



Well in control at wheel of his Land Rover Jeep was young Cody with Isabella and Sammy as passengers

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Notes from the Editor

September is a very busy month for us attending shows every weekend. We had a fantastic time at Dorset this year and the weather was such an improvement over last year. I dare not grumble about the dust, rather dust than mud! There is always so much to see at Dorset and this year the main feature, the Roller display with over 150 exhibits, was very good indeed.

Our club 10th year celebration was very well attended specially the road run on the Sunday with over 40 tractors around the villages of Cranfield, Daniele has compiled a full report for us with some stunning photos of the weekend.

The club again had a stand at the Blakesley show this year and it was well supported by many of our own competing in the ploughing match. Also

many club members were present at the Banbury rally. Details and photos of both events have been included.

Both the MK Parks Trust country show and the NPYF ploughing match were events well supported by our club. Articles and photos have been well received, courtesy of Tom Charge and our travelling correspondent Alleexx.

See you all at our winter meetings!

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December is the date for the next NBVTC news; any material to be included would be most welcomed! The deadline will be the end of November.

A Note from the Chairman

Hi Everybody

Here we are into September already and the nights are starting to draw in. Where does the time go? It doesn't seem like five minutes ago that we had our weekend get together at Moulsoe Farm Buildings. Thanks to all the people who helped to organise the weekend and to those who turned up for the barbecue on Saturday evening where a very enjoyable evening was had by all.

The road run on the Sunday was a great success with over forty tractors taking part. There was a really nice off road section and a stop off at the pub of course. The weather was not too hot - thank goodness - as we took over two and a half hours in total to get round. There were a record number of people wanting bacon rolls and burgers which kept the cooks really busy so a big thanks to them for their hard work.

Blakesely show was another event that the club attended. It was a lovely day with lots to see and a lot of interest shown in the club stand. It was nice to see some of our club members there.

The Park's Trust in Milton Keynes held their annual country show on September 7th. As a club we decided to support the event and so a few members took their tractors to display. (Ernie even bought us all tea which was a bit of a surprise but very welcome all the same. Thank you Ernie). Hopefully next year the event will be even bigger.

A disappointing number of tractors turned up for the Newport Pagnell Young Farmers ploughing match on September 8th but well done to all those who won their classes on the day.

I would like to thank you all for your continuing support at our events and club meetings, we have had a record amount of money raised for charity this year which is fantastic. I look forward to another successful year for the club and hope to see as many of you at our club meetings as possible.

Malcolm



Club Subs 2013-2014 Are Now Due!!!

Club subscriptions will increase by £2 from October 1st 2013.

Prior to this date subscriptions will remain at current rate.

Events & Rallies

Sept 21st & 22nd	Kettering Vintage rally & Steam Fayre in Cranford N'hants
Sept 28th & 29th	Ouse Valley Vintage Working Rally in Haynes Beds
Sept 29th	Vintage Ploughing Match in Laxton Northamptonshire
Oct 6th	NBVTCL Ploughing Match @ Moulsoe Fm Moulsoe
Nov 9th & 10th	Newark Show at Notts Showground
Dec 15th	Xmas Rd Run from Forest Farm

The club will again be present at Newark and hopefully again be allocated in the Stephenson Hall. If you are planning to come to the show do call in our stand for a chat, as usual we will have the kettle on!!

Club Nights

We meet at the NEWPORT PAGNELL FOOTBALL CLUB on the third Wednesday of every month for a prompt 7:30 pm start.

Sept. 18th	Barry Smith on The National Trust Restoration at Stowe
Oct. 16th	AGM & a 10 yr. Special Presentation to all our Charities
Nov. 20th	Kingsley Riding-Felce on Ford Tractors
Dec. 18th	Ernie's Quiz
Jan. 15th	TBC
Feb. 19th	Alan Willmott on Transport Films
March 19th	TBC
April 16th	TBC

All the dates above are confirmed at publishing, however if unforeseen circumstances arise, changes/updates will be posted on our website at: www.nbvtc.org.uk

NBVTCL Autumn Ploughing Match

Moulsoe Buildings Farm, London Road, Newport Pagnell MK16 0JA
By kind permission of Chris & Karen Singer

Sunday October 6th 2013 ~ 10 am Start

Classes

Vintage Trailed ~ Vintage Mounted ~ Classic
Novice ~ Ladies ~ Horticultural

For more info contact Malcolm on 01908 611160 or 07836 525672



Above: The NBVTCL stand at the Milton Keynes Parks Trust Country Show

Below: David King's Latil Timber Truck, Steve Anguish's Fordson Dexta, Richard Wray's Fordson N, Malcolm Foster's MF 135, Hayden Morris' MK1 MF 65 and Ernie Thomas' Farmall A.

Milton Keynes Parks Trust Country Show

On Saturday September 7th, the NBVTCL was represented at the "PARKS TRUSTS" country show at Cambell Park. Six club members attended the show with their tractors. Regardless of the various forecasts, the weather stayed fine until the end and many children and adults enjoyed sitting on and climbing on the machines.

In attendance were, Malcolm Foster with his MF 135, Ernie Thomas with his Farmall "A", Hayden "H" Morris with his MK1 MF 65, Richard Wray with his Fordson, David King with his Latil timber tractor, and Steve Anguish with his Fordson Dexta.

Steve F.





Gorge Singer on the Ford 3000 ploughing in the Novice class took first place and was awarded the NPYF Best Novice Trophy



Clockwise from the top: NBVTC club members supporting the NP Young Farmers ploughing match were Richard Wray, Richard Cook, Mick Herdman and Ray Gibbins.

Below: Also a NBVTC member, James Cook ploughing for the first time in the Trailed class.

Newport Pagnell Young Farmers Ploughing Match

Words by Tom Charge ~ Photos by *Alex F.*

The Newport Pagnell Young Farmers ploughing match which was held at Hermitage Farm in Newport Pagnell on Sunday September the 8th 2013 was well supported by NBVTC members. It was a very good event with 19 ploughmen ploughing on the day. The Judges were Mr. Clive Winet, John Bowen Jones and Malcolm Foster.

Results

Trailed

- 1st Paul Gent
- 2nd Richard Cook
- 3rd James Cook

Classic

- 1st Michael Brandon
- 2nd Tom Baird
- 3rd Simon Galliford

Vintage

- 1st George Davis
- 2nd Evan Cook
- 3rd Chris Singer

Novice

- 1st George Singer
- 2nd James Clarke
- 3rd Tom Charge

Trophy Winners

George Davis
Michael Brandon
Michael Brandon
Rob Harrison
George Singer

Bedforia Challenge Cup for The Best Overall Split
New Holland
Barclays Cup Best overall Ploughman
NPYF Open Ploughing Challenge Cup (No Class)
NPYF Best Novice

Future New Trophies for Next Year

Trailed Cup ~ Classic Mounted ~ Vintage Mounted





The NBVTC stand at The Blakesley Show

The Blakesley Show

We really like the Blakesley show for two good reasons; it is very local to us and it usually has some fine weather. The sun shone all day on that Saturday August the 3rd. We decided that after our plough had been set to perfection at Banbury (courtesy of Paul Gent), that we would take the Bolens and get some further practice!

The NBVTC had a stand in the working area and many of our club members took part in the ploughing competition. The usual operation of tractors with trailers was in force to transport people from the working field to the trade fair. The Blakesley show is a very good event with interesting demonstrations and displays of how farming life was in the countryside.



Above: At one end of the field ploughing were club members George Morton, Paul Gent, Roger Stockham and Brian Humphrey
Below & Left: Whilst at the other end of the field Harvesting, Threshing and Hay Making was being demonstrated





The tractor line up in front of the Caterpillar Challenge

The NBTVC Celebrate Their 10th Anniversary

by Daniele Casanova

The North Bucks Vintage Tractor Club will turn 10 years old on the 19th November, the date when the very first meeting was held in 2003. The Club has come a long way since the beginning, when five friends and tractor enthusiasts got together and pledged twenty pounds each towards the budget for the first meeting. "We never got that money back!", said Club's Secretary Ernie Thomas, "but it was a great start as over ninety people turned up and by the end of the evening we already had 50 members". The number of members has been steadily on the rise over the years, and currently the NBTVC counts over 160 members. "I think one of our strengths is that we are a very family friendly Club", continued Ernie, "our focus is always on ensuring that the members and their families find our events enjoyable".



Chris Singer with a trailer advertising the Club's chosen charity for the event

Over the years the Club has been very proactive in promoting events and fuelling enthusiasm for vintage farming amongst tractor collectors as well as the general public. A good number of ploughing matches and road runs are organised every year, as well as at least one working weekend. The Club is also present at several vintage tractor shows, stretching as far as the Newark show in Nottinghamshire. Supporting local charities is another mission for the NBTVC. "We support mainly health care organisations", said Ernie, "and the choice is often through members who have had close contact and help from them. We currently sponsor the Macmillan Cancer Support, the Willen Hospice, the Air Ambulance and the Milton Keynes Hospital Heart Unit, usually rotating between them each year. However, this year, on the occasion of the 10th anniversary we will make a donation to all four of them at the October General Meeting".



Chairman Malcolm Foster with his MF 135

Malcolm Foster was one of the founding members and has been Chairman since the beginning. "I always had an interest in tractors and farming. When I was a nine years old boy I used to walk down to the local farm any time I could get away from going school. They would let me drive their tractors and I very much preferred that!" After actively being involved with farming from a young age Malcolm took a different career as a salesman for automotive parts, but the passion for farming never faded. "I used to go to tractor shows and that is where I met Ernie, who at the time used to collect stationary engines. I eventually bought my first tractor from him and started taking it to many local events." Malcolm and his friends were regular visitors to the Banbury and the Ouse Valley Clubs, but felt that something

T: The Oliver 80 Standard which belongs to Club member Richard Wray. The Fordson Standard on the right is also his tractor
B: Club member Michael Brandon, organiser of the road run



local to the Milton Keynes area was needed and eventually founded the NBVTC. "The Club means a lot to me. We value our members and we encourage particularly the younger members to be involved. I want to ensure that the Club will continue to prosper even when Ernie and I may retire. I think the effort to preserve our rural heritage is very important. I wonder what in fifty years from now will be in the vintage tractor lineup...!"

To mark the anniversary the Club organised a special gathering for its members on the penultimate weekend of July. The event took place in the grounds of Moulsoe Farm, near Newport Pagnell, the venue that frequently hosts Club activities. The weekend featured a road run on the Sunday. Around 40 tractors took part on the convoy that travelled across the countryside between Milton Keynes and Newport Pagnell, stopping at local villages

All images: The tractor convoy travelled for a great deal of the distance off the main roads



such as Cranfield and North Crawley. The route extended for over 20 miles and about three quarters of the length was off road. "This is probably the longest road run we have ever organised", commented Club member Michael Brandon, who prepared the route. "Thanks to the recent good weather we have been able to drive off the main roads for a lot of the distance, and that has made it particularly enjoyable for the Club members who took part, since quite a few of them do not get a chance to take their vintage tractors off road very frequently".

There was a very interesting display of vintage tractors on Sunday morning. They were all lined up in one of the fields of Moulsoe Farm next to one of their modern pieces of equipment, a Caterpillar Challenger, which made for a great contrast against the old

T: Club member Les King with his MH 744 PD
B: Club Secretary Ernie Thomas with his MF 35X



Given the opportunity for a test drive is yours truly at the wheel of Richard Wray's recently refurbished Oliver 80 Standard

machines. Club member Richard Wray brought his recently refurbished Oliver 80 Standard and gave a few of us the opportunity for a test drive. The nearly 70 years old tractor runs extremely well which is a credit to Richard's mechanical skills, and driving it was a great chance to have a taste of what it was like to operate this type of tractor in the old days, particularly for Club members who do not have a collection of their own.

Club Chairman Malcolm Foster did not undertake marshalling duties on this occasion and took part on the actual road run in his Massey Ferguson 135. The renovation of this tractor took Malcolm several months and was completed about a year ago. His very fine job won Malcolm this year's Club award for the best tractor at the summer road run. It was a close call for Club member and judge of the tractors, Richard Martin, between Malcolm's MF 135 and Ernie Thomas' MF 35X, which was another very fine example of vintage tractor renovation.

The NBVTC will be organising more events up to the end of the year, featuring particularly a ploughing match at Moulsoe Farm on October the 6th. The Club will also have a stand at the Newark Tractor Show in November. Finally, on the occasion of the 10th anniversary the Club is producing a limited edition book dedicated to its history, which will be available at the October AGM. All details can be found on their website www.nbvtc.org.uk.



Malcolm Foster receives the award for the best tractor from Richard Martin



The Banbury Steam Rally

There is always a good turn out of tractors at the Banbury Show and this year was no exception. It was held on the last weekend of July. We like entering ours in the working area as ever hoping we can improve our ploughing. Lucky for us that club member Paul Gent was visiting on the Saturday and promptly took interest in what we were doing (making a mess), after some helpful tips on setting up our plough, our ploughing was much improved on the Sunday.

There are many attractions in the show, from static and working displays, full size and miniature machines, to trade stands, craft and food marquees. Outstanding this year was the Radio Control digger and truck display in the model tent. It was a very enjoyable weekend with some excellent weather!

***Above:** The line up of tractors and horticultural tractors is always quite impressive at the Banbury Show*

***Below:** On his way back from the tractor parade is Ernie Thomas on his MF 35X*



***Top &** Roger Stockham ploughing in the working area saw a great*

***Right:** improvement to his efforts after a few tips from Paul Gent*

***Bott:** Other show attractions are full size engines and miniatures, but very impressive for me was this model RC digger and truck*



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