



Above and below: Live musicians entertained visitors at the Leg O'Mutton field and in the village.



Totally quackers: Thousands of ducks float along the River Mole in the annual duck race.

Community event leaves a lasting impression

THE mild weather helped to bring out families and friends to Cobham's Heritage Day. Cllr Tannia Shipley, the deputy Mayor of Elmbridge, was among those taking in the sights.

She said: "I'm loving it, and it's amazing what they can achieve with all the volunteers - it's a real community day."

"It's very enjoyable and

lovely to see so many young families, and I'm looking forward to launching 8,000 ducks for the race later."

David Tipping, vice-chairman of the CCHT, commented on an 'unbelievable day'.

"I have never seen so many people at a function in Cobham," he said.

Despite the event's overwhelming popularity, Mr Tipping issued a rallying cry

to ensure 'the future success of the village'.

"There are still thousands of Cobham residents who have not joined the CCHT," he said.

"It's up to the people who live here, or nearby, to take part and we will go from strength to strength."

Cobham resident Alex Smith, who set up charity Harrison's Fund after his son

was diagnosed with Duchenne muscular dystrophy, was at the Mini display in the Leg O'Mutton field along with a keen fan.

"Harrison is enjoying himself and the whole family has come down," Mr Smith said.

"The event is getting bigger each year and it's great to see so many people out."

Stéphanie Jacometti, the founder of eco-friendly

community group Transition Cobham, was busy manning a stall promoting the team's hard work.

She said: "It's been a wonderful day and we've talked to lots of people about our project - the Cobham Community garden - there's been lots of interest."

Also in the diary for Transition Cobham is a litter picking walk on Saturday

September 26 - interested parties should meet at 10am at the junction of Cedar Road and Cedar Avenue.

Following the afternoon's events, St Andrew's Church hosted A Celebration of our Heritage - a showcase of music, dancing and storytelling led by Will Dutton, winner of the string final in the BBC's Young Musician of the Year 2014.



Classic appearance: Dozens of vintage cars on display.



On its perch: This white-backed vulture was one of the birds of prey to be admired.



All creatures crate and small: Little Chloe has a smile despite finding herself boxed in.

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