



Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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Area Rep's Report

Doug began by thanking the fifteen members who attended. Before the usual reminder of the events of the past year.

He expressed our sadness at losing Audrey, but said that we are very pleased that Keith is still an active member.

The normal apologies go to anyone who went to a show or event that is not mentioned here. Due to the dreadful weather, we had less visitors than last year for our Jaguar Day at the museum, just twelve. As it is the thirtieth Anniversary of Area 57 this year, we are putting up extra decorations which should help to make it look more celebratory. Several events go in twos; two Breakfast Runs to Bocket Arms, two Stoneleigh Spares Days, two Croxley Green shows, two Little Haven charity shows, and Museum members had two weekend Breaks, one to Ipswich and one to Folkestone. Among the usual places attended were Luton, the Rose Garden, Hoddesdon, Capel Manor, Kimbolton, Harpenden, Tewin, Cuffley, Knebworth, Buntingford, and a new venue at Weedon for what used to be the Aston Clinton show.

The XK Spring Weekend was at Streatley, next to the Thames. XK Day was combined with National Day at Wroxhall Abbey near Warwick, so six of us made a weekend of that. Our September weekend was at Faringdon where we were well looked after and, thanks to Tony and Lesley's prior knowledge, we were able to visit a forties day not too far away. The show in Enfield Town park was unfortunately marred by some vandalism to a Museum member's Model T Ford but the Festival of Light through Enfield town was very succesful, as the Car and Costume earlier in the year had been.

The Enfield Pageant is the main event of the year and we put on our usual good displays over the three days of the Bank Holiday and our efforts were rewarded with a cheque for £200 as the best car club display.

The potato competition and BBQ was held at Eric and Margot's with Keith W being the winner. Some musical entertainment was provided by Eric's guitar teacher and Doug with his banjo.

Christmas dinner at the Galley Hall was marred this year by excessively loud music. Our usual Mince Pie night was enjoyed by one and all.

Treasurer's Report

We were given copies of our current finances by Barbara and our balance remains healthy, helped by the Pageant prize money.

Secretary/Newsletter Editor's Report

As usual Wendy expressed her thanks to Roy for the publication and distribution of the Newsletter, and issued the usual plea for contributions. She said that responses to suggestions about the club would be useful even if negative.

Membership Secretary/Webmaster's Report

Roy advised us that Membership is fairly stable, losing two and gaining one during the last year. We have thirty two memberships which accounts for forty eight people and fifty one cars.

There is no change in the officers so Doug Shipman remains Area Rep, Barbara Collins - Treasurer, Wendy Shipman - Newsletter Editor and Roy Fludgate - Membership Secretary/Webmaster. Brian Kingsley continues as Club Archivist. Our thanks go to Keith and Bobbie for looking after us at the Museum on Club Nights.

The AGM was then closed.



Jaguar Day at Whitewebbs Museum - 27th March

Well, the weather was better than last year's totally wet day. This year we had plenty of sunshine but some very heavy showers as well. Doug, Dick, Keith and Eric put up all the usual banners and bunting plus some 30th anniversary ones and ballons in the club room. Brian brought along some club albums and Jaguar DVDs. Again the number of visiting cars was rather disappointing, just fifteen cars, however it was encouraging that at least three couples were paying a return visit. We had an e-mail afterwards from the owner of a Mark 9 who told us how good he thought the Museum is. It is difficult to know why we don't get as many visiting cars as we would like. It is early in the season but the Rover club who were there a month earlier at the end of February had ninety cars.



Eric, Margot, Keith, Bobbie, Alan and Barb recently enjoyed what sounded like a very busy Museum weekend in Derbyshire. Based in South Normanton, they visited Rolls Royce Heritage Centre, Hardwick Hall, the Crich Tram Museum and the Heights of Abraham. Unfortunately the weather could have been better for them.



Regulars will probably have received booking forms for Luton Festival of Transport which is on 12th June.



I have a couple of spare entry forms for Harpenden if anyone wants one.



The King and Tinker pub in Whitewebbs Road has started holding a car gathering on the 3rd Sunday in the month.



We have booked a fish and chip river trip on the Lee on Sunday 24th July. It will go from the Lea Valley Boat Centre, Old Nazing Rd, Broxbourne EN10 6LX at 11a.m and will last for two hours. There is a bar on board. There are still a few spare places so please let me know if you want to join us. The cost is approx £18.50, but it depends how many people are involved on the final cost as the club is paying £50 deposit. I don't need any money until three weeks beforehand but I would like to know numbers as soon as possible.



Please let Eric know as soon as possible what dates you can display cars at the Pageant and don't forget that Keith O needs volunteer marshals for that weekend.

