



Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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Our Christmas celebrations didn't really happen as we would have wished as, after our low attendance at the Christmas dinner, we were forced to cancel our traditional mince pie night due to the snowy road conditions. This was the first time that we have not been able to have our pre-Christmas feast.



Despite a cold frosty evening, at our first meeting of the year we had quite a substantial number of regulars turn up. This meant that the discussions we had following Keith O's comments in the last Newsletter and some further opinions passed on to him by Dick, Eric and Margot were fairly representative. (Neither Keith or Doug received any other points of view). Opinions were expressed about the possibility of changing the Christmas Dinner to either November or January but, in the end, the majority felt that the date should stay in December, but return to the first Saturday, which this year will be 4th. We really need to know whether people feel we should move this event from Pearse House. If that is the case, it is not enough to just say, "yes let's have a change". We would need alternative venues early in the year. If nowhere is suggested then we will assume that Pearse House on 4th December is OK.

Taking up some of the other points raised, several of which had been discussed at the last AGM., the possibility of only holding one meeting a month was mentioned again. Doug, as Area Rep, has said that we will always be there for both meetings, it is therefore up to any individual how often they wish to come along, so we are sticking with two meetings for the time being.

Alternative venues for Our Breakfast Runs is another similar case. Suggestions need to be made. I know we had one at Mulberry House near Ongar last year which met with mixed opinions, however this would probably be a very good place for a lunch or cream tea. The suggestion was made that we could invite members from Area 16 to join us for a Breakfast, and this met with approval, however it would have to be made clear to their members that names and money would have to be paid in advance.

It was also suggested that we should support more JDC events, and last year's National Day at Woburn was particularly commented on. The problem is, in most people's opinion, shows with a variety of cars are of more interest, hence the popularity of Harpenden, Luton, Croxley Green etc. In addition most of the regular members have attended many Jaguar Days in the past, and Woburn in particular has been visited many times in the days when the Chilterns Area held their Area Day there. Maybe the new venue for this year's National Day at Princess Diana's old home at Althorp will create more interest. Time will tell..

I have a list of various places that have been put forward as possibilities for visits, but unless these ideas are followed up, and preferences and dates are discussed at a Club meeting, they will probably just remain as ideas floating around with no action being taken. Perhaps the 'Any Other Business' section at the AGM could be used for this purpose as more car show dates will be known by then.

The suggestions that I have been given so far are as follows:

- Visit to a National Trust property
- Myddleton House, Enfield
- Future gardens, St. Albans
- Shepreth near Barrington to visit wild life centre, including lunch
- Highlands House Chelmsford
- Drive to coast and a meal
- London Eye & South Bank
- Theatre trip

I mentioned in a previous Newsletter that I was surprised that more people didn't go on the Waverly trip, and found it even more surprising that the Silverstone Classic gets so little support. The circuit arranges such good value tickets for Car Clubs and it is one great big classic car show with the addition of all the racing.

The AGM is coming up in March, and Doug will have been Area Rep for the three years that he originally agreed to. If anyone wishes to put themselves forward for the position, please let Doug know in advance. It should also be noted

that if anyone has any other subjects to do with the Club they would like to raise, these should also be mentioned to Doug beforehand.



As many of you are aware, Alan has been taking part in a musical every March for the past few years and several members usually go along to give him support. It has been suggested that more of us try to go along and also get together for something to eat in Saffron Walden first. The show this year is Sondheim's Follies and the Saturday performance is on March 13th. If anyone is interested, let Alan know what tickets are needed. Alan & Barbara have also provided the following information about places to eat in Saffron Walden:

There are loads of pizza and pasta bars, bistros etc. in Saffron Walden, too many to name. However here are a few names and telephone numbers for other eating establishments which may have a more suitable menu:

Dish Restaurant 01799-513300 looks really nice, close to Town Hall, has a pre-theatre 2 course menu for £14.50. Website for more details, pictures and location map is www.dishrestaurant.co.uk

The Cross Keys Hotel 01799-522207. At the end of the road near the Town Hall, pub food, 2 meals for £12. Website as follows: www.thecrosskeyshotel.uk.com

Temeraire (Wetherspoons) 01799-516975. Good value food and drink, no bookings necessary.

The Eight Bells 01799-522790. On the edge of town, bar meals as well as a la carte. www.8bells.co.uk



Over the Christmas & New Year holiday period, some people took their cars out. We intended to go to the Bentley gathering, but took a wrong turn and ended up going home again. The Barrington New Year's Day meeting was very well supported with probably over a hundred cars in attendance, including a special section for pre 1939 cars.

Apparently the Autojumble at the Museum was very busy



A few dates have started to come in

The usual Little Haven Show is on 15th August but before then they are having their first Classic Car show and Autojumble on 13th June.

The Luton Show at Stockwood Park is also on that date.

The show at Aston Clinton is on May 16th.

On February 21st there is an open day at the Speedway Museum at Paradise Park. They would like some cars there.



Finally, good wishes to John Wilkinson and Ron Risk with Chemotherapy treatment. (Ron and Pam pass on their thanks to anyone who has contacted them.)

