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AREA REP'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



Sitting here this morning, after Storm Desmond unsuccessfully tried to deposit another 3/4 ton of our hundred or so year old oak tree on the garden shed, it made me appreciate how lucky we are in this part of the country, only having the wind to contend with. Watching TV and seeing peoples' homes and Christmases in the north of England ruined by the flood makes our troubles seem insignificant by comparison.

I wish you all a peaceful and healthy Christmas.

Doug



Don't forget that there is still one more meeting this month; Mince Pie night on 21st. Hope to see plenty of you there. Eric and Margot have suggested that it would be good fun if everyone brought a picture of themselves as a baby or young child to see who we can recognise. So look out your old albums.



We had our Christmas dinner at the Galley Hall on 5th December; the fourth time we have been here. As always it looked very Christmassy with plenty of decorations and open fires. The portions were very generous but instead of having a relaxing chat afterwards, a live duo plus backing tracks began to play VERY loudly making conversation virtually impossible. Doug complained as we left and Alan left a complaint as well. Maybe after four years it may be time for a change. It had also been our lowest number, only eleven which is disappointing compared to even a few years ago. It will need talking about next year.



Eric and Tony both went to Car show at the NEC and even the "quiet" day on Friday was very busy.



The Parade of Light in Enfield Town at the end of November was very well supported, taking about an hour and a half to complete the route followed by fireworks and carols.



The Car and Costume event will have a different venue next year; it will take place in the grounds of Forty Hall, probably on 31st July.



For the past two years, we have held a Jaguar Day at the Museum on the last Sunday in March. As this will be Easter Sunday next year this has not been confirmed yet.



It is worth noting that Area 57 celebrates thirty years next March, an occasion which should be marked in some way. Any ideas will be welcome.



The meeting began with Ossie giving a now legally required talk on safety exits in case of a fire. He now answers to the name of Wally Warden.

