



## Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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### **October 2018**

#### **Christmas Dinner, Salisbury Arms, Hertford - Saturday Dec 8th 7.30 for 8 pm**

Barbara would like to get all the money and choices organised by the end of October rather than wait till the next meeting. (Menu & prices below). Complete payment and choices need to be sent to Barbara.



Our Breakfast Run to the Bocket Arms takes place this Sunday, 7th October. The price this year is £9 per head and it would help me if you have the right money please.



#### **Norfolk Weekend 14th/16th September**

We have been having these September weekends for many years now and have had very few wet ones. This year in Norfolk was sunny nearly all the time. Eric and Margot had extended their break by having a couple of days in Hunstanton before meeting up with the rest of us at Park Farm Hotel, Hethersett, just south of Norwich. Doug and I had arranged to meet Keith W, Alan, Barb, Keith & Bobbie at The Angel, Larling for lunch on the Friday. We were a bit late, as a very short bit of one way traffic on the A505 caused long delays in both directions. We enjoyed a good lunch and headed off to the hotel, which we had previously stayed at some 10 years ago but didn't remember much about it.

The reason for the return visit was to go to the North Norfolk Railway between Holt and Sheringham for their 40s weekend and, after a good breakfast, we set off for Holt but not altogether. Our journey was a bit fraught at times as we finished up on some country roads that we shouldn't have been on, but we got to Holt station in the end only to find that the main car park was full. We turned round, however, and were directed into a field very close to the station, where a live band was playing music of the era. Keith and Bobbie also managed to park here, but Keith with Alan and Barb had to park next to the road. After we bought our tickets we found that the next train was going in a couple of minutes but the only space left was standing in the guard's van. When we got to Sheringham station we found that the others were all on the same train. Sheringham was absolutely packed with people and I would think that well over half were dressed for the occasion. There were people in uniforms of all kind including American and we saw one "German" officer. Plenty of people were in civvies as well as nurses and land girls. Some of the ladies were really dressed well with lots of little fur wraps.

Along with Keith and Bobbie. Doug and I had snack at a cafe looking out to sea (very drafty) which still belonged to the same family from our previous visit ten years ago. The other three went back into town for a drink and fish and chips. We eventually made our way back to the station and we again travelled in the guard's van. We had a much better drive back to the hotel on a new ring road which wasn't on my 2018 road map or Keith W's sat nav. Ironically, if I had printed off the AA route that I looked at at home later, we would have got straight onto this road at a roundabout, a couple of miles from the hotel. Eric and Margot had not been with us, as they had gone into the little town of Holt and various antique places where he bought a small chair. More of that later.

Our dinner on Saturday was excellent as were all our meals. The staff were pleasant and efficient and we were not affected by the wedding which was taking place, as has happened at some hotels where residents seem to be less important than wedding guests.

At breakfast on Sunday morning we agreed to go into the nearby town of Wymondham and then Peter Beales Roses which was on the way home.

We now return to Eric's chair. When it was time to load the XK, he found that the boot really wasn't going to hold luggage, a guitar in a hard case plus the newly acquired chair. With thoughts of having to take the chair to pieces, he was very relieved when Doug told him that we had room in the E-type for it.

Wymondham turned out to be a very pleasant little town with lots of old buildings and a large Abbey which we didn't go into as a service was taking place. We all eventually met up again at the Rose Garden at Attleborough for a welcome

cuppa. There was a surprising amount of colour in the beautifully laid out gardens and even some roses still in bud. It made a very pleasant end to another successful weekend. When you get good weather, a lovely hotel, nice places to visit and good company, you can't ask for more and all the cars behaved well.



### **Veg/flower judging 23rd Sept**

Dick and Eileen hosted the event this year, and thanks go to Eileen for all the food she provided. There were two classes this year; three beetroot which Keith W won and three blooms from the bedding dahlias which Doug won. They will have to come to a joint decision about next year.



There was a very busy weekend at the Whitewebbs Museum on the 29th/30th, where it was the Model Railway Exhibition on the Saturday followed by Morris Minor Day on the Sunday.

For any of you interested, Stoneleigh Spares Day takes place on October 21st.

We were pleased that Douglas Millbank managed to get to the meeting on Monday 1st October to say goodbye to us before he and Sally move to Lincolnshire in a few weeks time.



### **Loughton Classic Car Drive-In - Sunday 9th September**

#### ***Report by Mick Stubbings***

Being a Loughton town councillor, I thought that it would be a good idea to support the local classic car show on the 9th September, so I went along in my series 2 E-type. The weather stayed fine, and there was a wide range of vehicles on show. Tea, coffee and scones were on offer to people showing their vehicles. The event started at 10am and went on till late afternoon. It was a very relaxed day, and the organisers were pleased to see all comers, whether you were there all day or just a couple of hours. The public enjoyed seeing and interacting with the car owners, and there was a real carnival feel about the day. I had a great time, and there were a lot of people asking if this would be happening again next year. One to watch out for!

