

AREA DAY 2017 – RHS Gardens Hyde Hall

What a Wonderful Day!

Dawn on 20th August started clear and bright and certainly bode well for the day to come. Sian and I arrived just before 7 o'clock in 2949F and Sian's new acquisition, her F-Type. We had delivered our coupe E-type the evening before and loaded it with gazebo, signage, tables and all manner of other paraphernalia in readiness for the day.

We were very shortly joined by Gary Elson, Ian and Anne Livingston and Eric Hoile. Ron and Anita soon arrived with the second gazebo and before long everyone was busy setting up our display. Ron Ansell, without any prompting, offered to once again marshal the gate on behalf of the JDC and did a magnificent job as cars from all clubs began to arrive in a steady stream.

I could write pages retelling the day's events but as most of you were in attendance there seems little point. Instead I would like to take this opportunity to thank some of you for all your assistance in making the event such a great success.

Special mention must be given to the following persons;

Eric Hoile for all of his hard work throughout the last year in liaising between the RHS and all of the club representatives, arranging site meetings, collating insurances and other such documentation from everybody, taking the role of spokesperson on behalf of all the attending clubs and not least, putting out the signage the day beforehand.

Gary Elson, for assisting with placing and collecting the signage (including making all the signposts), loan of the PA system and securing a great raffle prize from Hintlesham Hall.

Ian Livingston, ably assisted by Veronica Pope, for parking the Area 33 cars so expertly and ensuring we had a display that both demonstrated the size of our Area and encouraged people to wander amongst our cars to chat.

Sian, Anne, Veronica and Anita for their sterling efforts (wo)manning the Raffle Gazebo, setting up, selling tickets, encouraging new membership and keeping check on the finances.

Lastly, quite literally, thanks again to Ron and Anita for staying on site once everyone had left keeping safe our gazebo and kit whilst Sian and I made our back from car delivery duties.

The Chairman's Choice this year (awarded by me to the owner of the car I would most like to take home) was deservedly given to Reg Everett and his magnificent XKR-S. Yes, I admit, I was a little biased this year but only because I deliberately didn't choose it last year in the interest of inter-club relations. Who knows, next year it could be you!

As a picture says a thousand words I will now resort to a gallery of photographs from the day to remind those that were there and entice that that were not of what could be instore for next year.







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