



## Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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There has not been too much going on yet, especially as the regulars who go to Stoneleigh decided that there was too much snow around and gave it a miss this time.



On March 25th, fourteen of us met up with a similar number from Area 33 for a very enjoyable lunch at The Woodbine, Waltham Abbey. We were joined by Charles Elmer, our very newest member, who came along in a lovely Austin Healey. He hopes to become a Jaguar owner in the not too distant future. We all thought that the food, a choice of roasts, was good and we all enjoyed some home made ice cream; we had a selection of about a dozen varieties to choose from. I have been in contact with the Area 33 rep, Tony Agombar, who hoped we could do it again next year.



Alan, Barbara and Keith W had an enjoyable trip to Essen recently.

Alan also thanked the people who supported his latest show, Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, which received the best reviews that they have ever had.



Don't forget that The Enfield Pageant will be on 26th/28th May. If you have not already contacted Eric about the days that you are available to show your cars, please get in touch as soon as you can. Over the years we have made every effort to make sure that our cars are displayed to their best advantage. This is not always easy as it does rely on cars being on site by 9 a.m. and having space to manoeuvre them around. We are hoping that we might be able to put cars just into the arena area and move them across as needed. However, as Alan, Eric and Doug have all found in the past, it is not easy and Doug would appreciate some help from someone with the arrangement this year. Some of you may remember that our flag poles broke last year as they were not strong enough for our existing flags, so new flags and poles have been bought.



Regulars will probably have been sent entry forms for the shows at Hoddesdon on Saturday 14th July and Waltham Cross on Saturday 11th August. I have a spare one of each if anyone wants one.

I don't know whether any of you saw the broadcast on ITV4 a couple of weeks ago from the Members Meeting at Goodwood. We watched it and saw flurries of snow in the air and snow on the ground. Spectators were huddled in layers of clothing to try and keep warm in bitter weather. We knew that Arnie and Steph were there and they have told us that it was the coldest they have ever been in their lives. We have had some pretty cold days at Silverstone but never as bad as that.



I mentioned last month that it is nearly thirty years since Roy and I started the Newsletter, and I thought I would write a bit about how it started and what was involved in getting it to members. Back in June 1988, Doug and I along with Alan, Barb, Roy and Kim went to a show organised by the then Bedford area which has reformed since then. None of us can remember exactly where the show was, but it was on the day that Jaguar won Le Mans for the first time since their fifties successes. People were driving their cars around an arena and one of their members asked me if I would take his Mk 2. I'm sure that most of you know that I don't drive, so Barb took it round. Everyone was very friendly and we were even invited back to someone's home. During the day, we were given a copy of their Newsletter which was in the form of a little booklet and was sponsored by various local shops. At that time, if an event was coming up, one of our original members, Jim would post a hasty note. I said that we should have a proper monthly newsletter and that I wouldn't mind writing it. Kim said she would type it and Roy would print and distribute it. At that time, I would write it by hand on Tuesday after the Monday meeting, post it on Wednesday and it would reach Roy on Thursday. Kim then had to decipher my writing in order to type it all. After Roy had it organised in the way he wanted it, they would then have to label and stamp all the envelopes and put them in the post. As you can see, it was quite a long process. The time came about nine or ten years ago that we were dragged, not quite kicking and screaming, but cautiously into the modern world and bought a laptop. Now I might only be using two or three fingers but I can send the Newsletter to Roy on the morning after the meeting, so most of you get the Newsletter considerably quicker than in the beginning. I have still got most, if not all of them. Although, when Doug recaps events at the AGM there seems to be quite a lot, there was probably more in the early days, as we were a new club and were keen to take our cars out and it was not unusual to have a convoy of a dozen or so cars arriving together at a show. I can remember one occasion when we were going to an event in Kent and Alan even managed to hang around at the end of the M11 slip road to join on the end of several of us coming along the M25. The Newsletter was probably a bit longer then because of more shows, and perhaps I was more successful in getting people to do a short write up on some of them. Well nearly thirty years later, I hope that you still find the Newsletter of some interest.

