



Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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34th Area 57 AGM - 1st April

Area Rep's Report

Doug Shipman welcomed the seventeen members who were present and read out apologies for absence from a few people. It was agreed that last year's Minutes should be taken as read. Doug then went on to give a run through of the various shows and events that our members had attended throughout the past year. As always, please forgive any omissions if you attended an event that is not mentioned.

We started the season with a lunch at Waltham Abbey at the invitation of Area 33. As always we had two visits to the Bocket Arms for Breakfast in April and October. Alan, Barbara and Keith W enjoyed what has become a regular trip to Essen. The usual XK Spring Weekend was based at Basingstoke and was very enjoyable as usual. At the same time several people had a good weekend at Huntingdon, organised by the EDVVS. The end of May was Enfield Pageant time, and a lot of people worked hard to make our stand a success where we were Highly Commended. Eric enjoyed the show at Villa Scalabrini. Datchworth Green was the setting for a very traditional village fete and a relaxed gathering of cars. The following day was one of our regular shows, The Luton Festival of Transport. Keith W received a best pre 70 award with his E-type at Hertford Castle. Doug and I paid a return visit to the Classic Car Show/Flywheel at Bicester where we met up with the XK120 that he had owned before we were married and had not seen since 1961. Hoddesdon and Kimbolton on one weekend are both always popular venues. Then we come to our Area Day at the Whitewebbs Museum, which we had moved to July from March in order not to clash with Easter or Mothers' Day and hopefully enjoy better weather. We had the wettest day for weeks with heavy rain all day. Peter Starling enjoyed a Country Fayre and Concourse in Suffolk and Brian W was invited to a show at Essendon Golf club where there were lots of Supercars. National Day was at Woburn Abbey on one of the very hot days and it did mean that lots of people were sitting in the shade rather than with their cars. We had an enjoyable BBQ at our house despite drizzle and Alan was a very good chef. As always, Tewin was a very good show with plenty of cars of various makes. The centre of Buntingford was packed with cars and people as usual and the following day at Capel Manor was also a good show in very pleasant surroundings. The gardening competition was judged at Dick and Eileen's with plenty of food. Keith W's beetroot won and Doug's dahlia was the best bloom. Our weekend away in September was a return visit to Park Farm Hotel in Norfolk, where we visited the Forties weekend at Sheringham. As mentioned earlier, we had our second visit to the Bocket Arms for breakfast. December was food time with our Mince Pie Night and Christmas Dinner. One of the earliest events of 2019 was another lunch with Area 33 at Little Hallingbury Mill. We intend to invite them to join us at a lunch somewhere early next year. Stoneleigh Spares Day was on the last day of March where things were extremely expensive.

So, as you can see, it was quite a full year again.

Treasurer's Report

Barbara Collins circulated some copies of our Statement of Accounts which show that we have a lower balance than last year but we still have funds in hand.

Secretary/Newsletter Editor's Report

Wendy Shipman expressed her thanks to Roy Fludgate for publishing and sending out the Newsletter so promptly every month and for passing on anything else that people need to know at any other times. She hoped that people read it to keep up with events and, as usual, would welcome any contributions.

Membership Secretary/Webmaster's Report

Roy Fludgate informed us that during the last year we have lost two members but gained three. Memberships now stand at 34, which equates to 49 people and 53 cars.

Election of Officers

There were no volunteers to take over any of the posts so these remain unchanged as follows:

Doug Shipman: Area Rep.
Barbara Collins: Treasurer
Wendy Shipman: Newsletter Editor/Secretary
Roy Fludgate: Membership Secretary/Webmaster
Brian Kingsley: Club Archivist (Maintains Club photo albums)

There was no other business.

Doug thanked Keith and Bobbie Oswick for looking after us every month at the Museum and then closed the AGM.



The only recent event since the last Newsletter was Stoneleigh which was mentioned earlier in the AGM report.



Several future event dates are now known:

May 12th Villa Scalabrini car show, Green Street, Shenley, 9.30am - 4.30pm
May 19th Herts Auto Show Stanborough Lakes, Pre booking is not needed but arrive between 8am and 9.30am
June 2nd XK/XJ Day at Gaydon, Warwickshire
June 8th Datchworth Green Fete and Car Show (Arrive before 1pm)
June 9th Luton Festival of Transport Pre booking on line or download entry form £5 Entry on the day £8
June 22nd Summer fete and Classic Car Show Cranham - Contact Vicky Blackburn
July 13th Hoddesdon Town Centre Show. Most people will have been contacted
July 14th Kimbolton Fayre. I have ordered passes
July 28th Jaguar Day at the Whitewebbs Museum
August 10th Waltham Cross Classic Car Show. I have a spare booking form.
August 18th Tewin - Forms should be going out shortly
September 7th Buntingford Classic - On line booking now available
September 8th Capel Manor Show - Pre booking is by phone or on line; no cheques.



It has been agreed between Doug and Keith that this year your horticultural talents will be needed to grow a pumpkin or a fuschia. Keith will provide pumpkin seedlings and Doug will have small fuschias. Plants will be given out at the June meeting so anyone interested in taking part in one or both classes, please let Doug or Keith know at the May meeting.



Message from Dick & Eileen Rogers

We would like to thank everyone who sent cards, messages of sympathy and kindness, with offers of help and support. Thank you to all who came along to join us in our Farewell Celebration of life for Martin, and to those who gave donations to Crossroads Care Enfield in his memory.

