



## Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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### **32nd AGM 20th March**

#### ***Area Rep's Report***

Doug thanked the twelve members present and then gave us a quick reminder of the events during the past year. As always, some people will have been to places and shows not mentioned here, so apologies for that.

The weather was again unkind for our Jaguar Day at the Museum where we were celebrating the Area's 30th, but we did have fifteen visiting Jaguars as well as several of our own. As usual, we had two Breakfast Runs to the Bocket Arms where we are always looked after very well. There were three weekends to mention; the EDVVS had what sounded a very busy couple of days in Derbyshire including a visit to Rolls Royce (engines not cars). The XK Spring weekend was at an excellent hotel in Lancashire's Forest of Bowland, a relatively unknown area, but very picturesque. The club weekend was in the Norfolk Broads area where we experienced one of the wettest days we have had in all the years that a few of us have gone away together. Most of the usual venues featured in the calendar; Hoddesdon, Kimbolton, Luton, Croxley Green, Buntingford, Knebworth, Tewin and Capel Manor. As we have in the past few years, a few of our cars were at the North Mymms Rose Garden, which opens once a year to raise money for the Red Cross. A few people went to National Day at Coombe Abbey where I gather club organisers were not given much time to set up. We had a fish and chip lunch boat trip on the River Lea in beautiful weather, which was an extremely pleasant way to spend a few hours. The main event in our year is, of course, the Enfield Pageant. A lot of work goes into putting our display on over three days but it was well worth it, and receiving joint first prize for our display was a nice bonus. Spares days at Stoneleigh always attract a few of our members. The show in Enfield Town park was succesful, and helps to raise the profile of the Whitewebbs Museum.

The vegetable competition this year was at Keith W's, where we enjoyed his garden and plenty of food. Keith O was the winner with the largest truss of tomatoes.

The year always ends with Christmas Dinner and Mince Pie Night. The dinner at the Bocket Arms was not as good as their breakfasts, so we may well be looking for somewhere new again.

#### ***Treasurer's Report***

Barbara circulated copies of our current finances which remain very healthy with a slight increase due to Pageant Prize money.

#### ***Secretary/ Newsletter Editor's Report***

Wendy expressed her usual thanks to Roy for printing and distributing the Newsletter, which as he pointed out, we have done every month for nearly thirty years. Hopefully everyone reads it and, of course, contributions are welcome.

#### ***Membership Secretary/ Webmaster's Report***

Roy told us that there are currently thirty three memberships (49 people) and fifty three cars. Membership remained fairly stable over the year, losing four and gaining three.

## ***Election of Officers***

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 is the official Club Archivist taking care of the many club photos.

Our thanks go to Keith and Bobbie Oswick for looking after us at the Museum on Club Nights.

## ***Any other business***

As many of you are aware, we used to meet twice a month, and the AGM always took place at the start of the second meeting in March however, as the AGM only takes half hour or so, it was suggested that it is no longer necessary to have an additional meeting. It was agreed that, as of next year, the AGM will take place on a normal meeting night, (possibly February or April).

The AGM was then closed.



## **Jaguar/Jensen Day at the Whitewebbs Museum - March 26th**

This turned out to be a very successful day with plenty of money being taken at the gate and upstairs for refreshments. Unfortunatley, although this was a lovely sunny day, it still didn't attract any more visiting Jaguars than we have had on the two previous wet days, just twelve. Our own cars put on a good display with seventeen cars in attendance. The Jensen Owners' Club is obviously very active, as they had over thirty cars arriving throughout the day.



## **Open Day at Baird Road March 12th**

Two weeks earlier, a few of us took our cars to the Celebratory Launch of the Classic Car Restoration Apprenticeship Programme and Open Day. We were welcomed by Kevin Haggarty, Head of Motor Industry Liason and Motor Sport. Tea, coffee and biscuits were plentiful as we had a look around the facility. Several cars were in various states of restoration including an XJS belonging to our most recent member, Beryl Little. A Mk2 looked very sorry for itself with the back half missing, while a "Bullitt" Mustang was being polished to a brilliant finish. Some of us have visited the Studio 434 collection of cars at Potters Bar in the past, and two of their cars were on display; a Lagonda and a Mk2. Their cars are brought to this facility for work to be done on them.

Later, we went upstairs for an excellent buffet lunch before a few speeches. Chairman of Governors, Ann Zinker thanked everyone for coming and expressed special thanks to the people involved with the programme. Mr Michael Scott, who is the founder of the International Guild of Specialist Engineers, spoke passionately about his feelings that university is not one size fits all and said how much apprenticeships are needed, especially with the popularity of Classic Motor Sport events. A new web site called [fixmyclassic.co.uk](http://fixmyclassic.co.uk) has recently been started by Darren Sullivan Vince to enable people to find specialists in various fields of classic cars whether restoration or maintenance.

It had been a successful day and our cars were appreciated, as was the 50's and 60's music for those of us of a certain vintage.



Some of you will have received entry forms for Classics on the Common at Harpenden on Wednesday 26th July. In order to prevent the build up of cars all trying to get in at 2pm when the gate opens, they have introduced two entry times, 11am and 2pm. The snag being that the earlier time has entry charge of £17, five pounds more than at the later time. It will be interesting to see if numbers go down as result.



Two more dates have come in for the calendar. The show at Tewin is on August 20th and anyone on their mailing list should be hearing from them in the next few weeks.

The Buntingford Classic event is on Saturday 2nd September, and their website is now available for registering your car.



Area 33 (Essex) is holding a Breakfast Meeting at North Weald Aerodrome on Sunday October 1st. Any Jaguars are welcome and the £4 per car charge will all go to support the Air Ambulance which is based there



The Enfield Pageant, over the Bank Holiday, May 27th/29th is rapidly approaching, and Eric needs names and the days that you are available. Please contact him ASAP.



Finally, Alan would like to thank those who went to see the show "Made in Dagenham" which he was in. I understand it was very successful.

