

The organisers of the **Great Marcham Weekend** would like to thank **EVERYONE** who came along and enjoyed the whole weekend, from fancy dress to fantastic old cars via a shared lunch, arts, crafts and piglets. And **EVERYONE** would like to thank Denise and Jim Asher who had the initial idea and made it happen - without them this weekend would have just been another couple of days.

A full write up will be in the September issue of MADNews but in the meantime there are a few reports below and you can enjoy the photos on the cover, in the Post Office and at MADWeb www.madnews.co.uk/gmw

BBQ and Barn Dance

It was the perfect setting - a barn dance in a real barn!! The dancing atmosphere was ignited by the children's led sing-along , we were all encouraged to join in to "Thank You for the Music", "Dancing Queen", "Mamma Mia" and many more. Then "The Whole Caboodle" (who describe themselves as 'a lively electric ceilidh (barn dance)' band) struck up - they didn't let us down and even managed to encourage some of the non-dancers to the floor. The chilly north wind quickly vanished which meant a large majority of the 270 (ish) people present could sit outside and be closer to the bar and BBQ. The food was perfectly cooked by an able team of (mainly) men who proved that BBQing really is their forte while Jackie and bar-team kept supplying drinks efficiently during high demand spells. It really was a fantastic evening which sandwiched the two daytime events together. There are many people to thank and I am reluctant to print a list as I will forget someone, so thank you to those people who helped to clean the barn, made the banner, did the flowers, transported things around, worked on the bar & BBQ and helped with setting up. But one name has to be mentioned - Georgina Brown who so efficiently teamed up with me to put the evening on. THANK YOU!!!

RACHEL GAISFORD

The Great Marcham Weekend - (Not the world Cup) Quiz.

On Friday evening 11 teams representing organisations from within the village assembled at "The Crown" to take part in a stimulating quiz ably set and presented by Jez Denton. Each team fought their way through rounds on History, Sport, Food and Drink followed by a half July/August 2010

time and then Geography, Films and TV, Arts and Books and the surprise General Knowledge round that tested knowledge of generals of the world. During the evening a selection of tests was set including Dingbats, Famous People of Oxfordshire and a Marcham Picture Round. The final Music round sorted the men out from the boys and the winning team was declared as the "The Odd and Bods" a team of GMW organisers. Thanks go to "The Crown", Jeremy Denton and Budgens of Frilford for the generous first prize.

The Great Marcham Treasure Hunt

There were many perplexed looking people on Sunday as they walked around the village looking for clues to answer the 35 questions set by Malcolm Denton. The walk led you around the village to all the activities taking place during the GMW. A winner has yet to be declared as several people did not have time to finish the walk on the day so we will hold the prize open until the end of June. If anybody would like to have a go at the trail we have spare copies available as the clues all remain valid. We would like to thank Budgens of Frilford for the generous prize. Answers to be published in September MADNews.

Could anyone who has not handed the Trail answers in please do so ASAP to 10 Kings Ave.

MALCOLM DENTON

Art Exhibition

At the very successful art exhibition held over the weekend in The Post Office, the raffle prizes of two small watercolour paintings donated by local professional artists were won by Mrs Summers of Abingdon, and Sheila Dunford of Marcham.

JOEY MACLEAN

Cars, Motorcycles and Bicycles

The glories of Denman College, park and gardens were host, on Sunday 20th June to a fine display of no less than 21 Veteran, Edwardian, Vintage and Classic motor cars, three Classic motor cycles, six Vintage bicycles from the Murray Maclean collection and further support form elsewhere.

Many Marcham residents, their friends and guests as well as a sprinkling of foreign tourists showed their appreciation to the owners of the various vehicles, some of whom had driven to this event from over 50 miles away. All arrived , and departed, under their own power.

The oldest car on show was the 1907 De Dion-Bouton 'swing-seat' tonneau belonging to the Greshams of Brill;



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Jeremy Collins of Marcham exhibited his 1907 Star 'Raceabout', truly a brass-age motor car; Michael Edwards from Boars Hill motored to Denman aboard this supremely elegant 1910 Hotchkiss 'open-drive' limousine, and Bill and Maureen Falkner arrived early with their 1924 Model T Ford, paint black of course. An unusual arrival was the 1925 Riley 'Redwing' of Richard and Helen Odell showing off its incredibly long bonnet line.

Dr Nick Bell, with son Matthew graced the Denman forecourt with their impressive and desirable 1927 Vauxhall 30/98 tourer, a 1928 Model A Ford 'Tudor' and an Austin 7 'Chummy' of the same year. Nick also brought a rare vintage Humber bicycle an advanced feature being the enclosed hub brakes.

It was good to see the 1935 AC 'Ace' of John and Majorie McLellan of Abingdon and the rare 1936 Singer 'Super 9' six-light saloon belonging to the Heaton family. Post WWII classics on display included the mighty 1950s Ford V-8 'Pilot' driven by the Claridges of Standford-in-the-Vale., the rare Rover 60 of the Greenaways of Wallingford and Jeremy Collins' 1951 Alvis TA21 'Tickford' drop-head coupé.

Local interest was taken up by four immaculate MGs – a TC, an MGA, a B and a Midget, also on display was the supremely restored Morris Minor 1000 belonging to Alan Taylor of Oxford, a BL 'Mini' and Murray Maclean's 'Frog-eye' Sprite.

Brian Gower apparently coaxed his BSA Lightning Clubman 650cc motorcycle into life a few days before the event, his son rode the fearsome Kawasaki GP 750 Turbo and to round things off Colin Evans displayed his iconic Triumph Tiger 110 of 1956 vintage.

Our most sincere thanks go to all owners of cars, motorcycles and bicycles, without their generosity this event would not have been possible. A splendid first for Marcham, huge thanks to Denman College for allowing the use of their beautiful grounds for this gathering of like-minded enthusiasts, all of whom came well equipped for a summer picnic.

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