KINGS LYNN HERITAGE DAY CLASSIC CAR SHOW

September 10th saw the running of the Heritage Day at King's Lynn, in glorious sunshine. The Council did us proud again opening the WW2 bunkers, art galleries, solicitors buildings and the 15th Century Guild Hall Theatre (the largest one still operating as intended). These were interesting in themselves and clearly expensive to erect as they used Flemish bricks shipped in from Europe. Aged busses and coaches provided free travel around the town enabling people reach all the open buildings. Boat trips were available on the river adjacent to the town. A stage had been erected outside "Prezzos" where the Rock and Roll standards were belted out by a group with vocalists.

The Tuesday Market Place was cleared of vehicles and surrounded by barriers, within which the Classic Vehicles were guided by marshals who ensured safe car movements. 231 assorted vehicles arrived, ranging from the 1920's to fairly modern. They were all presentable but the standard of finish on the most unlikely of cars was remarkable. A Mini Pickup was virtually perfect. The 1928 Delahaye Tourer was a new car to me and still nice having been restored 20 years ago. Two campervans were present and both in lovely condition. A couple of Reliant Scimitars stood side by side demonstrating that fibreglass can stand the test of time as they were both good. The general effort shown by the owners and their vehicle appearance is a credit to the Classic car movement.

The show plaques were collected later in the day and at 4.0 PM the classics started to depart, ushered out by the marshals, and drive home. Luckily, I was driving against the queuing traffic leaving the Sandringham Show and arrived back in Sheringham in double quick time. A great day out and many thanks to all those in King's Lynn who went to the effort and made us welcome. I will attend next year.

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<u>Editor's note</u>; Heritage Open Days is England's largest festival of history and culture. Each year, venues across the country throw open their doors and give people the chance to see hidden places and try new experiences for free.

The 2024 Kings Lynn Classic Car show will be on Sunday 8th September.