



Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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It seems as though the heatwave is finally ending, which may please some people but not others. Hopefully the heavens will not open this Sunday for our BBQ. For those of you who are coming, please bring any food to be barbecued, and Alan will be in charge of that. Please don't arrive before 1 p.m.



In the past we have had some very wet weather at Kimbolton; this year was sunny and extremely hot. There seemed to be fewer cars than usual and, for the first time, there were several vacancies in the rows of stalls. It was still a very enjoyable show and the energy of the Lindy Hoppers dancing to the Galaxy big band was amazing. The sight and sound of a Spitfire flying over the area was enjoyed with lots of people waving as he waggled his wings as he left.



For the first time Doug and I missed the show at Hoddesdon, as we had already booked a train trip to Weymouth, however it was such a long hot day, we felt we would rather have been at Hoddesdon. I gather from Brian K that our two other Brians (Ferret and Weedon) were there, along with Ron & Pam, Arnie & Steph, another regular E type, an XJS, an XK8, as well as a Rolls Royce Shadow and a Cobra.



The 29th July was supposed to be our Jaguar Day on one of the Museum Open Days. After about six weeks of dry weather, it decided to rain nearly all day. Thanks to our members who put nine of our cars on display. Despite having an advert in the Jaguar Driver for three months, we had a grand total of five visiting Jaguars. We really appreciated Area 33's Tony Agombar, who came specifically to support us, knowing that not many would come on a wet day. Ironically, we had changed to July from March, which had either been wet or clashed with Easter Sunday or Mothering Sunday in the past. This year that date had not clashed with either and was dry. Would we have got any more visiting Jaguars, who knows? I think the most we have ever had has only been about fifteen.



National Day on August 5th was at Woburn Abbey this year and as it was the occasion of XK 70 among other anniversaries, Doug and I had particularly wanted to go however, the extremely hot weather which we don't like and the XK definitely doesn't, and a dodgy back on my part made us reluctantly opt out. It appears we made the right decision as there were queues to get in, no stalls to look at and very limited food outlets. Apparently, the current Duke of Bedford didn't want the event held there. The Club Officials had not been able to get in to set things up beforehand and the delay getting in was causing some cars to overheat. So why the JDC booked it there seems strange. Next year, however, it is back to the excellent venue of Wroxhall Abbey. Congratulations to Brian Weedon whose Mk 9 was judged the best of the Big Cats.



Recently, Jem took his E-type to a show at East Barnet and was the Mayor's choice as car of the day.



Some of our members also visited the shows at Harpenden and Croxley Green.



Coming up is the Waltham Cross show on Saturday 11th. and the Tewin Show on Sunday 19th August.



On Bank Holiday Monday there is an American & Custom Car Show at the Whitewebbs Museum from 10am till 9pm with a Rock'n'Roll band. Entry £5 per person.



The beginning of September is busy with the Buntingford Classic on Saturday the 1st, and the Capel Manor Show on the 2nd.



Dick and Eileen would like to invite people for lunch and cream tea on either the 9th or 23rd September when dahlias and beetroot will be judged. As the next meeting might be too close to the first of these dates it looks as though the 23rd would be the most likely.



On Monday 6th, I think for the first time at the Museum, we enjoyed an outdoor meeting in the pleasant evening temperatures with twenty one of us in attendance.

