



## Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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#### **25th AGM - Monday 15th March**

Twenty people attended the meeting, an increase of three on last year's attendance and it was agreed that the Minutes of last year's meeting should be taken as read.

#### ***Area Rep's Report***

Doug thanked everyone for coming and then gave us a quick run through of some of the events that people attended last year, although as always everything can't get mentioned. As usual we started the season with our Breakfast Run to Nuthampstead in April, with our usual good weather although we weren't so lucky for our return there in October. Keith and Audrey set a quiz for us, which Doug & I won by half a point. Generally the weather was better for this season but some events really were very wet, Aston Clinton being one of them. The Pageant at last had some sunshine after the disappointment of the previous three years. The Luton Festival of Transport always seems sunny and attracts a large number of vehicles of various vintage. Apparently Stoneleigh was very busy and there was a good turnout at the Jaguar Performance Day at the Ace Café. The show at Luton Hoo was new this year and attracted lots of cars and looks as if it is getting plenty of bookings for this year as well. There were a few odd showers at Hoddesdon and we felt that it was probably not as busy as in the past. National Day was at Woburn Abbey where the Mark 2 was celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As always there was plenty to see at the Kimbolton Fayre but it was one of the events that really did get rained on. The weather at the Silverstone Classic was very good, where Jaguar were the featured marque so we had a good parking area. There was lots to see both on and off the track. Classics on the Common at Harpenden was also hit by continuous heavy rain but there were still hundreds of cars there. Croxley Green had two shows as normal and I gather that they were both well attended. The show in aid of the Little Haven Hospice was a very good day out as there is so much to see and again the weather was kind. For most of us who went to the show at the Gunpowder Mills, I think it was the first event that we had attended there. We had a BBQ again and this time didn't have to run indoors to avoid the rain. The marrow judging took place on the same day which Eric won. The Steam and Country Show returned to Cuffley and it seems to be a successful venue. The Buntingford show seemed to attract an even larger number of the public than usual and we all agreed that it was probably the busiest that we had seen there. Our XK was the Chairman's choice; an award that we hadn't known anything about. Apparently the show at Battlesbridge was very well attended. The turnout for the Christmas dinner was very disappointing and this was discussed later in the normal meeting after the AGM. For the first time, we had to cancel our Mince Pie night due to snow making the roads dangerous. Over the holiday period, the Museum had their usual run to Nazeing, a gathering was held at the Lordship Arms at Bennington, but the largest number of cars were at Barrington on New Year's Day. Various weekends away were held throughout the year. The Museum group went to Kent and the XK Register went to Leicestershire and Surrey for XK Day at Brooklands. Our own September weekend in the Warwick area had exceptionally good weather. The trip to Southend on the Waverly was a good day out despite very windy conditions although it was dry not like the London to Brighton Run which only Keith and Bobbie did in the end.

Doug closed by thanking people for their support and sending good wishes to various members with health problems.

### ***Treasurer's Report***

Barbara Collins circulated the Annual Financial Report which showed a slight increase on last year's balance.

### ***Secretary/Newsletter Editor's Report***

Wendy Shipman thanked Roy and Kim for producing the Newsletter in the very professional form that we all receive it, mostly by Email these days The Newsletter is to keep everyone informed of what has gone on and what will be happening, so please read it and all contributions are welcome.

### ***Membership Secretary/ Webmaster's Report***

Roy Fludgate reported that over the past year there have been two lapsed memberships but we have gained two, which represents 36 memberships, 59 people and 58 cars. He reminded us there are often calendar updates on the Website and he sometimes forwards on things of interest that come to him via the web site.

### ***Election of Officers***

Doug and Wendy Shipman, Barbara Collins and Roy Fludgate have all agreed to carry on with the support of all present. Brian Kingsley will continue as Club Archivist, and the albums that he brought along were of interest.

### ***Any Other Business***

Eric Tetsell said that he would be organising the Pageant passes as usual but not setting up the display. Some discussion was had as to what the criteria is for judging club stands and John Wilkinson was going to look into this at the next Pageant meeting.

Doug then closed the AGM in order to carry on with normal club business.



First of all a reminder that there is three week gap before the next meeting which falls on Easter Monday but we carry on as normal.



Barbara is collecting names and money for the Breakfast Run on April 11<sup>th</sup> to The Woodman (£9) per head. Don't forget to look for other suitable places for the October one if you want a change.



Back in the January Newsletter there was a list of places that might be possible to visit as a club. The one that seemed to be favoured most was a drive to Southend. When it came to checking what Sundays were actually free, the only one available seemed to be 25<sup>th</sup> July. Apparently this is a date when a charity car run takes place. Wayne has located the entry form for this on the SEVCVC website at [www.sevcvc.com](http://www.sevcvc.com).



Fifteen of us went to Saffron Walden on March 13<sup>th</sup> to see Alan's show. Thanks to both Keiths for organising the tickets and the restaurant before hand. Although we all appreciated the hard work of those involved and talented singing, none of us thought much of the Sondheim tunes in "Follies".



Doug has got the last two name plaques done for the John Dyll Trophy so arrangements need to be made for it to be on display at the Museum. It would be nice if sometime before then, a photo could be taken of all those who have been awarded the trophy.

A few more dates for your diaries:

June 20<sup>th</sup> XK and XJ Day at Shuttleworth Old Warden  
June 27<sup>th</sup> Chilterns Day Cotswold Wildlife Park –Burford  
July 10<sup>th</sup> Hoddesdon  
July 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> Silverstone Classic  
July 28<sup>th</sup> Harpenden  
August 1<sup>st</sup> National Day Althorp  
August 22<sup>nd</sup> BBQ 42 Oakroyd Ave



Although the date was the main reason for such a low turnout for the Christmas meal last year apparently, some people feel it's time for a change. Having said that, some people are quite happy to return to Pearse House. Keith Williams has made enquiries at The Salisbury at Hertford. Their price last year was £25 but there is a room charge of £50 which would have to be shared out.

In the line of duty to the club, Doug and I have just come back from lunch at The Duke of York, just down the road from us. The quality of the food was very good and we got a chance to talk to the manager about the possibility of a group Christmas meal there. He was very helpful but said he does not take any bookings until the beginning of September when the menus come out. As near as he can judge at the moment, he hopes that this would be around £25 but couldn't say definitely. There are areas which are partitioned by archways, the smallest one can take twenty and a larger one can sit about thirty seven. This would seem to be a compromise between the view of some people who feel having more people around gives more atmosphere and those who prefer a room on our own. The main query seems to be whether members are willing to wait until September to get the Christmas meal booked. The room would be ours for the evening.

