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Ed's Notes

We really enjoy a morning out in Winslow ,especially if you get to see some fine old Ford Model Ts whilst enjoying a good breakfast and a brew. The Ford Model T Register held their annual April Fools Road Run on April 5th and 6th we went on the Sunday. It was great to catch up with Richard and Laura who came from Yorkshire and it was also good to see Max Cherry.



Again we have a good variation of content in our magazine and I would like to thank everyone who contributed to it, it makes Roger and my job that much easier.



The club hit off the start of the year with their Spring Road Run on a new venue. Hosted by Ashley Dring and supported by Aaron Davies of Doe & Fawn Coffee Roasters. Aaron who advertises with us has offered a discount on any coffee purchase. So head to the ad pages and get the code, you will not be disappointed!

Our Easter Quiz, the last of our winter meetings, was again another very enjoyable evening. The competition was fearsome and the results were surprising. Read on the report to find out who were the winners and who were the losers.



We were invited by Anna Griffiths to the Great Holcot working weekend, so we went on the Sunday. The event has been running for some years and I don't know how have we missed this before. There were some fabulous machines working how they should, so we put together some footage of a small number of the attendees.

We have got some good events coming up, Peter's road run in July and our attendance at Silverstone Festival in August just to name some. Check out our Diary page for all the details.

See you around...

Sandi



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

Cover: Aaron Davies from Doe & Fawn Coffee Roasters driving a County on our Spring Road Run

Vice Chairman's Message

Hello Everyone

Well, here I am writing my second one of these because at the last committee meeting Peter gave one of his cheeky evil grins and said it might as well be my turn again....

Since I last wrote, we had the Easter Quiz Night for the club in Newport Pagnell. We had such a great turn out again and it was a brilliant night. I can't thank the committee and other members enough for their help and support turning up early to help set everything up. Also, a huge thank you to our Quiz Master Nigel Felts who donates his time and energy to the club to host these for us and does such a brilliant and entertaining job. And I ought to thank my wife for doing all the catering and sorting out all the prizes or she will sulk and I won't get any Sunday lunch...

I wasn't able to attend the Road run we held in March, because unfortunately I had a diary clash, but from what we heard afterwards it was a roaring success and everybody had a thoroughly enjoyable day. Ashley hosted us and did a lovely run round apparently, even though the weather was a little on the iffy side.

Since I last wrote, I have attended another Ploughing Seminar over in Staffordshire, which was a day out. Ruth dropped me off at the field for the day while she and Red the dog went ghost hunting, and crossed White Ladies Priory off her bucket list. It was a great day and I recommend them if you're interested in ploughing matches.

Ruth and I also visited the Stretham Old Engine recently - that's over in Cambridgeshire and although only open on certain days of the year it is well worth a visit. Its down a tiny rural lane next to the river and is very picturesque. They turn it on for you to see (although powered by electricity now and not coal) the Beam Engine as it powers up and down, and its expansion chambers. You can walk up the three floors to see it from all angles.

Hopefully we will be arranging some ploughing events at the end of summer - James is working hard arranging that, but because of weather etc it might be at quite short notice - so keep an eye on the Facebook Page and your emails for announcements about that. We're hoping to set it up in such a way that you can come along or bring with you anyone who is still learning or a younger enthusiast and they will be able to practice and learn with someone experienced in a safe area.

We'll be putting an NBVTC stand at Blakesley again this year, so please do come and see us and help man it for a little while if you can - or just stop in for a cuppa.

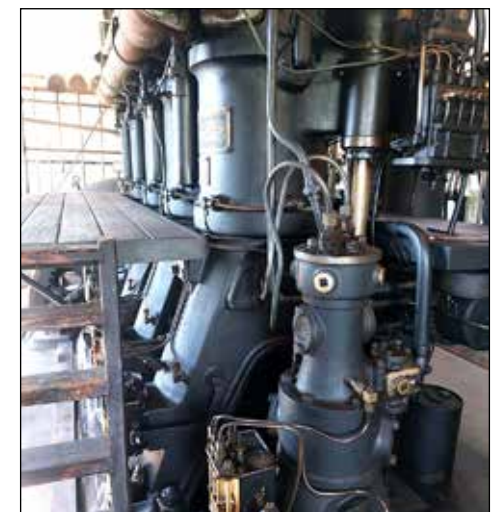
Our biggest event this year will be our August Bank Holiday Silverstone Festival event - where we will be displaying tractors related to the Car manufacturers. If you want to be involved this is an amazing event which Ashley and the committee are busy setting up. There is a form to fill in (email our Treasurer on ruthproperwylde@gmail.com to get one) and if accepted (depending on numbers!) you will get a FREE family ticket for the weekend (worth around £300!) which gets you into all of the event including the evening concerts. The only thing we ask in return apart from displaying your tractor (which will need to be on site from Thursday until Monday) is that you help cover the stall for a couple of hours at some point over the weekend.

Haydn is now arranging the Guest Speaker schedule for the winter months - let him know if you know of anyone who would be interested in giving one - we do pay our speakers. Please

do attend as many as you can - they are a really good night now, and feel free to bring guests with you!

Hope to see you all at the events over the summer

Neil R



Diary of Events & Shows 2025

June 21st-22nd	Bolnhurst Vintage & Country Fayre ~ Bolnhurst MK44 2ER
June 22nd	Edgcott & Winslow YFC Tractor Rd Run ~ Quainton HP22 4YB
June 28th-29th	Bloxham Steam Rally ~ Smiths Field Bloxham OX15 4HD
June 28th	Leighton Buzzard YFC Tractor Rd Run ~ Mentmore Park Fm LU7 0QN
July 5th-6th	Hollowell Steam & Horse Show ~ Guilsborough NN6 8RB
July 13th	Pete Godwin's Road Run ~ Willowbank Farm Oxon OX27 7NZ
Aug 2nd	Blakesley Show ~ Blakesley Heath Fm Maidford Northants NN12 8HN
Aug 22nd-24th	Silverstone Festival ~ Silverstone Circuit Towcester NN12 8TN
Aug 23rd-25th	Earls Barton Transport Show ~ Whites Nursery Earls Barton NN6 0EP
August 30th	Harvest Celebration ~ Hogshaw Fm Hogshaw Bucks, MK18 3LA
Sept 20th-21st	Kettering Vintage Rally ~ Cranford Northants NN14 4AW
Sept 20th-21st	Haynes Working Rally ~ St. Judes Fm Church End Beds MK45 3QR

The Edgcott & Winslow YFC are having a road run on June 22nd. Starting and finishing from Buckingham Railway Centre in Quainton Road Station, Station Road, Quainton in Aylesbury HP22 4BY. Gates open at 8:45am for 9:45am briefing. The theme is 'Back British Farming' and there will be a prize for the best decorated tractor. £10 per tractor and £5 per passenger. To book email belindaelizabeth1@icloud.com or contact Richard Cook on 07702 340687.

Harvest Celebration Day at Hogshaw Farm & Wildlife Park is a family-friendly event taking place on Saturday 30th August. It's a day full of live acoustic music, delicious local food, apple pressing and hopefully Vintage farm machinery displays - The event will run between 10:00-17:30. Tractor exhibitors will be entitled to a family entry ticket (2 adults, 3 children) for the event. If interested to take part contact Hollie Howard or Catherine Kite via email on info@hogshawfarm.co.uk

Club member Peter Godwin will be having a road run on Sunday 13th of July. Laving at 10am from Willowbank Farm, Fewcott, Bicester, Oxon OX27 7NZ. All members are welcome to bring their tractors for a run around the villages of Oxfordshire, approximately distance 18-20 miles. Entry fee £20 includes BBQ. In aid of Katherine house Hospice. For more information contact Peter email: petergodwin6354@gmail.com

Blakesley Show is on the 2nd of August at Blakesley Heath Fm Maidford, Northants NN12 8HN. The club have again been invited to have a stand and all members are invited to bring their tractors to display. Tea and coffee will be on offer so come along and say hello! For more information contact John on 07974 146502 or email him on smsheppard2011@hotmail.co.uk

As you all know the NBVTC have been invited to have a stand at the Silverstone Festival over the August Bank Holiday 22nd - 24th August 2025. We will be displaying tractors with a link to car manufacturers. A massive opportunity that will put the club in another level. For those whose tractors are on the stand there will be weekend family passes for the event, which includes access to the evening concerts. If you're hoping to show your tractor you will need to fill in a form which you can get by emailing Ruth at ruthroperwylde@gmail.com or calling James on 07884 006952 or Ruth on 07837 303834.

Club Nights

Our club nights have now finished and will restart in September with a new set of speakers.



The NBVTC Spring Road Run

The NBVTC held their Spring road run on March 23rd with a 2.5 hour run around some lovely villages in Buckinghamshire & Bedfordshire.

We were greeted with some proper coffee provided by Aaron Davis from Doe & Fawn Coffee Roasters and bacon butties, the catering provided by the Dring family. This is a very civilized way to start any event.

Some 30 vehicles (tractors and cars) took part.

The route started from Wavendon and it then went on to Fanny Stratford - Gt & Little Brickhill - Woburn - Ridgemont - Aspley Guise and back to Wavendon. Woburn provided a beautiful background for a great photo opportunity.

T: Ashley Knibbs heading the run with a County 1174

M: Club members enjoying some proper coffee

M: The coffee roasters set up





On our return there were burgers, cake and more coffee!

The weather held good too and although the forecast was rain for the afternoon, we seemed to have been just missed out.

A big thank you to Aaron from Doe & Fawn for keeping us filled with some amazing coffee and to Ashley, Ann and Matt Dring for hosting the event.



Opposite Page

T: A varied line up of tractors and vehicles

ML: Guy Vaughn using his Quad bike for rescue

MR: Robert Britton driving his JD 5100

ML: Stuart Sanders on his recently renovated MF 35

MR: Ben Wheeler on his Case 885XL

BL: Chris Parry driving his DB 780

BR: Matt Dring driving his Kubota M108S 'County'

This Page

TR: Steve Casebrook on his MF 2640

MR: Nigel Felts on his Morris 1000 Pickup

ML: Haydn Morris driving his New Holland

MR: Jason Barfoot driving a lovely restored L Rover

BR: James Britton and Ann Dring

BL: Ashley Dring with Aaron Davies





The NBVTC Easter Quiz

Our Easter Quiz, the last of our winter meets, was on the 16th of April. On extraordinary results, all the team scores was within 10 points total! The top team scored 80 points and the bottom team scored 71 points, results have never been so close before.

We also had a joint score for second place both teams with a score of 79 points. This was soon sorted with the now feature of the night, the paper airplane built by both teams and which airplane flies the longest and the further. Both teams in question the 'Old Grey Whistle Test' and the 'Not Sures' was a head to head duel, which the 'Not Sures' sadly lost.

In a turn of events we have a new top winner the 'Bright Sparks' who have for the past few quizzes have come just out of the points. The 'Bright Sparks' sure kicked the "Cranfield Tractor Lads" of their winner spree as they came bottom of the pile and this time took away the booby prize. It was a bag of lemons for the lads! Sure to get very interesting at our Christmas Quiz later in the year. First prize was Boxes of Chocolates for the 'Bright Sparks' and Second prize was Easter Eggs for the 'Old Grey Whistle Test'.

It was another successful event for the club. And of course it could not have been possible

- T:** Club members joining us on the last of our winter meetings
- M:** The 'Old Grey Whistle Test' team who came 2nd
- M:** The 'Cranfield Tractor Lads' team
- B:** Runners up the 'Not Sures' team lost the airplane challenge



for the hard work of many people who made it happen. A big thank you to Ruth and Neil for sorting the food and the prizes, to Nigel Felts, our quizmaster, (Nigel you do such a great job you have a job for life!) and to the Committee who helped before and on the day, what an awesome team we are!! Last but not least, a big thank you to all who came to support us.

Quiz Results

- 1st** Bright Sparks **80 pts**
- 2nd** Old Grey Whistle Test **79 pts**
- 2nd** Not Sures **79 pts**
- 3rd** Spookies **78 pts**
- 4th** No Chance **76 pts**
- 5th** Slightly Quakers **73 pts**
- 6th** Cranfield Tractor Lads **71 pts**

- TL:** Peter Godwin joining the 'No Chance' team
- TR:** The airplane challenge!
- ML:** Biester Club representing the 'Slightly Crackers' team
- MR:** Winners on the night were the 'Bright Sparks' team
- MR:** The 'Cranfield Tractor Lads' team got the booby prize
- BR:** Peter thanking Nigel Felts, your Quizmaster!





The advantage of these events is that you get to see different tractors and equipment, the parking area is always worth a visit, as to transport these behemoths you need substantial trucks and trailers.

Furthest travelled was Martin Evans from Somerset with a Roadless 115, Ford T20 and Howard Paraplow. The trailer looked as if it would be more at home in a modern dockyard or industrial estate than a farm field.

John Sheppard somehow transported a Versatile and roller? Assume that his Unimog had something to do with it.

While setting having coffee on the car bonnet professing my ignorance on the subject of Howard Paraplow's a passing spectator enlightened me. Apparently in the right soil condition they were very good but expensive to run. They were used with a Connolly Shaker around Holcot and the Devon area for quite some time. We will provide more information later.



The Great Holcot Working Weekend

At numerous Rallies in the last 18 months we have come across the Pink Ford Dexta collecting for Dementia UK with the intention of raising £10,000.

The amount required was achieved early so a working weekend was put on for large tractors. Which takes a lot of effort, and the target raised to £11,000.

The farm is owned by Edward Mills who with Anna Griffiths, the owner of the Dexta, made this possible and very enjoyable.

It was held over the weekend of April 12th & 13th, and glad to say it was well supported by many NBVTC members, some even camping on site the whole weekend. We went along on the Sunday.

- T:** The NBVTC boys with their big toys!
- M:** Anna Griffiths and her pink Fordson Dexta
- B:** Haydn Morris on his MF 65

Anna's target was of course surpassed and is now tallying £13,000. Not one to lay in her laurels a new target of £15,000 to achieve by the end of the rally season has now been set!

Nuts

- TL:** Martin Evans from Somerset with his Roadless 115
- MR:** Popular in heavy land such as the fens, this Doe conversion
- MR:** This Cat D8 and Tiller worked happily in this terrain
- B:** John Sheppard with his Versatile and rollers





More Photos of The Bucks YFC County Show courtesy of Daniel Sandars



The Bucks YFC County Show
words & photos Peter Godwin

A lovely day weather wise set in some wonderful parkland at Bledlow gave a perfect setting for about 50 vintage tractors.

A really good mix of vintage and classic gave a very interesting display. The oldest tractor was an International Titan 105 years old and running beautifully.

One tractor that stood out for me was a Massey Ferguson 65 which was owned by Lord Carrington on the farm where the show was so it had come home.

A Minneapolis-Moline from the second world war with a lovely Meadows engine certainly looked a sounder the part.

On the classic front a very smart county 5000 looked the part.

To all the clubs and individuals that supported the event, thank you for a very enjoyable day!





Same Love Child!

words & photos Richard Cook

Many of you will know about the Cook family's fondness for all things around Same tractors. We've a collection of all bar one engine type from 1952 through to mid 1990's. We have them in various states of condition, mostly original or restored enough to be tidy enough for daily use or occasional ploughing matches / road runs. Within reason I like to find them in original condition and to original design, therefore you may be surprised by our latest purchase!

In August the boys saw an advert online for a Same Leone with a 6 cylinder Perkins in it. We already have a Leone 70 with the standard V4 air cooled engine in it as standard. Now to be fair I understand the V4 wasn't as reliable as other Same engines but nevertheless still a decent lightweight efficient engine.

So ever on the lookout for something different on a hot summers evening, off I went to have

a look. I was taken through a house to small paddock to look at said tractor. As I'd seen some pictures of it, I was aware of how it would look to a degree, but in the flesh to me it messed with my eyes for a minute or two!

The rear I recognised as a Leone, as was the seat, hydraulic control, steering wheel and from axle and from casting, but everything engine / dash / bonnet was very different to say the least.

The owner said when they brought it the original weather protection cab frame was still on it, fuel tank in usual position up front but radiator was attached to right hand side of cab frame!

They removed fuel tank, mounting it on right side of engine, then mounted radiator in its new position in front of engine. They fitted an electric cooling fan and coolant circulating pump. They then finished up the hand folded bonnet and made it fit better. It must have looked rather bizarre with radiator on the side of cab above back wheel!

Anyway, it started straight up but instead of the usual Same air cooled racket there was a smooth 6 cylinder burble. I had a short test drive but everything worked, the conversion looked to be fairly substantial so a deal was done. I picked it up a few days later, once home had a better look round it.

In essence it's about 8" longer than original Leone. So front prop shaft, guard, steering arm both have sections added to them. Other than that the other main difference is to fairly thick engine side rails which connect bell housing to from tombstone to hold front axle. These rails are roughly fabricated but tidy enough and all painted up accordingly. The dash board is all folded from tin as is the long bonnet with what looks like prison cell bars as a grill.

Basically I liken it to a love child born from a Same Leone having an affair with a 6 cylinder Perkins! Anyway, it runs well, all works as it should and is sure to make an appearance on an event in near future.





Brackley Christmas Tractor Run

words & photos Robert Collins

The fourth annual Christmas Tractor Run was held on 8th December 2024. Over 100 tractors left Sainsbury's car park at 6pm. The run which is free to enter has increased in popularity year on year.

Although the weather was dreadful during the day the crowds lining the streets were amazing. The children loved the horns blaring and the wonderful display of lights. The amount of work to get some of these tractors ready with decorations is truly amazing.

The route took us along Poppyfields Way across Halse Road and down Humphries Drive and then into the town centre, up the High Street back to Sainsburys. The journey took about an hour.

The run raised over £4000 for the Yellow Wellies Farm Safety Foundation.



The Adaptable Nuffield

words & photos Clive Winnett

In the late 50's early 60's I worked for Dergate Motor Company in Northampton. Main dealers for cars, vans and trucks, but also Nuffield tractors.

The salesman wanted this package putting together the Nuffield, a Bamford Bulldozer with a steel joint loader and bucket. Also wheels on a 4 ton steel tipping trailer.

I drove it from Northampton to Corby to demonstrate to a building company. They only had one digger to dig the footings of the houses, they then had to come back to fill in the drains. The idea was to use the Nuffield to fill in drains and move concrete into the footways in one go.

I did this for about three hours, for the management. I then instructed their man to get on with it, it was obviously sold, so I went home by car.

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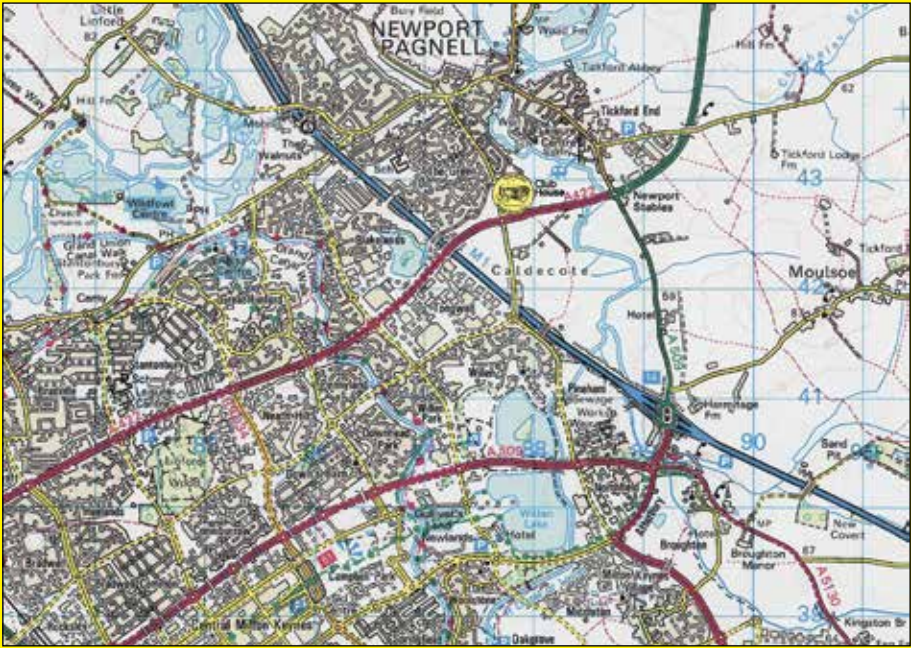


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