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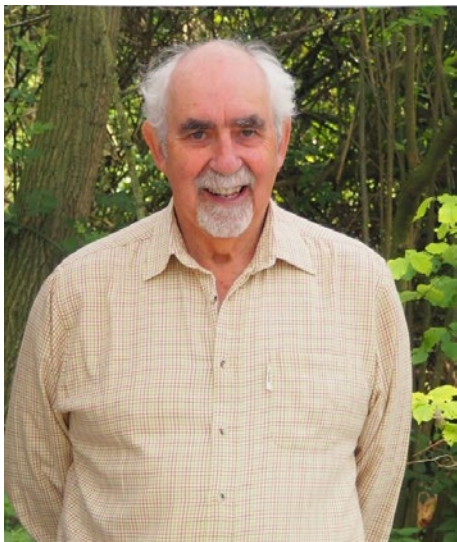
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Cover Picture.
New Polo Shirts

From the Chair

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I am writing this 2 weeks before the crank up weekend and it is mild panic stations at the moment. We are short of everything, Stationary Engines, Tractors, Classic Cars, Motorcycles, Military Vehicles, Craft Stalls, Chairs and Tables and Volunteers. Hopefully we will be able to solve most of these problems in time for the event. Of course, by the time you are

reading this article the event will be over and gone.

So how was it, raging success, abysmal failure or somewhere in between? Please let me know what you think, is it worth doing it all again next year? Should we make any changes?

Our next club event is an evening at Coopers Farm Lawshall on the last Wednesday in June. Similar to last year, there will be a variety of interesting vintage farm vehicles to look over. Also, there will be a chance to use a tractor mounted cultivator. We have free burgers, sausages, tea and coffee cooked by Arthur (providing his hip holds out). Bring a friend, bring a tractor, bring your own cold drinks.

For our July visit (last Wednesday as usual) we need to be at the venue by 2pm. Our hosts, Thelnetham Windmill, would like

to know numbers so please let me know if you are coming by 8th July. You can phone me, text, use email, WhatsApp or Facebook Messenger. Free entry and free tea and cakes will be provided, but only if you let me know you are coming. There will be a visit to a neighbouring farmer's tractor collection afterwards.

There is a change to September's Club Meeting. We now have a visit to see the new helicopter owned by Essex and Herts Air Ambulance Trust. Details elsewhere in the magazine.

As for our attendance, as a group, at third party events, we have decided not to attend the Kelvedon Family Fun Day as it is the same weekend as the Aldham Rally, 8th June. The Rivenhall Village Green Fete has been cancelled but we are booked in for the Langford Museum Country Fayre on the 21st July, the Polstead Art event on August Bank Holiday Weekend and the Coggeshall Industrial Architecture exhibition on 14th September. If you would like to come along and maybe bring a tractor or engine to any of these events please let me know you, will be very welcome and you will be helping to promote the Society.

To reinforce our Chairman's comments and requests:-

The Club visits to Coopers Farm, Thelnetham Mill and other events are all promising to be time well spent with club members and others with similar interests.

Make the effort to join us, to not only support the club, but to also have an interesting and enjoyable time.

Editor.

From the Editor

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I recently received an unsolicited email from a company called “Hat Trick Productions Ltd” and of course was somewhat suspicious it was yet another scam however, when I read it I was intrigued and researched the company. Hat Trick Productions are indeed genuine and among the things they do is produce the programme “Have I Got News For You” for the BBC.

If you have seen the programme you will know it features Ian Hislop and Paul Merton, I am a very long standing fan of Ian Hislop and his brand of satirical comedy and have for many years subscribed to “Private Eye” for which he is the editor.

Therefore, to be able to contribute something Ian is involved with seemed an opportunity to not be missed. As such, I have been in correspondence with a young lady who is a researcher for Hat Trick Productions and it is possible our FMPS magazine may feature in a future edition of “Have I Got News For You”

The guest publication features within one of the segments called “The Missing Words Round”. During this segment they take headlines and blank out some words and ask the panel to guess what the missing words might be.

No guarantee but, fingers crossed. Ian and Paul will of course not be kind to our publication but that is the nature of satire.

Should our magazine become a feature of any upcoming show we will publish details on our Facebook page and, if dates etc are appropriate in this magazine also.

For a while there has been interest in learning more of the early days of our Society but, because it started some 56 years ago, it has not been obvious where we should go to find more of our history.

We have many long standing members, and I can claim membership for 40 years, but few go back to the very beginning but now, Mike Laflin has produced the following write up and, who better than Mike, who was the very first Chairman of the Farm Machinery Preservation Society.

Our members are now spread around the entire UK and of course there are names and places mentioned in Mike's write up which many will not be at all familiar with but never the less it is a great piece of history regarding our Society. (editor)

FMPS 1968 – from Mike Laflin

The Farm Machinery Preservation Society could really be said to have been started in the late 1950s/early 60s. Prior to 1960 there had been some interest in the old tractor movement, by some Farmers including Mr. Smith of Boston, Mr. John Moffit of Northumberland, Mr Vince of Bawdeswell in Norfolk, Derek Hackett of Ross on Wye and locally Mr. Donald Steed who farmed at Gt. Waldingfield and Cornard near Sudbury. Mr Steed still used old tractors on his large farm, including a prewar Lanz Bulldog which had been fitted with a 3 point linkage by his son David and used with a 3 furrow reversible for ploughing. David was a marvellous engineer and could turn his hand to any engineering problem. Donald Steed in fact owned several old tractors, including a Titan, together with a number of pre-war cars including two Rolls Royce Silver Ghosts and a 1912 Enfield, also 8 American Packards kept in a heated motor house. Donald's daily driver and his only modern vehicle was a Morris 1000 Pick Up.

Prior to 1960 the Farmer & Stockbreeder Magazine had collected a number of early tractors which were stored in a building in the Park at Shuttleworth Agricultural College at Old Warden in Bedfordshire. I attended Shuttleworth from 1962 to 1964 and would see them from time to time. This collection was later sold to John Moffit, Norman Vince and a few others, the sale being arranged by Ken Russell, the Shuttleworth principal, a specialist in Dairy Cows, not tractors.

In 1966 an early Old Tyme Show was organised by a committee with Donald Steed as Chairman and held on his land at Waldingfield. The committee consisted of various people from the Sudbury area, members of the HCVC (historic commercial vehicle club), local members of the Steam engine Club, local members of the Vintage & Veteran Car Clubs, The Sudbury Motor Cycle Club (car parking) and The "Long Melford Committee" later known as Project Seven. This show proved a great success but the site was not large enough.

The organising committee decided to go ahead with another show in 3 years time, 1969, because of the time required to organise such a large event. Donald negotiated with Sir Richard Hyde Parker to hold it on Melford Hall Park as the most suitable local site.

Donald decided a future event would need a group to organise the vintage farm machinery display rather than just be an "add on" to the other groups.

In early February 1968, I first saw an article in the East Anglian Daily Times Newspaper inviting anybody interested in old tractors and farm machinery to attend a meeting in about 2 weeks, at the Four Swans Hotel in North Street, Sudbury.

By this time I had become much more interested in old tractors and machinery. There were two International W30 tractors a 1935 and a 1937, also a 1941 Farmall B, a Farmall H and a 1945 Field Marshall on the family farm.

I attended the meeting at the Four Swans with about with about 10 or 12 others. Those I remember were Alan Cocksedge from the East Anglian Daily Times newspaper, Donald Steed and his two sons, David and Colin, Ron Jordan, the workshop manager from Doe's Sudbury Branch, Jack Turpin who had a garage in North Street, Sudbury, Peter Cannon, Manager of Theobalds Coach Services in Long Melford, representing the HCVC and three local farmers, Richard Brewis, Tommy Hogsbjerg and myself. After discussion it was agreed that an organisation be formed for those interested in early tractors and farm machinery. It was agreed that an advertisement should be put in the East Anglian Daily Times to advise readers that a meeting would be held in the Four Swans in about 2 weeks to formalise the organisation. I was appointed Chairman, Richard Brewis Vice Chairman and Ron Jordan, Secretary. Donald Steed was appointed President.

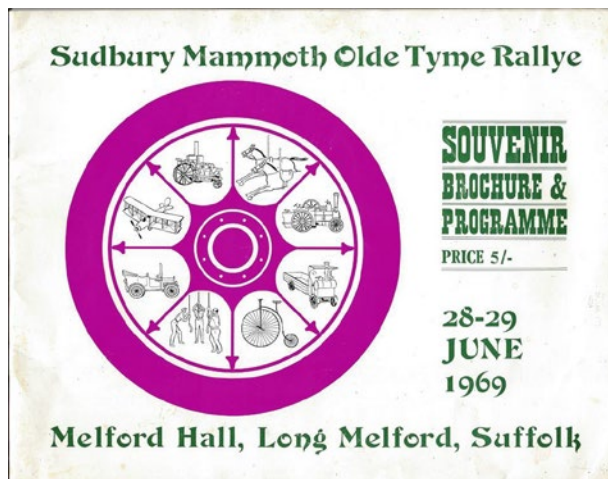
This meeting was duly held at the end of February when about 35 people attended including Norman Wastenev , Jeffery Giblin and Geoff Sycamore from Does, Robert Pask from Hartest, the Simpson brothers from Barrow, the Self brothers from Henley near Ipswich and those from the earlier meeting and others from the area with an interest in old machinery.

At this meeting it was agreed that the organisation would be known as "**The Farm Machinery Preservation Society**" and we would meet on the last Wednesday of the month except for August and December. The committee meetings would be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Also at this meeting the position of the officers was confirmed and the committee selected. It was agreed that we should hold a formal AGM on the last Wednesday in March 1968 to officially confirm everything to date.

We were invited to put on our first display at the Hadleigh Show in May 1968 and I think that there were six tractors present. I

took the Marshall and Donald took his Titan. Donald also entered his Titan into 1968 Sudbury Carnival for the publicity.

We enjoyed a visit to Mr Smith's collection at Boston that summer, hiring a coach from Theobalds to get there; we also had a meeting with the Peterborough club, including Peter Longfoot, at Cambridge the following winter. The Peterborough club had been formed a year or two earlier than the FMPS.



Richard Brewis and I were invited to join the Sudbury Mammoth Olde Tyme Rally Committee to organise the Vintage Farm Machinery Section for the show at Melford Hall in July 1969.

This event was extremely successful giving much publicity to the FMPS.

After the AGM we moved our monthly meeting place to the Anchor at the top of Friars Street for a few months, and from there to the Maldon Grey, as one of the members, "Chick" Geddes was tenant. The committee meetings were in the pub at the top of North Street, now the North Street Tavern. Soon after we moved the main meetings to the Mill Hotel, as at that time we had a lot of members with some important speakers.

I resigned as Chairman at the AGM in March 1969 as I had much to do in the organisation for the Rally at Melford Hall. I was just starting a Contracting and Earthmoving business.

Richard Brewis then became Chairman. I was then appointed Vice President.

In 1971 we had our own show at Waldingfield on Donald's land. This proved popular and successful. We were also invited to attend the South Suffolk Show, the Suffolk Show and the Essex Show.

In 1976 a Vintage Ploughing display was held on a 40 acre site on the Laflin land at Glemsford, with about 30 members bringing tractors and ploughs. We made no charge for this and visitors came from far and wide.

During the 70s and 80s the society enjoyed quite a few visits including to the International Factory at Doncaster and The David Brown factory at Huddersfield and an Old Time show in Berkshire. We used a self drive Mini Bus for transport, usually driven by Richard Brewis who was a keen vintage bus owner. In 1981 we hired a full size Coach for trip to Mir Moffitt's enormous collection in Northumberland and staying in a Hotel in Newcastle and calling in at York Railway Museum on the way home. Another visit was to Nelson Green at Bourne in Lincolnshire to see his collection of Caterpillars. Another visit was to Robert Miles at Gt. Ashfield to see his collection.

Various Dances and other social events were held.

At least one show was held at Richard Brewis's Farm, Eyston Hall, Borley in 1985.

During this time Jeffery Giblin had become Secretary and Ron Mansfield was elected Chairman.

The FMPS were deeply involved with organising the tractor section of the 1973, 1979 and 1983 Sudbury Olde Tyme Rallys, The Rally was held every 4 years because it took that time to organise and Donald always said that the weather was always better on odd numbered years. Jeffery Giblin joined the main organising committee when I was appointed Chairman in 1977.

In 1979 the Rally had made a profit of £16.000. But, in 1983 it had made a small loss, mainly because the costs of putting it on had increased so much and it was therefore decided that it would have to be last one.



Jeffrey Giblin (left) and yours truly

Donald Steed passed away in 1986 and Jeffrey Giblin became President continuing to steer the Society for many years with his sterling work and huge enthusiasm. Jeffrey is a person who “knows everyone” and was a huge help with arranging speakers for our meetings and organising shows. Richard Brewis passed in 1995 and David Steed in 2004. Almost all the others involved at the very first meeting 56 years ago have now passed away.

During the late 1980s, because of other interests, I had less and

less to do with the Society and moved to Norfolk in 1992, returning to Suffolk in 2020 but always remaining a member.

Club Meeting April 24th

"The illustrated talk by the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance Trust Senior Fundraising Coordinator was both fascinating and enjoyable.

It prompted a lively question and answer session from our knowledgeable speaker and all who attended now know much more about the workings of the Air Ambulance Charity.

Even better, we were invited to view their new Helicopter when it arrives therefore; our September Club Meeting is now a visit to the Earls Colne Heliport, date and time TBC."



Watch our Facebook page and website for details (when available) of the September visit to Earls Colne Heliport where we will be given a chance to see and hear about this amazing aircraft.

Report from Terry Angland (Chairman)

In true Repair Shed style our member Jimmy Waters tackles the repair/restoration of a Edison Bell 1920s Portable Gramophone.

Jimmy has given us this comprehensive step by step write up of restoring this 100 year old gramophone, the write up is split into four parts and is to be spread over at least two issues of the magazine. (editor)



First problem noticed when it came into the Repair Shed, was the leather handle broke!

It was found the turntable turned feebly and the spring could be heard unwinding when turning the handle. There was also no key for the case lock.

After a struggle, our expert (I've never worked on one of these before) HiFi specialist – Jimmy, managed to free off the turntable or platen from its tapered drive shaft.

From the underside you can see the motor mechanism and speed control lever.



Here the mechanism has been removed. The left hand lever is the speed control, which pushes against that brass disc which is attached to the governor. Sticking out above that lever is the turntable drive shaft. The toothed drum next to that brass disc is the motor spring and above that (threaded tube) is the winding mechanism that the handle screws into.

Now our expert – Jimmy has removed the base plate, it is apparent there are more problems to deal with here.

Firstly, note the deep gouges on the spring drum drive plate – something has gone badly wrong here in the past! It was found on removing the transfer gear in the foreground that a crack had formed from across one of the legs to the top casting at one end of the governor. Also the governor only had two of the three bob-weights attached – so was useless!

The Spring Drum transfer gear and shaft was removed from the drum. There is a small cam on the shaft (between the gear and the split pin) that locates with the spring in the drum and Jimmy thinks this could be where the problem is if the spring itself is not broken.

After knocking off the cover plate, this is what was found. The spring looks ok but will have to be removed from the drum (in the garden away from windows) very carefully! A check will be made as to how to secure the cam on the transfer gear shaft that locates with the slot in the spring.

We will see if this ancient family heirloom has ended up in the bin!

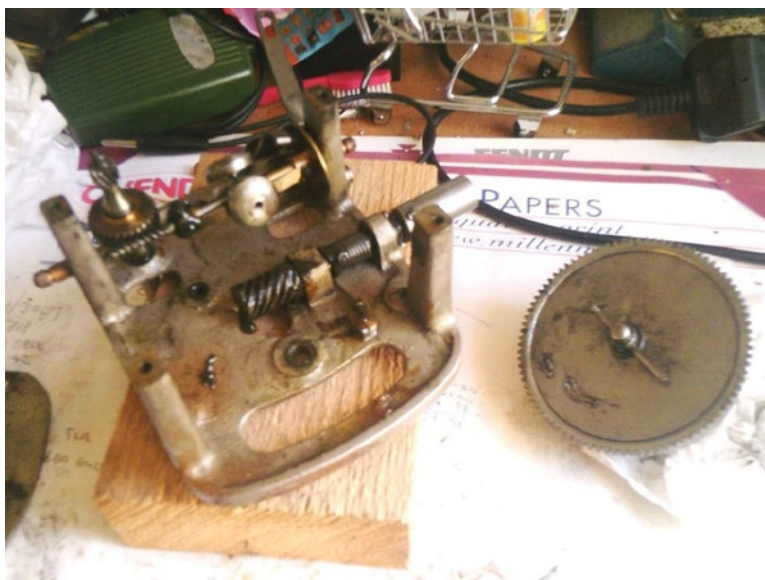
(Do any other members have a similar wind up gramophone?) (editor)

Part 2

We follow our resident Hi-Fi expert Jimmy. Who is busy restoring an old:

Edison Bell 1920s Portable Gramophone.

Possibly model A1 with type 42 mechanism. Actually, it has been discovered that it's a model 259 with type 42 mechanism.



If you remember from last time, the governor had a complete bob weight and spring missing along with the two 9BA-fixing screws. This meant the machine would not run properly. Jimmy found a person in Cornwall (on the interweb) who could possibly help with another governor and sent what was left on to him.

Meanwhile, Jimmy turned his attention to the cabinet. As you can see it was looking a bit rough. His first job was to remove all the fittings and burnish them up with a soft wire brush.

The handle had seen better days and true to that other programme *The Repair Shop* format, it will be sent away for someone more skilled and probably less paid, to work on unseen.

All loose material was bonded back with PVA.



Also, while waiting for the return of governor bits from Cornwall. Jimmy turned his attention to the motor spring.

For safety reasons this was removed from its drum in a bucket covered with a tea towel. As it happened, the spring was ok.

The problem here was

the winding gear shaft (above left of the spring) or more

precisely the cam on the shaft. It had worn smooth and would not catch the main spring slot. Jimmy deposited a lump of weld onto the cam and shaped it on a grindstone and with a file, then tested it before cleaning and greasing the spring and refitting it into the drum.



Next time:- We'll see what came in the post!

Upcoming Club Visit to Thelnetham Mill July 31st 2pm



The windmill also known as Button's Mill is a Grade II* Listed tower mill that stands on the edge of Thelnetham Fen.

Dating from 1819, it is one of only four preserved tower mills in Suffolk. It is a small four storey mill with four Patent sails and winded by a fantail. It drives two pairs of millstones by wind, with a third pair driven originally by a Portable steam engine, then an oil engine, now a Ruston & Hornsby diesel engine.

This promises to be a great visit and, the Hornsby engine will be fired up.

Find the mill at Thelnetham, Diss IP22 1JS

Refreshments will be available.

Polstead Artists and Makers Exhibition 2024

August Bank Holiday 24th 25th 26th

Polstead Artists and Makers Exhibition is a niche high class event held over the 3 days of the August Bank Holiday. Now in its 25th year it attracts a variety of artisans whose wares include, ceramics, paintings, textiles and metalwork

It is organised by master cabinet maker Dylan Pym in the grounds of his studio at Maria Martins Cottage, Martins Lane, Polstead Suffolk CO6 5AG.



Of course, no event is complete without the addition of a few FMPS engines and tractors. If you would like to bring an exhibit (tractor, engine etc) on any or all of the three August Bank Holiday days (24th, 25th, 26th) you will be very welcome and, it is a great place to visit.



We have some members already who will definitely be attending but, there is plenty of room and, a few more would be ideal.

Please let me (Terry Angland) know if you can come along.

To contact me use email (fmpsarchive@yahoo.com)

Phone / Text 07867334084, Facebook or WhatsApp.

Find us at:- Martins Lane, Polstead CO6 5AG.

The Trials and Tribulations of Getting Old Iron Ready for a Show.

From our Honorary Member John Couch in New Zealand.

As well as belonging to the FMPS I belong to the Tauranga tractor club over here in NZ although I must confess that I haven't been to a meeting for a few years as it is over an hour's journey each way to get there, but I do go to shows etc when I can. Anyway this year is the clubs 40th anniversary and they decided to put on a large show, this they decided to do in conjunction with Taraunger A&P show (an A&P show is an agricultural show like the South Suffolk show) They decided to get a collection of members veteran tractors on show, so they came round to find out what was available. Jim a friend from the next village said he could bring a few if they could provide transport which they did.

Mal a member of the Water Wheel who goes and helps Jim with his tractors etc once a week started with Jim to sort out a few of his old machines, which proved to be a bit of a challenge as most of them hadn't run for at least the last 10 years maybe longer.

So one by one they got them going, this was when I got the the



call could I help, so we sorted out a day when we could all get together, Tuesday afternoon suited us so the first day we started on his large Oil Pull they had sorted out the sparks and

now it was sorting out the fuel, after a bit of fiddling we came to the conclusion that the reason the fuel pump was playing up was the fuel tank was full of rubbish, so that was left for Jim to sort out during the week, the next tractor we looked at was an International 10-20 crawler after the usual getting sparks etc we decided to put some fuel in no luck as there was a hole in the tank so take tank off and during the week that was to be repaired, well that was the end of the first day.

It was decided that as all the tractors had belt pulleys we would use a more modern tractor with a belt pulley and belt start the old ones which would save a lot of work, the first one to be



My Titan driving the baler

started like this was an Avery which after some coaxing and some help from a lot of friends that turned up that day we got it to go and actually got to drive it out of the shed so it was put back until the truck collection, the others were started

and prepared for the off.

The Wednesday before the show arrived and Jim got a couple of the smaller ones going ready for the guys who came over from Taunranga with utes (large pickup trucks) and trailers, which were loaded pronto. Then the waiting started as the guy with the truck and trailer didn't turn up until the afternoon then he only brought the trailer behind his JCB telehandler this they managed to load and get roped down. On the Friday I went along to help load the last 2 on the lorry which was done fairly quickly then I had to go to the museum to collect a Wade saw they wanted, the problem was I already had my partly restored Junior on the trailer and there wasn't enough room beside it for

the saw, but by removing the drawbar from the tractor we managed to get the saw underneath it , tie it all down then back to my yard and help Jim to connect his trailer up to his ute as I had already loaded my Titan on it a few days before. He went off with the Titan on Friday and I went to the show on the Saturday morning,

Arrived early on sat morning (about 8 30) and I would think there was about 60/70 tractors lined up, and there was a lot of activity around the truck and trailer with Jims tractors, the problem was the shaking up along the road hadn't improved the fuel on most of them, so they were unloaded and towed into place, I managed to back the trailer with the Titan up to a bank and the old girl started straight away and I drove it into place.

After we had had a coffee and a chat I went and looked around, as I walked away I was asked if the if I could drive their baler with the Titan so start her up and connect up, after a bit of messing around I started the baler, now these balers are fed with a pitch fork directly into the chamber (I have never seen this type in the UK) and the chap who was feeding it was having a problem keeping up as the Titan is fitted with a large belt pulley and for some reason the baler had only a very small one, and with the Titan shut down a slow as she would go the baler was going too fast so after a little while we thought it would be better to put something slower running on it so the Titan was swapped for a mogul 8-16 which ran the baler at a more leisurely pace. I then went to look at the rest of the show and found it most disappointing as it consisted of a lot of stalls like you would find in a street market, so back to the vintage stuff.

The rest of the day was involved with hay, they brought along a heap of small bales that were broken down then turned swept baled again then broken down etc etc but it kept people entertained .

On the Sunday there was no A&P show just the vintage so there were a lot more stationary engines driving all sorts of things, all running. A lot of people turned up to look at the exhibits more so than the Saturday. Late in the day they had a grand parade which was fun they also had a type of lolly scramble for the kids, where they pushed all the well used hay into a heap then threw bags of sweets onto it and let the kids find them, kept them occupied for a while.

One piece of machinery that turned up on the Sunday afternoon that got a lot of interest was a homemade car large and flash with a Rolls Royce Merlin engine.

All too soon it was time to pack up and head off home. I managed to load the Titan on Jim's trailer and tied down then



loaded the Junior on my trailer. In the meantime a lot of people were loading Jims gear which proved a problem as the loading ramp was steep and hardly any of his tractors

would start, but they all got there in the end, and we went off home, another good weekend. Oh and the sun shone and it didn't rain!

Something Different !

In response to the request for anything of possible interest –



Here are a couple of photos of my current projects.

I've taken the Sturmev-Archer engine out of an incomplete Ransomes mower and I am building a Board Track

Racer with that; then the rest of the mower lent itself to become a lovely garden seat which I will be bringing to the shows this year.

Melvyn Coppin

Thanks Melvyn, yes, I asked for something different and, you have ticked all the boxes!

Please let us know when the Board Track Racer is up and running. (editor)



21st Waldringfield Tractor Road Run 18th August 2024

In aid of St. Elizabeth Hospice

The start and finish will be at Kirrawah, Newbourne Rd.
Martlesham, Woodbridge. IP12 4PR. Leaving at 10 a.m.

All tractors are welcome but must be capable of doing 10m.p.h.

The run is about 25 miles long
and should finish about 3.30 - 4.00 p.m.

We will be calling at Kirton Recreation Ground for a 90 – 120
minute lunch break where the 1st Kirton Scout Group will be
making Bacon and Sausage Sandwiches, Tea, Coffee, Cakes.
Profits from this will aid their local Scout funds.

Raffle tickets will also be on sale and the draw made before we
leave the Recreation Ground, proceeds to St. Elizabeth
Hospice.

The cost per tractor for entry is £10 to be paid at sign-in .

Any sponsorship gained will be appreciated and can be paid
direct to the organisers on the day.

**Please send entry forms to :-
David Cope. 42 Bucklesham Rd, Kirton. IP10 0PB
phone 07497514769.**

We will look forward to seeing as many as possible and hope you will
enjoy it as much as we have over the previous years.

***Entry Forms are available by phoning David Cope or can
be downloaded from the FMPS website:- www.fmps.org.uk***

Run in association with the Farm Machinery Preservation Society Ltd.

Can you identify this?



It's a hefty lump of iron, 43 inches long by 1½" diameter. The square end is 1 5/8" by 7 inches to the point.

It has been supporting a fence panel ever since we moved here 30 years ago. The point was in the ground up to where the rust finishes.

It looks as though it could have been a smithy's tool, but what for?

Jimmy Waters.

(I have seen something like this being used for simply making holes in the ground, but I suspect it could have been made for a more exacting use. If any member knows what this tool was originally made for email to:- fmps.magazine@btinternet.com and I will pass on the information to Jimmy and include it in the next magazine.)

Editor.

For Sale and Wanted

For Sale: Allen Scythe – non-runner but complete £75.00



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A few more words from the Editor



I subscribe to a monthly motorcycle newspaper and one of the most interesting features is the “readers’ letters”, here, other likeminded subscribers share their thoughts and ideas and there is always a lively debate to be had.

Our Chairman recently mentioned to me it would be absolutely brilliant if our own readers / members could share their ideas and experiences by means of our own “letters”

feature. I am constantly asking for member input but of course not everyone has the time or inclination to write a full article but, sometimes a few words in the form of a letter could be of interest. Also, here is somewhere where a question could be asked and answered. There are so many possible reasons to just ask or inform other members about anything you like and, not necessarily regarding old farm machinery. Over to you !

Readers’ letters for the September magazine please.

Contact the Editor:- fmps.magazine@btinternet.com

Or, write to my address as on the inside front cover of this magazine



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- A scenic landscape of a lavender field at sunset. The field is filled with rows of purple lavender flowers, and a dirt path leads through the center towards a large tree on the right. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. In the foreground, an open book lies flat on a wooden surface, with the landscape scene appearing to be printed on its pages.
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June 26th

**Visit to Coopers Farm 6pm
Melford Road Lawshall IP29 4PX**

July 21st

**Langford County Fayre 10am
Langford Museum of Power CM9 6QA**

July 31st

**Visit to Thelnetham Windmill 2pm
Mill Road Thelnetham IP22 1JS**

August 10th

**Waldringfield Tractor Run 10am
Newbourne Road IP12 4PR**

August 24th 25th 26th

**Polstead Art Weekend
Polstead CO6 5AG**

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