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Over 4,000
flock to
Open Day –
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Mitcheldean Open Day

Over 4,000 attend Open Day



And the band played
..... the sun shone
prodigious quantities
of ice cream were consumed
..... and a good day was had
by all.

There was no doubt about it, the Open Day was a great success, even the Rank Xerox balloon overcame the wind long enough for our photo sessions. Everyone had a chance to see the vast change in Mitcheldean since the last Open Day. Probably the most dramatic changes were in Electronics, where high levels of investment have produced a real state-of-the-art facility. Of course, one incidental benefit was air conditioning – which served to boost the already high number of people passing through on a warm day.

Two innovations since the last Open Day also served everyone well. The first was our automatic guided vehicles, whose tricks delighted everyone who visited the accounts section to see the sound and light show and have a virtual magic carpet ride courtesy of our technical experts. Scores of visitors to Building 1 had their own special ride aboard a novel carriage towed by AGVs in the packing area.

The other popular innovation was face painting, even if it wasn't a Rank Xerox one – the queue had to be seen

to be believed. Hundreds, if not thousands, of children (it seemed like thousands to the exhausted GBAS team) wanted football colours, cats, tigers, spacemen and all manner of designs painted on their faces. There were still some determined souls waiting at 5.00 pm for a pristine production to take home.

The music fans amongst us were spoiled for choice, with country & western at the sports & social club, the Wye Valley Chorus in the marquee and the RAF Marching Band. Everyone agreed that the musical contributions were all excellent, and not only was the music of the RAF band stirring, but their timing was also superb. The lone World War II Spitfire came over the site to a wartime set of melodies including the Dambusters' March. Though the Spitfire was reduced to the status of an antique compared with the high-tech performance of the Hawk, everyone felt a little nostalgic for past glories, the memories of some casting back to life and work at Mitcheldean during the Forties. Many of us were sad to see the Spitfire disappear over the horizon at the end of the display.

Even the Spitfire pilot would have been surprised by the site at Mitcheldean today – few people realise just how much

goes on at the 67-acre site, and it was a excellent opportunity to have a closer look.

Planning for the 40th Anniversary Open Day was started six months ago by a committee of dedicated organisers, and over 120 volunteers started work in earnest on the previous Thursday to prepare for the avalanche on Saturday 15th July. Just imagine the organisation behind a set of events as varied as a barbecue for over 4,000 people, a Document Technology Centre tour, a vintage vehicle show, Punch & Judy, Hook-a-Duck, and computerised magic carpet rides, not to mention running production lines on Saturday afternoon, producing colouring books and a myriad of activities to ensure that everyone visited the site safely and were fed,



■ A goal in one!

watered and suitably entertained.

Our thanks and congratulations to everyone who gave up their time and worked so hard to ensure such a successful day. Here's to the next Open Day – certainly in 2006 on our 50th Anniversary ... but maybe before!

Green, clean and beautiful

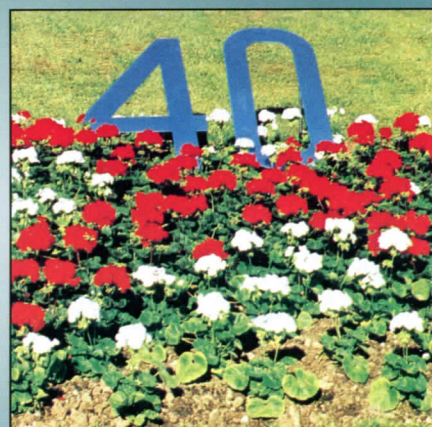
Anyone attending the Open Day couldn't have failed to notice the beautiful gardens – and they were mostly all down to one



■ Charlie Coburn.

man, gardener Charlie Coburn. Charlie looks after all the flower beds and shrubs on site, and has done for the past five years. "Getting ready for the Open Day involved working from dawn to dusk on several days to make sure that everything was perfect on the day," Charlie told us. The results were certainly a credit to his hard work and talent. Those who passed though the main gates also must have seen the proof that the

amateurs can produce really professional results. The red and white 40th anniversary geranium bed created specially for Open Day by Mike Rouse was admired by one and all. The only problem was that the estimated three hour production time ended up taking an entire weekend. He won't make any money at it but we all appreciated his efforts.



■ Mike Rouse's geraniums.

Child everyv

The Rank Xerox Business transformed into a th
All the fun of the fair
demos, games, barbecues, c
tours on the fire tender, flyp
music, traditional music, an
But the highlight for the kid
faces! Our pictures tell the s

■ A ride
on the
magic
carpet,
balloon at
the ready.

■ 'Well,
tell me
all about
it then,
Dad?



■ Taking a ride in the
works fire tender.

■ Getting a closer look at the
DocuTech Display.

■ Green w
not envy.

Than every

We said it once, we
again. Thanks a m
their best efforts o
everyone enjoyed themse
heard was "Why didn't it s
later?" Well over 100 help
many weeks, to make Oper
There is just not enough ro
you all represent the very b
and Rank Xerox. Thankyou

■ Convenience Copiers draws in the crowds.

■ AGV's put to a new
use in Building 1.

Children where!

ss Park at Mitcheldean was
me park on the 13th July.
was there with displays
mpetitions, balloons, site
asts, Country and Western
of course the RAF band.
s was those faces.....oh those
ory.

■ 'What's
that hiding
up there?'



■ Milking
the cow
proves
lots of
fun.



with pleasure,



■ The entertainment reaches
new heights.



■ The RAF band
arrives in style.

kyou zone!

aid it twice, we'll say it
llion! to all those who gave
Open Day to make sure
. The only complaint we
rt earlier?...or finish
slaved away, some over
Day the success it was.
m to mention you all but
st traditions of Mitcheldean

■ The winner of the first prize in the draw,
Andy Hiley (right), receives his video camera
from site director Gerry Lane.



■ Build your own circuit
in Electronics.

