



## Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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#### 27th AGM - 19th March

##### ***Area Rep's Report***

Doug opened the 27th AGM by welcoming the twenty two people who attended and giving a run through of the year, which surprised most people by the amount of places and events that had been attended by members throughout the season. There had been a few weekends away during the year beginning with the XK Weekend in Norfolk and the Museum weekend near Cirencester, I believe. We only had one Breakfast Run this year, to our regular venue at Nuthampsted, with the largest number (24) for quite a while. Douglas and Eric went to a show near Aston Clinton, where Eric's XK150 was chosen as car of the day. We put on our usual good display at the Enfield Pageant, with cars on display on all three days. As it was the 50th anniversary of the E-type we had made a lot of effort to try and get more of them to join us, but only managed to get two extra other than our own. We were supported by Ken Wilson with the JDC caravan on two of the days but, unfortunately, no awards came our way. The Luton Festival of Transport usually enjoys a large turnout and good weather but heavy rain all day kept numbers down and we left early. As part of the E-type 50 celebrations, some of us took part in a drive around the Grand Prix Circuit at Silverstone, along with over eight hundred other E-types. It was quite a sight. Hoddesdon and Kimbolton are regulars on the calendar, the latter, as usual has something for everyone. The following week, despite not very good weather, a few people went to a big show at Cressing Temple in Essex, which they thought was very good. A new event was held at Waltham Abbey this year and those who went, thought it was quite good for a first time. As usual Harpenden was extremely busy. Where are all those cars the rest of the time? The visit to Studio 434 to see an amazing collection of classic cars was very interesting and a total surprise to those of us who drive past it regularly, with no idea of what is inside. As usual, there were two shows at Croxley Green both of which always attract a lot of cars. Only Alan and Barb went to National Day at Rockingham Castle where they met up with some familiar faces that they had not seen for several years. The combined XK&XJ weekend finished up at Gaydon museum. The show in aid of the Little Haven Hospice never fails to be an enjoyable day with a variety of things to see. The Steam & Country show at Cuffley must have been on one of the coldest August Bank Holidays there has been; it certainly felt like it. Other places visited were Furneux Pelham, Kensworth (wet), Buntingford (very good as usual), Battlesbridge and an Autorama at Stevenage and possibly others too numerous to list. Oxford was the base for our September weekend which had good weather. A few of us racked our brains at a Murder Mystery dinner at the Dutch Garden Centre; enjoyable but we weren't very good detectives. Christmas Dinner at the Whitewebbs Carvery and our Mince pie night both enjoyed good attendance. The Museum run just after Christmas was at High Beech this year. About two hundred and fifty cars were at Barrington on New Year's Day, many of them several decades older than ours. Back to March again and a dozen of us went to see Alan in Kiss Me Kate at Saffron Walden and had an enjoyable meal at Prezzo first. Thanks to the two Keiths for organising the tickets and meal.

##### ***Treasurer's Report***

Barbara Collins passed copies of our Financial Report around which showed a slightly lower balance than last year as we had bought a new banner but we still have a satisfactory amount in our account.

## ***Secretary/Newsletter Editor's Report***

Wendy Shipman thanked Roy for printing and circulating the Newsletter every month which the majority of members now receive by Email. Please read it to check up and coming events and, as usual, any contributions are very welcome, Brian continues to keep the Club photo albums but unless people print some photos rather than just leave them on computer, these archives will not be kept up to date.

## ***Membership Secretary/Webmaster's Report***

Roy Fludgate told us that three memberships have not been renewed this year, but we have gained one new member, meaning that we have thirty three memberships representing fifty three people and also fifty three cars. He felt that high insurance costs now cause a barrier to any new younger members.

## ***Election of Officers***

There were no volunteers to take on any of the club positions so Doug and Wendy Shipman. Barbara Collins and Roy Fludgate will carry on with the support of the membership.

## ***Other Business***

There was nothing to be raised in Any Other Business so Doug closed the AGM.

Alan Collins proposed a vote of thanks to the officers.



As you can see from the above our Area still keeps pretty active throughout the year and after twenty six years we are still getting enough people to make our twice a month meetings worth having.



The Breakfast Run to the Woodman has been booked for 29th April. Barbara has started collecting names for this and to make it easier, she will be collecting £10 per head which should then include a tip.



It looks as though we will be having two BBQs this year . The first will be at Alan and Barb's on 19th August and there is a provisional date for one at Eric and Margot's on September 16th. This will incorporate the infamous vegetable judging. This year it will be leeks and something else yet to be decided. Everyone is welcome to enter the competition and go to Eric's whether growing anything or not.



Eric has started to collect names for the Enfield Pageant Please contact him to let him know which day or days you can attend. Don't forget that for this year only the show is Friday, Saturday and Sunday as Monday is not a holiday.



A few more dates for your diary; Brian Kingsley has the details of shows at Cranham on 7th May and Hatfield on 3rd June.



Two good events clash this year; Kimbolton and Essex County Car and Motorcycle Show are both on 15th July. So far I have not been asked to apply for the Kimbolton Show passes. Contact number for Essex show at Cressing Temple is 08456-037624 or [www.visitparks.co.uk](http://www.visitparks.co.uk) .

