



## Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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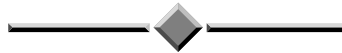
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Although the weather has been quite dry for recent events, I gather that at the Luton Show it was extremely cold when Eric and Margot were there. I think that Alan and Barb also went. On the same day, we went to Area 16 Day with Douglas. It was at Sarrat near Chorleywood and was a pleasant relaxed day. It could have been warmer but certainly better than Luton. We met up with a few familiar faces and there was quite a good selection of Jaguars there. The following Sunday some of us were at North Mymms which Margot has reported on for me. At the end of the month some of the Museum vehicles went to a fete at Much Hadham for a charity.



This coming Sunday, 7th July, there is a choice of three events; Festival of Transport at Barleylands, Cars in the Park at Oak Hill Park, East Barnet and the Matching Green show.



We should be receiving passes for Hoddesdon any day now and we usually aim to get there by about 9am.



The following day, 14th July is the very enjoyable Kimbolton Fayre. Those of you with passes, make your own way there and you will get directed to our allocated area. It can get quite busy, so getting in early is best. We will aim for about 9am.



It's unfortunate that the show at Cressing Temple is on the same day, as that was very good last year.



Harpenden, Classics on the Common is on 31st July but that is definitely pre-booked only. Gates open at 2pm.



I don't know whether anyone intends to go to National Day on 4th August.



On 28th July, the grand potato judging will take place at Dick and Eileen's. There will be a BBQ so bring along your meat and alcohol. Everyone is welcome from 1pm onwards.



If anyone still needs a pass for either of the shows in support of Little Haven, speak to Dick.



Everyone in the club sends their best wishes to Linda Ferrett after a recent operation.

## **Buns 'n Roses – North Mymms Park Red Cross Day**

### ***Report by Margot Tetsell***

The sky was looking ominous and it was trying to rain when we gathered outside the gates of North Mymms Park on Sunday 16th. In spite of this we were lucky to have a good turnout of cars to enhance the Red Cross Open Garden Day. From the club we had Douglas in his MK II and Doug and Wendy were kind enough to bring two cars, their white E-type and the green XK120. Eric would like to thank the two Dougs not only for supplying the cars but for all the ferrying back and forth involved. He was also pleased with the turnout from the Team Escargot boys (the group that go down to Le Mans) and his cronies in the TR registrar. Unfortunately some of the usual stalwarts were missing due to various different reasons but as usual in the short summer months you either find that you have several events clashing, or absolutely nothing!

As the weather was murky most people made for the refreshments first of all as they were being served indoors in a converted stables and conference centre. The cakes were up to their usual glorious standard and so were the strawberries and cream. By this time the rain had stopped so we were able to sit in the courtyard with our tea and cakes and listen to the banjo, mandolin and guitar band before having a walk around the grounds. Unfortunately the fabulous loggia was under restoration so we couldn't properly admire the intricate marble carvings and the vaulted mosaic ceiling as usual. It was actually built in 1893, when new wings were added to the house, which were subsequently removed in 1947, but luckily the loggia remains.

The original house itself is Jacobean and built by Elizabeth Tudor's grandson, Sir Ralph Coningsby in 1599, and over the years various owners added sections which were removed at a later date. Apparently a Professor Pevsner says of the house "It is one of the best examples of the late Elizabethan style in the country, inferior perhaps to none but Hatfield". The house is famous for a collection of tapestries and panelling, so it seems a shame that it is not open to the public. The house was also used for filming 'The Wicked Lady' starring Faye Dunaway and featured in an episode of 'Miss Marple'.

The rose garden that was replanted in 2011 was still not blooming – perhaps it was because of the late Spring – but the Red Cross could not choose which day they could have for their event and were just given a date, the only date the park is open to the public all year. Apparently Queen Mary was a regular visitor during summer months to admire the roses when they were at their best. Luckily there were other plants that were worth looking at such as a large bed of light and dark blue iris, a bed of peonies, some lovely azaleas and rhododendrons plus a very usual Chinese Gooseberry with striking pink and green leaves.

The day always seems to be very laid back and relaxing. You can wander around the grounds and admire the views, have a cup of tea and a cake and hopefully sit in the gardens in the sun. And the sun did make an appearance after all.

