



Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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Area 57 AGM – 3rd April 2023

Area Rep's Report

Doug welcomed twelve of us to our AGM, a little lower than last year due to holidays and health problems. As usual, he gave us a run through of some of the events attended during the past year. As always there will be places that some people visited that are not mentioned, so apologies for that. We had looked forward to a return visit to the Villa Scalabrini, but chose not to go as the weather forecast was bad. Eric, Margot, Arnie and Steph did go but unfortunately had to spend a lot of time sheltering from the heavy rain. The Enfield Pageant over two days rather than the normal three was very busy, making a good financial weekend for the Museum. There were a few glimpses of our cars on TV as Henry Cole from Junk and Disorderly was there. We had a very pleasant weekend in mid June with the Datchworth village fete on the Saturday and Luton Festival of Transport on the Sunday. Both days were lovely and sunny. I understand that the show at Oakhill Park at Barnet attracted a lot of cars. We then reached what I am sure you all remember was an exceptionally hot spell of weather and, at both Hoddesdon and Kimbolton, it was a case of finding as much shade as possible with plenty of cold drinks. National Day didn't work out as planned. We should have been at Wroxhall Abbey for the evening dinner and then at Wappenbury Hall for National Day on the Sunday. Unfortunately Wroxhall Abbey went into liquidation two or three days before the weekend. This followed a complete refurbishment after the previous company had also collapsed a few years ago. Doug and I felt that it was too far to drive up on the Sunday but I gather that it was a successful day. On the same day, the members who went to the Area 33 Day at RHS Hyde Hall enjoyed it, with plenty of cars and nice gardens. Croxley Green had it's usual large number of cars at one of the few free events. It was good to get back to Tewin after the break of a couple of years. We all enjoy this show and it may be partly due to the cakes. We used to have a whole line of cars at Buntingford but for various reasons, we only had three cars there this time. Of all the shows we go to, it always seems that there are more people coming to chat about the cars. The following day was Capel Manor and, as usual, there were hundreds of cars of all shapes and sizes. Our Autumn Breakfast Run to the Cricketers at Clavering was a little disappointing because of the extremely slow service. A few of us joined some cars from the Museum to put on a display at the front of Hatfield House. It was nice to walk all round the grounds in the sunshine, and Doug and I enjoyed a very tasty lunch in the restaurant. There had been three weekends away throughout the year. The XK weekend to Debyshire in April was very enjoyable but chilly and, unfortunately, some of the regulars were not there for various reasons. The Museum weekend was at Colchester and I gather people visited the zoo. The seven of us who went away in September stayed in a hotel not far from Henley, which could have been a lot better, but we did have a good trip on the Thames and were impressed with the grounds of Cliveden House. The year finished with our usual Mince Pie night.

Treasurer's Report

Barbara told us that our current finances are OK and the facility for members to pay their subs by bank transfer has worked out well. Depending on any increase that may occur later in the year for room hire, our subscription charge may need to go up.

Secretary/ Newsletter Editor's Report

As usual, I expressed my thanks to Roy and Kim for producing the Newsletter. I hope that it keeps members up to date with what we have done and forthcoming events.

Membership Secretary/Webmaster's Report

Roy informed us that we currently have twenty six memberships, which represents thirty eight people and fifty cars. He reiterated what Barbara had said about a possible subs increase unless we gain more members.

Election of Officers

There were no volunteers to take over any of the posts so these remain unchanged as follows:

Doug Shipman:	Area Rep.
Barbara Collins:	Treasurer
Wendy Shipman:	Newsletter Editor/Secretary
Roy Fludgate:	Membership Secretary/Webmaster

Thanks were given to Keith and Bobbie for opening up the Museum and serving drinks etc.

There being no further business, the AGM was then closed and the normal club meeting began.



There was not too much to discuss at the regular meeting. I have collected fourteen names for the Breakfast Run to the Woodman at Nuthampstead on 30th April, but there is room for a few more as long as you let me know ASAP. As I have said previously, the cost is £16.50 per person or £33 per couple. This has had to include a service charge so nothing needs putting on the table afterwards. PLEASE can you make sure that you bring the CORRECT MONEY.



I have collected some names for the Pageant but if you wish to book a place for your car/cars PLEASE CONTACT ERIC as soon as possible. As last year, there is a £5 per car administration fee which covers two people. If by any chance you have any extra passengers they will need to pay the £10 admission. Please send a cheque including £1 postage to Eric Tetsell, Meadow Lodge, Orchard Close, Cuffley, Herts, EN6 4QD.



No doubt we will be hearing from Tewin very shortly.



Alan has informed me that there is a free show on Saffron Walden Common on August 13th.



I'm sure plenty of other dates will be filling the calendar soon.



As you will have seen in the latest Jaguar Driver, Peter Woodward from Area 16 has recently died. Several of us have had our cars valued by him and gone to their Area Day at Sarrat, so I have sent a condolence card to Sylvia on behalf of the Area.

