monday.



Someone that Peter and Mike know is part owner of a steam engine and has invited us to Burnham on Crouch on 28th October to see it. More details nearer the time, I expect.



Don't forget that JDC National Day is returning to Rockingham Castle on August 5th.



I have been asked to start an order for sports shirts etc. so please contact me if there is anything you want to order.



Doug had an interesting phone call while I was typing this; He had left his phone number with Lesley at the bar at the British Legion, so that they could let him know what they wanted us to do with regard to the door fobs that several people have. Maria, from the Legion, called and said that they have been having a re-think about the situation and they are going to try to stay open for now, so we could carry on as before. Doug told her, that we had already sorted out a new venue, however she was quite concerned that we weren't just going over the road to the Holtwhites Hotel. Those of you who have fobs can give them to Doug at our next meeting so that they can be returned.



Don't forget suggestions for both Breakfast Run and Christmas meal are needed.

