

# Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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We have changed the date of our Christmas Dinner. This will now take place on FRIDAY 8th December, and will be back at The Galley Hall, Hailey Lane, SG13 7NY. We had several good Christmas Dinners there in the past, and the only reason for the change last year was because we were deafened by the group that were playing. Alan and Barb were told that this group has never been booked again and this year we will be in a room that we have used before, where not much music can be heard. They did try The Feathers at Wadesmill but were not at all impressed. The Five Horseshoes has an almost identical menu, as they are both owned by Greene King, so they counted that one out as well. As you will see from the attached menu, the cost is £25 per head. Barbara wants full payment and menu choices by the next meeting on November 6th. She would prefer cash but anyone wishing to attend who will not be at the meeting should send a cheque, made payable to Mrs Barbara Collins to 4 Cedar Park, Thorley Park, Bishops Stortford, Herts, CM23 4JU. The VERY latest date would be Mince Pie night on the 4th.



Hopefully we will have good weather this Sunday morning for our Breakfast Run to the Brocket Arms, AL6 9BT.



The restoration facility at Baird Road had aother successful day on September 17th with about thirty five cars in attendance. If anyone is interested in signing up for any of the various courses that they will be running, plenty of details can be obtained from Beryl Little. They have also started an informal classic vehicle club, and if anyone is interested in joining, Beryl will again be able to provide details.



Our September weekend this year was near Loughborough at a village which sometimes seems to be called Quorn and other times Quorndon. The hotel was very comfortable with extensive grounds but, as always seems to be the case when a hotel has a wedding booked, service at dinner was very slow.

Eric and Margot had arrived a day earlier than the rest of us and they caught a bus into Leicester to revisit the Richard the Third exhibition. They found it very well done and made it clear that historical knowledge is increasing all the time, largely debunking Shakespeare's version. On Saturday we had a train day. Our hotel was only a couple of miles from a station on the Great Central Railway preserved line running between Loughborough and Leicester North which is outside the town. When we arrived at Quorndon station, we found that there was going to be a small car show there, so Eric and Doug rushed back to the car park to bring their cars into the station yard. As they were not charged for tickets on the train, we shared the cost between us and made a reasonable saving. The line is a full size track with both steam and diesel. We got on the train back to Loughborough and walked into town and wandered round a very large market. After tea/coffee etc. we went back to the station where there was a beer festival taking place, which kept some people occupied for a while! The yards where various engines were being restored were available to walk round. We got back on the train to another station called Rothley where we had lunch while watching the trains go by. We went further up the line to Leicester North just to to do the complete journey. When we got back to Quorndon station several more cars had arrived and there was also a traction engine. Back at the hotel, Eric, Margot, Keith, Bobbie, Doug and I made use of the nine hole putting green (very uneven). The girls were a very worthy second.

On Sunday we looked at the map to decide where to go and decided to visit Barnsdale near Rutland Water, (which was where Geoff Hamilton used to film Gardener's World), where we had a very pleasant walk around the grounds. The forecast for the weekend had been rather doubtful but we got away with no rain although a bit more sun would have been better. As usual, I think everyone enjoyed it.

I gather from Keith O that the recent show at Enfield was very successful.



On 1st October ten of us were at North Weald airfield for Area 33's fund raising event in aid of the Air Ambulance which is based there. Just over forty Jaguars were there, mainly modern ones. Next to us was a double decker bus converted into a mobile cafe. Most of us walked to the NAAFI which was serving full breakfasts, sandwiches, etc. There wasn't really anything to look at, so as it was rather a damp cool morning, some of us headed off at midday.



# THE GALLEY HALL CHRISTMAS MENU- £25.00 PER HEAD

## **STARTERS**

Soup

Broccoli and stilton soup served with warm crusty bread

Prawn and Crab Lettuce Cups

Served with Marie Rose sauce and lemon balm

Cajun Chicken Skewers

Served with mango dip on a bed of lettuce

Goats' Cheese

Grilled Goats' Cheese with cranberry dressing served on a bed of salad with caramelised pecans

#### **MAINS**

#### Salmon en Croute

Served with roasted vegetables and a white wine sauce

Fillet Steak

With mustard cream sauce, served with sweet roasted shallots, broccoli stems, hasselback potatoes and parsnip crisp

#### Roast Turkey

Traditional Christmas Dinner with all the Trimmings

#### Beetroot and Squash Wellington

Served with kale and pesto, seasonal vegetables and sauté potatoes

### **DESSERTS**

#### Baileys and Chocolate Mousse

Served with shortbread

#### Traditional Christmas Pudding

Served hot with brandy sauce

### Black Cherry Mess

Crushed meringue with black cherries, cream and salted caramel

#### Cheeseboard

A selection of cheeses served with crackers, apple, grapes and celery