



The National Cornbury Park Charlbury

May 2015



CORNBURY PARK

The 2015 National took place in the grounds of Cornbury Park, Charlbury, Oxfordshire and was open from Saturday 23rd May to Wednesday 27th May with an option for early arrival on Friday, which we took.

This magnificent venue, home of Lord and Lady Rotherwick was originally a royal hunting lodge and is situated close to the delightful Cotswold village of Charlbury. After making our way through the car park that is the M25 we arrived in time for tea. With the setting up done and having had something to eat we made our way to the event area.

On the way to the bar we passed the activities area which included a large rock climbing wall and penalty shoot -out. Lily also spotted the craft tents and various inflatables.

As we wandered into the bar area straight away Lily found the X Box set up on the large screen TV and the adults settled down to the real ale and ciders.

There was something always being put on in the bar at night and tonight's was a chance to win a yard of any drink, all you had to do was drink a pint of real ale. Sadly I could not take part as I was filming it.

Saturday started bright and warm and the opening ceremony was very well attended with standing room only in the main arena. Grenville announced that the 2016 89th National will be held at Weston Park, Telford. After this Lord Rotherwick officially opened the National.



The mood was in the crowd was good and a few people seemed to be wondering why we are at Weston Park again so soon. I would personally like to see a National held on the east side of England again PLEASE!

The shops and trade stands were our next stop. There was a good selection, not as much as previous years but you could get by on what was there. Lily and Dad can vouch for the food stands especially the Dunken' Doughnuts and mini pancake stall where you could find a good crowd of people.

Sunday started a bit damp but after a breakfast cooked on Dads new magic chef on the side of his motorhome we wondered over to the activities area.

After supporting South Essex in the Volleyball it was time for to watch some of the shows. With it being a bit damp we used the grandstand to watch the Bristol pipes and drums. My favourite was the 'Imps' motorcycle display team who performed two shows and had some brand new bikes. The first show was not as good as it could have been as the grass did not have the grip but the second show , enjoyed from the bar area through the see through sides was fantastic.

The only down point from the day was watching the Grand Prix as the British didn't win!



Sunday evening we had a Regional get together with a buffet laid on. Very kindly Mick and Joy Threadgold provided the drink as part of their 35th Wedding anniversary celebrations. It was very well attended and all the centre chairs took part in a group flagpole.

Monday started as another fine day. It was an early start for the Suffolk Centre as cakes and photographs had to be entered into the competitions. Dad and Mum had a mini cake contest both with their own challenges. Mum had a new oven to contend with and Dad opted to use the BBQ. Both cakes turned out well and I think dad edged it. (sorry mum).

We had 15 entries in the photographic contest. We had a very proud parent moment with Lily coming 'runner up' in two classes, these being the youth category up to 12 years old and "something round" the latter being an adult class. Not bad for a 7 year old!

Dad was awarded a 'highly commended' in the something round class. I did not win a bean but I did all the post processing and printing on the photographs.

We celebrated with mini pancakes and trip to the bar.



Again at night we returned to the bar so Lily could play on the X Box.
Finally Tuesday was another good day as we used the extra day to get out and about before our long tow home on Wednesday.



Thanks
Chris, Amy and Lily.