



Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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Enfield Pageant of Motoring - May 23rd-25th

We had a very enjoyable Pageant and won first prize for the best club stand. About ten people had their cars there on Saturday despite rather wet weather. On Sunday and Monday we had about twenty cars which made for a really good display. The addition of our fencing, banner and flowers at the entrance, plus other flags and the leaping cat etc, all made the whole area look very impressive. Thanks to everyone who helped out in any way to make the weekend a success.

A week or so before the Pageant, a large branch of an oak tree at the bottom of our garden had fallen on our shed, where most of the Pageant stuff is stored, and the tent was pinned down by part of the roof. Doug managed to jack the roof up to release it and luckily there was no damage.

An enjoyable part of the Pageant is being able to have bacon rolls and tea and coffee. The vacuum flow pot holding hot water that Barb brings is very useful, but it is not magic; it doesn't automatically refill itself. Can I remind people (and I will again next year) that if they empty the pot, to put the kettle on again!!!!

Apart from our own members, we were joined on Monday by David and Carol Lockwood from Kent, who have put their E type on our stand on several occasions. Alan Mobbs, also from Kent, brought his MK9 to our open day at the Museum, and had hoped to come in that, but unfortunately the gear box had burnt out and he came in an X300.

The Pageant is gradually moving away from just classic cars and there is now a lot of Americana with cars and music. A variety of music was there for people's enjoyment. Doug and I particularly enjoyed the Polka Dots trio who were very professional.

The whole weekend seemed very busy so hopefully it will have been a financial success for the Whitewebbs Museum.

If anyone has a good photo of our stand could you email it to me so that I can do something for Jaguar Driver. (dashipman@talktalk.net)



XK Weekend

A couple of weeks earlier, with Alan and Barbara, we spent a very enjoyable weekend based at the Swan hotel, Streatley right on the banks of the river Thames. On our way on Friday morning, we had stopped for lunch at the Lions at Bledlow, a very old pub which has been used four times in Midsomer Murders under various names. The hotel was very comfortable with lovely views of the river from the restaurant and some bedrooms. As usual, plenty of familiar cars and people plus a sprinkling of newcomers, including a couple from Leipzig, who were going to Norfolk afterwards with the SS Register. They had travelled about a thousand miles in an absolutely immaculate XK140 DHC and were presented with an award in appreciation of them coming so far.

On Saturday morning we went to Basildon Park, which has often been used in films and TV including Downton Abbey and the Keira Knightley version of Pride and Prejudice. The route we were given for a tour of the area was longer than we wanted so, after stopping at a pub that had an adjacent bakery for a

snack, we headed back to the hotel and a relaxing cuppa on the terrace. At dinner that evening, nearly all the men were wearing cravats as a surprise for regular Nick Peace who always wears one. However this time he intended to wear a Jaguar tie, so wife Sandy, who knew the plan, had quite a job to persuade him to wear a cravat as usual.

The following morning we went to the Henley Rowing Museum, which didn't sound that interesting, but it was very good. The highlight for us was the Wind in the Willows journey with lots of illuminated tableaux. In the Jaguar Driver, Roger Learmonth said it was charming, and that is a very appropriate description.

Sunday lunch had been arranged at a nearby pub and the staff did an excellent job in serving about sixty people promptly. As always, Bob and Lynn did an extremely good job in organising a very successful weekend.

I believe it was that same weekend that Douglas and Eric and Margot were at a very big show near Aylesbury.



Onto forthcoming events;

Area 16 Day is at Sarrat this Sunday 7th and the Luton Festival of Transport at Stockwood Park, is the following week, 14th June.

The show at South Mimms in aid of the Red Cross is on 28th June but I don't know yet what time Eric needs us to be there.



While at the Enfield Pageant I was given details of an XJS for sale; it is a 3.6 auto and has been garaged for ten years. Paul 07966-561471.

