



Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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The Christmas meal is booked for December 5th at The Galley Hall and the menu is shown below. ALL CHOICES AND FULL PAYMENT NEED TO BE WITH BARBARA BY THE NEXT MEETING, NOV 2nd. Any payments by cheque are to be made out to Jaguar Drivers' Club Area 57 (Enfield). If you are posting to Barbara, a reminder of the address: 4 Cedar Park, Thorley Park, Bishop's Stortford, Herts CM23 4JU.



For the second month running, we welcomed a new member to the club; Rob Pierce, who has a convertible XKR. I think I am right in saying that we have not had one in the club before. Hopefully he and Malcolm will become regulars.



Just after the last meeting the Town Show was held over two days in Enfield Town Park. We went on one day and it was pretty busy. Unfortunately there was some vandalism to a Museum member's Model T Ford.



Eight of us enjoyed a weekend in Faringdon over the 18th/20th weekend as Margot's article will tell you.



For the fourth time we went to the Bocket Arms for our Breakfast Run on 27th September. They are gradually getting more organised for dealing with that number and apart from Keith W having rather a long wait for his full English, everything went well. It was a beautiful morning, so what more could you ask.



The good weather continued for the Museum weekend away to Folkestone. I've been told that a trip on the Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway had been organised, as well as a visit to the Battle of Britain Museum at Hawkinge. They had plenty of free time, enabling Alan to remember childhood visits to Dymchurch.



Tony and Lesley had made their usual visit to the Goodwood Revival meeting, where the car park is like a gigantic classic car show.



It is from now onwards that I have very little to write about each month, so any articles are always welcome.



Faringdon Weekend

Report by Margot Tetsell

After the grey skies and rain of the previous few days Eric and I set off in sunshine to Faringdon in Oxfordshire to stay at the Sudbury House Hotel. Faringdon is a small but rather quaint little place with some quirky coffee shops and some small local markets. It seems to be a place for eccentrics as in the past a local squire not only built one of the last Follies in England but also used to dye his doves pretty colours. (There are still some plastic ones scattered around the village on window ledges). On our first morning we spotted the Town Crier in full costume riding around the square, loudly ringing a bell, with his purple cloak flowing out behind him like Superman!

The next day Doug and Wendy, Bobby and Keith, and Alan and Barbara all arrived with the welcome addition of Tony and Lesley who were staying nearby. Once again, incredibly, the sun was out so we spent a pleasant few hours relaxing on the hotel patio. The hotel itself was very modern with lovely comfortable rooms. I must mention our wonderful young waiter, he was a real gem. It was so refreshing to see a young lad with bags of enthusiasm and initiative, and no attitude. It restores your faith in the younger generation – and his grandfather collects classic cars!

On Saturday we decided to walk into Faringdon, and on the way we passed a huge piano shop that had over a hundred pianos. Doug was in his element playing various different makes and models, and Alan was pleased to have 'had a go' on a Steinway. We tore Doug away and decided to have a look at the market and tour the church. The church was quite an eye-opener as it was considerably larger and older than we expected. Some sections of it actually dated from the 12th century. The spire was missing due to the Civil War and Cromwell's attacks, and there is a cannon ball on display that was found in the belfry. I was quite taken by the alabaster effigies of the lord of the manor and his wife on two tombs (dated 1533) and a life sized kneeling marble statue of Lady Unton (1634). After a coffee break in a quirky little restaurant, we walked up to see the folly. Although it was closed we could still see fantastic views of the surrounding countryside from the hill it was built on.

From there we all drove off to Kelmscott Manor the country retreat of William Morris, and had something to eat in the peaceful gardens. There were plenty of Morris flowery prints in the tea and gift shops. We spotted some unusual fruit trees there, one of which was a Medlar, we didn't know the others! The sun was still shining, amazingly, so it seemed a good idea to walk around the gardens. We all thought Dick would be interested in the house and its wooden gutters! After that it was back to the hotel for a cream tea – it's a hard life.

It was lucky to have Tony and Lesley with us because, due to their local knowledge, they recommended a visit on Sunday to a 1940's day at Coleshill. Coleshill turned out to be fascinating. It used to be a top secret institute where, during the war, thousands of people were trained to be Churchill's underground army of resistance fighters. These people were trained in all aspects of sabotage in case we were invaded by the enemy. We were able to climb down into an underground bunker that had a WC, kitchen and living quarters. The emergency exit was via a tunnel, all exciting stuff. Barbara even managed to climb down the ladder to the bunker and then up again but, obviously, due to the operation on her knees, could not crawl down the tunnel. It is worth mentioning here that Keith was the only one of us that crawled out the tunnel backwards! Of course he was keeping a watchful eye on the enemy in the bunker. I have to mention here how much we all liked the sweatshirt Eileen got him with 'Where's Ozzie? Here I am!' on it.

On the way home Eric and I accidentally found a real gem of a nursery/restaurant, well worth a visit if you are out that way. It's called Newington Nurseries a Chelsea gold medal winner, with the restaurant in amongst the orchids and tropical plants. It had a lovely atmosphere with a resident robin and a cat called Scruffy (who had given up chasing the robin). It was a fairly small place but they even did roast dinners!

Finally, a big thank you to Wendy for arranging the weekend in her usual efficient way - including the lovely weather.



CHRISTMAS MENU

AVAILABLE FROM 1ST TO 24TH DECEMBER 2015

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SIDES

Please write the quantity of each dish you would like

STARTERS

QTY

Chicken Liver Pâté .....	.....
Spiced Sweet Potato & Butternut Squash Soup .....	.....
Chicken Goujons with Dijon Mayonnaise .....	.....
Prawn and Smoked Salmon Cocktail .....	.....

MAIN COURSE

Roast Turkey with all the trimmings .....	.....
Sirloin Steak with Stilton & Herb Butter served with chips & peas .....	.....
Goats Cheese Tart served with new potatoes and a salad garnish .....	.....
Grilled Swordfish in a lemon & parsley sauce, served with new potatoes & a salad garnish .....	.....
Coc au Vin served with new potatoes & vegetables .....	.....

DESSERTS

Christmas Pudding served hot with Brandy Sauce .....	.....
Apple Crumble served hot with Custard .....	.....
Cheesecake served cold with Cream .....	.....
Profiteroles with Chocolate Sauce .....	.....

