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## Ed's Notes

I am dying to tell you all about it! but I will not... in case you didn't know we were at Silverstone over the BH weekend for their Silverstone Festival! We (the NBVTC team) have really pulled all the stops and made this a complete success! We will have a special edition of your magazine to cover it. So.... I am asking for all club members who took part to please send me a picture (if you want to send more, all the best!) and tell me in a few words 'how it was for you'. What a commemoration magazine? I have included a snap shot of the weekend for tasters... just turn the page.

We were present again at Blakesley in August, and our stand seemed to be very popular not just with our members but with any passer by who was in need of a rest and a cuppa. I didn't know that a trophy for Best Show Tractor had been awarded here, but I am glad to report that it went to one of our club members. Read on for a full report.

In July we saw the return of Peter's road run, over fifty vehicles took part and a massive amount of money was raised for Katharine House Hospice. A number of surrounding clubs were there to support it. A full article has been included.

Club member Robin Kingham invited the club on a Farm Tour in June. We had a very pleasant evening riding on trailers around the Moulsoe country side. Read all about it in your magazine.

Thanks again to all who sent in reports, and to all who I approached for one or other information, your input is really appreciated.

Winter meetings are starting in September and as soon as we have confirmation I will be emailing you, also ploughing matches and our Christmas road run, are on the planning stage. Look out for further updates in your inboxes.

See you all around...



Sandi



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

*Cover: David Brodie on his County Super 6 at the Blakesley show*

## Vice Chairman's Message

Hello all, I've been Voluntold that it's me again this quarter, so I'm afraid you have to read about me again!

As you know we had our stall at Blakesley. I was on tea making duty most of the day so I probably spoke to most of you who came and made you a cuppa. It was so nice to see so many members there, and such a great turn out of tractors as usual. A crowd of my friends outside of tractoring came along too, but my wife, our Treasurer, had sneaked off on a ghost hunt for the night.

I rode around on the combine harvester a bit during harvest time with my mate - everybody loves a ride on a combine no matter how old you get.

We had a day and evening out at the Shuttleworth Flying Proms: old planes, tractors and beer. We had a tear-jerking fly past by the Lancaster and a Spitfire. Such iconic planes that hold a special place in everyone's hearts, rounded off with planes with fireworks on their wings and the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

And then of course we had our superb Silverstone weekend: which I think the next magazine will cover.

Club nights are about to start up again on the third Wednesday in September and Haydn has lined up some brilliant speakers for us so please, please make the effort to come and bring your friends too. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for all our upcoming events as we announce them: hopefully including a ploughing event soon.

See you all soon... *Neil R*



## Diary of Events & Shows 2025

Sept 20th-21st Kettering Vintage Rally ~ Cranford Northants NN14 4AW  
Sept 20th-21st Haynes Working Rally ~ St. Judes Fm Church End Beds MK45 3QR  
Sept 27th E&W YFC Road Run ~ Hanover Fm. Winslow MK18 2JW  
Dec 6th MC Services Christmas Road Run ~ Mill Fm Gayhurst MK16 8LT  
Dec 17th NBVTC Ernie's Christmas Quiz ~ Newport Pagnell FC MK16 0DF

The Edgcott & Winslow YFC are having a Ploughing Match on Saturday 27th of September 2025. There will be tractor demos and competitions, food & drink served all day and a raffle. For more information or to book contact [edcottwinslowyfc@gmail.com](mailto:edcottwinslowyfc@gmail.com)

Mark Canvin will be having his Christmas road run on Saturday 6th of December. He is raising for Cancer Research and Willen Hospice. Bring your decorated tractor with as many lights as you can. For more information contact Mark on 07831 834239 or email [mark@mc-services.me](mailto:mark@mc-services.me)

## Club Nights

September 17th ~ TBC

October 15th ~ AGM

November 19th ~ TBC

December 17th ~ Ernie's Christmas 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](http://www.nbvtc.org.uk)

Or our Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1495381607427872>





Club members Seamus ODwyer and Donie Fitzgerald's collection of Porsche tractors

### Blakesley Show

Blakesley is a favourite of ours not only is it on our doorstep but is an excellent old fashion country event. This year's 140th show took place on Saturday the 2nd of August and it was a warm sunny day. Tractors, animals, food stalls, property agents, machinery dealers and clubs, you name you name it, Blakesley has it all! Enough to entertain the whole family.



**T:** Tom Baird with his 1936 Fordson N Water Washer  
**B:** John Sheppard awarding Tom 'Best Show Tractor'

The NBVTC was present at the show and again we had a stand to allow our club members for



a sit down rest, a cuppa and a chat. Our stand always proves popular and anyone mingling is always offered a drink and some home baked cake. This year Peter's Baileys Fruit Cake went down a treat!

Club members Seamus ODwyer and Donie Fitzgerald, the owners of the most complete collection of Porsche tractors in this country were here at the show. All four tractors, very much in their best clothes, were on display on their very own prime space.

The tractor parade is always well supported with most of the tractors and other vehicle drivers leaving their display area to take part. Edward Mills & Wes Coe led parade with their 1921 Marshall Traction Engine. New into the agenda this year were the youngsters who were allowed to drive their tractors into the arena, all legal and above board. Following them were the rest of tractors and other vehicles. Peter as always making an interesting comment of every one of them.

Tom Baird's 1936 Fordson N Water Washer was awarded best Show Tractor. It was displayed with a Bamford Finger Bar Mower. The Fordson had been on a Lancashire farm since the beginning of the Second World War. Tom drove the tractor on the farm in the late fifties/early sixties. The tractor was barn stored for the last forty years, until Tom rescued it. When John Sheppard was debating which tractor to be awarded, he came across Tom's tractor and its story... for him there was only one winner!

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  - TR:** Young Fred Turnham on the Same
  - ML:** Phoebe Morris driving dad Haydn's MF165
  - MR:** Laura Weston on her newly MF grey & gold
  - ML:** One of a number of Ford Model T's in the show
  - MR:** Peter Semler with his trusted pooch on the Model T racer
  - B:** Line up of some of the tractors in the arena parade
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- T:** Wappenham Farm attracting real interest
  - M:** Heygates always put on a good display
  - M:** Some of the cattle in the show
  - B:** Some of the sheep in the show



**The Man Behind the Mike** words Peter Godwin

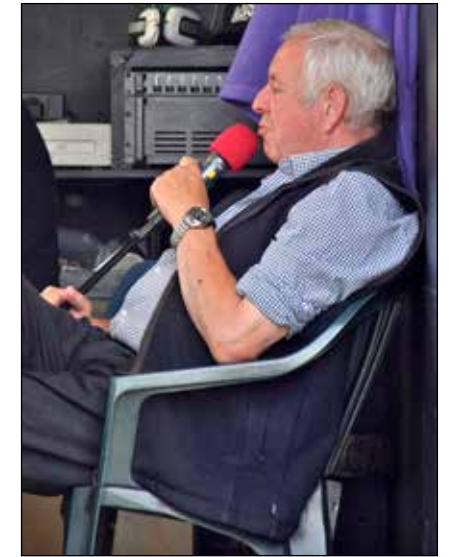
After the Covid pandemic I was very concerned the whole show rally scene would not survive, how wrong was I. The whole show seen has bounced back every bit as strong as ever.

The amount of exhibitors who support the shows with such a diverse lot of steam, commercial vehicles, tractors, motor bikes etc. Is frankly amazing and from a main ring point of view it forms a very important part of all the shows that I do.

Not everybody want to see everything but most people like some aspect of what goes in the ring. The people that I meet up and down the country are what makes being involved with this such a joy, from the most humble rusty exhibit to the amazing steam engine. The owners all share their passion and our proud of what they show. This is surely a win-win situation.

As far as I can tell the whole show environments although having some challenges rising costs legislation etc and of course the weather being the main ones, does seem to have survived fairly well.

In conclusion thank you to everybody who supports the shows without the amazing efforts of everybody these events would not happen.





*The surrounding countryside, view from our trailer*



### **Robin Kingham's Farm Tour**

On the evening of June 18th we met up at the farm where two tractors and flat trailers kitted out with bales for seats.

The guides were Robin Kingham and his father Roland who are the farm tenants, a position the family has held since 1935. Also the farm agronomist Phil Styles and Carrington's farm manager Chris Singer.

**B:** *One of the trailers that transported us around the farm*



**TL:** *Roger & Robert Dunkley on borrowed wheels*

**TR:** *Some resident cattle baffled to see us*

**ML:** *Dad Roland Kingham on the Class*

**MR:** *Making our way back to the farm*

**MR:** *Jackie put on an excellent buffet*

**BR:** *Thank you Robin & family for your hospitality!*

What adds to the fascination is the fact that Milton Keynes has decided to increase its size by 1000 acres of mixed development which has started already. What came as a great surprise was the landlord requiring some crop control in this final year.



We travelled round the fields examining crop growth and expectations. And viewing the sheep and small quantity of cattle (4).

At the finish of the tractor tour we retired to the barn for an excellent buffet and a special treat of ice cream.

A superb evening was had by all, a big thank you to Robin, Jackie and Roland for their hospitality.

*Nuts*





Quite a varied selection of over fifty vehicles that took part on the run



### Peter Godwin's Road Run

This year we are untroubled by F1 traffic at Silverstone. As normal it is all well organised, utilizing horse boxes as office space.

This year the Peter build industrial furnace that passes off as a BBQ had been tamed and even had its own crew.

The weather a bit overcast to start with, soon dispersed, and became good, sunny and clear of cloud for the rest of the day.



The route was 20 miles long through the Oxford countryside, taking about two and one half hours including a half way break.

There were 50 plus entrees varying from concours standard large County tractors to a Yamaha quad bike via a Ford model T and a Unimog. Five of the tractors participating were Peters own driven by family and friends.

**T:** Peter leading the run on his County  
**B:** James Godwin on dad's Ford 333

The object of the run was to collect funds for Katharine House Hospice. A total of £4000 was raised including £1000 from Hollowell rally donated as Peter had never charged them for all the years work. And to cap it all an attendee approached Peter about the horseshoe benches he had made and they agreed that two benches and a fire basket were sold for a donation of £1500.

We must thank the land owners who made this event so enjoyable for all, and from Peter a big thank you to all who came to support him.

Peter is already in the planning for next year's road run which will again be the second weekend of July... keep the date and we will see you there!

*Nats*



**TL:** Guy Waugh on his Yamaha quad  
**TR:** Max Cherry on his Ford Model T  
**MR:** Andrew Thompson on his Unimog  
**MR:** Ashley Dring on his County  
**B:** Enjoying an after a roadrun BBQ



## Wish List Complete!

words & photos Richard Cook

Latest edition to the Cook families Same collection and has been on my wish list for years, well before we brought our first vintage Same tractor. Back when we were running mainly Same tractors in the 1990's for our main farming operations, we were given a book called "Four Wheels Ahead". It is a book about the history of Same tractors and within it there was a section describing what Same called the Samecar. This was described as a car, a pickup truck, a light lorry and a tractor all in one. This got my attention somewhat as I always like something different! The nearest designed machine similar to it would be the Mercedes Unimog. It was aimed at the poor small Italian farmer who couldn't afford separate machines but could purchase one machine to do multiple tasks.



Same used engines and gearboxes / axles from their tractor range, extended the chassis out the front to hold a cab or operators platform and had a load deck on the rear. The early ones had a two cylinder air cooled 30 hp engine, 2 or 4 wheel drive, front suspension, hydraulic drum brakes all round, 6 forward gears, 2 reverse, rear PTO, rear three point linkage and hydraulics for tipping trailers etc. Either a fully enclosed cab or a frame with a canvas canopy. Further improvements to later machines brought a bigger V4 engine, some industrial ones had equal sized wheels with the last model basically resembling an artic tractor unit for articulated trailers, again mainly aimed for industrial work.

Anyway, this was one of those machines on my wish list. I'd seen a few for sale over the years in Europe that although cheap enough where just that bit too far gone for us to risk buying and restoring. To be fair I really only like to buy tractors in a minimum of basic running condition, ie they start and run and tin work in fairly solid condition.

So few months back, good old Facebook had a post from the Same Tractors group with a Samecar for sale. James and I duly commented on it showing our interest but with no response, tried to send messages, again no response. By now translating other comments we established that the Samecar was in North West Italy. Anyway one evening James suggested that with help he would translate and send a comment in Italian. Sure enough he got a reply. After many messages, pictures, videos and emails a deal was done and transport and documents all organised.

Now although I had full trust of what we were buying we hadn't spoken to one another or seen the machine in the flesh as it were, however even though I was sending a fair amount of money via internet banking I must admit I was a wee bit apprehensive, especially as it was over a month before it landed in our yard early one July morning. We didn't need to worry, it was exactly as described.

Our Samecar is an early one with the two cylinder engine the same as our DA 30. It has the canvas canopy, 4 WD, a home made three point linkage on the rear, a drop side load deck, no windshield, odd seats and currently no brakes. But it starts up straight away, gears work etc and although as you would expect it needs a bit of tinkering as well as four new tyres but nothing to scary or unexpected apart front one broken brake drum. We've driven it, it's not as hard to steer as I'd imagined it to be, it's not quiet but not as noisy as I feared, the ride is a bit bumpy to say the least but hay, it was built in the early 1960's and I have to say I'm pretty impressed!



We need to sort a few things out before using it in anger, especially the brakes! We have a driven need to get the hydraulics up and running again as although it be awkward to use on a plough that is what it was designed to do or just get her out on a road run.

It's certainly different and as far as I'm aware the only one in the UK and will be a joy to take something so rare to road runs, shows and maybe, just maybe to a ploughing match one day! So yes, wish list complete (for now!!!)





### Bloxham Steam & Country Fair

We went to the Bloxham Steam and Country Fair held on the weekend of 27th & 29th of June this year. Bloxham has always been a favourite of ours, always entering in the working area, when a special paddock was set for the smaller and horticultural machines to play in. Since the pandemic and with a change of committee and stewards we have only attended as visitors.

There was a great variety of tractors in this section and the arena parade was well supported with over 200 tractors taking part. Our Peter had a real job to commentate it all within the half hour slot he was given! It was good to see many of our club members there, always a good rally for the club.

- TL:** John Sheppard on his American Fordson
- TR:** Aubrey Sheppard on their recent acquisition a Garret
- M:** Neil Hibbert on his Doe
- M:** Brian Humphrey on his International
- BL:** David Jones on his Co-op
- BR:** Kate Bochenek on her charity Fergie



One tractor that really stood out for me going around the arena, was the Pink Charity Tractor driven by Lily Bochenek I didn't get a chance to talk to Lily then, but later connected with her, this is her story:

"When my mum started her little journey with her pink Fergie tractor Daisy I was instantly intrigued! I loved watching people take photos with her tractor and a smile appeared on their faces! It made me inspired to do the same as what she did! We already owned a Wheelhorse lawnmower before my mum started to covert Daisy. And I'd always drive that about! Which made me realise that I wanted a little tractor!

Speed back to this year, my dad saw a Mayfield lawnmower for sale! He quickly went to pick her up and brought her home! Then the renovation started! We had about 4 weeks to fix her all up ready for her first rally, Bloxham 2025! It was a great project!

At the minute I am raising money for Cancer Research with my mums tractor Daisy! But would like to eventually change to Prostrate Cancer as it has a special place in my heart! As I lost a loved family member from it.

I really enjoy doing something I love as well as raising for amazing causes!

It makes me so happy when I see children run up to my little tractor with a big smile on their faces! I hope to hit my target of £200 by the end of the year!

I also have a TikTok page! It's : lilymaytractor"

Another interesting static display in the horticultural area was the Kiva Mower owned no other than club Vice Chairman Peter Godwin. Peter bought it in a sale in the West Country and where it created a lot of interest there. It is a 1953 French mower with a petrol engine. This is all that Peter knows about it, so if anyone in the club can provide any more information, he would be most grateful.

- T & M:** Lily Bochenek on her charity Mayfield
- M & B:** Peter Godwin's 1953 French Kiva Mower





### Edgcott & Winslow YFC Road Run

The Edgcott & Winslow YFC charity road run took place on Sunday June 22nd, we had double booked ourselves so we went along in the morning to see them off. Held at the Buckinghamshire Railway Centre, the venue was pretty pleasant, with a well catered coffee shop.

Forty nine tractors took part on the 25 mile run, the majority were classic-modern machines big enough and with just about every gadget going! Shame that roadworks in the area made the YFs look for alternative routes on the day of the run.

Over £600 was raised for Thames Valley Air Ambulance.

Ollie Angus was the winner for the best decorated tractor.

- T:** Line up of some of the tractors
- M:** James Cook leading the run on his Nuffield
- M:** Robin Cook on the Deutz Fahr with a tractor load
- BL:** Evan Cook on his John Deere
- BR:** Ollie Angus with his best decorated tractor

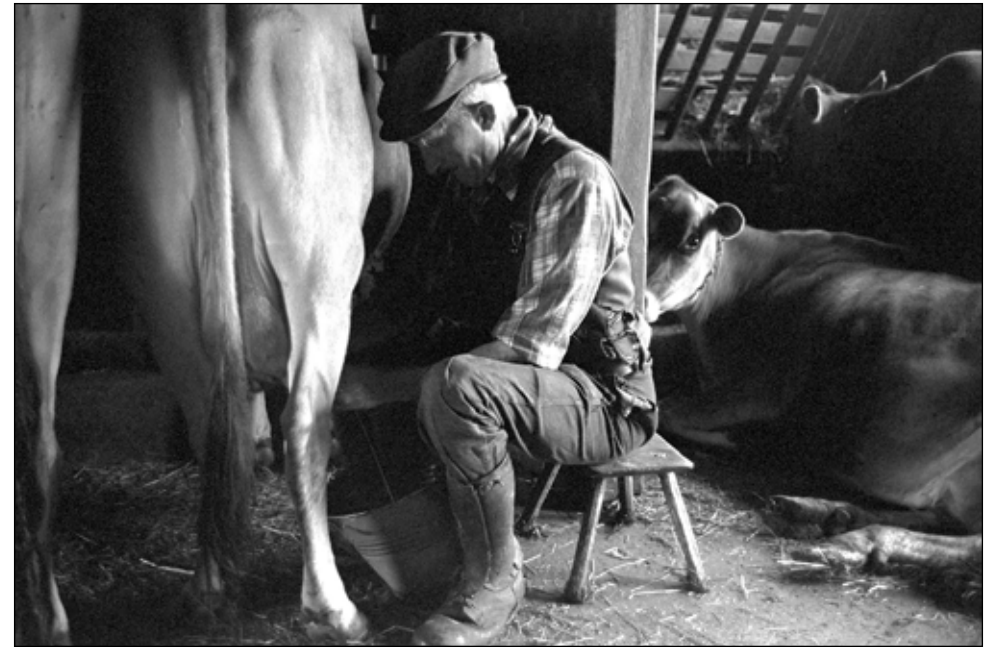


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### Using my Initiative

words & photo Clive Winnett

I now work for W.J. Cooper Buckingham Branch. I arrived at work just before 8:00am and was told to get to Winslow where Mr so and so's milking machine engine had stopped working and he had only milked half of his cows.

On arrival I was greeted by the farmer, he said 'engine made a funny noise and stopped', I turned the engine with the starting handle, it produced unpleasant noises from the bottom of the bore.

I stood and thought for a moment, then said 'have you got an elevator?' He looked at me as if I was mad, 'elevator?' he said, I then said 'yes if you have, we could borrow its engine, it is often the same' He said that no he did not have an elevator.

So thinking again, 'you will have to get two buckets and a two stools' 'you' he said, 'yes me'. He turned up with bucket and stool. I went to the first cow and went up her right side, made a fuss of her and sat down beside her. She looked back at me as to say 'what do you think you are doing?' and away finished milking. I had breakfast and left.

About two weeks later I had a letter from Mr Cooper thanking me for using my initiative. Engine is a Lister, other than milking by hand, no is not for me.



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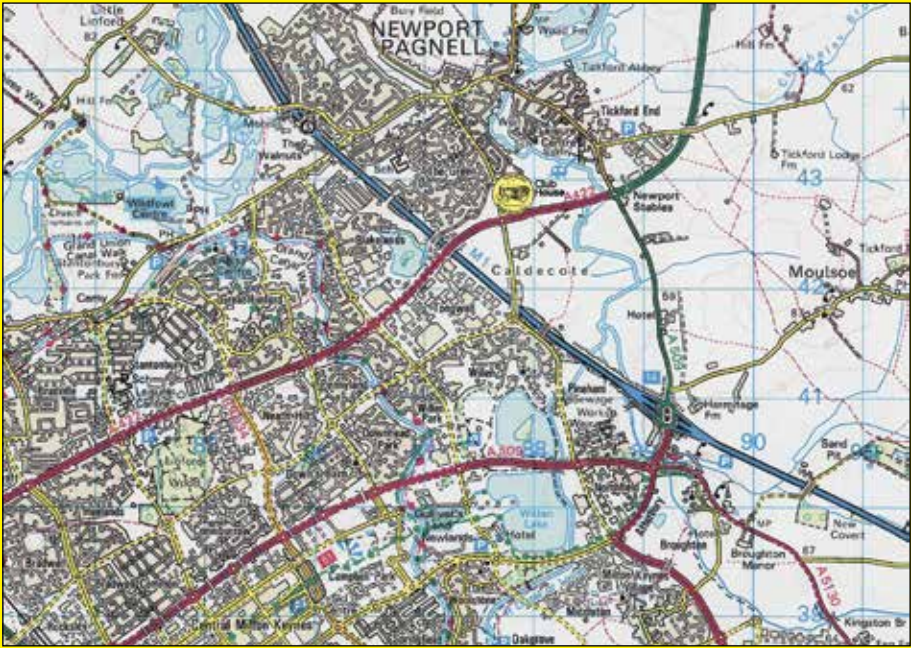


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