



Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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Funeral of Audrey Williams - July 14th

Twenty one of us joined Keith, Laura and Will and lots of friends and family at the Harwood Crematorium for Audrey's funeral. It was a very simple non religious service, which was very personal as everything was as Audrey had wanted. She had chosen all the music from Here Comes The Sun to Always Look On The Bright Side of Life. Alan read words that Audrey had written herself about her early days in Wales and her happy life with Keith and then Laura, whose marriage to Will, and then the birth of Jack gave her immense pleasure. Alan read Keith's own moving words about her courage before Laura added her own tribute to her mum. A lay preacher from the Isabel Hospice gave two readings which were perfect for the occasion. Afterwards we had refreshments at the Tack Room at the Westfield Farm complex. This had also been Audrey's choice, as she often took Jack for walks there. Several of you will have already made your own donation to either of the charities but it was agreed that Area 57 would make a donation of £100 to the Isabel Hospice at Welwyn Garden City.

Message from Keith Williams

Laura and I would like to put on record our sincere thanks for all the kind thoughts, condolences, cards and donations made in memory of Audrey. As you said she was an avid believer that Area 57 should continue to meet as a club for as long as possible and it was something she really enjoyed. I intend to continue to support yourselves as quickly as possible but please forgive me if I cannot manage some of the meets. Time is the only healer. Incidentally, I think we have collected well over £1,000 for Cancer Research and the Isabel Hospice up to now.

Keith and Laura

(Keith has just updated this figure which is now around £1300 and he hopes it will help others)



On July 11th only four of our club cars were at Hoddesdon. It was busy with plenty of cars, mostly regulars, and lots of people but our own presence was very much smaller than it has been in the past.



On the following day at Kimbolton, again not many of our cars, but as we are always parked with cars from Areas 44 and 17, it was a good display. We did have very heavy rain for about an hour but the majority of time there was plenty of sunshine to enjoy the many attractions that this show offers. As I say every year, there really is something for everyone at this event. If you have never been, try and make it next year.



July 19th was Car and Costume Day in Enfield Town. Unfortunately there were fewer cars than last year and not many people dressed up. Keith O looked quite mean as a rocker, complete with a "tattooed" arm. It was flower power for Bobbie with a long blonde wig and flower garland round her head. Doug was a 50's racing driver/mechanic in white overalls, backwards cap and goggles. As everyone in the fifties smoked, he made two realistic looking cigarettes for us. Margot has all the evidence, so I am sure she will have the photos at a meeting sometime.



I gather that Harpenden was as busy as ever. Unfortunately, the XK decided to throw a rare wobbly, and starting problems meant us heading off there later than usual, by which time there were a lot more cars going in, and with signs of the engine getting too hot, we turned round and came home again.



National Weekend

We travelled to Wroxall Abbey with Alan and Barb, and met Tony and Lesley there. On the Friday evening there were another dozen or so couples that we hadn't met before. Dinner left a bit to be desired, both with service and food. As often happens at big hotels, we were playing second fiddle to a wedding group.

On Saturday morning Nik Drukker handed out our routes for a drive around the local area, which took us through an extremely pretty part of Warwick before arriving at Mary Arden's house and farm at Wilmcote. She was Shakespeare's mother. I don't know whether Nik's instructions weren't clear enough or we all read them wrong at times, as all three of us found ourselves leading on various occasions. The highlight of the visit was a flying display from an eagle owl. We found our way back to the hotel with a slight intentional diversion to see the flight of twenty one locks at Hatton, unfortunately no boats were going through at the time. By the time we got back to the hotel lots more Jaguars had arrived. The dinner was held in a lovely marquee in the grounds and around a hundred and sixty people sat down to a well served meal. By that time we were starting to get to know a few other people.

The next morning we drove the great distance of about a hundred and fifty yards to the area where National Day was being held. The various marques were parked facing into the arena to begin with although obviously lots of cars as they arrived were all together. It was very busy with plenty of cars. Mick Duffy was quite pleased with around eighteen XKs. How different from years ago when fifty or sixty would regularly be at XK Day. The XJS register had hoped for two hundred cars to celebrate forty years. Rather optimistic, but there were sixty there. Quite a few from the SS Register, and lots of modern Jaguars, but surprisingly very few E types. The JDC President, David Steel was there, as was Norman Dewis, just back from Dusseldorf where he had been driving a D type. He was 95 on 3rd August!!!! We were getting ready to leave after what had been a very pleasant weekend when we realised that no cars were moving along the driveway to the exit gate. Alan went to investigate and found that a Mk 2 had caught fire and there were flames every where. The fire brigade from Leamington Spa arrived quite quickly and put it out but as we drove past it later, it was in a very sorry state, with nearly everything other than the boot burnt out and tyres melted. What a sad end to the day for some poor owner.



On to forthcoming dates now. The Waltham Cross Classic Car Show is on Saturday 8th, and It's Show Time in aid of the Little Haven Hospice at Purleigh, Essex is on Sunday 9th.

There have been a few crossed wires as far as the venue for the Potato Day and BBQ. It is definitely at Eric and Margot's on Sunday 16th August from about 2pm. Please take your own chair and any meat that you wish to be cooked. Everyone is welcome, potato grower or not but please give Eric or Margot a ring to let them know if you are coming. Eric's guitar teacher will be entertaining us some of the time.

On 23rd August both Tewin and Elm Court shows are on, and the following weekend, which is August Bank Holiday, is the Steam and Country Show at Cuffley. We always have our club display on the Monday, which is the 31st. Get there by about 9am.

The following weekend also has an event on both days. Saturday 5th September is the Buntingford Classic Event, and those who have registered should receive their entry number by email a week or so before. Sunday 6th is the Classic and Vintage show at Capel Manor from 10am to 5pm. Pre-booked entries are £6.50 per vehicle or £7.50 on the day. An entry form can be downloaded from www.capelmanorgardens.co.uk.



Dick has given me details of an XK8 4 litre coupe for sale. It is V reg, November '99 One owner, 70,000 miles. It is Pacific Blue with cream leather interior. The asking price is £5/6,000 Pete 07717-802119.

