



Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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Despite the extremely unsettled weather we have still managed to get out and about. Apparently Matching Green and Fanshaws weren't so lucky as both their shows had to be cancelled. The most recent events were the Hoddesdon town centre show and The Kimbolton Country Fayre and Classic Car Show. Hoddesdon has been fairly lucky with weather over the years and this was no exception, despite some heavy clouds. Seven of our cars were there plus another couple of Jaguars and two Mgs, and Roy was there on his Honda Goldwing. As usual the traditional jazz band was there, as well as a duo with a very good girl singer. It seems that every year there more empty shops, but that didn't stop Barbara going shopping at least three times.



The Kimbolton show as it's name suggests is far more than just a car show, although there were hundreds there of all shapes and sizes. TVRs were particularly well represented and there now even appears to be a club for Smart cars. The show was held in the grounds of Kimbolton Castle, now a school. The present building dates back to the early 18th century but the original castle was the home of Catherine of Aragon after Henry VIII divorced her. Throughout the day, the two arenas provided almost non stop entertainment. The main arena had majorettes, sheepdogs birds of prey, giant blow up wrestlers, horse and hounds, dog obedience and the Lancaster. In the other arena they had Punch and Judy, Irish Dancers (the star was a seven year old girl who did a solo), Morris Dancers and a swing band with dancers. Several of the acts and demonstrations went on twice despite heavy rain at the end of the afternoon. There was also various stalls and a craft fair so there really was something for everyone. We'd certainly recommend it for next year.



Both the Sunday lunch on the 5th August and the canal trip / cream tea the following week are booked with fifteen going to both of them.



Sunday 22nd July is the date for the great potato weigh in so the results of this will be in the next newsletter.



We will be at Silverstone on 28th July for the Historic Meeting and Stanford Hall the next day for National / XK Day if anyone is intending to go to either of them.



Visit to De Havilland Moth Club at RAF Halton - 24th June

Report by Dick Rogers

Area 57 were asked by the SS Register to take a few cars to the airfield for a charity show. The weather was not too good and we got there as the drizzle started. There were five SS cars there and about thirty Jaguars in all, as well as other makes including the Triumph Stag Club. Eric took his XK, Keith O his Daimler 250 and I had my Mark V. We started the day with bacon rolls and coffee (what a surprise). Unfortunately it was too cloudy for the planes to give the intended flights. We had lunch on the way home at a riverside pub and got home in time to get the cars garaged before the rain got heavy.



Speeding Course - 30th June

Report by Dick Rogers

I attended a three hour course after being caught on camera doing 38mph in 30mph zone. I was given the choice of doing the course instead of three points on my license. About forty people were on the course which was very interesting as everyone had to join in. We were given a form to fill in putting in the allowed speeds for cars, vans, car and trailer, lorries and coaches on various types of road. I got twenty out of twenty five and I hadn't realised that coaches, vans and trucks under seven and a half tons were allowed to do 70mph on motorways; I thought it would be 60mph.

Apparently in Essex there are about 120 speed cameras but only around 25 are active at any one time. I was pleased to do the course as it does make you aware of the road signs and hazards. I'll be getting a new copy of the Highway Code as I'm sure it's changed since 1965! It was a worth while three hours and no points.

Don't forget that your insurance could be invalid if you do not inform your company of any points on your license.



Audrey has asked me to thank everyone for the flowers that Alan and Barb sent on behalf of us all. All the cards and messages were very much appreciated. Unfortunately there is still some malignant tissue that needs to be removed and Audrey will be having another operation on August 13th. Our continued good wishes go to Audrey and Keith and Laura.



One of our most recent members, France, took his XJS to XJ Day at Shuttleworth and came away with two awards. Congratulations.

