



Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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In the last newsletter both Audrey and I expressed hopes for better weather for this year's Pageant. Unfortunately, for the third year running, the weather really let us down. Saturday was OK when Doug and a few others went over, and there were plenty of visitors. Sunday morning was the familiar picture of rain but we still managed to put up the new tent successfully. It seems to have been a very good buy and we now know that it is waterproof!!! We decided to have bacon rolls first while the weather was gradually easing and then the banners etc. were sorted out. The cars weren't arranged as well as they might have been in better conditions, but still looked pretty good. We were joined by Bob & Helen Welton from Clacton, who Doug had met the previous day. They had expected to meet some JEC people, however none arrived. Their Mk 2 was a good addition to our display and they have now joined our Area. Obviously we don't expect to see much of them due to the distances involved, but it's nice that they want to keep in contact through the newsletter.

It was agreed that we should take the tent down at the end of the day as it had dried off by then, and this turned out to be a wise decision, as Monday was even worse than the previous day. We actually had about ten cars on site, including Mac and Francesca who had been available for the first time. By about eleven o'clock, it became obvious that the weather was not going to improve so we gave up and went home. Thanks to everyone who did turn up on such a dreadful day.

We know from all the preparations that Dick, Keith O and John W were involved with, along with many others, how much work goes into these events, and fortunately the EDVVT still made a profit in spite of the conditions.



Doug, Dick and Eric went to the show at Hatfield on June 7th which I gather is part car show and part country show. I understand from Dick that the Whitewebbs Museum, who had a display of cars and their shop on site, got an award for their display.

The following day an E type convoy plus Wayne's XK went to the Luton Festival of Transport where, like last year, we enjoyed glorious sunshine. This show attracts a wide variety of cars, commercials and military vehicles.



On 15th June, Dick, Eileen, Doug and myself headed off to RAF Halton near Wendover for the De-Havilland flying day. It took us about forty minutes to drive there and another half an hour for anyone to find out where we should be parked. We followed all the signs for the car park, but as the Jaguar Driver magazine had said there would be an "official attendance by the JDC" we had expected to be directed to a particular area. Various RAF cadets had no idea where we should go, and on one of the attempts to find where we were supposed to go, we met two Triumph TRs also totally bewildered. Various RAF personnel kept making phone calls and one of the Triumph men said he was probably phoning God. Eventually Nik Drukker turned up and he finally decided to lift up a barrier and we all drove in. In the end there was a display of about twenty cars, mainly Jaguars. Charity flights were available in a Tiger Moth or a Rapide and they were kept very busy. We watched the flying displays for awhile and then made our way home.

On the previous day Len, Sally, Ron, Pam and Brian went to the fete at Datchworth where there were about twenty five to thirty cars, and a Vauxhall Victor was chosen as the favourite car of the day.



I have now got passes for the Sporting Bears Show at Kimbolton on 20th July. This is a good varied show. Passes are given in with £5 on the day with the money going to charity.

Although there has been some query as to whether the Matching Green Show is still going on, I have been advised that it will take place on 6th July.

On that day Doug and I along with Eric and Margo will be at Highclere Castle for XK/National Day if anyone wants to join us. It is not far from Newbury and is the home of Lord Carnarvon and houses various Egyptian relics from the Tutankhamun discoveries made in the 1920s.

Brian has been given a couple of dates for small shows, one at Tewin on 31st August and one at Castle Hedingham on 21st September (Contact 01438-869333 for details)



A few weeks ago the daily Telegraph did a reader's survey of beautiful cars. Apparently 367 cars were mentioned and Jaguars were well represented:

1. E type, 3. XKs, 11. D type, 12. Mark 2, 27. XJ6, 47. XJS, 67. SS100

Shows what good taste we've all got.



While we were entering the Luton Show, a man gave Keith a little booklet which was a copy of the Jaguar Drivers' Club Rules for 1957. I will keep it in my case at meetings if anyone wants to see it. I will also be carrying copies of the Minutes from the meeting that Doug and I went to about club finances if anyone wants a copy.



We have pencilled in a date for a BBQ at our house on 31st August. I will need to know numbers nearer the time.



On the first Friday of the month, during the summer, there is always a classic car gathering at Barrington, between Royston and Cambridge during the evening. Weather permitting, some of us may pay this one a visit on August 8th.



Don't forget there is a three week gap before the next meeting and when you arrive, you will probably find that the car park barrier is down. There is a button on the wall to be admitted. This is the start of a tightening up of security which the Legion hopes to have completely operational by October. Members are being issued with an entry fob to open the barrier and eventually the building. I have some forms for Legion members who have not yet applied for a fob.



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