



Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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We had a good turnout again at the last meeting with plenty of events to report on, some as a club and others that people went to individually.



There were eight of our cars at Hoddesdon this year which seemed particularly busy, with both cars and public. Although we were parked around the War Memorial as usual, the strange position of an Austin Healey and the coffee/tea van for entrants being a bit further along meant that our car plus Brian W's and Ron's were all out of the normal circle.



The next day was the Kimbolton Fayre, which is still an excellent show with hundreds of cars, live music, stalls, Sealed Knot re-enactment plus a fly past from a Hurricane. I had booked a space for ten cars and then gave out eight passes. Unfortunately, for various reasons, there were only four of our cars in attendance. In the past we have been put adjacent to Area 44, who always have quite a few cars there, but this year we were a little way away from them so our four cars did look a bit lonely. When I am contacted next year, I will ask to be joined on with them again.



Our Area day at the Whitewebbs Museum was, once again, disappointing, as only eight visiting Jaguars arrived despite Gaynor advertising it well in the Jaguar Driver for four months. It does appear that for the most part, people who have attended before, don't revisit. As eleven of our cars were on show, it was still a good display, but not what we had hoped for.



Earlier on in the month, Arnie and Steph went to the Cars in the Park show at East Barnet, which they couldn't recommend highly enough. It is free entry with no pre booking and extremely well organised with plenty of refreshments available. They said there were about 750 to 1000 cars there. Sounds like one for the calendar next year.



On the same day, Alan and Barbara were equally as enthusiastic about the show at Maldon where they met up with several Area 33 people they know. It was a short wander into town where fish and chips were available.



Last weekend, we met up with Alan and Barb at a pub near Brackley to make our way to Wroxhall Abbey for the JDC National Day dinner and dance. Unfortunately, when we arrived at the pub, the brakes on our E-type started playing up. The weather had been good, and after booking in we were able to sit out on the terrace overlooking the lovely grounds for quite a while before some heavy rain.

Luckily it was dry later for the walk across to the marquee where about a hundred and twenty people sat down for dinner including JDC President, Lord Steel who always comes down from Scotland for the event. A notable absentee on what would have been his 99th Birthday was Norman Dewis, to whom we drank a toast. Music was provided throughout the evening by a five piece jazz band who were very good, but quite a few people said it wasn't to their taste. Only one couple got up to dance, whereas the lady singer last year acted as a compere as well and encouraged people to take to the floor.

The next morning Doug asked John Burton to have a look at the brake problem, which he soon diagnosed but obviously Doug couldn't do anything about it then, so after breakfast we drove the few yards from the hotel to the ground where National Day is held. Apparently they stopped counting how many Jaguars were there after five hundred. Tony and Lesley were also there for the weekend, and we were joined on the day by Brian W and Harry and

Anne. Obviously on the way home, Doug had to treat the brakes very carefully and, as I type this, he is hopefully rectifying the problem.



It has been one of those spells when events clash and, on the same day as Kimbolton, some members went to the RSPCA centre where they hold an annual dog show. For the past couple of years, a friend of Eric's has organised a gathering of classic cars as an added interest.



A few people went to Classics on the Common at Harpenden not necessarily as entrants, and said it was very busy as usual.



Brian W recently went to an afternoon gathering organised by the TR Club at Broom near Biggleswade which was very enjoyable.



On the same day as National Day, Keith W went to Helmingham Hall in Suffolk where over a thousand classic cars were on show. He said as well as the cars, the gardens are lovely and Antiques Roadshow has taken place there. He recommends it as somewhere for a club visit next year but as it is between Stowmarket and Woodbridge it is quite a distance for most of us.



Further afield still, Tony and Lesley attended a show at Dudley Castle in the West Midlands.



As you can see, it has been quite busy and I hope I have remembered all the places that were mentioned.



Last month, I wrote about our tent pole problems and the lack of any suitable replacement tent. Problem solved! Harry found a supplier of replacement springs on the internet and sent us the information. Doug sent for one pack of five to try and they worked perfectly. We sent for enough to replace all the worn out springs and some spares and he has now got them all sorted and ready for the Pageant. After concerns that the club's finances would be depleted somewhat if we had to buy a new tent, we finished up spending just £22.

