

JULY 2010

This year is being kind to us so far and we have actually had three consecutive meetings outside which makes a pleasant change.



Quite a few shows have been taking place over the recent weeks. I gather that Matching Green had a good turnout and the car of the day was a Panhard.



The Hoddesdon Show has had a good record for weather over the years, and this time it was a real scorcher. Every year we get told that there is a record number of entries but it doesn't really seem to vary much and for the most part we see the same cars every year, however it is a pleasant relaxing day and hopefully some of the local shops do get some benefit from the extra people coming into the town. We didn't have so many cars this year but we were joined by another couple of Jaguars and Brian and Linda's MG, so we had quite a good display around the war memorial as usual.



On the following day Keith, Bobbie, Alan, Barb, Doug and I went to Panshanger aerodrome at the invitation of the EDVVS, who had been asked to bring some cars along for the De Havilland Open Day. There was a very good turnout of cars but the day wasn't quite what we had expected, as not a lot of flying was going on. There were, however, some spectacular aerobatics in the afternoon. It was a beautiful sunny day and it was very pleasant lazy day with picnics or food from the club house.



People who want more from car shows than the traditional sitting in a field, should give the Kimbolton Fayre a try. It is a car show but held in the lovely grounds of Kimbolton castle. It attracts large numbers of car clubs, but it is all the entertainment on offer that gives this show the edge. The main arena has a display of foxhounds, heavy horses, mountain bikes, sheep, cheerleaders and a re-enactment by the Sealed Knot, complete with some very loud muskets. There are plenty of craft and charity stalls, plus the secondary stage where they have Irish dancing, Morris dancing and a Glenn Miller style band with Lindy Hop dancers, (a sort of cross between jitterbug and jive. All this plus sunshine; what more could you need.



A reminder for anyone with Harpenden passes, that the Common is open from 3pm not 4pm as in the past.



We have a space for ten cars and our gazebo booked at National Day at Althorp on 1st August. There is really not a suitable place to meet to travel together, so on arrival just say you are Area 57 and hopefully you will be directed to the right place.



I think some people intend to go to the Gunpowder Mills on 8th August; I have a spare form if anyone needs it.

The following Sunday is the show at Purleigh in aid of the Little Haven Hospice. Anyone still needing a pass for this needs to contact Dick. He will also be organising passes for the Steam and Country show at Cuffley on August bank holiday Monday.



We are holding a BBQ at our house on 22nd August and as before, we will organise salad, bread, potatoes etc. plus desserts, cakes and soft drinks. Please bring your own alcohol and anything that you want to cook. I need names a week beforehand please. The onion judging will also take place.

Also on that day is the Tewin Classics Show from 11am to 4pm.



The Whitewebbs Museum are holding a Treasure Hunt next month. The date given in a flyer with the last EDVVS Magazine says 9th August but we have been told that it is on 23rd, so if you want to get involved with this check with the museum or Keith Oswick first.



I still have some entry forms for the Buntingford Classic event on 4th September if needed.