

Kingston Maurward Open Day - from Anne Wilkinson

After a good start heading out for New Milton from Norfolk, we were foiled by a junction closure on the M3, thus having to follow a detour via Reading, encountering various other hold ups, before reaching the warm welcome from Marilyn and Rory, with whom we would be staying for a couple of nights.



Rory proudly showed us his gleaming, newly worked upon Gazelle, the engine purring in a very pleasing manner, and was looking forward to driving it to the Open Day.

Sunday morning was very pleasant with a fine warm breeze, and we set off with Rory and Marilyn leading us along a picturesque route. However, after a few miles, clouds of black smoke and a nasty smell belched forth from said Gazelle, but after a pit stop he airily stated it was just the high temperature paint that he'd plastered on the exhaust manifold burning off. We didn't see much of the car after that until we arrived, so we just followed the smell!

What a lovely venue, so much to see and do, and really nice to see the Bramwells in their 10/26, Brian Riches with his immaculate Vogue, and good to meet Annie and Dave Linwood Lane, in their excellently turned out Chamois, who are thinking



of joining the club. And as always, great to see John Horne and have a chat about his Azaleas.



From seeing all the agricultural displays, watching ferret racing, falconry displays and seeing all the wonderful plants in the large greenhouses, we sauntered round the trade stands full of crafts, lovely food and plant stalls, and were amazed at the many activities for children including climbing walls, archery, horse riding, canoeing, tractor driving and more too numerous to mention, but with an emphasis on children learning and using their brains.

After sharing a sumptuous picnic, made by Marilyn and set out on the lawns leading down to the lake, we looked round the wonderful gardens, visited the animal park where there were



some very friendly rare breeds, and then found a welcome cuppa and cream tea, followed by time for a little pat for the George Singer plaque!

There was so much interest in the Singer cars that were there. Brian was quite hoarse through chatting to people. It would be so good to show the public even more next year. Do come along, you will love it!

Heading back to New Milton, we noticed the Gazelle in a lay-by, with Rory under the bonnet, who had found that an external oil pipe had broken. Marilyn rather liked the obliging little RAC man who came out to assist us, and we were soon on our way again, although Rory was pleased that John Bramwell hadn't passed us en route, only to see us all stationary. Oh, and Annabel, we missed you, so please come next year.

Anne.



President's Patois - from John Horne.

George Singer Day at Kingston Maurward College Open Day

The show was much larger than last year, with all local fare. I did a bit of gin tasting, as did a few of our members, and was surprised to learn that four of the distillers were in Dorset, which is only a few less than those brewing beer in the county.

Lector: I was wondering when you were going get onto the subject of beer, but **gin?**

Author: Well you don't know what you are missing - you should have come along.

Anyway, while I was still sober, and thanks to the generosity of our members, I had the honour of presenting a cheque for £400.00 from our George Singer Memorial Fund (GSMF) to Luke Rake, Principle of the College, to help needy students with the cost of books and other necessities.

The GSMF was set up following our George Singer Day at Kingston Maurward in September 2013, when we unveiled a plaque to commemorate his birthplace.