



## Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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### **May 2024**

The Villa Scalabrini show, which was due to take place on May 12th has been postponed until June 16th due to all the wet weather.



Fifteen of us went to the The Chequers at Barley for our Breakfast Run. It was a glorious morning, just perfect for our cars. I don't think the breakfast quite worked as we expected, as we all thought that there would be fruit juice and cereal to start. Ideally, the best places seem to be pubs with rooms as they are used to doing breakfasts. A small hotel that would serve non residents might also be worth having a look for.



### **XK Spring Weekend April 20th /23rd**

As last year, eight of us from Area 57 went for the trip to Stratford Manor hotel, a few miles from Stratford on Avon. It was a very comfortable hotel with very efficient staff and mainly good food. Saturday evening was a chance to catch up with old friends and meet some newcomers. On Sunday morning there was a very short drive to NT property Charlecote Manor. The grounds were nice to wander in but unfortunately only part of the house was open due to repairs being carried out. After getting some refreshments, there was another fairly short drive to the Welcome Hills Winery, where the owner explained everything that was involved in running the winery. Although he was a good speaker the very chilly wind wasn't very conducive to standing around. He then introduced his four most popular wines for us to taste. Unfortunately we were still out in the open. I'm not sure how many people bought any bottles. I think we were all quite glad to get warm again back at the hotel. At least it had been dry, but on Monday it rained all day. A coach took us all into Stratford, where a boat trip was booked. It went along the Avon for a fairly short journey which included going through a lock. It didn't help that the windows were all steaming up. Several years ago a few of us went along the Kennet and Avon canal from Stratford, and that was a more picturesque trip. The rest of the day was free time in the town. I believe that those who went to the Butterfly farm probably made the best choice as it was dry and warm. Luckily a shuttle bus was available throughout the afternoon to go back to the hotel. On Monday evening there was the gala dinner with the addition of a very good eight piece band who entertained us with Glenn Miller and Sinatra era music. There was a lady dance instructor who helped people sort out their left foot from their right, which was quite entertaining. Although a carpet is not the ideal surface for dancing, plenty of people had a go. Tuesday morning saw the usual thanks and goodbyes. A good weekend as usual but the weather did rather spoil it.



It is nearly time for the Enfield Pageant of Motoring. Don't forget to get your cars on site by 9am so that they can be parked and arranged to their best advantage. Ideally it helps if anyone can arrive a bit earlier on the Saturday in order to help put the tent up. As usual, we will be providing bacon rolls, tea and coffee in the tent, so don't forget to bring a mug. George has booked a time slot on Sunday at 1.30/2.00pm to take our cars into the arena. If anyone wants to go for a wander before the cars are all in place, don't forget to leave your keys. Fingers crossed for decent weather.



There are a few events coming up in June; Datchworth Green Village Fete on Saturday 8th, with the Luton Festival of Transport at Stockwood Park taking place the next day. Tickets can be booked online but a few of us just go on the day if the weather is OK. As I mentioned earlier, Classics at the Villa Scalabrini at Shenley is now on June 16th. No pre-booking is necessary for this. Cars in the Park at East Barnet takes place on Sunday 30th June..



Regulars will have already been contacted for the Tewin Classic Car & Craft Show on August 18th but entry forms can be requested by emailing [tewincarshow@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tewincarshow@hotmail.co.uk).