



## Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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There is a three week gap before the next meeting on 5th September but before then several of us will be at the Steam & Country show at Cuffley on Bank Holiday Monday. I think most people have their passes but if you have any queries speak to Keith Oswick. We need to be on site by 9 am.



Several shows and events have happened since the last Newsletter. On 23rd July we went to the Silverstone Classic to be part of the record attempt to get 1000 E-types on the circuit together. A week or so ago we got the official confirmation that it was a record, although the final number was 767. Keith and Bobbie, Peter Starling and Mike Surtees were also in the parade but we didn't see them, although we did meet up with Keith and Bobbie a couple of times. It was quite a sight to see so many E-types together as there were a lot more there that didn't go round the circuit. I managed to film some of our drive round without dropping the camera or taking film of my feet. There is quite a lot on Youtube if anyone wants to see the event. We didn't watch a lot of the races although I think the others did, but the brand new circuit seems good.

There to see us off on to the parade was Norman Dewis, test driver for Jaguar and the man who delivered the first E-type to the Geneva Motor Show in 1961 when it took the motoring world by storm. Norman is a very sprightly ninety two year old and a very good raconteur of his times with Jaguar.



On the same day several people went to a show at Waltham Abbey which was being held for the first time, and they thought it was quite good. Roy had only heard about this show not long before it took place and the organiser has said that he will make sure it gets advertised more next year.



On Monday 25th July, we joined with EDVVS members to visit an amazing private collection of cars. Situated nearly opposite Potters Bar swimming pool, Studio 434 houses a large number of cars from the Twenties to almost up to date. The collection is on two floors and the owner was there to talk about some of the vehicles on display. As we drive past this building frequently it was quite a surprise to see what was there.




A couple of days later, Harpenden was as busy as ever and with good weather, the common was one mass of cars and people. Although we hadn't gone together, Brian F, Douglas and ourselves managed to park with Keith and Audrey. As a result of my winning tombola ticket, Doug now has enough Autoglym products to last quite a while.




A few people went to the first of the two Croxley Green shows a week after Harpenden and think there were more cars there. The later Croxley Green show is on September 18th where the Carters Steam Fair is an added attraction.


Alan and Barb went to National Day and, although they weren't particularly impressed with Rockingham Castle, they met up with quite a few people that they hadn't seen for a long while.




Apparently the Sunday Best Scooterfest at the Whitewebbs Museum recently was very busy but I gather a couple of "ladies" were involved in a fight.



The show at Purleigh, in aid of the Little Haven Hospice, was up to standard with lots to see; cars, tractors, steam, both model and full size vehicles. There was the usual array of knick knack stalls, displays of owls and rabbits plus live music. I think we all fell for some Bernese Mountain dogs who did a display in the arena.




Passes for Buntingford on September 3rd will no doubt be sent out shortly and we intend to get there by 9:30am. Keith and Audrey have invited us back for a cuppa afterwards.




The following day, Alan and Barb are intending to go to Bressingham for East Anglian Jaguar Day.



Also on 4th is a show at Kensworth near Dunstable which Douglas intends to go to.



Ron and Pam recently went to a garden near West Horndon that they enjoyed. It is only open occasionally and the only open day left this year is September 4th. [www.barnardsfarm.eu](http://www.barnardsfarm.eu) for details.




Brian has given me a few more dates:


The Knebworth Classic Car Show is on both days of the August Bank Holiday

Battlesbridge is on 25th September

Furneux Pelham is Saturday, 1st October



There is still time to go on my list for the Murder Mystery Night at Café Dutch between Potters Bar and Hatfield on 29th October although I understand that quite a few places have been booked. I have been told by Café Dutch that they have had these evenings before and are very popular. It is set in the Twenties era. I will book toward the end of September and I will need the money by then. (£28.00 per head for entertainment and three course dinner).



The venue for this year's Christmas Dinner is under discussion at the moment but we decided on December 3rd as this earlier date suited most people last year.

