

Rawcliffe Hall

Paul Higgins

These photos were sent in by Paul Higgins who organised a gathering of old military vehicles near Preston. "The event went very well and the weather was a very welcome break from all the rain we have had recently.

The tents are usually pitched in a large field but this time due to the condition of the field, they were dotted around the Rawcliffe Hall site on any spare bit of good ground.



"On Sunday we opened to the public. Unfortunately we had cancelled the 25 pounder gun display due to the predicted bad weather. Rather annoyingly, the ground had dried out reasonably well by Sunday, so the display may have been OK. The crowd were entertained by the City of Preston Pipe Band, a costume competition in the marquee, and some more singing again in the marquee.

"In the afternoon a battle re-enactment took place with explosions, smoke and gunfire. Not too surprisingly, the Germans lost again. Throughout the day vehicles and collections of military memorabilia were on show for the visitors to see, and a number of trade stalls to buy a souvenir or two of the day.



"We took the vehicles on a run around the lanes from Rawcliffe Hall, Out Rawcliffe to Inskip and back around St Michaels. On Saturday afternoon, the Huey helicopter came in to land, much to the delight of a few Vietnam era US army re-enactors. They had their photographs taken sitting in the helicopter. That night we had an evening of varied entertainment in the marquee.

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