

PRIZES FOR GOING SOUTH OF THE RIVER!

By Mark Cooper

The Bromley Pageant of Motoring began life as a modest Local Council event to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee back in 1977; since then, it has grown to become the largest one day classic car show anywhere in the World, attracting over 3,000 exhibitors & 30,000 visitors!

With the intention of repeating their recent success at the Enfield Pageant of Motoring, members of the London Vintage Taxi Association rose very early on the morning of Sunday 13th June, polished their Taxis once more, and headed South through the increasingly green and leafy lanes of the



suburbs, in the hope of arriving in time to welcome the enthusiastic crowds who were already queuing eagerly at the turnstiles.

Despite the odd mechanical reluctance, which can sometimes occur when trying to drive an old London Taxi due South, all the participants eventually arrived

safely. With the Taxis positioned, the marquee and display boards erected, and the regalia stall groaning under the weight of all the memorabilia and taxi related goodies that were on offer, the display attracted admiration and interest from the moment that the show opened, and caught the favourable eye of the show's judges from 'Classic Car Weekly' magazine, who awarded the Association third prize in the 'Special Club Display' category, for which there were many other worthy contenders, including Aston Martin, Jaguar, Jensen, Panther and Porsche owners' clubs.

After yet another very successful and most enjoyable day, the London Vintage Taxi Association began to prepare for what promised to be their biggest and best display yet, at the Uxbridge Auto Show on Sunday 18th July.

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The Royal Docks Community School is a mixed inner urban comprehensive community school. It has over 1200 students and is in the 'Docklands' area of Newham. The Worshipful Company of Hackney Carriage Drivers began an affiliation with this school during 2009; City Livery companies have always been involved in education and the inclusive philosophy towards education and students at this school means that the students, who have a wide range of special learning and physical needs and abilities are educated in mainstream classes, with the appropriate support. The school ethos is about respect for each person's individuality regardless of his or her origin or circumstance. This respect was one of the things which shone through at the Year 11 Achievement Evening held recently at Newham Town Hall. Past Master Andrew Overton gave a speech on behalf of the WCHCD, congratulating the

students on their achievements throughout the year and wishing them good luck for their futures as they leave this school. Some have already gained entry to further education and some have jobs lined up. The WCHCD is delighted to be involved with the school and help with support for books and prizes for pupils. Although for many students at the school their knowledge of the City Livery companies may have been little, as the affiliation grows it is hoped that the support shown by WCHCD will go some way towards giving the students an insight into the way the City of London works. One Year 11 student, Joshua Adejokun, has already held the position of Young Mayor of Newham and gained a place at Harrow next September. He spoke as Head Boy at Prize Giving, thanking the school for the opportunity of learning in such a vibrant community. The WCHCD looks forward to continuing its relationship



with the school and would also like to thank the headmistress Ruth Martin for the invitation to the Achievement Evening.

