



Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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There are not many more events left on the calendar now but I think for the most part it has been a pretty good year with not too many downpours.



Barbara has started two lists of names; one for the Breakfast Run to Nuthampstead on Sunday 10th October, presumably at £9.50 a head as in April.

The Christmas dinner at The Salisbury Arms at Hertford has been confirmed for Saturday 4th December. I've enclosed the menu but the restaurant will be sending me copies. As you can see, the cost is £25 per head. Names and £10 per head deposit are needed by our second October meeting on the 18th. Hopefully a change of venue and the date being a week earlier will get the numbers back up again after last year's low turnout. If you can't get to either of the October meetings, please send a cheque for the deposit to Barbara and made out to her. Menu choices will need to be made nearer the time.

Christmas Menu

Watercress, Leek & Potato Soup served with chives & croutons

Grilled Goat's Cheese Salad with Walnut dressing

Honeydew Melon with Lemon Sorbet & Fruit coulis

Gravadlax of Salmon, Mackerel & Prawn Salad with Marie Rose Dressing & lemon

Roast Norfolk Turkey Herb seasoning, chipolata sausage wrapped in Bacon & Cranberry Sauce

Chargrilled Sirloin Steak with a red wine, mushroom & Shallot sauce

Grilled Fillet of Salmon served with dill, lemon, Tomato & Prawn Butter

Baked field Mushroom, filled with Goats cheese & red onion, glazed & served with dressed salad leaves or vegetables of the day

All of the above accompanied by Fresh Seasonal Vegetables

A choice of deserts or A selection of Cheeses with Biscuits & Celery

Tea or Coffee & Mince Pies

£25.00 (service extra)



We were very lucky with the weather for the Barbecue at our house on 22nd August and the onion competition was different, to say the least. As a serious veggie grower, Dick was the winner easily. However when Doug and Keith O heard that vegetables should be dressed for show purposes they decided to take it literally. Keith's were dressed in little paper Hawaian skirts and bras while Doug raided the Christmas decorations to give his little red bows round their necks and a variety of hats made from bottle tops. We have held the Barbecue for three years now and have enjoyed doing them, but maybe it's time for someone else to have a turn.

On the same day the car show at Tewin was very good according to Eric and Margot who went there before coming to us.



The Steam and Country Show over the Bank Holiday had mixed fortunes with some really heavy rain on Sunday, but on Monday, when several of our cars were on display, there was much better weather. I gather from Dick and Keith that it was not very successful financially for the Whitewebbs Museum.



We were lucky with the weather for our weekend in Kent, and I'd just like to add a few words to Audrey's write up. I'm glad that everyone liked the hotel, and thanks for the co-operation in pre-ordering from the menu. I think it did make for more efficient service, as it can take quite a while for fourteen people to choose what they want, and for the waiter to take all the orders.



SUNNY SEPTEMBER IN SITTINGBOURNE - Friday Sept 10th – Sunday Sept 12th

Report by Audrey Williams

Fourteen of us met up for Friday lunch at 'The Leather Bottle' in Cobham, Kent. The weather was good enough for us to sit outside. Most people got to the hotel before us, as we had decided to take the 'picturesque' A2 route through Rochester & Chatham! A mistake as all we saw was traffic jams, speed cameras and road works!

The hotel, Hempstead House at Bapchild just outside Sittingbourne, was excellent – apart from the out of date brochure not matching up to present day arrangements. Margot spent a while trying to find the open-air swimming pool in the extensive grounds. It had been filled in and built over 2 years ago!

On Saturday morning we all drove to Whitstable. What a superb fishing village. The fish market and unspoilt town streets were interesting. We then split up and went our own ways – most followed the coast round to Herne Bay. We had fish & chips for lunch, a quick look around the sparse Saturday morning market, then drove through Margate and ended up in Broadstairs. This was like stepping back in time – a delightful little Victorian seaside town with formal sea-front gardens, bandstand with live entertainment and a sandy beach. Our evening was quite lively with a brain puzzle and memory recall quizzes.

On Sunday, apart from Len & Sally, who stayed on for an extra day, we all went to a Garden Show we'd seen advertised at Detling near Maidstone. Our group went further on to Teston, a nearby little village on the river where Keith's Gran used to live. Amazingly the cottage was still there.

The weather was just perfect. Wendy always seems to order it specially. A big thank you to her & Doug for organising it all.

Another enjoyable weekend and a good laugh – Here's looking forward to the next one in 2011

