

Snibston 2010

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On Sunday 16th May 2010, the Leicester IAM Group had a presence at Snibston Discovery Park as part of the annual Transport Festival. We did the same last year. However, we had got an indoor spot this time. This meant that we were not at the mercy of the weather and had a powerpoint for our Powerpoint presentation (and cups of tea).

There was an organ-grinders' event going on independently, and we were subject to varying standards of music and rude badges on waistcoats. I would argue about the biological definition of "organ", however.

The Crich Tramway Museum's stand was next to ours. One punter came up to us and said, "I've got a bone to pick with you lot." It turned out that he thought we were the Crich people.

We had some aeroplanes coming over. One set were three Austers. However, the Lancaster bomber could not fly past because the volcanic ash had descended again.

There was a farrier, who was demonstrating shoeing a horse and explaining all about its anatomy and pathology. The apprenticeships last four years and are much sought-after. It is nice to know that the old skills are still maintained.

The classic cars were there again, including my favourite Renault 12, which was the winner last year. I saw one classic car with an old metal IAM grille badge on, but, unfortunately, the owner was not around to talk to.

Many thanks to Colin and Ann for organising this. We managed to get several names of interested folk for a free assessment drive.