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Merry Christmas



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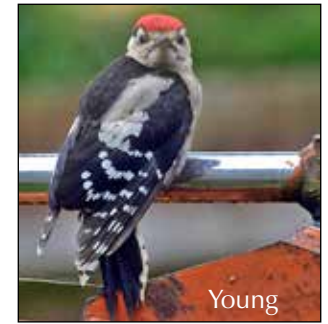
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Male



Female



Young

We were pretty chuffed when we got our first Woddy visiting the garden feeders! But we knew very little about them. I began to notice a slight difference between one and another. And soon another one some what different turned up. We had a family!

Ed's Notes

I don't know if it is only me but... it just doesn't seem that Christmas is only four weeks away! We were so looking forward to going the Daventry Christmas Market this past weekend (in the hope to hang around again with some reindeers like we did last year) but Storm Bert put a stop to that. So on Sunday we ventured the rain and went to the Towcester Mill Brewery Christmas Fayre. Unfortunately not much was found, but did come back with some nice cheese from Cheese on Towcest' our local cheese to go place.

We are approaching December and with that the busiest month for the club. Our Christmas Road Run, which this year we are coming back to Concept Park in Towcester. The lads are working very hard to get permission to go through Silverstone Circuit, let us hope this can be pulled off. Three days later we are having our yearly Ernie's Christmas Quiz at Newport Pagnell FC. For all new members this night is the highlight for the club. Everyone is welcome and the Ploughman's lunch is on us, so do bring family and friends along. All our forth coming events can be found in the diary page of your magazine.

Again I would like to thank everyone who sent in reports for the magazine, it is really much appreciated. We don't really want to make it a three yearly magazine or a 20 page newsletter. But if I haven't got material to publish this will be what it will have to come to. So please if you go to an interesting event and take some photos or if you recently done a wonderful renovation, share it among us. We here in the Stockham household can work with a few photos, a few notes and make a story of it.

Roger would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
See you around...

Sandix



The next club magazine will be due out in March 2025. Any material you wished to be included, please submit by mid February 2025. My email address is sandistockham@gmail.com

Cover: Shire horses William & Max at the Blakesley Show Vintage Working Weekend earlier in the year.

Vice Chairman's Message

After a very successful summer of shows and events that the club has well supported. The stand out event for me was the Blakesley working weekend.

As we enter the winter Club nights it is always great to so many people enjoying the wonderful speakers that Haydn's has organised. I suppose the highlight of these is our Christmas quiz which is very well supported. Bring the family along or If you have friend that would like to come, they are most welcome.

I have taken on the role of joint Vice Chairman with the help of Neil Roper, this is because I live 35 miles from Newport Pagnell and cannot be there all the time. With the help of a very supportive and active committee I felt we can make this work until we can find a Chairman who lives closer.

I have recently visited the Newark Tractor Show, to my mind this year's show was very impressive and best show of this type. An amazing display of MF135 tractors was shown laid out to spell 135 filmed from a drone about 100ft off the ground. A world record was set with two hundred and three 135s displayed in one place.

The range of tractors on display is amazing, the Ford and Fordson Club stand was a truly one of the highlights. A Ford 7000, which had been driven 80 miles to get to the show unrestored but in great condition, was lovely. The range of Fords from 35hp to over 400hp showed the diversity of tractors on this stand.

An amazing restoration job on a Porsche tractor a 4 cylinder version, of which only three are known to exist was exhibiting at the show. It's first public outing by the wonderful Seamus O'Dwyer, who exhibits at many local shows like Blakesley and Bloxham to name two. This tractor features 2 seats 1 behind the other nobody seemed to know why this was designed like. This to my mind the best concourse tractor of the show.

Overall this show just seems to get better and better. It was great to catch up with so many friends from all over the country, I could not seem to get 20 yards without bumping in to somebody else.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a successful New Year.

Peter



Diary of Events & Shows 2024 - 2025

Dec 7th Mark Canvin's Roadrun ~ Mill Fm Gayhurst MK16 8LT
Dec 15th NBVTC Xmas Roadrun ~ Concept Park Towcester NN12 7YD
Feb 16th NBVTC Ploughing Match ~ Hanslope

MC Services - Second year attempt for their Tractor and Vehicle Christmas Road Run. Saturday December 7th 2024. Location is Mill Farm, Gayhurst MK16 8LT. Open from 12 noon, departure 1600 hrs prompt. Catering and bar on site for the day. There will be toilets on site. Entry is £10 per vehicle. MUST be decorated in Christmas lights decoration, a £100 CASH from Mark will go to the best decorated vehicle. Looking for donations for raffle prizes etc. Every penny taken going to Willen Hospice. Please message Mark if interested mark@mc-services.me or ring him on 07831 834239. Mark would like to make this a massive event and raise as much money as possible for this great cause.

The NBVTC will be having their Christmas Road Run on Sunday December 15th. We will be meeting at FJ Morris, Concept Park, Watling Street, Towcester NN12 7YD. Meeting at 9am and leaving at 10am. All sorts of Tractors, Cars, Lorys, Motorbikes welcome! Vehicle entry £10 members, £15 non-members. Prize will be awarded to the best dressed vehicle. Raffle prizes will be most appreciated. Food and drink will be available to buy before the start and on our return. Please email us if you require more information. A big thank you to Frank & Haydn Morris for hosting the venue.

The NBVTC is in the process of organizing a club ploughing match on Sunday the 16th of February 2025 in the Hanslope area. More information and entry forms will be available in due course. Be sure to save the date!

Club Nights

Dec 18th - Ernie's Christmas Quiz with Nigel Felts
Jan 15th - TBC
Feb 19th - TBC
March 19th - TBC
April 16th - Easter Quiz with Nigel Felts

We meet at the Newport Pagnell FC on Willen Rd, Newport Pagnell MK16 0DF, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 7:30 pm start. For updates please check our website: www.nbvtc.org.uk
Or our Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1495381607427872>

Announcement

It is with great sadness that we have to report the passing of club member John Marshall earlier this year. John lived and farmed at Pikes Farm in Haversham since the 1930s. He joined the club in the earlier years when the club started and he really enjoyed his time as a member.

We received the news from his son Dough Marshall who told us that his Dad had a great send off and over 100 people came along to celebrate a life well lived.

Our heartfelt condolences are sent to John's son Doug and his family from all of us at the club.



Newark Tractor Show

words & photos Sue Casebrook

Newark show was going to be extremely different this year as the North Bucks Vintage tractor club would not have a stand.

On arrival it was quite busy, we started off the show in the Blue Force tent, here we quickly came across other club members and stopped for a chat.

Next, we went to the George Stevenson Exhibition Hall here we got talking to a knowledgeable 1940's army corporal about the Butterfly Bomb or Sprengbombe Dickandig, which was a German bomb used by the Luftwaffe during the Second World War.

These bombs were dropped into containers which held between 6-108 on deployment of the container from the aircraft, the container would burst open allowing the bombs to drop onto the target. This Bomb type was one of the first cluster Bombs ever used and proved to be an effective weapon.

This year at the show they were celebrating 60 years of Massey Ferguson 100 series Red





Giants (1964-1968) with a world record attempt of having the most 100 series in the same place.

The tractors were parked outside the Sir John Eastwood Buildings in such a way, that they spelt out 135 from the air, which I must say did look impressive on the aerial photograph, there was a record breaking 203 tractors, smashing the world record.

This year the show celebrated 60 years of Ford 6x1000 series Pre-Force tractors, 75 years of John Deere 2 cylinder diesel engine, Celebration of Scammell lorries, 85 years of the introduction 1939 Bedford O Series and 50 Years of ERF Series.

As we walked around the show, we met many of our members and everyone said how they missed the club stand, which was somewhere for them to sit relax, have a hot drink and to catch up with other members. Perhaps next year we may make a return!



Haynes Vintage Working Rally

words & photos Daniel Sandars

Hayes Church End, off the A6 south of Bedford, was the place to be over the weekend of 21st-22nd September for the vintage working rally. This year the theme was 60 years of the Massey Ferguson 100 series. Well, it was the place to be on the Saturday with the cracking bright weather, but more about that later.

The Ouse valley Vintage Tractor Club (OVTC) host this rally, and members of North Bucks Vintage Tractor Club (NBVTC) are sometimes members of both clubs.

This working weekend has been a long favourite of mine since I brought my career to the nearby Silsoe Research Institute at Wrest Park, in the mid-late '90s. I can easily find digital photos going back to 2012 of my young family there and may have earlier photographs in our print albums. These days I visit with my camera for the photography





as my children have grown up and become more independent!

I was pleased to see that it had returned to the working field on the North of the road, overlooked by Haynes (or Hawnes) Park. Hawnes Park, as it was known, is a country house dating back to 1710 on the site of a manor and park land that mentioned in records from 1312.

The field was in cereal stubble and falls away from the road on a gentle slope. The top part of the field held the static displays, tractor lines, carpark, traders stalls, camping area, catering, and beer tent. The OVTC van had a fascinating board of souvenir rally plaques from 1994-2017, part of the Rainbow Collection



There was no show ring, but there were working displays of threshing and timber handling as well as static displays including commercials, motorbikes, tractors, and cars. A line of, ten plus, Massey Ferguson 100 series tractors embodied the rally theme. The lines also had at least two Ford tractor puller conversions.

The working area was in the bottom part of the field. Conventional ploughs were following each other around the main block to the centre-left and ploughing down to the bottom of the field. The reversible ploughs had their own blocks starting at the hedge on the right. Tractors pulling tine or disc implements worked the freshly ploughed ground.

I am only just starting to get to know the scene, but in the working area I recognised Max Cherry ploughing with a steel wheeled International tractor and Neil Roper with a Fordson Major. Off to the right a County 1174 was ploughing that I thought I had seen at earlier events in the area. In the tractor lines, and throughout the day, a David Thompson got chatty about David Brown tractors.

Of the tractors, one of the most noteworthy was an antique Renault tractor that ploughed



with a Cockshutt riding plough, ridden and worked by David Thompson. Someone told me that the Renault had stopped over on its way to the Great Casterton, Rutland, working weekend on the Sunday.

I love to see crawlers at work and there were at least eight there, including: two Marshalls, a Track Marshall, a Caterpillar, and an International.





How did that red one get in there?!



T: Ashley Knibb County 1454

B: His & Hers - Ash & Lisa



Practice & Fun Day

words & photos Ashley Knibb

A practice and fun day kindly held at Richard Cook's Cowley Lodge Farm near Steeple Claydon Bucks on the 14th September.

The blue sky says it all. An excellent day, good ground and great company.

Tractors started turning up from around 10am and found the kettle coming to the boil in the vicinity of a wasp's nest situated in the ground nearby. The dilemma was, do we wait for a brew and move the tent, or move the tent and wait for a brew!?

A few plots were marked out for the serious ploughmen to have a practice and get ploughs set for the upcoming Bicester Vintage match at Jackie Bagnall's the following day, and the

M: Lisa Smith Ford 8630

B: Ashley Dring's immaculate pair of County's





rest of us were directed to the side from which to plough.

After a little marking out we were away, with quite an impressive lineup greatly improved by Ashley Dring's gleaming pair of County's, and remarkably matching ploughing from all of us!

Fuel leaks seemed to be the order of the day, or maybe the tractors felt they should not be doing the afternoon shift as well as the morning! Regardless, we all had a good run out, got the smell of freshly ploughed soil, and turned a few acres brown.

Thanks again to Richard and family for offering the opportunity for us to plough, and James on the camera for some excellent shots.

- TL:** Steve Casebrook Massey 2640
- ML:** Julian Honour Massey 375
- ML:** David King Massey 178
- B:** In hot pursuit of Richard
- TR** Richard himself with a "same???"



Kettering Vintage Rally & Steam Fayre

Well it's the third weekend in September time for the Kettering vintage rally. This is the final rally of the year for us and on our doorstep. We find that this rally is the ideal size to occupy a whole day, it has many classes and sections of exhibit to attract ones attention.

A previous years complaint has been corrected and this year there is an excellent coffee wagon alongside the arena so the day starts well, even better is that they also make proper milkshakes these are a real treat.

The parades start with tractors a massive quantity and variation, crawler varied in size from Ransomes horticultural to heavy Fenland use Cats. Wheeled tractors from horticultural through French vineyard, Northlands specialities to American plains tractors with various tools. All with a knowledgeable commentary by our own Peter Godwin.

- T:** 1954 Scammell Explorer
- M:** 1949 Daimler D27 ambulance
- B:** Knowledge is heavy ~ Peter Godwin





The following steam engine display had a good display of a variety of models of different scales and more unusual engines. There were 296 cars on display with a great variety.

I find that as I approach 80 years old I am drawn to the sub 250cc range of motorcycles, must be size and weight when trying to stuff it on the trailer behind a tractor. (Or getting it out of a muddy field) Here there is a good variation of such small machines.

A few weeks earlier we had attended Earls Barton rally the weather forecast had been for rain on Saturday and good drying conditions Sunday. Apparently nothing moved Saturday. Kettering was the opposite so we went on Saturday, As we left the showground in early evening we ran into the first of the thunderstorms and rain lasted all Sunday. Losing half the gate money must make the future existence of these shows precarious.

Nuts



- Opposite Page**
TL: David Brown DB4 crawler
ML: 1956 David Brown 2D
ML: 1956 Ford Consul Mk1
BL: 1931 Fowler Steam Tractor ~ 'Highland Lass'
TR: 1941 Cat D4
MR: 1942 Ransomes MG2 crawler
MR: 296 cars were on display
BR: 2014 Freelance Bedford/Daihatsu
This Page
T: 1956 Peugeot
M: 1949 HRD Rapid & 1952 Comet
M: 1959 BSA Shooting Star
B: A nice collection of Raleigh mopeds





Towcester YFC Charity Halloween Run

The Towcester YFC held their Charity Halloween Tractor Run on October 27th. Some sixty vehicles including vintage and classic tractors, Land Rovers and trucks rode through the villages of West Northamptonshire, around 20+ miles in nearly 3 hours.

We saw them set off from Lodge Farm near Green Norton and caught up with them outside the village of Weston having received a tip for a good photo shoot. We were really impressed with the organisation of the event from start to finish and the friendliness of all the young farmers.

A number of NBVTC members were present showing their support, we were glad to see.

The tractors in their Halloween finery were entered into the best 'Halloween Decorated Tractor' competition. The prize was a £50 voucher to spend at "Phillipa's Farm Shop' in the village of Bugbrooke. In an unanimously judge decision the Land Rover was too good and crowned the winner.

In only the second year running this event, the Towcester YFC totalled £3,000 for Cynthia Spencer Hospice. A big thank you to the Towcester YFC for inviting us a long and for their hospitality. Looking forward to next year!

- T:** An area was allocated for some of the bigger tractors
- M:** Michael Brandon on the County
- M:** Driving his County 1174 was Ashley Dring
- B:** James Britton on the County 1164



- TL:** TYFC member Dan Baseley on his JD 3140
- ML:** Ben Wheeler driving his JD 4640
- BL:** On the JD 3050 was David Jones
- TR:** Steve & Sue Casebrook on their MF 2640
- MR:** Driving his MF 550 was David Brodie
- MR:** Pete Groves on his Ford
- BR:** This LR was crowned 'Best Dressed Tractor'



£30,000

Cheffins Vintage Sale

Words & photos Peter Godwin & photo Cheffins

A very wet day did not seem to dampen the enthusiasm of buyers at Cheffins Vintage Sale on Saturday October 19th.

The range of tractors and machinery on offer always amazes me some notable lot was the Mercedes MB Trac 1500 that although nicely restored, made an amazing £94,336 which must be a record.



£8,500
Not Sold

A Massey 2645 made £49,312 again, thought to be a record. Another Massey this time a 135 very nice made £20,365.

As usual the spares seem to know no limits with a Ford 5000 seat making an incredible £970. Nothing seemed cheap although the older tractors that have to be started with a handle do seem a lot less popular.

A Roadless 6/4 made £30,000. A very early diesel roller made by Fowler made £9,000. A very rough Muir Hill 171 made £26,000. A County 754 with selector speed, very unusual, not sold at £8,500. A homemade Massey 1200 with dumper body made £12,000.



£970

CHEFFINS

The section covering vintage cars and motorcycles offers up some wonderful items including a very early French car with what looked like a stationary engine on the back and passengers sitting at the front. Not sold.

All in all another very interesting day not helped by the weather.



£12,000



Not Sold



AGM 2024

Our club held their AGM on the 16th of October. We were able, again this year, to secure £1,500 for Willen Hospice and Andrew Hodgson on behalf of Willen came to pick up the cheque.

Richard and Ruth outlined their reports on the night and both Chairman's and Treasure's reports are available upon request.

Richard stepped down as Chairman and nobody has come forward since last year when he gave us notice. Also James Britton stepped down as Vice Chairman. Peter Godwin and Neil Roper stepped into joint Vice Chairmen covering extra responsibilities of Chairmen. This is a temporary arrangement until a Chairman comes forward. The constitution was checked and the club is able to operate in the interim without a chair. Both Richard and James will be staying as committee members. Chris Phillips stepped down from the committee and Steve Casebrook has joined the committee. Rest of the committee were voted back in.

Ruth finished off the evening as our guest speaker, talking about Halloween Ghosts.

Membership Renewals are Now Overdue Due!

Payment can be made by CHEQUE - payable to North Bucks Vintage Tractor Club
Add your full name and membership number on the reverse (contact Ruth for your membership number if unsure) and sent to the membership secretary:

Ruth Roper Wyld

164 Station Road, Marston Moreteyne, Beds MK43 0PJ

Cash is always good at any of our club nights or club events

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For Sale ~ Good tractor tyres Good Year 12-4 / 11-32 6 ply £140. Wheatly 3 ton tipping trailer. Bale extension and ladder. Phone Pete 07938 507302

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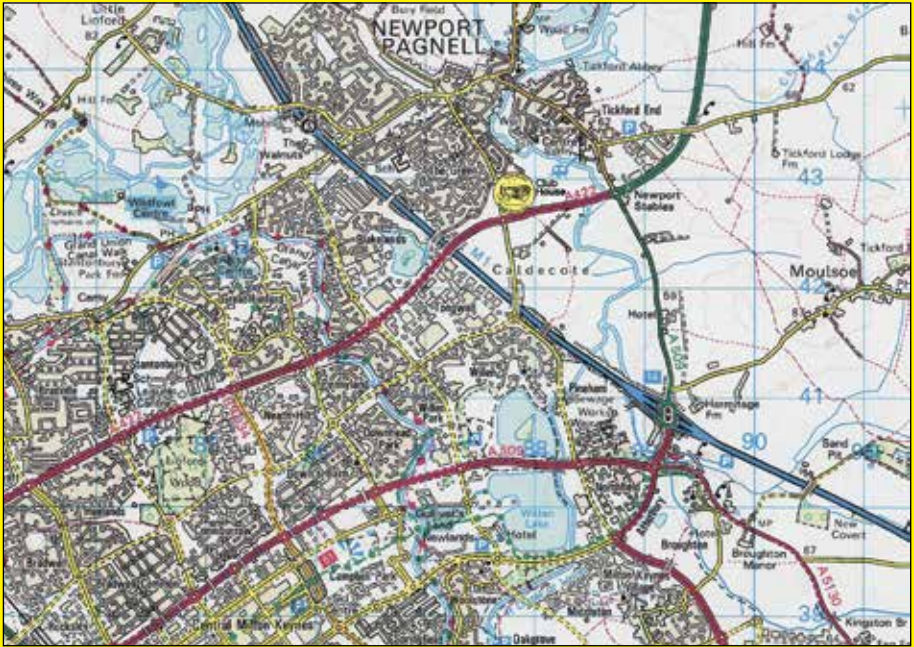
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END OF TENANCY:

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