



Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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We have recently been exchanging emails with JDC Chairman Nic Drukker, and he will be coming to our meeting on July 3rd, continuing his round of visits to various Areas. Hopefully we will have a good turnout of Jaguars and people for this meeting.



I understand that the Essen trip was succesful, and many thanks to Alan and Barb for their report.

The Museum weekend to the hotel in Cricklade, where we have had two September weekends, also went very well.



Our latest Breakfast at the Brocket Arms was very enjoyable; Kate and her team have got the routine just right and I'm sure that we will be back there in October.



It is nearly time for the Enfield Pageant so, hopefully, everyone has contacted Eric. Please be on site by 9.am so all the cars can be positioned on the stand. If you are responsible for bringing anything, please don't forget it. Everyone needs to remember to bring their own chairs and mugs.



I have a couple of spare entry forms for the Tewin show and i have just received the passes for Kimbolton so I will give those out in plenty of time.



Don't forget that we need a new venue for Christmas dinner this year. Suggestions will be welcome.



TECHNO CLASSICA – ESSEN 2017

Report by Alan Collins

Our trip started off with an overnight stay at South Mimms where we were joined by Lesley Winter and her sister June. It was a fairly early start so it was far easier to stay overnight to eliminate any delays to meet the coach, but this didn't prevent our coach from getting stuck on the M1, which meant we were late setting off for Dover and our ferry. Our driver for the week was a very cautious and friendly guy.

We joined the P&O ferry on Tuesday lunchtime, and needless to say a hearty portion of excellent fish, chips and mushy peas was in order. After arriving in Calais we drove to our first night's stop, a lovely hotel in Brussels, and enjoyed a relaxing drink and dinner. (Notice the food theme you Jaguar Diners out there!)

Day 2 was a visit to the Belgian National Motor Museum in Brussels which had a fantastic collection of very unusual and varied vehicles including one that had 2 steering wheels. It was either a spare one for the wife, or you could swap seats and wheels depending on which side of the road you were driving on. Some of us then took advantage of the closeness of the Royal Museum of Armed Forces and Military History, which had a lovely display of many varieties of planes hanging from the huge roof. After lunch (there we go again) we went off to the Atomium, a structure constructed in 1958 for Expo58 which comprised of a series of spheres, the top one giving a panoramic view of central Brussels from a height of over 300 feet. Then an onward journey to our hotel for the next 3 days in Gelsenkirchen for dinner. (Food again)

Day 3 was our first day's visit to Techno Classica in Essen, and as Barb and I have said before this is a vast classic car event, but unlike most events, almost all of the exhibits are for sale. A real eye opener. Obviously many are priced out of our reach but there are also outside areas (where some of the food places were!) where you could find some more realistically priced vehicles. Having said that, a number of beautiful cars had 'sold' tickets on them very early on. After a full and tiring day we were back on the coach and taken back to the hotel.

Day 4 was our 2nd day at Techno Classica and we had already agreed as a group that the majority of us would only spend half a day here before heading off to Dusseldorf for some sightseeing. (and lunch). During the day Roger Kemp, our organiser, had managed to arrange for us to visit 'Classic Remise', a group of classic car and bike restorers in Dusseldorf. These companies are housed in in an old historic roundhouse for locomotives. An incredible building which now houses a wonderful selection of classic and vintage cars, some in storage in what can only be described as glass boxes. We have once again seen so many unusual, rare and sometimes extremely expensive cars, we feel overwhelmed by them. Following another full and exhausting day we headed back to the hotel for a relaxing drink, and of course dinner.

Our final day on Saturday was spent travelling back to Calais for the ferry, with the obligatory comfort stop at a Belgian chocolate factory, and yes you guessed it!! Fish and chips on the ferry just rounded the trip off perfectly.

