

2009 Festival Feedback

Great day out	
Could do better	
Reasonable value	
Waste of time	

1		SH, Tring
<p><i>Delighted my good luck with the weather followed me to Tring!</i></p> <p><i>Would have found a list of all the facilities & where to find them (as constantly being asked at Grand Draw table) of great help.</i></p> <p><i>I was asked about:</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>Dog poo bags</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>How many people could go on the boat holiday (Grand Draw Prize)</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>When is the Grand Draw drawn</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>Did we have any small bags</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>Did we have a bin.</i></p>		

2		Anon
<p><i>Instructions on how to get to Restoration Works were ambiguous (in the programme) – should say turn right OR turn left (we read it as instructions from start to finish).</i></p>		

3		S M, Whitchurch
<p><i>I have been coming to the Canal Festival since its inception and think this year's was the best.</i></p> <p><i>Well done! Obviously the good weather helped.</i></p>		

4		FOTR
<p><i>Our walks were well attended</i></p> <p><i>We wonder if a bit more road signage might help attendance</i></p>		

5		Anon
<p><i>It would be nice to be able to go into some canal boats</i></p>		

6		Anon
<p><i>My wife and I are members of WAT and know of the Festival</i></p> <p><i>Looking on the internet however, we only managed to find a poster online on What's On Dunstable Today.</i></p>		

	<i>You need better publicity for those 'not in the know'.</i>
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7		Anon
	<i>Weather was fantastic.</i> <i>So much for both adults and children to see and do.</i> <i>Fantastic – well worth the trip!</i> .	

8	(pricewise)	Family B, Dunstable
	<i>Couldn't believe the extortionate prices to get in!! THEN the extortionate prices for the children's rides. It was like a glorified car boot sale with expensive activities!!!!</i> <i>Poor parents!!!!</i> <i>Wouldn't come again!</i> <i>£20 entrance fee for 3 adults & 2 children, plus, plus, plus.</i> <i>A rip off I'm afraid!!</i> <i>p.s. The tea marquee was welcoming and reasonable prices. Thank you.</i> .	

9		Anon
	<i>No comments</i> .	

10		JS
	<i>Excellent, as usual.</i> <i>However a plan of the site showing all the stalls would have been helpful.</i> .	

11		Anon
	<i>Great display of boats. Everybody friendly. Good value.</i> .	

12		Anon
	<i>No Trip Boat, even though advertised! Made special journey.</i> .	

13		MA
	<i>It would be very useful if the website and newspaper articles had a map or a clear description of where the site is – precisely.</i> <i>I'm fairly local & I nearly didn't come because I was running late & thought I would spend</i>	

	<i>too long finding it</i>	
14		Anon
	<i>Very good tea & very tasty cakes. Many thanks.</i>	
15		Anon
	<i>Especially the children's farm. My 2½ year old loved it being able to touch all the animals. Would be expensive if you had 3 or 4 children but for one good value!</i>	
	<i>Tea tent excellent value with good cakes, pastries.</i>	
16		BT & MG
	<i>Nearly missed it – only saw the advert in the local paper (which we don't usually purchase)!</i>	
	<i>Jolly good luck with your fundraising!</i>	
17		Anon
	<i>Could do with a big notice at entrance (like a banner).</i>	
	<i>More and bigger notices in Trust Tent</i>	
	<i>Outside free programme here</i>	
	<i>Many people still thought they had to pay for the programme</i>	
18	From a Berkhamsted resident	Anon
	<i>Didn't know where the site was. Nearly went to Wendover.</i>	
	<i>Looked on the web for a map or indication in newspaper advert – perhaps website.</i>	
19		Anon
	<i>Program not accessible; should be issued on the gate or a big sign.</i>	
	<i>Too many fairground rides – it is a canal festival not a fairground.</i>	
	<i>In Trust tent, Tring Reservoirs stall most prominent.</i>	
	<i>Sales & membership needs better sign and more prominence.</i>	
	<i>All volunteers were fantastic and make the event.</i>	
	<i>Looking forward to next year!</i>	
20		Anon

	<p><i>Real flowers on table – good!</i></p> <p><i>Free brochure – good</i></p> <p><i>Nice people – good!</i></p> <p><i>Local – good</i></p> <p><i>The tea – good</i></p> <p><i>Adverts on roadside ??</i></p> <p><i>Casual visitor ??</i></p>
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21		Anon
	<p><i>Main arena – too many vehicles & stalls around, preventing proper viewing.</i></p> <p><i>£6.00 too expensive; drop price to £5.00 or under.</i></p> <p><i>Not enough country crafts</i></p>	

22		Anon
	<p><i>Lovely Festival. Great weather and lots to do all round.</i></p> <p><i>Face painter was wonderful with the children and very good.</i></p> <p><i>All the best for next year.</i></p>	

23		Anon
	<p><i>Fantastic face painting in the tea tent. Thank you.</i></p>	

24		WAT Member
	<p><i>Excellent bar and the 'Staff' in the Tea Tent should be praised for their cheerful welcome</i></p> <p><i>P.A. System could be improved – disperse speakers over site</i></p> <p><i>Hope this is not the only form!!</i></p>	

25		Anon
	<p><i>I am thankful the weather was kind to you this year.</i></p> <p><i>Now I am older (65) I find the uneven ground very difficult to walk on.</i></p> <p><i>I do understand it is a farmer's field, but it limited my visit, and my husband didn't come at all for that reason.</i></p>	

26		Anon
	<p><i>The entertainment was below par, based on previous years' entertainment.</i></p> <p><i>The prices in the beer(s) tent were extortionate.</i></p> <p><i>In all, this year's event was not of the usual standard of the festival.</i></p>	

27		D, Wendover
	<p><i>As a single parent I found it expensive, especially the animal petting area. I also couldn't find water for my children, except in the bar at £1.30 a bottle.</i></p> <p><i>Not enough free or reasonable things to do or eat.</i></p>	

28		C B, Dunstable
	<p><i>We had a lovely time and will return next year!</i></p>	

29		L E, Milton Keynes
	<p><i>Absolutely brilliant day out for my residents. We will be back again.</i></p> <p><i>3rd year lucky – no rain this year.</i></p> <p><i>Well organised – no litter, no trouble, and very friendly helpers.</i></p>	

30		J M, Aylesbury
	<p><i>Good Value.</i></p> <p><i>Make the programme positive not negative. Insert numbers 1 – 5,000, offer £50 (?) to the person with the right number after a draw. I was given this programme like many others. Make it sought after</i></p> <p><i>Charg3 50p for car parking – no one would resent this.</i></p>	

31		D, St Albans
	<p><i>The result is somewhere in between 'A great day ...' and 'Not bad ...' !</i></p> <p><i>We enjoyed ourselves as usual.</i></p> <p><i>There didn't seem to be many stalls as previously. Where was the trip boat? I would have thought that was a money raiser.</i></p>	

32		R W, Aylesbury
	<p><i>Brilliant day we had with my three nephews ages 10, 13, and 14.</i></p>	

	<i>Something for everyone. Shall definitely be returning next year and have told lots of friends about it. Thanks again.</i>
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33		Anon
	<i>Not a lot for boaters to do.</i> <i>Beer <u>too</u> expensive as there are no overheads.</i> <i>Security/(word deleted) very intimidating and I can not see the need as we are a peaceful group.</i>	

34		V C, Chesham
	<i>I was very concerned as to the condition of some of the pets in the animal enclosure.</i> (detailed description of conditions deleted) <i>I do not like to see any animal or bird in such condition.</i> <i>Sorry if this is putting a blight on things, but I do feel you need to have some one to ensure animals are not in distress, such as a vet or RSPCA inspector.</i>	

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Tring Canal Festival:	
Got a Suggestion?	
Have an Idea?	
Make a Complaint?	
Share a Thought?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	A Great Day Out
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Bad. Reasonable Value.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Could Do Better.*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Waste of Effort Visiting*

* Sorry to hear that. Do make sure you tell us how we can do better.