

Urchfont Scarecrow Festival Rally 3rd - 8th May 2018
Knights Leaze Farm Urchfont Devizes



At Last a Rally without snow or rain

The first rally of the year was cancelled due to the snow, we were snowed in at the AGM, and Easter at Melbury Osmond the site was waterlogged due to the heavy rain so we had to divert to Henstridge, so we thought with the promise of a hottest May Bank holiday on record things had to be a lot better. We arrived on site in the rain, but by the time Reg & Kath, our joint stewards



Les Miserables Scarecrow

arrived the rain had stopped and things started to brighten up.

We had several telephone enquiries about the rally and festival so we were not quite sure how many units would arrive, we

normally have the use of the second field, but as this had cattle still in it we were unable to use it. We carefully pegged out 35 pitches on the site and left space for a further 10 if we needed them. There were a couple of pitches which had quite a few thistles on them so we thought we would try to avoid putting any units on them, however when one Motorhome arrived with the



Some of the marquee's by the Duck

Grandparents, daughter and granddaughter we took the grandfather round to view available pitches, and when he saw the ones with the thistles on said they would prefer those. He said his wife cultivated them at home as they attracted the butterflies. Later in the day the daughter did come and ask if they could change pitches as the children kept getting pricked by the thistles.



Cats Scarecrow



Knitted Flower Arrgt. By the Knitting Group

We had several of our regular members arrive, some have been coming from the first year that we used the site, and several ones who had not been before, or seen the scarecrow festival.

The theme for the festival was films based on musicals. With over 50 scarecrows to view and the scorching hot weather many took the three days to go round the event with some time spent relaxing by the duck pond, in the beer tent or at the various food tents.

The ice cream van did a roaring trade, but the burger bar not quite so good due to the hot weather, so at the end of the festival they were selling off cooked or uncooked burgers in 5 burger packs.

We managed to get some time off from stewarding to view the scarecrows thanks to Reg & Kath, but didn't manage to get round to see all of them. One of our favourites was the Les Miserables Scarecrow. As well as the scarecrows there were various flower arrangements in the church done by the various community groups in the village. There is so much work goes into the festival, and as soon as one festival is over they start planning the next.



Bluebell Woods, a short walk from the village

The village itself is very picturesque and just a short walk away is the Bluebell Woods which is carpeted in Bluebells at this time of year. As the weather was so good instead of the traditional coffee morning on site we had a Cider afternoon which also seemed very popular.

If you haven't been to the festival before, or not for some time it is well worth a visit

Ron & Sheila