

Mud to Rival Glastonbury

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Glastonbury Festival is renowned for its mud, but this year the Banbury Rally was a close contender! The organisers had been kind enough to promote the Register as a special feature in the official publicity and, given the usual turnout for this event, expectations were high. The Register lorry arrived on the Friday night and was positioned lower on the display field than was originally intended due to the



impending forecast. The organisers realising that if the rain came as predicted, the main route across the site could become difficult and that this would offer vehicles and visitors a safer route. The rains came with a vengeance and late arrivals on Friday were being towed in. Saturday morning started fine and the wind that came on gave us all hope that the ground would dry out enough for the site traffic ban to be lifted but Saturday night, and for most of the Sunday, the

skies opened. Despite this the rally was a very enjoyable event with a good selection of Scammells on display.

The arena displays were limited to Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, the bicycles and motorbikes, the American Civil War re-enactment and the Huskies but across the field by the Register lorry there was a display to impress any Scammell enthusiast.

As exhibitors and traders started trying to manoeuvre their vehicles towards the exits on the Sunday afternoon the Scammells put on a towing display worthy of paying to see. When other vehicles failed, time and again it was a Scammell that would pull the stranded lorries free and get them up to the exit road and on their way.





In some cases it took two Scammells to shift a vehicle and in the case of the Register lorry a Scammell Explorer and a JCB road going tractor! The fleet of Scammells and their owners worked tirelessly but this did give them the chance to enjoy their vehicles doing what they do best and proving their prowess over many other marques in these conditions.



Despite the rain and the reduced visitor numbers, the Register lorry was visited by many spectators and owners alike, with the display being well received and given positive feedback. A number of membership forms were given out and, given the weather conditions, sales of merchandise exceeded my initial expectations. Thanks to everyone who visited us over the weekend.