



Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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Area 57 AGM - 4th April 2022

Area Rep's Report

Doug Shipman thanked the fifteen people present for attending before giving a brief run through of Club activities. Due to Covid restrictions, it was May before we started using our cars and July before we resumed our Club meetings. As always, apologies to anyone who visited events not mentioned here. There were a couple of outdoor gatherings at the Museum on May 9th and 30th for our first get togethers. A few of us went to North Weald at the invitation of Area 33, but it was bitterly cold so nobody hung around for very long. The show at Stockwell Park, Luton attracted its usual range of cars but again, I believe it was none too warm. Along with Brian and Mandy and Tony and Lesley, we were at Walton Hall for Dinner and National Day. XK & E-type numbers were a little disappointing compared to some previous years and Brian only had his Mk9 and one other to judge. I believe that the show at Waltham Cross went ahead although Hoddesdon was cancelled. Area 33's show at Hyde Hall was very popular with those who went. It was good to return to the regular shows at Tewin, Buntingford and Capel Manor. Our thanks go to Brian and Mandy for the lovely afternoon tea. Seven of us had a few days at a small cosy hotel in Dedham but, sadly, we had to return for the funeral of the much missed Harry Gomez. Mince Pie Night went ahead as usual although we did not arrange a Christmas dinner again this year. Into 2022 and the Breakfast Run to the Bocket Arms. We have had several good mornings at this pub but I gather this was not one of them. Numbers were down because of colds. When I booked it with manager, Kelly, she told me the cost would be £12.50 per head and I assumed, wrongly as it turned out, that as in previous years it would include starters and the main breakfast. I gather that this was not the case and it was for one course only plus toast for that price. It therefore looks as though we will not be returning again.

A lot of discussion went on about the cost of staying at the Museum for our meetings and, at the moment, we are settled here. Following Roy's information about membership later in the meeting, a suggestion was put forward during "Any Other Business".

Treasurer's Report

Barbara Collins advised us that, for the time being, we have sufficient funds in our account, but current subs now do not cover our expenses. She also asked that when next renewing your membership, please pay your membership by bank transfer if possible. Payment details will be on renewal forms which will be sent out at the end of the year.

Secretary/Newsletter Editor's Report

As usual I thanked Roy and Kim for printing and distributing the Newsletter and expressed the hope that everybody reads it and finds it useful and informative.

Membership Secretary/Webmaster's Report

Roy Fludgate informed us that memberships are down by 4 this year to 26, which represents a total of 40 people and 47 cars. This is the lowest membership in the history of the Area and he felt that this could lead to the possibility of raising subscription fees needing to be addressed later in the year. Roy also pointed out that although most people in the club now receive their newsletters by email, with increasing postage costs, the remaining few who still receive it by post now represent a not insignificant additional expenditure to the club.

Any Other Business

A proposal was received from Barbara Collins: As attendance at the January & February club meetings has tended to be very low, it was suggested that omitting these two meetings would represent a saving to the club of £100. The first meeting of the year would then take place in March. With increased energy costs, this would also save Museum heating and lighting bills. The idea seemed popular with members and will therefore be raised again later in the year, after the EDVVT have reviewed meeting room rental charges.

Election of Officers

There were no volunteers to take over any of the posts so these remain unchanged as follows:

Doug Shipman:	Area Rep.
Barbara Collins:	Treasurer
Wendy Shipman:	Newsletter Editor/Secretary
Roy Fludgate:	Membership Secretary/Webmaster

Thanks were given to Keith and Bobbie for opening up the Museum and serving drinks etc.

There being no further matters, the AGM was then closed and the normal meeting began.



As I mentioned in the last newsletter, the "Classics at the Villa" show at Villa Scalabrini at Shenley WD7 9BB will be taking place on 15th May. It is from 9:30am to 4:30pm and there is no need to book.



The shows in September at Buntingford and Capel Manor (3rd & 4th September respectively) are both available to book on line. (See website calendar for links).



I expect Hoddesdon regulars have all been contacted by now. I have booked a space for ten cars at Kimbolton on July 10th and at the moment have eight names, so there is still time to let me know if you want to attend this excellent show.



We received an email from Chris Engeham, who started Area 57 with Ron Risk back in 1986. He was apparently reflecting on the fact that he is now twice as old as he was when the club started! He has remained a member of the JDC and Area 57 despite not owning a Jaguar for many years. He has recently bought a red convertible XK8. He wished to express his thanks to everyone for keeping the Area going so successfully for all these years.



Last month I asked members who wanted to show their cars at the Enfield Pageant of Motoring next month to contact Eric Tetsell ASAP. Apparently the response so far has been almost non-existent. So please get in touch with him. Anyone who is showing their car may not be aware that this year there is a £5 per car administration charge which covers both days. Can you please bring the cash to the next meeting and we will make sure that it gets to Eric.

