



## Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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### **September 2019**

We seem to be getting about twenty people at the meetings for the past few months, and the September one was also well attended with several things to report on and discuss.



Recently several members went to the show at Waltham Cross, where about thirty cars were on display. Brian K and his car were photographed for the Hertfordshire Mercury.



As usual, the Tewin show attracted hundreds of cars and was the usual enjoyable day despite heavy rain first of all, and then another very heavy shower later which sent people hurrying back to their cars. I met a man who was rather a sixties throwback who told me that he had been at school in Switzerland with David Niven and Stewart Granger's sons when an XK was driven in as a 17th birthday present for Stewart Granger's son. As he told the same story to Brian W, we will never know whether the birthday present was an XK120 or an XK150.



The weather just about behaved for the BBQ and judging at Keith W's. It was a very pleasant afternoon with Alan doing his usual stirring work, manning the barbecue. Keith's daughter, Laura had done a great job organising plenty of food. The pumpkin class was won by Dick but there were only three entries. Ours hadn't produced anything at all and I don't think that Steph and Bobbie had much more success. Margot produced a photo of theirs still growing but was eliminated. There was a better show for the fuschia class which was won by Margot. Including Keith's grandchildren, who were both very good, twenty two of us had an enjoyable afternoon.



The weekend of the 7th & 8th sees the Buntingford Classic and Capel Manor shows which are always well attended, so we hope for good weather.



Our usual late season Breakfast Run to the Brocket Arms is provisionally booked for the 20th October, so I will need names a week beforehand.



As most of you will be aware, our Jaguar Days at the Museum have always been rather disappointing with only a small number of visiting Jaguars coming along. When we did it early in the year, we clashed with Easter Sunday or Mothering Sunday and had quite a bit of rain. Last year we tried again in July and had the worst weather for weeks. This year the weather was not too bad but only eight visiting Jaguars joined our own eleven, despite plenty of advertising in the Jaguar Driver. As Keith O is now preparing the Museum Calendar he wanted to know whether to book us in again. Reluctantly but overwhelmingly the decision was made to not hold the event again.



There were groans when Doug said the next thing to discuss was Christmas Dinner and what were members views. Barbara said that as the past few years had been a little disappointing for various reasons, why didn't we go out for a meal in the New Year instead. This seemed to meet with approval. Keith O said that as it had already been agreed earlier in the year that we would invite Area 33 to join us for a Sunday lunch, we could have a lunch with them sometime in January when not much is going on. This seemed to meet with agreement, so a suitable venue needs to be agreed on, bearing in mind that they would have to travel from the Chelmsford area. Brian W has suggested the Rainbow and Dove, at Hastingwood, near Harlow, but if anyone else knows suitable places please mention them at the next meeting.

