



## Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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### **29th AGM - 17th March**

#### ***Area Rep's Report***

Doug thanked the fifteen members who were present and as usual gave us a brief reminder of the past year's events and outings. Some people may have visited other places than those mentioned but will hopefully forgive anything missed. Several things occur twice in the season as is the case for Stoneleigh spares days which are usually visited by some members. We had two Breakfast Runs to the Redcoats Hotel near Stevenage. The first of these was very good, when we enjoyed an excellent breakfast in the conservatory but in October, although we had been told a few days earlier that we would again be in the conservatory, this was not the case. Other things were also not as they should have been, so we now have a new venue.

The Museum had two weekends away; the first near Aylesbury, for a Midsomer Murders theme and then in September, to Swaffam in Norfolk. As many of you know this has special significance for Keith O. The XK Register had three weekends, the first in April, when we stayed in a castle near Tadcaster in Yorkshire and visited various places of interest. The second one in August is a joint event with the XJ Register. The turnout of XKs to the dinner and the day at Stratford Armouries was extremely disappointing.

In September, eight cars went to the Isle of Wight but unfortunately for organiser, Nick Peace his XK broke down not long after leaving home. Also with two events is the Charity in aid of Little Haven Hospice and both attracted good numbers. One of them had the added benefit of a silver Spitfire flying over. As usual Harpenden Common was jam packed with cars of all shapes and sizes and I believe Croxley Green gets similar numbers. Among the other events are Aston Clinton, Waltham Cross, Cuffley, Knebworth, Battlesbridge, Tewin, Wanstead, the Rose Garden and Furneux Pelham. Hoddesdon had an unusually low number of Club cars but were joined by a few others. At Kimbolton, six of our cars joined up with Areas 44 and 17 which made a good display. Buntingford was exceptionally busy with a lot of cars arriving earlier than stipulated on entry information. Our main car show of the season is, of course, the Enfield Pageant. We put on our usual excellent display of cars on Sunday and Monday as well as few on Saturday which we think of as Autojumble Day. The weather was dry but very windy some of the time and we had to keep an eye on our tent. The bacon rolls when everything is all set up are always enjoyable, and the availability of making tea and coffee make it a good social event. Shame we haven't won a prize lately. Those who went to the NEC show thought it was very good.

Douglas Millbank was given the opportunity to drive an F type which was quite an experience.

I organised a weekend at Melton Mowbray where the hotel food was very good, and we visited several places including the local Cattle market.

Some of us visited the Morgan factory; a very interesting day and we appreciated Keith O's efforts in organising the trip. The Enfield Festival of Light involved vehicles and music and sounded a good afternoon.

The Christmas Dinner was a return visit to The Galley Hall, where the portions are very generous. Alan and Barb just made it after a delayed flight back from Italy.

I understand that the Museum post Christmas lunch to the King and Tinker was not a great success and, unfortunately, for the second year New Year's Day was very wet and none of us went to this show.

Several people went to see Alan in Fiddler on the Roof which, I gather, was a great success. This is a rough idea of our year's events, not necessarily in the order they occurred and then Doug handed over to Barbara.

### ***Treasurer's Report***

Barbara Collins circulated copies of our Financial Report which showed that our balance has changed little since last time. She also brought along her book, in which she has entered all the various ins and outs of subs, purchases etc. As membership has decreased over the years, there were lots of unfamiliar names on her list.

### ***Secretary/Newsletter's Editors Report***

Wendy Shipman thanked Roy for printing and circulating the Newsletter every month. She hoped that members found it beneficial to know what has been happening and what is coming up in the near future. Any contributions are very welcome and the articles by Graham and Richard F were appreciated.

### ***Membership Secretary's Report***

Roy Fludgate told us that during the course of last year we had five expired memberships and picked up one new one. This means that we currently have 31 memberships which account for 48 people & 50 vehicles.

### ***Election of Officers***

With no volunteers to take on the Club positions and the willingness of Doug and Wendy Shipman, Barbara Collins and Roy Fludgate to continue, there is no change. Don't forget Brian Kingsley still keeps Club photos and we are grateful to Keith and Bobbie Oswick, who are in charge of the Club Room.

### ***Any Other Business***

The only subject was whether to return to two meetings a month in the summer but it was agreed that we continue as now, with a meeting on first Monday of the month. Special occasions such as the AGM and Mince Pie Night are the exception.

Alan thanked everyone who keeps the Area going and then Doug closed the AGM.



Several dates can be added to the Calendar; April 20th (Easter Sunday) is the Classic Rally and Autojumble at Old Warden and there are two events at Woburn; May 4th/5th, 17th Classic Motor Show and on June 15th there is the Father's Day Classic. As usual the Knebworth Show is on the August Bank Holiday weekend, 24th/25th August. I have looked at the Buntingford site and they are using the same method as last year; Pay Pal and register on line.

The 29th June is now a confirmed date for the show in aid of the Red Cross at the North Mymms Rose Garden. Eric will need names and car registrations about two weeks before then.

The weeks will soon go by to the Pageant; please contact Eric to tell him which days you can attend as soon as possible, so he knows how many passes are needed.

Keith O is still taking bookings for the two way trip on the Waverley Steamer on 28th September. Cost for the boat trip is £33 per person and details and cost of coach to Tower Pier from the Museum and back will be known later.

John Wilkinson is arranging the gardening competition this year and rather than give out sunflower seeds, he will grow them and then give two plants to everyone who wants to take part.

### **March 30th - Museum Open Day**

We did all we could to let various Areas know about our Jaguar Day at the Museum so we just had to wait and see who turned up. Doug, Dick, Eric and Keith O went down on Saturday morning to put up banners and flags. The weather was very good but we were not certain whether the early date and Mother's Day would make a difference. We eventually had twenty two visiting Jaguars including three XJSs which are rarely seen on the road these days. I think we can class the day as a success as everyone who came was surprised at the amount to see, and enjoyed their visit. Keith took a few people at a time down to see the well, which they thought was very interesting. The money taken on the gate was good and some people said they would come back again to have another look round

We welcomed a prospective new member, Ian, who has an XF.

If anybody wants a pass for the Kimbolton Show on July 13th, please let me know.

Doug and I will not be at the May 5th meeting, so if there is anything to go in my next Newsletter about places been to etc. please tell Bobbie and then I can get details when we come back from holiday.