



Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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It is nearly the end of a fairly unsettled season, and as usual we are finishing with the Breakfast Run at The Woodman again on Sunday 14th October. Barbara has started her list; if you weren't at either of the September meetings, then you are not on it, so contact Barb if you want to be included. (£5 deposit per person)



STEAM & COUNTRY SHOW - TRENT PARK

After the disappointment of the Pageant back in May, it was nice to enjoy a sunny Bank Holiday. We had about a dozen cars on display on the Monday and I gather that Wayne was there on Sunday with his Bentley. There are plenty of things to see at this show as it joins forces with the heavy horses for their demonstrations of various breeds and harnessing etc. There are plenty of craft and charity stalls, as well as several steam engines. For most of us though, we just enjoyed a lazy day in the sunshine.



BUNTINGFORD CLASSIC EVENT

No-one had any contact from the organisers this year, either by post or Email so there were several last minute phone calls to get entry forms. We had four E types, our XK and Brian F's MGC. We never really found out why we had not been contacted, but we expressed our views. The car of the day was a Jensen Interceptor while an MGA was the people's choice to take home. As usual there was plenty of live music of various styles. There seemed to be a lot of interest from the public and good weather obviously helped.



CRICKLADE WEEKEND

Fourteen of us had a very sunny weekend at the Cricklade hotel near Swindon; a second visit for most of us. Unfortunately Tom couldn't join us due to a family birthday and Audrey was recovering from another operation (all good wishes have been appreciated). It was nice to see Phil & Heather again as this was fairly near them compared to the rest of us.

On Saturday morning we all headed off to the nearby town of Malmesbury where there was a parting of the ways as fourteen people can't really walk around together. With Alan & Barb we headed off to Lacock, an extremely pretty village which is often used for filming. The last TV version of Pride & Prejudice was set there. We had a very pleasant snack in the garden of one of the oldest houses. On the way back to the cars we met up with the others who had been visiting the Abbey Gardens at Malmesbury which as well as being known as a very attractive garden, is also well known for it's owners; the Naked Gardeners. Some weekends are Clothes Optional for visitors and this was one of them! Bobbie said she kept her eyes above waist level. We chickened out and went to Tetbury instead.

On Sunday morning all of us except Phil & Heather and Eric & Margot decided to head homewards, but to stop at Abingdon as it had looked nice on the way through on Friday morning. It's a pretty little town set on the Thames and we finished the weekend off with a boat trip.

Usually on these weekends, we play silly games and light hearted quizzes which I feel add a great deal to the enjoyment as it gets everyone back together again after separating during the day. This time it didn't

work out like that as dinner on Friday was quite late so didn't leave enough time and on Saturday there was live entertainment (a duo playing quite a variety of music) so we couldn't do anything then either. Hopefully everyone still had a good time.



CROXLEY GREEN

I understand that the midweek show in early August, attracts a larger number of cars than this one on Sunday 16th but it is still a good show to go to as it gets a wide variety of vehicles, ranging from an Isetta bubble car to enormous Cadillacs etc. The only word to describe the large number of Scammel lorries is enormous. We only had three cars there as some people had gone to a show at Bishops Stortford. We used the E-type and Alan & Barb took both their E-type and XJS as Barb's brother Les and his wife Gayle, on holiday from Canada were with them. One of the reasons for enjoying this show, apart from the cars is the Carters Steam Fair. Their dodgems are really good and you get quite a long ride. Dodgems was a new word to Gayle as she only knew them as bumper cars. We three "girls" used our complimentary tickets that we were given on the way in, to have a ride on the Gallopers which are still steam driven.



When I wrote about XK Weekend last month, I didn't mention that Martin and Janet Richardson had unfortunately had their car backed into. I didn't know about this till I read it in the Jaguar Driver.

