



Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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It has obviously been a sad time with the loss of three club members recently. About nine of us were at the Enfield Crematorium for Pam Risk's funeral last week. We have the date and time of Dick Rogers funeral which I can pass on if you give me a ring.



XK Spring Weekend May 10th/13th - Tewkesbury

We headed off to Tewkesbury Park Hotel for the XK Weekend, where we would meet up with Chris and Mary. Unfortunately the E-type overheated badly before we reached Aylesbury, so into a layby we headed. After the engine had cooled down, Doug discovered a split in the radiator hose which he was able to tape up successfully, and we subsequently reached the hotel safely with just a few splutters. We were directed to our room which had a small patio with a table, two chairs, and a great view over the golf course towards the Malvern Hills in the distance. (I gather some people were on the third floor with no lift). We had a very good meal that evening and at our table were David and Vicki Cullear, who are the current owners of ex member Phil Kendon's Mark 7, which we had recognised in the car park. The next morning, we set off for the Broadway Tower and our route took us up Fish Hill, which anyone familiar with the Cotswolds will know is very long, quite steep, and has lots of bends. The E-type didn't like it at all, and the engine was really struggling, however E-type experts John Burton and Steve Hawke both suggested loosening the radiator cap, which Doug did, and after a while we drove back to the hotel rather than visit Snowhill Manor which we had visited before. The following day a visit was arranged to Beckford Silk, a family run business which seemed very labour intensive. Even the rolled edges of their silk scarves were handstitched. We missed a turning after leaving there but found a nice pub for lunch before finding our way to the Bugatti Museum at the Prescott Hill Climb. The heavens opened while we were in the Museum with thunder and lightning. The rain had eased by the time we left the museum, which speaking personally had been of more interest to the men in our party. Despite a signposted diversion from our given route, we got back to the hotel OK. It had been a good weekend at a very pleasant hotel, with good food and company. The organisation had been almost a solo effort from Mick Duffy who had put in a lot of work on our behalf, booking the hotel and visits, plus doing the routes. Needless to say, Doug was on the phone to David Manners the next day and the offending radiator hose has now been replaced.



We always look forward to the Enfield Pageant with a certain amount of trepidation; will the weather be OK and will there be enough people to help out. It makes a lot of difference that George enlists some people to put up the tent on Friday when Doug takes everything to the site. Another change for the better is deciding not to provide bacon rolls, tea and coffee etc. It means quite a lot less for Doug to transport, and Barbara doesn't have to do all the shopping and cooking. It also leaves more room in the tent. Although there was a cool breeze most of the time, the weather was dry, and we had enough people to put up the banner, fences, bunting, etc. More importantly there were plenty to take it down and put it away again. Don't forget we still have the two cookers if anybody knows a good home for them. It seems many years ago that we were able to display about twenty cars on each day, only about ten this year, but the stand really looked good with our regalia and potted plants (thanks to Clockhouse Nursury) and we were very pleased to win the award for Best Club Stand. Although the Museum does not have final figures, Ossie was able to tell us that it was a financial success, which should enable the installation of a lift at the Whitewebbs Museum.

The next event is the Datchworth Green Village Fete on 14th June. This is quite a regular for some of us. It is a relaxing day, usually with around sixty varying cars and, like Tewin, there is an excellent selection of home made cakes.



July 6th is the date for both Hyde Hall and Hoddesdon which are prebooked events. We are waiting to find out the parking plans for Hoddesdon.



Several of us have often been to the Luton Festival of transport and Alan, Barb and Keith went this time, but were rather disappointed. Entry on the day was £15, which was more than to park an ordinary car in the general car park. They felt that the number of cars was down and also far fewer stands. They wouldn't recommend it in the future.



Among the leaflets left with us at the Pageant were Cars in the Park on July 6th (eastbarnetfestival.co.uk) and Classic Cars in the Park on 20th July at Stonards Hill Recreation Ground, Epping, CM16 4QF. Entry £5 per car. To register contact Vince Marsh on 01992-677906 or 07958-526786. Email: classiccarsintheparkepping@gmail.com.



Best wishes to Barb who is having a hip replacement op on 26th June.

