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Ed's Notes

Well another Christmas and New Years gone by, we hope you and yours had a good one! January and February have been such miserable and cold months, there was no incentive to do a lot, but as I sitting writing this report the sun is shining, spring is around the corner and Tractor World Malvern is in a few days time. For us (and many) Malvern marks the start of the rally season, the show is a meeting place to catch up with some old friends we probably have not seen since Dorset, so we are quite looking forward to it, just hope the weather holds!

We did managed to make the Vintage Stony event on New Year's Day but disappointing that only a couple of hours into the show the skies opened and sent everyone for cover. Just as well we were there at the crack of dawn, as we managed a good breakfast at the mobile coffee and toastie on the square watching the cars arriving and got around many of the exhibits before the rain. I don't know how we missed Richard and Laura with their Model T, as we did see Godfrey's arriving with his Series 1 and we were told both vehicles were traveling together. We did manage to catch up with Dan and the children for a brief moment whilst taking cover from the rain. Roger got to babysit (or the kids baby sat Roger) while Dan & I were getting the brew.

For those of you who are not aware Vintage Stony is a gathering of all sorts of age vehicles, vintage, classic, cars, trucks, motorbikes, bikes etc. parked all around the streets of Stony Stratford. This is a take on a very American style street car meet, and is now the craze here in the UK and you will find similar events in the summer months at various towns and cities. At the same venue but called Classic Stony an event will take place in June (check the diary page). Its free entry to this event but collections are made for Willen Hospice, I am told the New Year's Day event raised a stunning £3,715 for such a good cause. You can find more information on their website at: www.vintagestony.co.uk

We have few club events to report in this edition. Both of the ploughing matches we had at Hanslope and Lathbury were very well attended despite the early morning heavy frost. The Christmas road run on a new venue from Hartwell Farm was also well supported. It was another great night at the Christmas quiz, every year it increases in numbers (which we do not mind!) and it is now very much a family affair. The diary page is packed full of local shows and rallies so we hope to see many of you around the rally fields!



The next magazine will be due out in June 2017, any material to be included please submit by the beginning of May. My email address is sandistockham@gmail.com

Cover Photo

Ellie Bullard competing for the first time in the classic class with her Nuffield. It was also the first time Ellie competed with this new plough, she came third in her class.

A Note from the Chairman

Hi everybody, here we are into February already – and thankfully the nights are getting lighter. I really hate these long winter days so it was nice to have a short break in Madeira at the beginning of February where the weather was lovely.

It is almost time for the first show of the season – Malvern. I should be going on the Saturday and hope to see some of you there. This is usually a very good show and something to look forward to.

We have been really lucky with our winter programme of events this season and have had fantastic turnouts for them all. Unfortunately we had to postpone the ploughing match we had organised in conjunction with Newport Pagnell Young Farmers due to a dreadful weather forecast. It was a hard decision to make but luckily it turned out to be the right one because the rescheduled date of December 4th turned out to be a very good day with an excellent turnout. Many thanks to Luke Stacey for allowing us to use his land for this match.

The Christmas road run had a new venue this year, John and Lucy Howe's farm at Cranfield. It proved to be a great success with over forty tractors taking part. The escaping pig which gave birth the following day was one of the main attractions and kept Ernie busy being its minder trying to return it to its field.

As usual the Christmas quiz had a fantastic attendance and once again proved to be one of the highlights of the tractor club year. I know Ernie always worries about the difficulty of the questions but it was fine – everybody has the same chance and the thing that is always so good about the club is that nobody takes it too seriously. It is always a fantastic, family social event and everybody has a good laugh. Thanks to everybody who helped with the organisation of this and donated raffle prizes (it never fails to amaze me how many we get) but especially Ernie who has a very tough time with setting the questions every year. This year Rob Clarke made a special trophy that was presented to Bicester Tractor Club who were the winners of the quiz. This trophy was made in memory of Steve Anguish who was a committee member of the club and sadly died last year. Thank you Rob for your hard work in making the trophy – I'm sure Steve would have really appreciated it.

It was touch and go as to whether the ploughing match at Lathbury went ahead in January as the weather had been really cold and there had been some very hard frosts. However, we decided to go ahead and although the ground was quite hard, it was a cold but beautifully sunny day. Thank you to everybody who turned up for this event and to Michael Cook for allowing the club to use his field.

Organising successful events take a lot of hard work and would not happen if it were not for a dedicated team of volunteers so I would like to take this opportunity to thank a few people. Firstly the committee for their continued support and hard work, to everybody who helps to set up and clean up after the events, to the people who book people in and do the paperwork and to all those who help with the catering. I would especially like to thank Fay and Ellie who always do a fantastic job selling raffle tickets – have you ever got away with not buying some? And lastly (she'll say always last) but not least to Margaret my wife who does most of the shopping, cooking and general dogs body jobs for these events. Finally I would like to thank you the members for your continued support and generosity all of which makes the club the success it is.

Thank You

Malcolm

Diary of Events & Shows

March 4th	NBVTc & OVTC visit to Coventry Museum
April 1st	Johnny Johnson Auction at Pikes Farm ~ Haversham MK19 7DN
April 1st	Patrick Edwards Tractor Jumble at Langley Farm ~ Clanfield Oxon
April 8th	Lambing Event at Thrift Farm ~ Whaddon Milton Keynes
April 29th-May 1st	Rushden Calvacade ~ Rushden Northants
May 21st	Chiltern Hills Rally nr Aylesbury Bucks
May 28th & 29th	Lampert Festival of Country Life ~ Lampert Hall Northants
May 28th & 29th	Carrington Rally near Boston Lincs
June 3rd	Bucks YF Country Show ~ Home Farm Foscott Bucks MK18 6AH
June 4th	Classic Stony Vehicle Show ~ Stony Stratford in Milton Keynes
Jun 17th & 18th	Bolnhurst Vintage & Country Fayre ~ Bolnhurst Beds
Jun 24th & 25th	Bloxham Steam Rally ~ Banbury Oxon
Jul 1st & 2nd	Hollowell Steam Rally ~ Hollowell Northants
Jul 1st & 2nd	Prestwood Rally ~ Prestwood Bucks
July 14th-16th	Country Show & Rally @ Old Farm Maulden Beds MK45 2AA

Coventry motor museum 4th March, the bus is leaving Newport Pagnell football club at 9am so please be there slightly before. It is picking Ouse Valley Tractor Club up at Hill Farm, North Wood, Haynes MK45 3BQ at 8:15am if this is more convenient for you then feel free to catch it here before it comes to Newport Pagnell. I still have a couple of places left so let me know if you can fill them please. Call Richard on 07921461542 evenings or weekends please.



Honorary club member Johnny Johnson is having a combined auction sale on April the 1st at Pikes Farm in Haversham MK19 7DW. Sale starts at 10 am and viewing is on the day only. Some items for sale are: Two MF 148 multi-power, MF 135, MF 240 MF 250, petrol-paraffin Fergie, Ford 600, Ford 3000 with loader, MF fertilizer spreader, MF muck spreader, two hay turners, cultivators, trailers. Most items have been restored to Johnny's standards. Bletsoes auctioneers will be holding the sale for more info and full catalogue visit their website at: www.bletsoes.co.uk

Thrift farm have again asked if we can provide tractors for their lambing event on April the 8th, if anyone is interested please contact Malcolm on 07836525672 for more information.

Club Night

We meet at the Newport Pagnell FC on Willen Road in Newport Pagnell ~ MK16 0DF on the 3rd Wednesday of the month for a prompt 7:30 pm start.

March 15th	Tony Hadland ~ 125 Years of Raleigh Bikes & Vehicles
April 19th	TBC

If unforeseen circumstances arise, changes and updates will be posted on our website at: www.nbvtc.org.uk so please check before travelling.



Some of the tractors that made it despite the very frosty weather (-7°C) first thing in the morning



Winter Ploughing Match at Lathbury

The North Bucks Vintage Tractor Club held their annual winter ploughing match and first of the 2017 year at Lathbury in Milton Keynes on Sunday the 22nd of January. Every year we hold a ploughing match in memory of Peter Cook a well-known and loved farmer in the Sherington/Lathbury area who died of cancer. Peter's Dad, Michael Cook donated a Silver Plate in Peter's name and this is awarded to the club member who achieves the highest score on the day.



It was an awesome sight of the sun rising on the horizon when we arrived and as always looking for a chance of a good photo, it was a great opportunity to catch a few shots of your favourite tractors with the sun as the background. Despite the very frosty weather (-7°C) first thing we had a good turn out, fifty-seven ploughmen booked in and only five did not make it on the day. Classes were, classic, vintage mounted, trailed, horticultural and novice. It is good to see that both trailed and horticultural keep increasing in numbers and ploughmen travel from as far afield as Wiltshire, Hertfordshire and Oxfordshire to compete.



Always by far the most popular class is vintage mounted we had fifteen competitors and the most popular tractor is the grey Fergie (in all its fifty shades of grey). Sadly not a winning tractor make this time, it was an International and a MF that took the two top spots. On the

T: A grey Fergie against the sun rising in the background.

M: Bob Newton ploughing with his International 276

B: Also in the v. mounted class was Tom Baird with his MF 65

International was club member Bob Newton who also as awarded the Peter Cook Trophy.

First time competing in the classic class, after graduating from the novice class at our Hanslope match, was Ellie Bullard on her Nuffield. Ellie was trying out a new plough for the first time so there was a lot of adjustments going on first thing but she soon mastered it. Ellie came third in her class with only one point between her and the second place.

Only three competitors in the novice class and only four points between first and second place, in both places the MF name reigned. Josh Bullard on his MF135, who came first, will now move on to the classic class where he will compete against his sister Ellie.... Interesting times ahead!

There were very disappointing results for the trailed class who normally score the highest points in any of our matches. However Max Cherry took the top spot and well deserved. With only nine points behind was James Britton with his fabulous Cat D2. It is only the second time that the Cat has been out ploughing, and is now running really well, with Paul Gent helping with the setup of the plough will it be in for a first on future matches?

It was a good turnout in the horticultural class and although because of the frosty conditions most of them delayed their start. Once the ground defrosted the ground conditions

TR: Ellie Bullard for the 1st time in the classic class took 3rd

M: David Curtis took 1st in the classic class with his DB 990

M: And 2nd was Peter Rogers with his MF 35

B: Josh Bullard on his MF 135 ploughing in the novice class

BL: Also in the novice class was Joel Lester with his MF 35





became less tough but still challenging. It was Graham Soule's Winget and John Kitching's Kubota who made first and second respectively. It was tough for Dave Williams' Ransomes Crawler but never the less he came a close third. Tougher still for the Trusty's two wheelers but they managed some respectable results despite the conditions.

By mid morning the sun came out and it turned out warm and lovely. It was another successful day for the club with record money raised for Brain Tumour Research the charity chosen by Michael Cook and for Milton Keynes Hospital Critical Care, the club's charity for this year. Many thanks go to Michael Cook for allowing us to use the land. We have far too many people to thank for their help with the organizing, cooking, helping and donating of raffle prizes. We must not forget the ploughman and judges without whom the event would not have been possible.

TL: Max Cherry ploughing with his Fordson F in the trailed class
TR: And in the same class with his Cat D2 was James Britton
M: Graham Soule on his Winget took 1st in the horti class
M: John Kitching on his Kubota took 2nd
B: And Dave Williams on his Ransomes Crawler took 3rd

V. Mounted	3rd Ed Shires
	Trailed
	1st Bob Newton
	2nd Tom Baird
	3rd Steve Arbon
Classic	1st Max Cherry
	2nd James Britton
	3rd Richard Wray
Horticultural	1st David Curtis
	2nd Peter Rogers
	3rd Ellie Bullard
Novice	1st Graham Soule
	2nd John Kitching
	3rd Dave Williams
Peter Cook Trophy	1st Josh Bullard
	2nd Joel Lester
Bob Newton	1st Max Cherry
	2nd James Britton

NBVT Official Score Sheets

Lathbury Ploughing Match 22/01/17

Classes	Vintage Mounted														
Plot Nos.	2	3	4	6	7	8	9	12	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Opening	12	10	11	9	10	9	11	5	11	6	7	7	10	9	12
Start	12	9	11	8	8	9	8	9	10	9	9	8	10	11	10
Seed Bed	16	12	15	12	11	8	12	11	12	7	10	9	14	9	14
Firmness	16	12	16	12	12	8	12	11	13	7	9	8	13	10	15
U'formity	16	13	15	11	12	7	11	10	13	5	8	8	14	9	10
Finish	15	16	15	9	7	8	6	12	12	8	9	12	11	5	12
Ins&Outs	10	12	13	9	11	7	6	9	11	8	9	11	10	8	13
Gen. Ap	16	15	16	10	12	8	10	11	13	7	10	10	12	9	12
Total	113	99	112	80	83	64	76	78	95	57	71	77	84	70	98

Classes	Classic													Novice	
Plot Nos.	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	33	34	35	36	37	41	42
Opening	11	8	12	7	8	10	6	9	13	10	8	7	10	7	5
Start	11	8	10	11	6	8	10	9	14	9	7	8	11	9	7
Seed Bed	9	10	7	11	7	8	10	8	14	8	12	11	9	7	6
Firmness	10	9	10	10	8	9	10	10	14	8	12	10	10	8	6
U'formity	11	9	9	12	7	9	11	10	15	8	12	11	10	9	6
Finish	7	9	11	11	5	9	9	9	17	8	13	8	10	10	7
Ins&Outs	9	7	10	11	10	8	11	10	14	9	10	11	10	9	9
Gen. Ap	11	10	9	12	8	9	10	10	15	10	10	10	12	10	8
Total	79	70	78	85	59	70	77	75	116	70	84	76	82	69	54

Classes	N	Trailed				Horticultural				
Plot Nos.	43	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55
Opening	11	7	10	14	7	7	5	14	10	5
Start	9	10	11	10	10	12	9	10	9	8
Seed Bed	7	8	7	10	11	11	10	12	9	11
Firmness	8	10	7	10	10	11	10	12	9	12
U'formity	8	8	8	10	10	11	10	12	8	10
Finish	12	7	9	12	10	11	7	12	13	12
Ins&Outs	9	7	8	8	7	10	10	10	9	11
Gen. Ap	9	10	11	11	11	11	9	12	10	12
Total	73	67	71	85	76	84	70	94	77	81



Bob Newton receiving the Peter Cook trophy for having the highest score achieved by a club member on the day. Bob came first in the vintage mounted class.



The Christmas Quiz

It was another successful night for the NBVTC on December the 21st when we held our 2016 Christmas quiz, the perfect event for the year end and incentive to get us all into that Christmas spirit. The quiz has become a fixture in our calendar and Ernie is just the perfect quizmaster.

The day started with a few of us ladies meeting up at the Foster's home to plate up the usual ploughman's lunch to be served up at the interval of the quiz. Every year we raise up the numbers to cater for the unknown number of people we think might turn up. Well we have yet to over cater, or worst scenario, we have yet to make the committee forgo their share because we did not make enough.

Both rooms of the football club were up to full capacity, there were eighteen teams taking part. The Bicester Tractor Club alias the "Jean's Dream Team" came first with 62 points. "The Bar Stewards" of the football club came second with 59 points. The worst team was "Brexist", the Turner's and Hayne's family, with 27.5 points.

A decision was made some months ago to do something in memory of club member Steve Anguish who sadly and suddenly passed away in May last year. Rob Clarke came up with an ideal design of a trophy, which we all thought would make the perfect award to the first place winners on the night. An interpretation of Steve in its full form (belly included) was welded of various engineering materials; it really was a most accurate representation of Steve. The Bicester Club took it away this year.

It always astonishes me the generosity of all club members when it comes to our raffle. Not only do we get an array of donated prizes but also the amount of money raised from the sale to the raffle tickets. This last point simply a matter of the perseverance in which Fay and

T: The "Malcolm's Muppets" team who came 3rd with 58 pts

M: Both rooms of the football club was to its full capacity with members, their families and friends

BL: The table was full of raffle prizes donated by the members



Ellie work, not letting anyone get away without buying any, well done girls keep up the good work! This year we also saw an auction of some very nice display plates of various Ford and Fordson tractors that were kindly donated by club member Andy Phizacklea. We raised £156 from this sale, each plate making an amazing £25 with the Cooks having a his and hers plate and Max Cherry having to fight his way to the last bid, it was a Fordson N, and he had to push to £30. A big thank you to Andy for donating such a great prize.

The night ended on a delightful note when Malcolm announced the engagement of club member James Riding-Felce to his girlfriend Laura. On behalf of the club we wish the happy couple all the best!

TL: Made by Rob Clarke, the trophy in memory Steve Anguish

TR: Malcolm presenting the trophy to the Bicester Tractor Club

ML: The "Bar Stewards" who came in 2nd place

MR: Mike Haynes wearing his prize for the team who came last

MR: Showing off their winnings are Richard & Rachel Cook, Dave Paiting, James Britton, Max Cherry & Ray Gibbins

B: All the best to the happy couple, James and Laura!





A group photo of the tractor drivers and all who supported the club on our Christmas road run



The Christmas Road Run

On a new venue at Harwell Farm in Cranfield we had 45 tractors that supported the club on our Christmas road run on December the 11th. The route was 25 miles around the villages of Bedfordshire and lasted just over the 2 hours. A pit stop was made by the tractor drivers and the support team at the Rose and Crown in Rigmont for a much needed refreshment break. For us who stayed behind at the farm, we had a visit from Annie the pig who later that day delivered 8 healthy piglets. A special thanks to John and Lucy Howe for their hospitality and to all who helped on the day.

T: Haydn Morris on the New Holland ~ photo: Ken Robinson

M: Annie the pig who later that night delivered 8 healthy piglets

B: A special thanks to Lucy & John Howe for their hospitality

Hartwell Farm

words Caroline Howe

It was great to host the tractor run in December and welcoming you all to our farm in Cranfield.

There have been Howe's at the farm since 1914 when Algernon, father to Dick, took over the rental of the farm. It was a Quaker property and as a result, all monies from the rent paid were used to provide accommodation in Alms Houses in the village for old folk. There was also provision for firewood, and Christmas treats too. The 'Hartwell' Alms Houses are on the High Street in the village, and, until very recently, still provided accommodation for older residents.

The actual farmhouse dates back to Elizabethan times; it consisted of two floors and was seen

as quite an upmarket establishment because of this! There are a wealth of beams in this section of the house with many of them coming from abandoned ships. The large façade was built in the early Georgian period and has most of its windows filled in due to the window tax implemented by the government during the 1800's.

The Quaker influence is very interesting. We have looked at archive material showing that in the late 1600's Richard Hartwell left the farm to go to the New World. He was one of the early pioneers and worked on the design and construction of roads in Massachusetts. He also built his own house in New England and also called it Hartwell Farm.

The farm was badly damaged in the war when a bomb dropped close by to the house. Almost all of the agricultural buildings were destroyed including a small house in the farmyard. The main house survived apart from a few collapsed ceilings and broken windows. Dick remembers the night very well as a youngster terrified in his bed. When Dick left college he returned to work on the farm. From the 50's onwards he grew a range of crops on the 50 acres of agricultural land including potatoes and Brussel sprouts. The main business, however was pigs and poultry. It was very hard work with very little mechanisation involved.

During the 80's it was clear that this size of farm could not be financially sustainable. At

the same time John left school, and completed an apprenticeship in agricultural engineering. Slowly but surely there were less pigs around, we no longer sold farm fresh turkeys at Christmas nor eggs at the back door. Instead JR Trolleys began. The pig units disappeared and in their place we built the workshops and filled them with all the equipment a small engineering business would need. John and Dick began making equipment for the baking industry and this has continued ever since. They supply all sorts of companies from Mc Donald's to the local baker. They make anything from fencing and sofa frames to baking trays and racks and trolleys.

John and Lucy got married in 1990 and built their own house on the site of the pig farrowing pens. At this point Lucy joined the thriving business. Later Charlie and then Tom were born. Both boys have been involved with all aspects of the business as well as completing their own formal education.

Throughout the 90's Dick began a huge project of planting trees and digging out ponds on the land. Now they are established the land has reverted to a tranquil and quiet place with beautiful trees and walkways. In recent years we have acquired 3 pigs – nothing like the numbers we used to have that are happily grazing in the woodland and busy providing ourselves and our friends with plenty of delicious home reared pork from their off spring.





We had a good turn out of tractors for the ploughing match at Hanslope



Ploughing Match at Hanslope on 04/12/2016

This was a new field for the club at Hanslope offered by Luke Stacey. Also new for the club was to run two events simultaneously as we were running the Young Farmers club Match In conjunction with our own event.

The young farmers helped to prepare the site the day before. And we had 49 ploughmen entered in five classes, Novice, Vintage Mounted, Classic, Trailed and Horticultural.



The day dawned cold but clear sky soon warmed the land a little and it was a splendid day. The ground proved a little tricky to get the correct setup but the top scores showed that this was possible.

There was a lot of expert advice available to the horticultural entrants from the array of very expert ploughmen who came to watch which is really good to see.



Much help and advice was given to James Britton who was out for the first time with his Cat D2 and three furrow Ransomes plough. The Cat had required a great deal of fettling from James and Richard Wray in the weeks before to get it working properly. Not helped by UK customs holding up the vital parts coming from the USA for some pathetic pedantic reason of procedure. This necessitated borrowing a Mag, then making

T: It was a joint event with the Newport Pagnell Young Farmers
M: First time out for the Cat 2D of James Britton
B: James Cook took another 1st in the trailed class with his Deutz

that work well enough using parts sourced locally from other Mags. So this was a busy day for James but towards the end it all seemed to be going quite well.

In the Vintage mounted Tom Baird on a Ferguson (for a change) gave his usual master class closely followed by Bob Morris and Eric Curtis both also on Fergusons (In this class only 4 out of 19 competitors were non Fergie mounted. Is there something to be learned here?)

The scores in this class were generally high and are overhauling what used to be our benchmark, the trailed ploughing.

In the Classic class we finally saw Mat Turner among the certificate winners taking second place. In this class only 4 in 14 entrants were using non Ferguson tractors.

The Novice class was all young farmers and saw Ellie Bullard scoring the second highest score of the day to beat her brother Josh. It seems that all are own club members have either got better and won competitions or have given up.

The horticultural class was as usual high scoring and is always a pleasure to watch. These guys put in a lot of effort into making there ploughing equipment as good as

T: Teddy Singer was 2nd and Robin Cook 3rd in the trailed class

M&BR: In the v. mounted class Tom Baird was 1st, Bob

Morris was 2nd and Eric Curtis 3rd, all on Fergies

BL: Confident of coming in the points in the classic class, Mat Turner was in the novice field helping Joel Lester





possible, and a two wheel tractor is really hard work, we used two wheeler for one event and quickly went back to four wheel variety.

The Young Farmers managed to get creditable scores and where competing across all classes. Ellie Bullard and Tom Baird Splitting the prizes between them with the exception of Teddy Singer who took the award for Best New Holland Competitor whilst competing in the Trailed class.

Again a good day was had by all with the exception of the unfortunate Steven Arbon who had come some considerable distance (from Suffolk) only to have the mag on his tractor fail and a repair defeated even our field of experts.

Nuts

TR&TL: Ellie Bullard on her Nuffield and Josh Bullard on his MF 65 came 1st & 2nd respectively in the novice class

M: Pete Shirley on his Iseki came 1st in the horti class

M: Paul Gent and Graham Soule also ploughing the horti class

BL: And in the same class Brian Reynolds with his 2 wheel Trusty

BR: Jess Smith awarding Teddy Singer the New Holland cup



NBVT Official Score Sheets

Hanslope Ploughing Match 04/12/16

Classes	Vintage Mounted														
Plot Nos.	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	10	11	13	14	15	16	17	18
Opening	17	15	11	13	8	12	10	12	13	13	12	14	9	14	14
Start	14	13	9	10	8	13	14	15	14	10	10	14	8	11	12
Seed Bed	15	12	13	12	8	12	12	12	11	11	11	10	10	10	10
Firmness	15	12	13	12	8	12	12	14	10	11	12	10	10	10	10
U'formity	14	13	14	14	12	14	12	13	13	12	13	13	10	14	13
Finish	15	9	8	12	5	15	12	14	12	8	13	14	12	8	7
Ins&Outs	13	12	9	14	10	11	12	14	14	14	14	13	10	10	12
Gen. Ap	15	13	15	13	10	14	13	14	14	12	12	14	10	12	13
Total	118	99	92	100	69	103	96	107	101	91	97	102	79	88	91

Classes	Classic										Novice				T
Plot Nos.	23	24	27	28	29	30	31	33	34	35	41	42	43	46	48
Opening	11	8	12	14	12	12	11	14	10	14	7	8	12	7	9
Start	12	9	11	14	13	11	12	11	10	12	10	11	13	7	11
Seed Bed	9	8	10	12	8	11	11	12	12	9	8	10	14	8	11
Firmness	9	8	10	12	8	11	11	11	11	8	8	11	15	8	11
U'formity	9	8	11	12	9	7	11	11	11	7	8	12	16	9	10
Finish	11	13	9	15		11	13	12	11	11	8	12	15		12
Ins&Outs	9	9	10	11	11	11	9	9	9	9	10	11	10	11	10
Gen. Ap	12	13	12	15	11	12	13	13	11	11	8	12	15		13
Total	82	76	85	105	72	86	91	93	85	81	67	87	110	50	87

Classes	Trailed (Cont)				Horticultural			
Plot Nos.	49	50	51	53	54	56	57	58
Opening	12	12	9	12	13	10	11	7
Start	12	11	11	8	13	12	13	12
Seed Bed	13	10	13	12	13	11	12	11
Firmness	13	11	13	12	12	10	12	12
U'formity	14	10	12	12	15	10	15	13
Finish	14	14	15	8	14	10	12	7
Ins&Outs	11	10	11	8	15	12	15	14
Gen. Ap	15	12	11	10	15	11	14	14
Total	104	90	95	82	110	86	104	90

Winners

V. Mounted Horticultural

1st Tom Baird 1st Pete Shirley
2nd Bob Morris 2nd Graham Soule
3rd Eric Curtis 3rd Brian Reynolds

Classic

1st John Cooper
2nd Mat Turner
3rd P. Chamberlain

NPYF Trophies

Best Novice

1st James Cook
2nd Ted Singer
3rd Robin Cook

New Holland Cup

Teddy Singer

Bedforia Cup

1st Ellie Bullard
2nd Josh Bullard
3rd Joel Lester

& Barclays Cup

Tom Baird

Saleing with PG
Cheffins Autumn Vintage Collective Sale

Words & photos Peter Godwin

Cheffins autumn vintage tractor collective sale is, to my mind, the best of the three sales. The quantity and diversity of lots is really tremendous; from motorcycles, commercial vehicles, tractors, implements, stationary engines, steam engines, right through to printed sales literature and technical manuals.

Normally, at Cheffins sales, there are at least four auctioneers going at any one time. So it is a bit of a game to keep track of everything, if you have a particular interest in something but something else is being sold by another auctioneer, you inevitably find that you need to be in two places at once. However, with practice (and they're all selling in the same yard) it has been easy enough to cope with.

Unfortunately this has all changed as the big-ticket items are sold in a marquee: separate to

the sale-ground. From the auctioneers point of view this, I'm sure, seems like a good idea: it is faster and probably safer as it is less likely that one gets run over by the auctioneers vehicle (which goes from lot to lot). However, inevitably one loses track of what the other auctioneers are doing.

Thornycroft Trencher: an amazing World War 2 beast. Reputed to travel at approximately half-a-mile per day when trenching. In surprisingly good order and appeared complete. Made £1600 which I would have thought was pretty reasonable; although I suspect has a horrific fuel bill to run (as it's petrol!) - I think you'd be the only man on the show ground with one of these.

A very interesting Fordson Major Grader which was made by Aveling Barford with mid-mounted grader-blade and front dozer-blade, which made a very interesting spectacle; for Fordson Major fans, this was an interesting variation on the theme. I don't know if anybody has ever worked out how many applications these wonderful tractors were put to, but this certainly looked a business-like machine.

An interesting horticultural tractor/roller featured next. Fitted with a Ford Model A side-valve petrol engine it was rigged up as a roller but also had a set of pneumatic tires and a tool-bar. Very nicely presented and made approximately £1800.

A fascinating gun-tractor from The First World War. The Holt 50 was an amazing machine:



£1,600



£1,900



£1,800



£62,000

part-caterpillar tractor, part-roller in it's configuration; this particular one saw action in the war for towing a Howitzer heavy artillery gun. Interestingly, last year, an identical Holt 50 sold at the Paul Wrackham auction for £150,000, so everybody in the sale room was amazed when Roger Desborough managed to purchase this one for £62,000: in the sales literature for this item, it was pictured towing a huge gun around the show-ground at Dorset Steam Fair. Upon confirming that he had the winning bid, he said to the auctioneer, "I want the gun as well you know!" much to the amusement of those present. It transpired that the Holt sold last year has been on the film-set of a WW1 battle and has been hired for the filming for £20,000/week. Nobody seemed sure how many weeks it had been there, but does perhaps explain the very strong price that was paid for it.

What is this? Answers in the next newsletter: (As I did discover what it was actually used for) Each side is approximately 3ft long and standing off the ground on legs roughly 2ft. obviously this had had considerable use for something-or-other and was very interesting.



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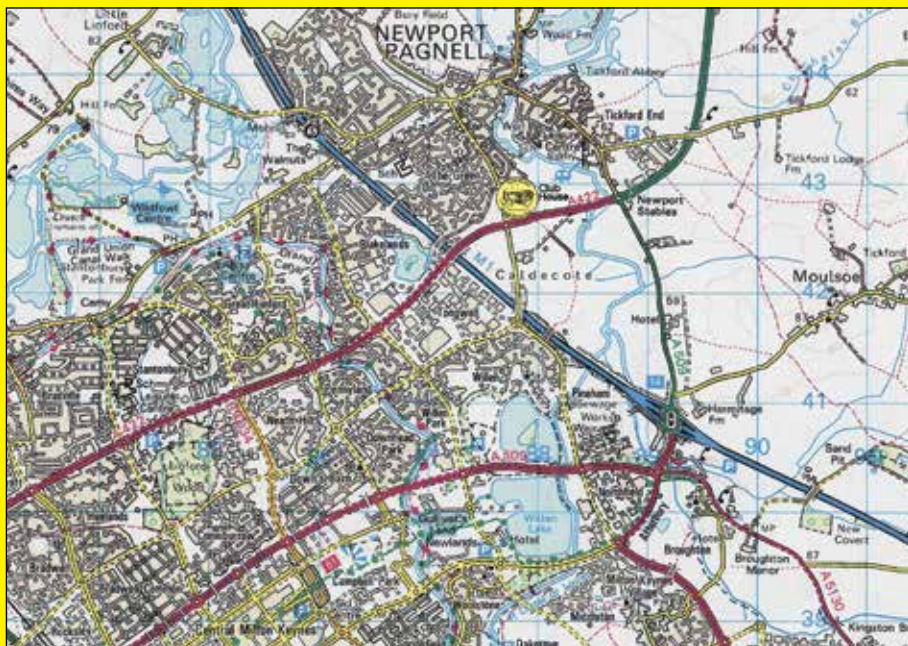
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