
VBOA Billing 2013 (Written By Paulhb)

The Billing VBOA show is an event to be savoured, it is a relaxed and calm affair which is spread over 2 full days. The stand and camping area for Vectra-C.com are set in a very convenient location close to the showers and toilets and bounded on 2 sides by a river. The river has mixed blessings as our area is a haven for the swans and geese but last year it burst its banks and left us floating away, but this year it was just perfect.

We arrived on Friday afternoon in order to set up the main camp and many thanks to Dean (Plasma) and Khalid (Happypostie) for supplying the majority of base camp. Dean I am amazed by just how much equipment you can squeeze into your hatchback. We had John IS3 who met with Mark Evison to collect three flags and a banner for use on the stand which was surreal as we didn't have any Yorkshire members at the meet this year. However by the end of Friday the camp was sorted with the stand fully established, so I got on and installed my memory mirrors and got those working, whoo hoo. I would also like to thank GazCDTI150 for transporting my new wheels all the way down from bonny Scotland, cheers bud and also thank Phil

(Signumboy) for coming all the way from Scotland as well. The start of the show for real was on Saturday and the stand was laid out with the capable assistance of Dean and Don and the extreme patience of the car owners on show as folks were positioned then repositioned until we had it just about right. For the Saturday show we had 24 cars on display sometimes 26 when Mark the cabby and Ian C came and went like the wind. The day was a busy one for those involved in modding cars and the boiler of a day didn't help with the changing of seat bases for MarkV6cdti however it all got done and superb vitals' were donated by Mark in return. Later in the day I looked at the ongoing saga of Woody's dipping mirrors and managed to get them working in a relatively short time. Thanks to Don and Mark we had 2 prizes for the day's for the best car and the winner on Saturday was Phil (Signumboy) and well deserved it was too.

For Sunday we had 25 cars on show despite the 3 Scottish lads having to head north on Saturday evening. The car of the day for Sunday was Khalid (Happypostie) and again it was well deserved.

There was an added bonus for the Sunday with the entry of the Vectra-C.com club into the main show ring for members to display their cars to the whole show. We took up 14 cars and Fil 4822 very kindly allowed me to ride shotgun in his Insignia VXR which was very very nice indeed. The final day wouldn't have been the same without a minor drama, which could have been more serious had it not been for the fantastic members that we have here on this forum and

that was the failure during the parade of Ian Highlanders thermostat. Well done everyone involved for getting the problem partly rectified so that Ian and Amy didn't have to travel back on a low loader. This was my third Billing meet but the first time I have made it past Saturday lunchtime without having to leave and it was a brilliant time and made all the more special by the people who attended. I had a really great time and by the feedback we have been getting there seems to be the vast majority who thoroughly enjoyed it as well. A couple of final thank you's and that goes to Dan (SRIDAN) for the pa system a very welcome touch (might introduce Karaoke for next year) but the biggest thanks from me go to Mark Evison for his support on the build up to the show and to Dean and Khalid for the corner stones of the forum that they undoubtedly are, they are always there to help and organise and the shows and forum wouldn't be the same without them and all the other folks that help make this forum what it is. Thank you one and all and hope to see you next year at Billing and all the other meets in between.



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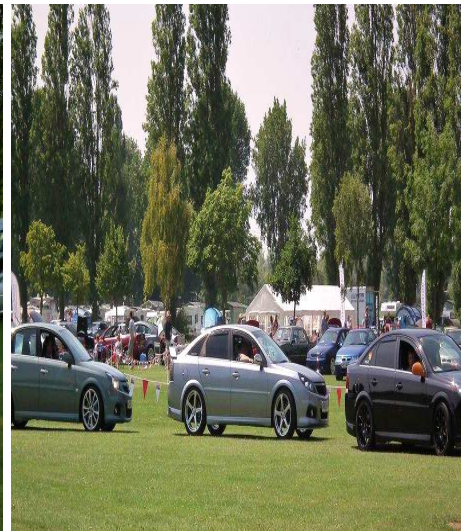
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Saturday and Sunday Winners Signumboy and Happypostie



Cars from the stand and on the parade round Billing



Stand Pictures from the weekends event 26 cars at times!