



Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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Area Rep's Report

Doug began by thanking the thirteen people who were at the meeting. We had some apologies for absence. He gave the usual brief list of the places and events that had taken place during the past year. As in the past it is quite probable that not everything has been mentioned, so apologies if we have missed out an event you attended.

The season began with our first try at having a Jaguar day at the Museum. We had twenty two visiting Jaguars which was a little disappointing but Mothers' Day and Essen may have had something to do with it. Hopefully, with more advertising this time, we will do better.

We had two Breakfast Runs to the Bocket Arms and although a little disorganised they provide a good breakfast. The two shows in aid of the Little Haven Hospice are always well supported as are the two at Croxley Green. Luton show was busy but we only had a small group of our cars at Hoddesdon.

The Enfield Pageant is, of course, the main event of the year as some members are involved for all three days. We have always put on good displays and this year our efforts were rewarded with £100 joint first prize.

Not many of our cars go to the Red Cross show at North Mymms but with some of Eric's Triumph friends there was a line up that people enjoyed looking at.

The Museum only had one weekend away this year which was at Coventry. The Spring XK weekend was at The Pudding Club in the Cotswolds and the Joint XK/XJ/XType Day was at Ragley Hall.

The show at Kimbolton was, as always packed with a good variety of cars and lots of things to see from live music to baby animals.

National Day was a bit of a disaster due to atrocious weather. The Tewin show, a new one to Doug and I, was very enjoyable once we dried off from a soaking on arrival.

The August Bank holiday shows at Knebworth and Cuffley had a wet day and a dry one.

As always, the Classics on the Common at Harpenden was a great success, with masses of cars and people.

The Buntingford Classic event was very busy but most unusually there were no American cars there.

On a very hot day in June, quite a lot of people dressed up for the Car and Costume Show which was very enjoyable and hopefully raised the profile of the Museum. This was also the aim when some of us took our cars to the Enfield Town Show.

Elm Court in Potters Bar was the venue for a very enjoyable relaxing show with a good variety of cars, and an excellent band playing fifties and sixties music. From there we went on to Dick and Eileen's, where the sunflower competition had already been judged and a lot of food eaten. Eric won, with a special junior prize to Dick's granddaughter whose plant was the tallest.

I gather that the Capel Manor show did well and both Spares days at Stoneleigh were well supported.

Only six of us went away for the weekend in September, however the hotel at Evesham was very good, but quite eccentric to say the least!

The Waverly trip was very enjoyable although unfortunately Doug and I missed out on the return trip as I had to go to Barnet hospital for about twenty stitches in my forehead after tripping up on the pier.

Towards the end of the year, the Festival of Light around Enfield town went well.

The Christmas Dinner was at The Galley Hall for the third time and was enjoyed by all.

We all enjoyed mince pies etc at the last meeting of 2014.

Apparently the gatherings at Barrington on New Year's day may be coming to an end according to Eric who went this year and, finally, some EDVVS members had a post Christmas lunch at Bengoe.

Treasurer's Report

Barbara passed round copies of our finances for the past year. Normal incomings and outgoings remain constant but as a result of the prize from the Pageant, our balance is slightly up on last year.

Secretary/Newsletter Editor's Report

Wendy passed on the usual thanks to Roy for producing and distributing the Newsletter every month. Hoping that everyone reads it, she commented on the lack of contributions lately.

Membership Secretary/Webmaster's Report

As Roy had been unable to attend the meeting, Wendy passed on the membership details that he had given her. We currently have thirty one memberships which equates to forty nine people and fifty three cars. Over the year, we have gained two memberships and lost two.

With all officers willing to carry on as before, Doug Shipman remains Area rep., Barbara Collins - Treasurer, Wendy Shipman – Newsletter, and Roy Fludgate - Membership Secretary/Webmaster. Any photos should be passed to Brian Kingsley – Club Archivist. Thanks to Keith and Bobbie for looking after us on Club nights.

The AGM was then closed.



Jaguar Day at Whitewebbs Museum – Sunday 29th March

We had high hopes this year as the event had been better advertised but, unfortunately, we had the first really wet day for weeks. Considering how wet it was, I think we did well to get twelve visiting cars including ones from Surrey, Peterborough, Southend and Milton Keynes. We had four enquiries beforehand and it was gratifying that they did all come. We will be joined at the Pageant by Alan Mobbs who brought his Mk IX from Surrey.



Keith O spent the Easter weekend at the Lee Valley Country Show where he was joined by Dick on Monday. It is very much a family show with the emphasis on animals. They both enjoyed it and said it was very busy. Hopefully it will have been a good advert for the Enfield Pageant which they were promoting.



Eric is starting to collect names for the Pageant on 23rd/25th May. Please contact him as soon as you can with what day or days that you can attend and the vehicle you will bring. 01707-875129.



I recently saw an article about 80th anniversary of the driving test and thought the following excerpt from it was quite interesting. Today there are 34 million vehicles on the road with associated deaths at about 1700 per year. In 1934 there were 2.4 million vehicles and death rate of 7343! If this rate had continued it would mean an annual death rate of more than 100,000 people!!!!

