



Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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The decision about where we hold our meetings will need to be made at our November meeting, as we will have to pay after that. A majority of those members in attendance at the last meeting wished to stay at the Museum, however five members have already stated that they would no longer attend meetings there; an unfortunate split, and something that has not occurred previously in the club's almost thirty six year history. We have recently been told that there is a room at the Whitewebbs Toby Carvery that would be suitable for our purposes. In order to explore all possibilities we will contact them and, on Monday 18th October, we will hold an additional club meeting there at 8pm to investigate the suitability and obtain members' opinions. To reiterate, however, the final decision will have to be made at the November 1st meeting.



Back in mid September, several of us had a very pleasant afternoon at Brian and Mandy's for afternoon tea. Mandy had told me that she didn't normally make scones but you would never have known, as they were delicious!



The number of people on our September break has now shrunk to seven, and we met at a very nice pub en route for an al fresco lunch in glorious sunshine. Dedham Hall, where we were staying, was down a lane just off Dedham High Street and is a very picturesque old building dating partly back to the 1500s. It is family run and we were welcomed with tea and home made biscuits in the lounge. The owners and their staff were very pleasant and efficient in what was more like a B&B than a hotel, but the evening meals in a candlelit dining room were very good with plenty of choice. This year I had found it very difficult to find somewhere suitable that wouldn't be too many miles away and this fitted the bill. Unfortunately apart from a pleasant walk along the river there wasn't a great deal to do in the area and on one day we drove up to Aldeburgh for fish and chips.

It was fortunate that we weren't a great distance away from home, as it meant we were all able to drive back for Harry's funeral on Thursday 23rd. Thirteen club members attended the funeral to support Anne and pay their respects. Refreshments at a very well attended reception at the Prince of Wales pub at Goffs Oak followed, after which we returned to Dedham.

The next day, Friday, was our last day away and, after a chilly start, the sun came out as it had been all the rest of the time.



I gather from Brian W that the Mark7, 8 & 9 Register had a very good few days in the New Forest recently and Tony and Lesley met up with the SS Register at Wappenbury Hall. This is the former home of Sir William Lyons and I believe that it is the venue for next year's National Day.



Many years ago John Dyal started a collection of photos from club events. Brian Kingsley took this job over after John's death in 1999, however he no longer wishes to carry on storing the now large collection of photo albums. With the advent of digital cameras and now smart phones, nobody prints photos any more to carry this tradition on. Brian has passed them to us to hold but we really don't have room for them all so Eric has agreed to keep some of them. Looking through them reminds us of how much bigger the club used to be. It was not unusual for about seventeen cars to meet up and drive to an event in a convoy. Similarly pictures of Breakfast Runs, Christmas Dinners and September breaks all show far more people than we get now, but we are still going!

