



Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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It was agreed that there would be no meeting on Bank Holiday Monday, 2nd May. This was because several of us would be at The Woodman for the Breakfast Run the previous day and also on the Bank Holiday there was a Jaguar Day at the Ace Café that some people were attending. The next meeting will be on Monday 16th May.



Don't forget that Eric needs to hear from you to book places for the Enfield Pageant. Weeks are rushing by so give him a ring as soon as possible.



Fifteen of us went to Tom Jones's funeral and his son, Mark, and daughter Lynne expressed their appreciation for our being there, and the Club's donation to the British Heart Foundation. Lynne said that she was particularly touched by all the warm comments that people had put on the card. With regret, Mark has decided to sell the 420 as he has nowhere to keep it, but obviously would like it to go to someone who would appreciate it. We have Mark's phone number if anyone is interested.



XK WEEKEND - Norfolk 8th-10th April

We met up at Alan and Barbara's and despite a few splutters from the XK and a fuse problem on Alan's E-type we arrived at the village of Mundford, where we had a very good pub lunch before getting to Lynford Hall a few minutes away. This turned out to be quite a disappointing hotel for various reasons. However the weather was absolutely glorious for the whole time and our visits to the grounds of Sandringham, and a glass blowers on Saturday were very enjoyable. The museum of Royal cars at Sandringham was well worth seeing and included pedal cars that had belonged to Prince Charles. On the way back to the hotel we nearly caused a traffic jam getting a picture of a Swaffam name plate for Keith O (an in joke). On Sunday morning we went to the nearby Oxburgh Hall which some of us had visited on one of our September weekends a few years ago. Unfortunately the problems with the XK started again but we managed to carry on up to a riverside restaurant at Kings Lynn for Sunday lunch before every one said their goodbyes and thanks to Bob Mackman and girlfriend Lynn for their organisation. We stopped at a petrol station at a big retail park on the outskirts of the town only to have trouble getting going again and nearly packing up completely on a very busy roundabout. We eventually got going and it ran Ok all the way home. Next day, at home Doug still couldn't get to the bottom of the problem, which Martin Pike at Classic Engineering found to be a carburettor bunged up with gunge. The concerns about the car and the hotel did mar an otherwise very enjoyable weekend, meeting up with familiar faces and a few new ones.



I understand that the Whitewebbs Museum's weekend a week later was very good and Audrey will be reporting on that later.



One event that I had forgotten to put in the Club Calendar is the Luton Festival of Transport on 12th June. I think that most people who go to that ,already have passes but I do have some application forms if anyone wants one.



Fourteen of us are booked into The Thames Four Pillars Hotel near Oxford on the weekend beginning 9th September. If anyone would like me to see if any more rooms are available, let me know.



SEASIDE SAUNTER TO BOURNEMOUTH APRIL 15th, 16th & 17th

Report by Audrey Williams

Ten of us from the Club attended the annual Whitewebbs Weekend away. This time it was to the Bournemouth area. Once again we were made to feel very welcome: had good company, good food and as ever remarkable value for money, including entertainment both nights and wine on the table on Saturday evening.

On Saturday, again included in the package, we were given return tickets on the Swanage Steam railway & having spent a couple of hours looking round Swanage we stopped off at Corfe Castle for a cream tea, before moving on to visit the Blue Pool at Wareham.

Despite our best efforts we were unlucky with the hat competition this year (Children's TV programmes) but made up for it on the raffle!!

We visited Highcliffe Castle on the Sunday morning – a strange building – almost a folly - built from different parts of European houses and palaces which had been shipped across. The building was in the middle of a total restoration and if it were ever finished it would be very nice – but what a labour of love and some would say a waste of money. Eric certainly was not best pleased with it!! (It was a bit of a jigsaw puzzle!). The surrounding beach however was very beautiful and worth the walk down from the “ruins”. After a drive to Lymington we then had lunch at the Walhampton Arms, where some of us had dined a few years before on a previous Whitewebbs tour.

Richard did very well in the weekend competition (this year's theme being the identification, from photos of last year, of car parts including the make, model & colour) & managed to win a £25 voucher towards next year's trip. Dick also managed to pick up another prize – perhaps not as well-deserved as he was probably stitched up for it, but he won The Breakdown Trophy. Although not technically a breakdown, he was the first of the group to have managed a police escort. They were unsure of their directions to the hotel and, having gone around a roundabout a couple of times and watched by a police woman on a motorbike – who took pity on them and escorted them to the hotel!!

An excellent weekend again with perfect weather and company. Next year we go to Northamptonshire – possibly Peterborough – can't wait.

