



## Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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The end of July saw members visiting a variety of places. On July 27th there was a BBQ at the Museum where a large number of cars were able to park on the brand new tarmac area. A few days earlier there had been the second Jaguar Performance Meeting at the Ace Cafe, which I gather was quite wet.



On 25th July, Doug and I went to the Classic Meeting at Silverstone where the sun shone all day. The deal that is arranged for car clubs makes this a really good value day out. Our tickets only cost £17.50 each and for that you can see racing from 9 a.m. till the evening, plus a wander round a vast number of classic cars and stalls. An addition this year was evening concerts and if we had chosen to stay later, a concert by Santana was also included in the price. Jaguar was the featured marque this year so we had an excellent area inside the circuit.



The weather was not so kind for the Classics on the Common at Harpenden, where it rained nearly all the time. Obviously this did keep the numbers down somewhat but still a tremendous turnout of cars and visitors considering the conditions.



Alan and Barbara joined us for the XK/XJ weekend at the beginning of August. We were based in a hotel at Weybridge and with some trepidation about the long term roadworks on the M25 we left Potters Bar at 8.15 a.m. We sailed through, arriving at the hotel by 9 a.m. where we took up the offer of breakfast. Two visits were arranged for Saturday; Mercedes World next to Brooklands and R.H.S Wisley.

Mercedes World is a combination of museum, show room and various test tracks and was worth a visit. We all thoroughly enjoyed the gardens at Wisley which none of us had visited before. About 40 people enjoyed a very good dinner and a toast was made to Rose Eaton who will be a hundred this month.

On Sunday morning we had a journey of about three miles to Brooklands where XK/XJ Day was being held. Probably by accident rather than design the XK Register seems to come here at six year intervals; 1997, 2003 and now this year and there is more to see now than on our previous visits. Concours judging now seems to be in three sections, gold, silver and bronze classes depending on how much the judges are looking for. France Aliphon came second in the silver Class with his XJS.

The M25 was again free from hold ups on the way home on Sunday afternoon so it was a very enjoyable weekend.



Several club members went to the gathering at Croxley Green on 5th August, which always attracts a lot of cars and I am told that the refreshment and toilet facilities have been improved. There was also some live music.



A first for most of us was the show at the Royal Gunpowder Mills at Waltham Abbey. On two or three occasions, a cavalcade of cars drove around the museum site. For a slice of history almost on our doorsteps, there is quite a lot to see there.



Once again the show in aid of the Little Haven Hospice, held for the second time at Purleigh near Chelmsford was an excellent day out. With a variety of stalls, craft marquee, live music, arena events with horses, dogs and displays of motorbikes, tractors, commercial vehicles and steam vehicles both full size and models, there was plenty to see. Eight of our cars were lined up with quite a variety of other cars.

As we have done in the past, the club is making a £40 donation to this worthwhile cause.



Barbara has booked us in at the Woodman, Nuthampstead on 11th October for an end of season breakfast run. Contact her for bookings.



### **New Strain of Tomato Discovered in Potters Bar**

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

The keen gardening section of the Club gathered at Doug and Wendy's house in Potters Bar on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August for a joint barbeque and tomato show. We were very lucky with the beautiful weather, picture perfect garden and experienced chef (Alan) who cooked the delicious barbeque and looked very dashing in his chef's whites. Wendy did us proud with fabulous cakes, desserts and salads - I'm sure days of preparation went into this and we were all most appreciative.

The tomato judging became very exciting when Eric produced what seemed to be a new strain of tomato, a giant tomato – then John produced one – then Richard produced one. Obviously absolutely no cheating had gone on here, so it was quite remarkable that such similar vegetables/fruits (?) had appeared. All huge, all shiny, all very red – almost looking as though they had been painted. We decided to name this new strain a “Tomarrow” as they must have been a cross between a tomato and a marrow. All very exciting. Perhaps we can sell the seeds to Thompson and Morgan which would help swell Club funds.

Richard had also managed to produce an unusual tomato shaped like a snowman with a bow tie. Years of painstaking research and cross-pollination went into producing this strain at Richards secret laboratory, coincidentally next to the Pig and Whistle pub.

Anyway, the competition was won by Eric with the heaviest (and ugliest) tomato with Richard a close second. Pasta sauce anyone?

P.S. Just at going to press an appeal has been launched (or was that lunched?) by Richard Rogers due to the winning tomato being so unsightly. If upheld details will follow.

