

Claxton Manor Fete

The Fete was held on Sunday 4th September at Claxton Manor.

Rockland Wildfowlers were invited to attend and have space to present the club and it's activities.



Despite the weather forecast being doubtful it remained fine for the duration of the event and was enjoyed by all.

Many thanks go to the club members who attended:-

Dave Matthews - Co-ordinator
Matthew Plummer - Ferrets and ferreting display plus comentary
David Lines, Malcolm Huggins - Conservation

Mark Crawford - Provision of Gazebos and general assistance

Charles & James Dowding & Mick Hardesty of Mid Norfolk

Gundogs - Gundog Scurry

Nick Barker, Dave Matthews & Mick Hardesty _ Gundog demonstration

Adrian Anguish & Brian Rowlands - Pigeon shy

Ray Allgood - Conservation Photos and display

Nigel Dunthorne - General help

Darren Howe - General Help



Wives/families also attended. Many thanks to all those who attended to show the presence of the club as it is one of our local events and as such impacts the clubs future.



Special thanks to Matt Plummer who despite it being his first ferreting display did a fantastic performance, having many in stitches, especially when he had to chase one of his ferrets and got bitten by another. He managed to gather a crowd of people to all of the demonstrations and going by their comments they were impressed and thoroughly enjoyed them.



Dave Matthews and Nick Barker did a gundog display with Mick Hardesty assisting them. This was received well by the audience with all dogs performing well

Adrian and Brian ran the pigeon shy which was well used by both children and adults.



We have been invited to attend next year and were thanked by John Heathcote for our attendance and complemented on our efforts, especially Matt's.

Games were organised for the children and BASC, Deer management, Broads Authority & Management plus local conservation groups were present.

I was sorry to find that so few general members were able to attend, as I am sure that if they had they would have enjoyed the afternoon and it would have increased our presence.

The event had a very good turnout from the local community and had a bar, BBQ, Band, pond dipping, cake stands & an Air display performed by a local competition pilot who excelled himself suddenly appearing through a gap in the trees close to the ground over the heads of those who were pond dipping.

I hope to see many more of you at the event next year.

Nigel Dunthorne

Chairman

