



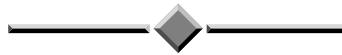
Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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The weather has continued to be disappointing with only odd spells of sunshine. Unfortunately, Harpenden was one of the events that was spoilt by the rain although I gather that it was still "full house" with the entrance to the field having to be closed.



Only a few days later we were much luckier for the XK Weekend which was combined with National Day on the Sunday. It really was a case of what a difference a year makes. Last year's National Day at Eynsham Hall was, as many of you will remember, a disaster with constant rain. This year we sat by the River Avon in lovely sunshine. For us it was the final day of XK Weekend. With Dick and Eileen we drove up to the Holiday Inn near J18 of the M1 on the Friday, stopping for a very good lunch at a pub not far from Silverstone. The Friday night meal certainly wasn't up to the same standard and the air conditioning was so high that we needed jackets however, on asking to have it turned down, we were told that some people were too warm!

On the Saturday of these weekends the usual procedure is to have a drive around the local area. This had been arranged by Area 44, and included the chance to drive three laps around Mallory Park circuit, (fairly sedately). The four of us along with Eric & John were taking advantage of the close proximity of Silverstone and we headed back down the A5 to enjoy an excellent day at the Historic Meeting.

So much to see and not enough time for it all as we had to get back to the hotel to put on our glad rags for the XK Dinner. Although the JDC Dinner was being held in the same hotel we had a separate room as the Trophies are always awarded at this dinner and for the second year we had a quiz as well. Unlike the previous evening, the meal was very good. I was very surprised when Chairman Mick Duffy presented me with the Stuart Lightfoot Trophy, which is awarded to a lady in the Register for their support.

The next day it was just a few miles drive to Stanford Hall; a lovely setting right next to the River Avon which had flooded there a couple of weeks earlier. The turnout of cars for National Day was very good as well as plenty of XKs. Bob Beecham was wandering round talking about cars of interest and later had others into the Arena; Doug's being one of them as it was one of the older XKs there. Jaguar Heritage had brought along an impressive display, with NUB120, original C & D types plus the XJ13. Music was provided throughout the afternoon by a local brass band, and a display by the RAF dog handling team was entertaining.

We left before the Concours awards were announced but as always we had enjoyed meeting up with familiar cars & people, and to be able to combine it with Silverstone had made the weekend even better, especially as the weather had been so good.



The Woodman at Nuthampstead always seems to have sunshine when we go there, and our recent visit for Sunday lunch was no exception. It was the first time that we had been there at lunchtime and I everyone seemed to think that the food was very good. Some of us had two courses and some three but everything was coped with efficiently

Another first was our was our Cream tea/canal trip on part of the Grand Union Canal from Pitstone Wharf near Tring. Fifteen of us met at the little cafe on site where the food was very good. Apart from one heavy shower the sun shone all the time and the three and a half hour trip was a very pleasant, relaxing way to spend a Sunday afternoon. We went through about five locks and at one point there was the opportunity

to get off and wander along the towpath for awhile. On the return journey we were served our cream teas with plenty of tea and coffee.

A few years ago some of us hired a boat for the day from another part of the Grand Union Canal which was a good day out, with Eileen cooking Breakfast on board as all you need apart from your food, is provided. The company that we have just used also does this and could be worth thinking about in the Spring. These day hire boats can take up to ten people, so you never know, we could possibly need two if there is enough interest. At this year's prices, it works out at £16 per head.



Unfortunately the Show near Burnham was one of the events affected by the weather and some of us didn't bother to attend. It seemed that the weather wasn't too bad after all, and the show was a great success as usual. As the show is in aid of the Little Haven Children's hospice we will be making a contribution from Area 57.



Trent Park & the Buntingford show are the next events; you never know we may even have sunshine!

A little further ahead the show at Croxley Green on the 16th September is one we can recommend, especially if you like good Dodgem rides.



JDC Potato Competition 2007 (Spud-U-Judge)

Report by Margot Tetsell

The grand "digging up" by the JDC potato competitors was scheduled for Sunday 22nd July – but as Judge Tetsell wanted to "join in", but couldn't take part, he dug his on the Saturday. This was quite entertaining for the Invegilator as it included a natty dance routine – which turned out to be caused by ants stinging his feet.

Sunday dawned and was an unexpectedly beautiful day – which makes sense when you consider that Richard had taken the trouble to put up a large gazebo against the rain! The first stop was Hertford for Keith and Audrey's entry. Their garden looked absolutely lovely in the sunshine, maybe the competition should be changed to a "best garden" one. Charlie the dog helped check that there was no foul play. It was noted by the Invegilator that the bungs here consisted of two cups of tea, three French chocolate biscuits, a rose, silver paper, a safety pin, and a plastic 20p piece. Keith had grown his potatoes in a large plastic bin (carpet assisted) and had produced a good crop in a confined space.

Next stop was Potters Bar and Doug and Wendy's entry. Another fabulous garden with water features and a bowling green quality lawn. Doug had also grown his potatoes in a plastic dustbin, trellis assisted, and Muffy the cat watched the proceedings from the safety of the shed roof. Doug produced a reasonable crop, but it was noted that he attempted to include a snail and an acorn for extra weight!

On to Enfield and Keith and Bobby. We knew we had the right house as a notice saying "La Spuderee" was pinned to the front door! Bobby guided us to the garden where there seemed to be a rural exhibit of two old fashioned farmers sitting in the gazebo. It was a bit of a shock when they moved and turned out to be Richard and Keith. They had certainly entered into the spirit of things, dressed in corderoys tied up with string, waistcoats, braces, caps and even, in Keith's case, blonde hair extensions! (Watch out Paris Hilton!). Keith had also used 'the bin method' of growing his entry and these were collected up watched by the tortoise. How we manage to do anything without our pets I'll never know.

We set out for the allotments next – with Keith and Richard traumatising a local child and an Airdale terrier on the way. On reaching John Wilkinson's allotment we found a large notice saying that although he was unable to attend please would we make sure that the area indicated was well dug and that he would be collecting the First Prize after 4th August with full national press coverage. An envelope was attached "To The Judge". Inside was the biggest bung of all - £15 (cheapskate! *Judge*) unfortunately only photocopies. This ground-planted set of bins had an impressive yield, we just need to find out what, if anything, he used as compost.

On to the final competitor, Richard Rogers, whose plot was on the same allotment. On the way we walked past more witticisms from John. He had attached a sign saying "I supply" to a huge Tesco sign, then "All I grow is tired"! Then Richard set-to digging – and digging – and digging, up his potatoes. Suffice to say – he had a large crop.

Before we left the allotments more photos were taken of the rustic farmers by bemused allotment holders – they all wanted to know what was going on!

We finally got back to Richard and Eileen's (another superb garden full of flowers) for the final weigh-in and judging. Results were:

By Weight	By Overall Points
1 st Richard Rogers 12lb 10oz (Eric was next with 7lb 4oz but was judging not competing!)	1 st Richard Rogers 32 points
2 nd John Wilkinson 7lb 0oz	2 nd John Wilkinson 31 points
3 rd Keith Williams 5lb 14oz	3 rd Keith Williams 26 points
4 th Keith Oswick 4lb 11oz	4 th Doug Shipman 19 points
5 th Doug Shipman 3lb 8oz	5 th Keith Oswick 17 points

Eileen, as always, cooked the most stupendous lunch, most of it grown on their allotment, and received a small gift for being an amazing chef.

Incredibly the sun shone all day, and a good time was had by all.

(Next year carrots?)



Received by Email from Albert & Mary Scales

Hi Doug and Wendy,

Sorry that Mary and I have been out of touch with everyone but I am afraid that we are still fully involved with looking after our grandchildren, we are hoping that when Sam the eldest one starts school in September that we will have a little more spare time and energy to get out and about more. I have been contacted by a local Bishops Stortford guy who I bought the Austin 7 off, he is a member of the JDC and runs a "E" Type but is not involved with any local area clubs. His name is George Cutting and he has been asked if he can get enough Jaguar Owners intrested in having a Jaguar Display at the Wheel Meet Again Motor Show at St. Marys Catholic School in Bishops Stortford on the 16th of September. I have been a regular attendee at the show for the last few years and it is getting bigger every year. Most of the local Main Car Dealers attend with full displays and last year Stratstones had several Jaguars on show. I have taken the liberty of passing your contact details to George so do not be suprised if he contacts you. I seem to remember that there where some adverse comments about "Wheel Meet Again" at an Area 57 club meeting I attended, but I have enjoyed the the shows that I have attended and have already entered two cars in this years show. Last year there where about four cars from JDC Area 33 at the show and it would be nice if we could muster a few more cars to put on a decent display. Not sure if we can make the next club meeting, Monday is usually a bad day for Mary and myself and by the time we have got the children to bed at 7.30pm we are both shattered and do not have the energy to do a great deal apart from putting our feet up !! Still things can only get better as the children get older and less dependent on Mary and myself.

Kind regards

Albert and Mary Scales