



## Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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We had a very good turnout on Bank Holiday Monday so Eric was able to hand out quite a few passes for the Enfield Pageant at the end of the month. A few general reminders about the Pageant. I'm sure that anyone who is responsible for bringing anything is well aware of it. Please be on site by 9am as it takes quite a while to get all the cars arranged on the stand. As usual if you need to go walkabout before the cars are arranged, please let me have the keys so that Doug and Eric can move them around. Don't forget to bring your mugs and chairs.



### XK Spring Weekend

As this was based in a hotel in the Forest of Bowland in Lancashire, about 270 miles away, we and Alan and Barb decided to break both journeys by staying at a B&B near Tadcaster on Thursday and Sunday nights. Leaving there on Friday morning gave us plenty of time to divert into the Yorkshire Dales near Skipton and we had a pleasant wander around a little cobbled village called Grassington and a riverside walk to some waterfalls. The only snag on our journey from there to the Gibbon Bridge Hotel was getting through Clitheroe. An accident had closed the A59 and literally everything was forced to go through the town. After that Alan and Barb's sat nav took us along meandering lanes to the hotel. Our problems were minor compared to several people who had used the M6 which was nose to tail apparently.

The majority of the forty four people on the weekend were regulars, so it's always good to meet up once a year. The hotel and it's gardens was probably one of the best we have stayed at in all the years that we have been doing these weekends. It belonged to a lady who had started by baking cakes with her mother for Blackburn market and in gradual stages she has built up the business to a 4 star hotel.

Bob and Lynn Mackman who organise these weekends had worked out a really good route which took us right across the highest part of the Forest of Bowland (no trees) to a brewery on the outskirts of Lancaster. As we had brilliant sunshine, we had views right across Morecambe Bay to the Lake District. On the way we went through a village called Wray where they were celebrating St George's Day, the Queen's birthday or Shakespeare or some combination of all three. The whole village had bunting out and on walls, roofs and in gardens were lots of stuffed likenesses of people. An eight foot tall stuffed "dog" was being walked through collecting for Guide Dogs. After a tour round the Brewery and tasting for anyone who wanted to try, some of us had a snack lunch at the Country Kitchen next door. We drove back by a shorter route to the hotel. A lovely log fire in the lounge was a good place to chat before dinner.

The next morning it was a very short drive to Browsholme Hall where we were welcomed by the owner, Robert Parker, whose family has been in residence since it was originally built in Tudor times. His ancestor had looked after Royal parks, hence the surname. The weekend finished with lunch at the Barley Mow pub at the top of Pendle Hill. The four of us were quite glad that we only had to drive part of the way home that day. Over the past few years, we have got used to seeing daffodils along the roadside but I don't think we ever seen so many as we saw over this weekend. We shall now look forward to next year, wherever that may take place.



On May 1st, fourteen of us were back at the Brocket Arms for our Breakfast Run. I believe it was our fifth visit there. It has always been exceptional value with options if people don't want cereal or full English. It has sometimes been a little disorganised however they have obviously got used to dealing with the size of our group and it went really well. A lovely sunny morning was a bonus.



Apart from the Pageant other dates are getting added to the Calendar. It may be too late to book for the Luton Festival of Transport on June 12th, but entry on the day is OK.

I have now got the passes for Kimbolton on July 10th and still have a couple of entry forms for Harpenden on 27th July.  
The Tewin show is on 21st August and all their details can be found by Googling "Tewin Classic Car and Craft show".  
The Buntingford Car Show web site is now taking on line registrations.



There are still six places available on the Fish and Chip boat trip on 24th July. I need to know by the end of June as I will need to collect the money soon after that.



A couple of ideas for coming weeks have been suggested; Malcolm and Caroline would like to organise a picnic and Lesley has mentioned the possibility of afternoon tea at Tiptree Jams.



Don't forget that there is now a classic car gathering at The King and Tinker in Whitewebbs Lane on the 3rd Sunday in the month.

