



Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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DON'T FORGET! - JAGUAR DAY AT WHITEWEBBS MUSEUM SUNDAY 29th JULY

June seems to have been a busy month as you can see.

On June 9th, Brian K, Brian W and ourselves went to the village fete at Datchworth. As this village is where David and Christine live, it must have taken all of two or three minutes for him to put his car on the Green. I don't know how long they have been having a classic car gathering there but the fete has been going for ninety years. It had all the traditional stalls that you would expect as well as the brownies dancing round the maypole. There were about fifty or sixty cars there and, in perfect weather, it was a very pleasant afternoon.



The following day was one of our regular venues, the Luton Festival of Transport. Along with Keith W, Alan & Barb and Brian & Linda, we parked our cars with hundreds of others. It was sunny later in the day, but to start with, I think Alan and Keith may have regretted their decision to wear shorts. The organisers seem to have made the event more family friendly, with a dog show and a children's entertainer. They also handed out printed sheets with car badges for the children to find and tick off. We saw plenty going avidly from car to car. Shades of the "I SPY" books?



We had enjoyed the Flywheel Show last year, so we booked again this year. As the E-type needed a new fuel pump, and driving the XK in very hot weather is bit overpowering we parked the Passat in the public car park, not far from the entrance. We were only a few yards in when an XK120 caught our eyes. Imagine our complete amazement when it turned out to be MTM 424 which Doug had owned for about a year before we got married. The last time he saw it was when he sold it in part exchange for a Mk1. The present owner thought that he had the complete history of the car but he had no idea about Doug's brief ownership, so was as surprised as we were to meet. They had a good chat and Doug had the chance to sit in the car for the first time in fifty seven years.

After getting over the shock, we carried on enjoying the rest of the show. Watching cars and motor bikes going round a demonstration track edged with straw bales had quite an old fashioned feel about it. The cars are all parked in a paddock first where you can get close to them. A varied air display took place in the afternoon, with a stunt plane, formation Tiger Moths and tri-planes. The highlight was a twenty minute display by the Lancaster, Hurricane and Spitfire of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight. There is also a tank area that we have never managed to get to yet. Definitely a show to be recommended.



Brian W recently took his lovely Mk 9 to Snowdonia on the Big Cats tour. Apparently everything was perfect; the hotel and food, the company and, of course, the lovely and interesting places that they visited. His car behaved perfectly. He has also been to a Super Car evening at the Essendon Golf and Country Club where the cars had super prices.



Peter was in Suffolk for a Country Fayre and car show. Apparently, the property belonged to the National Trust at one time but now belongs to a wealthy Arab who has agreed to open the grounds twice a year. A couple of Spitfires were flying and it sounds like it was a good show.



Beryl was at a gathering in Belgrave Square organised by the 96 Club. She thought that about 400 cars were there, and the atmosphere was very good.



Forthcoming events are this Sunday at Kimbolton, Hoddesdon on July 14th and National Day at Woburn Abbey on August 5th. Not too far to go.



On August 12th, Doug and I will be having a BBQ. Bring any food that you want barbecueing, and alcohol and we'll sort out spuds, salad etc. as well as desserts, cakes and soft drinks. I will need to know names and numbers a week beforehand. Bring chairs as well.

