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AREA REP'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



It's the time of the year when you think it's the ideal time to go out in the garage and fix that rattle or some other annoying thing that you've been meaning to do during the Christmas break, but when you look outside at the wind and rain, a comfortable armchair and a cup of tea seems far more appealing.

Hopefully we will not have so much frustrating weather during 2008, as it was very disappointing to have another waterlogged Enfield Pageant, and we can get back to our winning ways.

My taking over as Area Rep. after Alan's sterling work over the years, seems to have gone smoothly and, with everyone's support, I hope that things keep working well.

Our continued good wishes go to Audrey for a speedy recovery.

So here's wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year

Doug



Although some of our regulars weren't able to be with us for various reasons, we still had twenty eight at Pearse House for our Christmas Dinner. As always the Buck's Fizz or Orange juice in front of the open fire was very welcome. The staff were very efficient, the food was plentiful, and everyone seemed to enjoy the evening. Many thanks to Alan & Barb for arranging it all for us.



I'm sure plenty of food will also be enjoyed on Dec 17th at Mince Pie night.



There are a few dates in the next few weeks to mention. The Whitewebbs museum will be having their usual Boxing Day Run to The Sun at Nazeing. The logic escapes me, but for some reason this actually takes place on the day after Boxing Day (27th Dec) about midday. On the 30th Dec there is an Autojumble at the Museum.



For the past couple of years the Bentley Club has held their New Year's Day gathering just outside St. Albans but this year there is a change of venue. It will be at the Holiday Inn on the A1 near the turning to Borehamwood at about noon. The vehicles that usually come along to this meeting make our cars look very modern and it's a good way to clear the cobwebs from the night before if you have been celebrating.



ERIC'S SURPRISE 60th PARTY - Dec 1st , Two Brewers ,Northaw

Report by Audrey Williams

Several of us got there around sevenish, in time to sign some huge cards with various embarrassing pictures from Eric's past, which were displayed around the room. The room didn't seem quite big enough, we didn't know he had so many friends!! There were people from cycling, squash, French trips, several holidays, school, family and eleven of us. Eric arrived at about 7.30 thinking that he and Margot were out for a quiet evening out with friends. He took it all in good part and, out of character for once, he was totally gobsmacked!

It was a pleasant evening with a finger buffet and a few drinks. He received several presents including a blow up doll from Dick and Eileen. Eileen had mislaid the pump and spent most of the afternoon blowing it up by hand/mouth. Putting the doll's stockings on had also been a struggle, I gather.

Eric genuinely appreciated the time and effort that his friends had put in. Thanks to Margot for organising it and congratulations to Eric.

