



Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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It's been a fairly busy few weeks lately, but before I get on to the past events, Audrey wants me to pass on her thanks for the flowers that Barbara ordered on behalf of the club when she came out of hospital.



Hoddesdon Town Centre Show - 12th July

After a cloudy start the day really warmed up, to the extent that we had to contend with flying ants. We only had four club Jaguars in attendance, but at our little plot round the Memorial we were joined by a few other cars including Richard's R type Bentley. It was very busy with live music as usual and plenty of people. There was, however, quite a large space left where we assume some entrants had not turned up. Later on this space was filled by a superb 8 litre Bentley.



Kimbolton Show - 13th July

This show continues to be the one that has the most variety of things to see, with hundreds of cars, although surprisingly, very few American or really old cars. The two show areas provide plenty of interest with the Sealed Knot firing cannons in the main arena. This was also where a sheepdog was herding not only sheep but ducks or geese, I can't remember which. The Galaxy Big Band provides the music for an increasing number of Lindy Hoppers (sort of jiving for the young ones out there). Add to that various stalls, tea and beer tents and there is something for everyone. It is a shame that this show always clashes with the one at Cressing Temple, which Eric and Margot went to, as this is also a good event.



Costume and Car, Enfield 20th July

Now for something completely different.

The Museum plus the Enfield Trade Association had organised this, and a very good display of vehicles filled the Market Square. Not everyone had dressed up, but Area 57 entered into the occasion with Eric and Margot in fifties style, Dick as a sharp suited villain complete with stolen money bags. Brian K donned some genuine 70s gear to go with his E-type, and deserves a special mention for wearing platform boots all day. I had a full fifties skirt and Doug went for the squire look with tweed jacket, cravat, flat cap and pipe(empty). Judging was done by the editor of EN magazine and we came third behind two American cars, one of which had two pin stripe suited gangsters aboard. The prizes were sponsored by Pearsons store and with music alternating between the Museum's organ and a disco, it was a very successful show



Classics on the Common, Harpenden - 20th July

As usual this show is really worth going to with such a variety of cars and motor bikes. The number of cars is limited to 1200 but certainly no limit on visitors as the whole common was packed with people enjoying the cars and the lovely sunshine. It always seems that it starts to get more people coming along in the evening after work and quite a few suited gentlemen had presumably come in direct from the station. All of us who were there thought that there were more people than we have ever seen there. It must have been a good day for the various charities that the event supports. The number of people lining the road as vehicles drove off was the most we have seen.



XK/XJ/Xtype Day - 3rd August

We like to make a weekend of this with Eric and Margot going on the previous Thursday and Alan, Barb, Tony, Lesley and ourselves traveling up on Friday. We stopped at a pub near Brackley for lunch and the map showed that we could reach the Banbury road that we wanted without back tracking. It was right, we could, but maps don't show the grass growing in the middle of the road. We reached the hotel at Redditch where we were based for the weekend with help from Tony's sat nav. A very comfortable hotel which has fairly recently become privately owned having been part of the Q hotel chain and they admit that they are still doing some updating; the food and staff were both excellent.

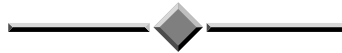
On Saturday night fifty four people sat down to dinner. A toast was drunk to a gentleman celebrating his 75th and Mick Duffy regaled us with a talk on the history of chocolate before we tasted various types. Steve Jordan and Tracy Freestone of the XJ Register presented Allan Bennett with framed picture of his car to celebrate his 80th birthday a bit earlier this year. The raffle was extremely successful for our table with Lesley, Eric and myself all collecting prizes. It rounded off a day when we had driven round the area, some of the time in very heavy rain, and no, we didn't put the hood up; too much hassle.

On Sunday, it was a drive of about eight miles to Ragley Hall where the Day was being held; very pleasant area with the Hall up a hill above us. It was worth the walk up there to see the gardens, walking though some "bombing " to get there as various World War One events were going on. As far as the cars were concerned there were some very nice Jaguars on show but, once again, where have all the XK's gone to, a few more than last year but not enough for Mick Duffy to give a bottle of champagne to the first twenty five. It had been widely mentioned in the JD mag that it was the anniversary of the XK140 but only John Burton turned up in one.

Despite not attracting as many cars as we would like, it is still an enjoyable weekend with the chance to meet up with people we only see a couple of times a year.



August also seems to be a busy month with Croxley Green on Wednesday 6th, and on the 10th there is National Day at Little Horwood not far from Milton Keynes as well as the first of the two shows near Chelmsford in aid of the Little Haven hospice.



On 17th August there is show at Tewin from 12pm to 5pm. An entry form can be downloaded via Google, pre booking is not essential but will cost £5 on the day. Food is available on site.



August Bank Holiday 24th and 25th are the dates for the Knebworth show and the Cuffley Steam & Country Show. Our Area will be at Cuffley on the Monday and aim to be on site by about 9am.



On 31st August there is a Classic Car and bike show at Elm Court, Potters Bar from 12pm till 4pm contact John Godfrey.

More importantly, also on the 31st, is the Grand Sunflower Competition at Dick and Eileen's. Everyone is welcome, competitor or not, from about 1pm onwards. Please let Eileen know at least a week beforehand if you will be going so she knows how many to cater for.



The Buntingford Classic show is on Saturday September 6th. Don't forget to book on line .

