



Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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Wasn't it good to have a club meeting again, the first one since March last year. As the Museum is still not fully open yet we were in a tent outside but, despite it being a very wet evening, about sixteen of us were there. Unfortunately Alan and Barbara were not with us, as we had intended to give them their Golden Wedding present from the club. With the money collected we have been able to buy a Happy Golden Wedding rose and a John Lewis voucher for £100.



A few things have happened over the past few months. On 26th April, at very short notice, Eric, Margot and ourselves went to Hatfield House where we joined a display with Areas 16 and 17. Due to a misunderstanding by the events manager at Hatfield House, he had not responded to my email saying that some of our Area would probably be interested in displaying our cars there. The weather was sunny but very chilly.



There were two gatherings at the Museum. On May 9th, it was just for us and on the 30th May it was for Museum members.



Airfields are notoriously draughty places and, on May 23rd, when some of us went to North Weald at the invitation of Area 33, it was very miserable and chilly so bacon rolls etc. went down well. When the rain started we headed home but several hundred pounds had been raised for the Air Ambulance which is based there.



On June 13th Arnie, Steph, Alan, Barbara and Keith went to a show at Tewinbury Farm but they were left unimpressed due to the lack of organisation.



The Luton Festival of Transport on 27th June attracted plenty of cars and people despite another rather miserable day. It wasn't until late morning that we could see the usual aeroplanes because of the low cloud.



Everything that I have mentioned so far has taken place in not very good weather but, hopefully, the season will improve.



Doug and I had booked for the Summer Festival at Bicester Heritage where, amongst other anniversaries, they were celebrating 60 years of the E-type however, due to the awful weather forecast, we decided not to go. Brian W went and experienced a mixture of heavy downpours and sunshine. Apparently 209 E-types were in attendance. I wonder where the 800 that drove round Silverstone ten years ago are now. We were among a few Area 57 cars who took advantage of that occasion.



The planned show at Hoddesdon on 10th July will not take place, but the one at Waltham Cross will go ahead for those who had their bookings for last year held over.



Booking is available for three of our regular events; Tewin on 22nd August and Buntingford and Capel Manor on 4th and 5th September respectively.



On 22nd-23rd September, seven of us are booked into a small hotel in Dedham. If anyone would like me to enquire whether there are any rooms available, give me a ring.



On a couple of occasions recently Brian W has been to events in place of a friend who was unable to go. One was an excellent show at Cressing Barns in aid of the Helen Rawlinson charity and the other at the Colne Valley Railway.



In one of those little gaps last September when we could do things, several of us enjoyed lunch at Brian and Mandy's and brought home plenty of fresh fruit as well. At a similar time this year we are invited again, this time for afternoon tea. A date will be sorted out later.



When Harry and Ann Gomez rejoined the club couple of years ago, they were without a Jaguar, but we are all pleased that he has recently bought a top of the range 1998 Daimler.

