



Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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A good number of members were at the club meeting on Monday 3rd June to hear about recent shows and events.



May 12th Villa Scalabrini, Shenley

I don't think that we have been to a car show in the grounds of a retirement home before. The Villa Scalabrini was originally for Italian residents. The Classic Car Show was started in 2015, and organised by Marc Fiori and his committee. It was a sunny morning as Alan & Barb followed us into the grounds. With perfect, but unplanned, timing we followed Brian W's XK150 through the gate, so we were able to park together. The show had been recommended by Beryl and Eric, who went last year. Beryl's XJS was among the Studio 434 display. Eric & Margot were there with their XK150 and Peter and Fred Starling's E-type was also on display. We were impressed by the organisation of the event and also the food available. The organisers had always felt they wanted to provide more than the usual burger van and ice cream but without going to the lobster and champagne scale, so there was plenty of Italian based food which was all served up very efficiently at very reasonable prices. Needless to say, there were plenty of Ferraris, Maseratis and Alfas on display. The icing on the cake of a very good event was when our XK120 was awarded the third prize show car by the judges. The weather really helped but it is a show that we would go to again.



On May 19th a few of our members visited the Open Day at the SC Body & Paint Skills restoration facility at Baird Road, Enfield.



May 25th /27th Enfield Pageant of Motoring

The weather was mainly kind this year although the Saturday was very hot. On Sunday there was a spell of rain when we all managed to get in to the tent. We thought that on the Saturday and Sunday in particular there were lots of visitors. So much work goes into putting this show on by Keith O and lots of others, both before and after the weekend, which takes a lot of commitment. Our own display also involves a lot of work in transporting everything on our site from our garden shed and back again after the show. Barbara did her usual good job of organising and cooking the bacon for our essential bacon rolls to start the morning. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way, whether by bringing things, moving things, getting the passes, and generally helping.

As the springs in the tent poles have worn out, putting the tent up this year was very difficult and even when fixed together they still need taping to keep them together. We have had this tent for eleven years, so it looks like it may be time to replace it. Any information that can be found regarding a new one will be useful. What we need to avoid is getting to a couple of weeks before next years Pageant and realising we should have got a new one.



June 1st/2nd XK/XJ Day at Gaydon

We met Alan and Barbara on Saturday morning at a convenient pub on our way to the Glebe Hotel at Barford. We had been there for one of our September weekends back in 2009 but we didn't remember it much. Eric and Margot arrived the day before us and they didn't remember it at all. Some familiar faces were there as well as a few people we had not met before. The next morning we all made the fairly short journey to the British Heritage Museum at Gaydon, which houses a very comprehensive collection of British cars from the very earliest days. We met up with Tony and Lesley there. A few years ago a new building was added as a special Jaguar display. For the past few years the number of XKs coming to these events has been disappointing, but this year there were about twenty five, so the XK committee were pleased. We remember, however, back in the eighties when XK day was always at Burleigh House, there would usually be about 80 XKs there. Where are they now? Unfortunately, it started to rain around lunch time so the prize giving was brought forward a bit. Tony's Series 1 Daimler Sovereign was awarded second prize in the XJ

Concours and we received the award for longest owned XK. Our fifty two years, just beating another couple who had owned theirs for fifty years. It was a pity that the weather spoilt things a bit but Gaydon is certainly well worth a visit.



The weekend of the 8th/9th sees the Fete at Datchworth on Saturday followed by the Luton Festival of Transport the next day, but the weather forecast does not look promising. Also, before the next meeting, are the fete at Cranham in Essex and a big show in Suffolk at Helveningham Hall.



The get together to include pumpkin and fuschia judging will take place on Saturday 31st August at Keith W's.



A few people have been asking about ordering garments with our club logo. Balmoral no longer produce a brochure that I can bring to the club, everything is now online. Go to www.balmoralmill.com where you will find an extremely comprehensive web site. There is a lot to look at but everything is split up into ladies, gents, sweatshirts, polos, hoodies etc. I have been told that their turn round after receiving an order is two or three weeks so, if you want something for this season, please contact me in the next two weeks at the latest. I will need the name of the garment, size and colour. Your name in either script or capitals can be added underneath the club logo for a supplement of £2.40 per garment.



I am still waiting for the passes for the Kimbolton Show on 14th July.

