

BRILLIANT BROMLEY *by Mark Cooper*

The London Vintage Taxi Association took part in the Bromley Pageant on a hot sunny Sunday 15th June. The club was allocated a large pitch at the furthest point from the main entrance, which was actually a blessing in disguise, as we were just far enough away for comfort from some rather noisy fairground rides, and some 'boy racer' club stands (whose sole aim appeared to be to outdo each other by demonstrating to maximum effect just how loud their stereos were!)

The Chairman, Doug Cheshire, arrived last, in convoy with Roy Ellis and Stephen Dimmock, to much teasing from those already present, whereupon he tried to blame the heavy traffic..!

Now having more vehicles present than could be exhibited within the pitch in a straight line, the Chairman decided that the cabs should form an arc, with the regalia stand taking centre stage. After some careful manoeuvring, encouraged by such helpful instructions as 'back a bit... over a bit... whoa!' the cabs made for an impressive display and with many hands making light work, the gazebos were up and the regalia displayed in a matter of minutes, although the piecing together of the display boards did bear more than a passing resemblance to assembling a chinese puzzle...



Despite being in a relatively remote location, the club's display was well attended by many inquisitive and interested visitors, and did not go unnoticed by the show's organisers either... As the more sensible members sought sanctuary from the scorching rays of the sun in the shade and comfort of the gazebo (when yours truly went walkabout and got sunburned!) one of the show officials came to request that we attend the main arena with a selection of our vehicles at 4pm, as the club had won a prize! Assembling as requested in the main arena with all the other vehicles selected by the judges, the club was awarded 3rd prize in the special club display category, beaten only by the Aston Martin and Jaguar club displays!



Having taken his place on the Winners Podium and collected the trophy on behalf of the Club, Chairman Doug Cheshire treated everybody present to a celebratory ice cream. Taking into account that this was our first visit to what is the largest one day motoring rally in the country, the day could only be described as a resounding success, with several lines of regalia selling out completely, a number of serious enquiries for new membership, some silverware for our trophy cabinet, and a lot of very positive free publicity and exposure to a wider circle of motoring enthusiasts than we have ever reached before.

The cabs and attendees present were:

Doug Cheshire	..... Low Loader	.....BLM 942
Roy Ellis	..... Low Loader	.....AYU 760
Jamie Owens	..... Low Loader	.....DYN 557
Stephen Dimmock	.... FX3.....	SGO 916
Kevin Stewart	..... FX3.....	TYK 859
Steve Shine	..... FX3.....	UUV 521
Mo Aziz	..... Beardmore	.....YJJ 446
Martin Hayter	..... FX4Q	.....Q148 GRW
Mark Cooper	..... LPG Fairway	.....J362 DYM
Jamie Owens	..... Asquith	.....M4 WAG
Gary Zylberszac	..... TX4.....	LM57 KTA

