

# EAST LONDON CABBIES OUTING TO MALDON

“Taxi Day” in Maldon, Essex, took place on what was one of the hottest days of 2009 so far. Having gathered the special needs children from schools in Newham and Havering, the convoy of over 100 decorated taxis set off with the usual noise of air horns and shouts of delight, but with an unusual lead vehicle, a bright yellow Lamborghini. Both this vehicle and another Lamborghini attracted a lot of attention throughout the day, as the children on the trip and the students from The Plume School in Maldon sat in the vehicles. Thanks go to Glamour Cars for Rent for sending the vehicles along, allowing everyone to enjoy the roar of the engines throughout the day, and also to the motorbike outriders from Blue Knight and the Essex police outriders for ensuring a safe journey.

A comfort stop was taken en route to Maldon at The George and Dragon in Mountnessing. Since the trip’s visit last year this pub has had a makeover and is now a chic bar, with lovely patio at the front and gardens to the rear. Once everyone had been suitably refreshed it was back into the cabs for the remainder of the trip. As the convoy got closer to Maldon, more and more people were along the roadside, waving to the cabs. At a riding stables even the horses had come out to watch. In Maldon itself the High Street was crammed with people welcoming and waving to the children.

The event is one of the most popular activities of the year in the town, with balloons and decorations adorning the shops and business in the High Street. Then it was into Plume School for lunch before travelling onto Promenade Park for a fun-filled afternoon. This year the hall where the children were eating had a Caribbean theme, with the students in fancy dress.

Entertainment, including a balloon model maker, and goodie bags kept the visitors happy during lunch, then it was off to the park.

The sound of the disco soon filled the air and everyone enjoyed a lovely afternoon.



Dean Linge won the best dressed cab award with his brilliant spaceship. His cab had been completely wrapped in silver foil, complete with aliens on the roof.

McDonalds in Maldon arrived with a meal for the children shortly before the day out finished. All the guests received goodie bags and the Committee would like to thank everyone involved in making the day such a great success and also Costco for their support. But the biggest thanks go to the drivers for making the day possible. The smiling faces of the helpers and the children at the end of the day showed just what a good day they had enjoyed.

