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### AREA REP'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



Another year has passed and to my consternation, looking out of the window I can see the garden gradually disappearing under the first snow of the winter, and it is only December 16<sup>th</sup>. The lovely weather of the Enfield Pageant seems a long way away. Generally, the weather has been much better than in 2008.

The government still needs to get it's finger out to improve the financial mess, with petrol being well over a pound a litre, or is that too much to ask?

Several people have had surgery this year so I hope everyone makes speedy recoveries.

I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year.

*Doug*



A lovely log fire was a very welcome sight to greet those of us arriving at Pearse House for our Christmas dinner on December 12th. I think we enjoyed a pleasant evening but, unfortunately, we had the lowest number of people at this event since the club started. Keith Oswick has put forward his views on the subject, so whether a break in tradition is worth considering will be up to you. In any event, it would appear that the second Saturday in December is too close to Christmas for many people, who then have other functions clashing. Perhaps a return to the first Saturday might be in order.



## **A BREAK WITH TRADITION PERHAPS?**

### ***A view from Keith Oswick***

December comes round very quickly; three clear weeks and 3 weekends before Christmas and Boxing Day. An expensive time with lots to do. This brings me to my thoughts and this article for you to read.

The traditional Club Christmas Dinner at Pearse House this December, has seen the number of people attending dropping to only fifteen, for one reason or another. (By the way, my thanks go to Alan & Barbara for arranging this event).

Could it now be time to break with tradition and organise some sort of end of season get together instead, at the beginning of November or possibly towards the end of January or into February when there is less going on. Possibly a road run to a National Trust property, a museum or some other venue, followed by a meal together, making a full day out. Alternatively, going for a meal to a venue that also provides some form of lighthearted entertainment. A trip to a theatre, having had a meal beforehand might be another possibility.

This article is meant to be thought provoking and not offensive to anyone, because I feel that, as a group of friends, we need to get together and talk to each other.

If you cannot make our Monday meetings at the Royal British Legion in Enfield, you can send me your suggestions or thoughts by either snail mail or email, and i will put them forward on your behalf.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



In the twenty plus years that I have been writing this Newsletter there have been many occasions when I have asked people to contact Alan and now Doug, to express their opinion about some point that has been raised. It has always been a bit like a séance; "is anybody there?" Keith has taken the trouble to put forward his views for the benefit of the club so please make your views known to either Keith or Doug. If we don't know what people want we can't do anything to improve things.



Dick received a letter of thanks from the organisers of the Little Haven Show; unfortunately they didn't say how much this year's show raised but over the seven years that they have been supporting this charity they have raised £35,000.



There are various places to take the cars over the holiday period if the weather is clement.

On Boxing Day, the Lordship Arms is having a gathering and the day after that there is the traditional run to the Sun at Nazeing organised by the Whitewebbs Museum.

A choice of venues for New Years Day;

Either the Bentley and Vintage Sports cars which this year is at The Fisheries, Elstree or another meet at Barrington, between Royston and Cambridge which attracted a large number of cars last time.

There is also an Autojumble at the Whitewebbs Museum on Jan 3rd

