



Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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Needless to say, there is not much to mention for the coming weeks, but Barbara has got the menu for the Christmas Dinner at Pearse House on December 13th so she can now start taking names. The price is £18.50 per head.



NORFOLK WEEKEND - 19th-21st Sept

I don't know how righteous the sixteen of us who went to Norfolk for a weekend are, but the sun certainly shone on us. We all met up at a pub in a village called Thompson about twenty minutes from Park Farm Hotel where we were staying. Some of us had eaten there a couple of years ago on a previous weekend in Norfolk. Our West Country exiles, Phil and Heather, were part of our group after spending a few days in their old area with family. Our rooms were all spacious and comfortable; the upper level had, not exactly a balcony, but a little standing area outside the french windows. The ground floor rooms had a patio area so most of us sat outside Alan and Barb's room in the sunshine for a while, before some of them went for a swim in the hotel pool.

I think we all found that the food and service were a bit inconsistent but the staff were generally friendly and helpful. On Saturday morning we asked if there was a room we could have after dinner for all our quizzes etc. and we were shown to a small conference room and asked what tables and chairs we would need. In the evening it was all organised for us plus our own private dining room adjacent to it.

As sometimes happens on these weekends we find that there is a nearby special event taking place and it turned out that the North Norfolk Railway was holding a forties weekend. We drove to Holt at one end of the railway and although the E-types weren't really the right era, Keith W. persuaded the organisers to let us park in the station area which was milling with people in costume both civilian and military, with the latter being both English and American. All the stations along the route to Sheringham were equally busy and the train was so full that we were not able to get into the same carriage. We had some "Americans" in ours and some of the others had a spiv. At one station we saw Private Pike and as we passed a garden just outside Sheringham a man wearing a tin helmet stood to attention and saluted as the train went by. We also saw a fairly mature lady flashing her stocking tops at all and sundry, various school boys in short trousers with their gas mask boxes hanging round their necks. At Sheringham station two German soldiers were being marched off by our military. We had plenty of time for a stroll along Sheringham High Street and a snack overlooking the sea.

On Sunday morning most of us took a boat trip around the outskirts of Norwich; quite a relaxing way to spend an hour, but it would have needed a longer trip to get into the Broads to see better scenery. We split up after that and some of us had a pleasant wander around Norwich, including the spectacular cathedral, before heading home still in the sunshine.



Several years ago, one of our regular shows was at Furneux Pelham held in the brewery yard. This has long since been built on, but there is now a Village Show instead, which incorporates a small gathering of cars. I think Brian K was the only member to go, but said it was quite a pleasant event.



Our luck with the weather for our Breakfast Runs to Nuthampstead continues with a lovely sunny morning after a foggy start. Unfortunately our numbers were well down this time, but it is always a good start to the morning. Barbara was on crutches as she has had a "nasty" removed from her leg, but is doing well and enjoying putting her feet up.



Several people went to spares day at Stoneleigh on 19th Oct and Dick told us about an SS tourer with an asking price of £10,000 despite having no body, only half a chassis and lots of other rather vital parts being absent.



At the last meeting Doug received some cards for his 70th and a very familiar white shirt.

