



Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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The most important date coming up is the Enfield Pageant on May 27th/28th. As we stress every year, we need the cars to be on site by no later than 09:00 to be able to get them arranged. It would, however, be extremely helpful if anyone can get there by 08:30 as there is quite a lot to set out, not least the tent, which needs several able bodies. As always, the club provides bacon rolls, tea, coffee, etc. but please remember to bring your own mug.



Two weeks before that, on 14th May the Classics at the Villa is being held at the Villa Scalabrini, Shenley, WD7 9BB from 09:30. Plenty of good cars and food. Just turn up on the day.

These are the only events taking place before our next meeting in June, so I will mention other dates next month.



A few weeks ago, a large group from the EDVVS had what I gather was a very enjoyable weekend in Swaffham, when they had a chance to visit the Broads, Kings Lynn, Oxburgh Hall and other Norfolk towns.



XK Spring Weekend, Telford April 22nd/25th

Although eight couples from Area 57 went to Telford for the XK Spring Weekend, we all made our own way there. Alan and Barbara made a slight detour to meet us for lunch, just off the A5, at a pub called The Pig in Muck. When we reached the Telford Hotel we were pleased to see that all the regulars had booked in, as some had missed out last year. We gathered for dinner and short speeches from Brian Ekin and Mick Duffy. The girls doing the waiting were all very quick and efficient but, I think it is fair to say, the food could have been better. The breakfasts, on the other hand, were extremely good with plenty of choice.

The next morning, our first trip was to Blist's Hill, a former industrial site where there had been blast furnaces. A Victorian village had been created by rebuilding shops, cottages, etc. on site. Some of us watched a demonstration of candle making, which was quite a lengthy process in those days.

We were due to drive to Bridgnorth for a trip on the Severn Valley railway next, but Alan and Barb's XJS decided to throw a wobbly and despite trying to get a jump start from Doug's car, it didn't want to know. We had to leave them to phone the AA, or we would have missed the train. A text let us know that they got back to the hotel but the fault is still a bit of a mystery and the car behaved most of the weekend. At Bridgnorth, we piled onto the diesel hauled train. We had been advised to get off at Highley Station rather than go all the way to Kidderminster and we were able to visit an excellent Museum, where several engines and carriages, including a post office van, were on display. After a snack, it was perfect timing to get the train back to Bridgnorth, this time steam hauled by Pendennis Castle which, I believe, was on loan from Didcot Railway Centre.

The next day also had two scheduled visits, the first to RAF Cosford which is like a smaller version of Duxford but with plenty of aircraft of different eras on display outside and in several hangars. Our afternoon visit was to Wightwick Manor, a National Trust property built in Tudor style in the Victorian age. Everybody in the group was taken by this very attractive house and well laid out garden. A perfect end to our visits.

After breakfast next morning, it was goodbye time and, despite cool and dampish weather, it had been a very good weekend. The time spent by Tony Greenham and Brian Ekin to work out the routes and calibrate individual distances was really appreciated.



Breakfast Run - The Woodman, Nuthampstead - 30th April

This used to be one of our regular venues, we were last there about eleven years ago. For a change, it was a lovely sunny morning and our two XKs, two E-Types, one XK8, one XF and Richard's vintage Bentley made a very good display in the car park. We were served with very good breakfasts and plenty of tea, coffee and toast. A good possibility for next time.

