

HASTINGS WELCOMES THE ALBANY CHARITY FUND

On 3rd June, the football club car park at The Valley, home to Charlton Athletic, saw 90 taxis convene ready for the annual Albany Charity outing to Hastings. Cabs were decorated, many with brightly coloured balloons, before departing in convoy with their precious cargo of special needs children. The annual event began back in 1972 and has left from Charlton's ground for many of these years. Thanks go to Charlton for providing the much appreciated breakfast.



Once on the road, a little later than expected as the charity had been waiting for a police escort which unfortunately did not arrive, the excitement was building for the 300 children and their carers. A quick comfort stop at Bewl Water on the A21 saw everyone enjoying sandwiches and refreshments, credit goes to Claire and her mum-in-law Jean for these! Then it was off to the seaside.

The Sussex police joined the convoy and helped make sure everyone arrived safely. In Hastings the weather was kind and the town welcomed the convoy of taxis. Everyone enjoyed a great day in the funfair and on the amusements, before heading off for tea and a disco before wending their

weary way back to London. The Albany charity is grateful to everyone who gave their help and support to make the trip a success. The committee would like to thank Ascotts for providing the diesel for the outing, T&J Rescue for their back up service in case of any breakdowns and of course the drivers who gave up their time to make the 17th annual outing possible. We were pleased to welcome new drivers on the trip and look forward to seeing them again.



LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

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and 3-D Modeling. These images show his robotic taxi design, which may not resemble the vehicles we

know and recognise as taxis, but they are certainly eye catching! The "taxi" would be driverless and hailed by mobile phone.



BLACK CAB TAKES TO THE WATER

In an unusual project in Bootle, Liverpool, will see a black cab converted into a powered floating boat along the Leeds to Liverpool canal. This part of the Arts for Places in the area, which will take place throughout the summer.

Lambert Kamps is working on the water Taxi, which is expected to be completed in September.