



Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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It would be nice if I was able to say what a success our lunch with Area 33 was. Unfortunately that was not the case. Everyone was there on time, plus two from their Area who hadn't booked. We were asked to get seated by 1pm so that they could start bringing out starters to those who had ordered them. Well, over half an hour later, they began to arrive!!! There then followed another long wait for the main courses, which came out in dribs and drabs as people were having different things. It was eventually about quarter to three before everyone was served, and that was for a lunch booked for 1pm. When I booked and delivered the deposit to the pub, we made it clear that people would be paying their own bills. Wrong!!! Everything was all on the one bill, so Tony Agombar and I had to collect up money from our respective areas. Apparently, the bar was also understaffed, with not very well informed staff. There were two main problems; not enough people, especially as there was another group having a buffet lunch. The other one was the very extensive menu which people could choose from. I counted up that in our group of thirty seven people, fifteen different main courses had been chosen, which must have been very difficult for the chefs to prepare all at the same time. We made this point to Jane, who seemed to be in charge of the restaurant, and she agreed that for a large group, a set menu of three or four choices per course would be adequate. The one plus point was that the food was good, but overall the event was extremely disappointing and, as we had invited Area 33 to join us, a bit embarrassing. I sent an email to the head office of TLC Inns, who own the Catherine Wheel, telling them of our experience and the impossibility of serving a large group from such a large menu. I had an immediate reply saying that my email had been passed to the guest services department who would contact me. I'm waiting to hear from them at the moment so I will bring you up to date later.



While on the subject of food, I have just booked Breakfast at The Bocket Arms on April 5th. I'll start collecting names next month.



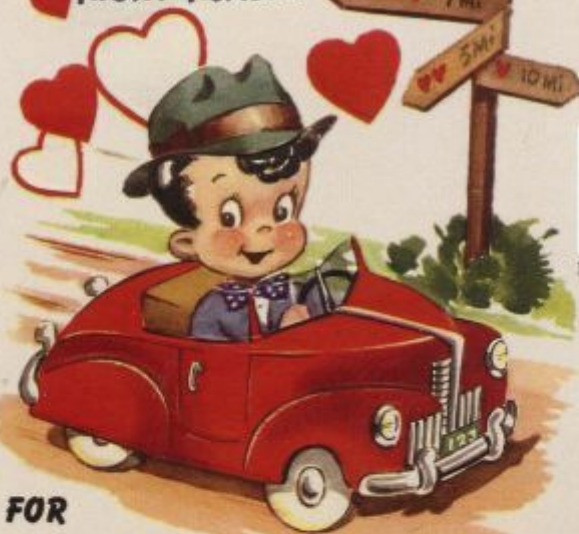
I have been contacted about the Kimbolton Fayre on July 12th and asked to request passes. I will ask for eight, which is usually adequate. I will also ask them to put us with Area 44, as last year our space was far too big for the four cars that we had there.



The Whitewebbs Museum is holding a Rock'n'Roll evening this Saturday, 8th February. Entry is £10 per person. See below for details.



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