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*Mike Laffin, John Couch,*

**Cover Picture**  
**Former Chairman Bill Preston**

## From the Chair.

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At the January AGM we were able to vote members onto the committee. Two existing members were obliged to stand down (under the three-year rule) but, fortunately, both Brian Mansfield and Bob Feaver agreed to stand again and were duly elected. Bob continues as our treasurer. Brian is taking a break from the vice-chairman role this year. We were also able to elect Martyn Woodhouse, Janice Vince and Bob Adams as committee members and John Humphries was elected as Vice Chairman.

We now have a very healthy-looking committee close to our maximum number. However, there is still a vacant place for a secretary, should you fancy it?

I would like to remind you that our insurers ask that our members, when attending rallies and events organised by third parties, demonstrate that they are attending on behalf of the FMPS by displaying an appropriate sign saying so. We have included such a sign with the magazine again. Please use it to make sure you comply with the terms of our insurance policy and help to make sure you are covered for third party liability.

Earlier this year we had an extra event in January at Coopers Farm, Lawshall, Suffolk. Our host, Tom Debenham, suggested a winter event as January is usually a quiet month and he was keen to hold an event in memory of his father. Ray passed away last January. I have to say we were very lucky with the weather on both days (thanks Ray). The Saturday 25-mile

tractor run followed a hearty breakfast at the Farm and was enjoyed by about 48 participants. Sunday was a day for selling those unwanted items, bringing your static exhibits to show (including stationary engines and tractors) and checking the power of your tractor on the dyno. It was also a very friendly affair with a lot of catching up going on. Over £1200 was raised for the benefit of the British Heart Foundation. It looks popular enough to become an annual event.

We, again, have a full programme of speakers, visits and events organized for the rest of the year. The details are on our Website and Facebook Page, and I will email local members a copy. Let me know if I miss you and you would like a copy.

For the rest of this year, we hope to have 3 main events, our Crank Up at the end of May, a Corn Threshing weekend in Suffolk at the end of August and the Great Henny Working Weekend at the beginning of October. They will only be successful if enough members participate. So please look out for the entry forms and get them filled in. We want to see what you have. If you don't yet have a Crank Up entry form:- see details on page 7.

*Terence Angland*

**We absolutely need a Secretary !**

## From the Editor.

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For every one of our quarterly magazines I face the challenge of finding some inspiration to carry forward to my “From the Editor”, sometimes events, news and experiences make it easy to write something of interest and, sometimes they do not.

However, at this time of the year inspiration comes from the knowledge that despite, what seems to be never ending rain and thick grey clouds, we are moving forward, moving forward to Spring and of course moving forward to some of the events we all love, either as exhibitors or just interested visitors. Our Chairman has outlined some of the club activities and therefore I will not dwell on the subject other than to say we have a full programme this year with our Crank Up, various tractor runs raising money for charity and some outside visits all of which really look very interesting. Of course, I am aware that we have members almost literally, from “Lands End to John O’Groats” which makes it impossible for every member to participate in club events, meetings and visits. But, with such a diverse membership there exists a great opportunity to share what is going on in the deepest South or the far North by putting together a few words and pictures for inclusion in a future edition of this magazine. Please think about this when you are out and about.

Time catches up with us all and sadly, we have recently lost two very prominent members of our Society, Bill Preston, our former Chairman and Tom Hunt, who was such an enthusiastic Committee member before poor health took its toll.

More information around Bill and Tom elsewhere in this magazine.

***Editor***

# Bill Preston

## Herbert William Preston (Bill)



It is with much sadness that I must report the passing of Bill Preston who left us on Christmas Day last year.

Bill was for several years Chairman of our Society and steered us through many meetings and events most notably the Melford Rallies for which were a major and very popular weekend in the calendar of members, non-member exhibitors, stall holders and most importantly the visiting public who flocked in their thousands to support us.

Bill, along with his late Wife Rosemary, managed to promote the rallies and with it of course the FMPS.

Bill and his family owned Prestons Garage in Writtle (near Chelmsford Essex) and it was not only through the FMPS that I had close associations with him but also through our shared connections within the Motor Trade. Prestons held (and still do) a Skoda franchise, and I worked with a Volkswagen Group of garages in Suffolk and, because Skoda and VW are “one” our paths frequently crossed. Over the years I can say my wife and I became friends with Bill and Rosemary and, particularly at shows and rallies, shared many hours chatting in each other’s caravans’ enjoying tea and cake. And, of course sometimes something a little stronger! In recent times, with Rosemary’s passing and Bill’s health not being good the rally days became just good memories, and it is with these memories that I am happy to say I will be ever grateful for knowing Bill Preston.

***Editor***

# Chelmsford Motor Club



## Club President - Bill Preston

Sadly, Bill Preston passed away aged 88 on Christmas day.

Bill was one of the very early (possibly founding members) of Chelmsford Motor Club back in the mid 1950s, and has been club President since the 1970's.

Bill competed in most forms of motorsport, with his main interests in rallying and steam engines.

He is of course most well known as the event sponsor of the 'one and only' Preston Rally, which he and the family have sponsored non-stop for 47 editions of the event.

Bill attended as many Preston's as he could even as recently as 2024 and the family has become an integral part of Chelmsford Motor Club over the years.

We send our condolences and thoughts to the family and all those who knew Bill.

## Tom Hunt

In November last year we lost Tom who, for many years, was a very active member of the Society which included serving on the Committee. In more recent years Tom suffered poor health



Leading the Tractor run at Melford 2017

and sadly was forced to curtail his interest and activities within the FMPS.

For me, Tom will be best remembered for the amazing contribution and hard work at the FMPS Rallies we were then able to organize at venues such as Gosfield and Long Melford.

We could always rely on Tom to be on site days before the Rally to set up, measure out the display areas and was happiest whizzing around cutting the long grass. Tom was a supporter and fund raiser for St. Nicholas Hospice and took a leading role (and leading tractor) in the charity Tractor Run held on the Saturday night of the Rally weekend.

I think it is fair to say that although Tom was forced to step away from the Society his contribution helped make it the success we enjoy today. I am sure those who were lucky enough to know him will wish to pass on somewhat belated



Setting up at Melford Rally

condolences to Bev (Tom's Wife) and the family. (**Editor**)

**Farm Machinery Preservation Society**  
**In conjunction with Indaver IWMF**  
**Tractor Run and Crank Up 2026**

**Woodhouse Farm**  
**Rivenhall Essex CO7 5DF**  
**Tractor Run:- Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**Crank Up :- Monday May 25<sup>th</sup>**



Join the Tractor Run for a great day out or, even better, come both days and bring your vintage vehicles or anything of interest.

***Free admission for all***

***Contact Ken Bailey for all information and entries.***



**Ken Bailey:- 07702202311**  
**[rivenhallcrankup@outlook.com](mailto:rivenhallcrankup@outlook.com)**

***All proceeds for the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance***

# Lawshall Fun Day, January 18<sup>th</sup>

*A few words and pictures from Barbara Waters*

A chance to clear some unwanted items from our sheds saw us heading to the Barn Sale at the Winter Fun Day.



The sun shone and the mud squelched however we were dry but cold in the barn. After a lovely hot cup of tea we set up the items on a trailer provided for us. A few customers stopped to look and some commented "I 've got one of those in my shed at home". We did sell a few items.

*(left, Jimmy Waters well wrapped up against the January chill)*

There were other sellers doing a trade and a collection of vintage motorbikes to admire. One of which took my husband's interest as he is restoring one similar.



We were entertained by John and his music, along with another gentleman who was taking turns with his hand powered organ.



Lunch was hot and tasty thanks to Arthur, with another hot cup of tea.



I just had to include this picture of the beautiful 1951 Packard parked outside the barn.

Hopefully the day added to the weekend's proceeds for the British Heart Foundation.

Thanks to Ken and Terry for making us feel welcome.

# Lawshall Winter Fun Weekend

In support of the British Heart Foundation



Ken Bailey with John Humphries presenting the donations from the Lawshall Winter Weekend to the British Heart Foundation in remembrance of Ray Debenham

**£1131.84**

**plus £100**

Donation from Jean Clements



# Static Exhibit Insurance

Members will have received a card as below with this magazine.

Our insurance company have a stipulation which states we must confirm we are exhibiting on behalf of the Society in order to receive the £10.000.000 Public Liability cover.

**We are insured through, and are exhibiting here today on behalf of the:-  
Farm Machinery Preservation Society**



[www.fmps.org.uk](http://www.fmps.org.uk)

*To comply with the insurance requirements this notice must be displayed with your exhibit.*

**Please be sure to display the sign at all events**

# Your 2026 Public Liability Insurance

## ***Membership of the Society includes:-***

£10.000.000 Public Liability Insurance covering static exhibits at organized events which have their own Public Liability Insurance covering the event.

There is a requirement for you to display a notice clearly stating you are exhibiting on behalf of the Farm Machinery Preservation Society Ltd and you are insured through them.

## ***The notice is included with this magazine.***

The Society has a legal obligation to ensure all members have access to the Insurance Certificate and therefore on the following page you will see a copy of the certificate.

Do not be concerned about the £5.000.000 figure on the certificate, this is for the Employers Liability. Members are covered with £10.000.000 Public Liability as stated in your cover letter.

In recent years insurance for rallies, events and any similar areas where we might want to display our exhibits has become a contentious issue with more and more insurance companies stepping away from providing cover. However, our Chairman Terry Angland, has been able to negotiate insurance for members to ensure we are able to enjoy events knowing we are covered by Public Liability Insurance to protect us against incidents relating to your static displays.

*Editor*

## CERTIFICATE OF EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY INSURANCE (a)

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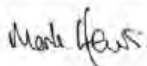
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Under the terms of the Employers' Liability (Compulsory Insurance) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 the requirement to display a certificate will be satisfied if it is made available in electronic form and each relevant employee to whom it relates has reasonable access to it in that form.

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As required by your policy terms, any change to the name of the policyholder or the formation, acquisition or divestment of subsidiary companies must be notified to Ansvor.

If you have any associated companies you will need to have separate cover.

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# **This is your last Magazine!**

***Well, it will be for those of you who have not yet renewed your membership for 2026.***

As always membership renewal has peaks and troughs, when the December magazine, with the membership renewal form enclosed, dropped on members doormats a few days later my Postman was struggling to ram all of the FMPS envelopes through the door. Then, it goes quiet until the week between Christmas and New Year when again there is a flurry of activity, (not to mention membership forms coming in old Christmas Card envelopes, sometimes complete with glitter!)

January is generally a steady month for renewals with several each week.

February can be busy (and has been this year) because, I assume Rally entry forms begin to arrive and suddenly there is a need for an insurance cover note.

***Have you renewed your membership?***

***Please pay by Bank Transfer if possible, as cheques are now very expensive to pay in.  
Our Bank details are on the membership form.***

***Membership forms are available on our website  
[www.fmmps.org.uk](http://www.fmmps.org.uk)***

# Introducing the new FMPS Logo



We have updated the FMPS logo, not so much updated but more correctly, gone back to the original.

Over the years and exactly when is not certain, the club logo somehow lost the pitchfork (directly above the tractor). I have been editing the magazine for considerably more than twenty years and during this time have only known the logo without the pitchfork but, there is evidence the original most definitely did include it. Redesigning the logo was of course not the most pressing issue the club faces but the Committee thought it was appropriate to do so and, as luck should have it, our Treasurer, Bob Feaver, has a very talented daughter, Kate, who has her own design business and did the update for us.

(see *Kate's website* [www.oliveleafdesign.co.uk](http://www.oliveleafdesign.co.uk) to learn more)

To make full use of the new logo we now have some great new club merchandise in the form of Polo Shirts, Badges, Baseball Caps and Beanie Hats, all with the new logo. See more details elsewhere within this magazine.

**Editor**

## ***New Club Badges Now Available***

***Promote your Society in 2026***



New Design  
woven badge  
(90mm  
diameter)  
£12.00  
Plus £2.00  
Post/packing

The top quality, metal pin badge is 25mm and just  
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Contact our Merchandise Co-ordinator,

Bob Adams:-

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***Order now to be ready for the rallies.***

## SMYTH NONPAREIL SEED DRILL RESTORATION

Martyn Woodhouse

James Smyth and Sons Ltd was a manufacturer of agricultural seed drills. Smyth was a wheelwright who was living in the village of Peasenhall in Suffolk in 1801. He realised the potential of large seed drills for agriculture and formed a company fully focused on building them for dispatch around the country. Over the course of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century their workshop evolved into a factory and they exported internationally across



Europe and Africa.

This is an example of a 12 row drill for corn and also maize, the patent for which was issued in 1911, with the manufacturers number 31645 stamped on the side of the corn box.

Originally produced as

horse drawn later made as tractor drawn or fitted to be used with 3 point linkage. The coulters on early models were made of wood. These drills came to be known as “Suffolk Drills” in a nod to their heritage.

From the Suffolk Archives this drill was ordered on 25<sup>th</sup> June 1941 by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, most likely as it was war time. It was completed on 1<sup>st</sup> August 1941. The information was taken from the James Smyth and Son order book 1939-1941 and was photographed but copyright prevents publication of the picture, however the full details were as follows.

June 25<sup>th</sup> 1941 Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries  
Linden Hall Hydro, Christchurch Road, Bournemouth

An order for a 12 row strong Nonpariel Drill

Corn barrel 20 no 9/7½

T box 7ft 1" long and 8" apart W in W

8 ft wheel track, 4ft 7" wheels

Tractor hitch

Rear platform

Seed barrel

Four twin tubes

The drill was delivered to Huntingdon Station on 1<sup>st</sup> August 1941.

Whilst working on the restoration and preservation of this drill much effort was made to clean it but to also preserve it in its current state and not to refurbish as new. Also found with the drill were several sets of cogs which could be used to change the settings to sow different crops or make other adjustments.

If any member has any information regarding Smyth drills we could add to our archive, we would be delighted to hear from you.

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# Nedging Fete Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June Nedging Hall IP7 7HG



You are invited to join us for a great afternoon in the grounds of Nedging Hall Suffolk. We would love you to bring your vintage stationary engines, cars, tractors, commercials, motorcycles or, anything else of interest.



**Event open to the public 12 noon – 4.30pm**

**Exhibitors must be on site by 11.00am**

Stalls of all sorts will be there and refreshments, both hot and cold, will keep you fed and watered.

We would love to have your exhibit as part of our fete.

**Contact Miss L Gooderham 07931 844918 for your entry.  
phone evenings and weekends only.**

**Email:- [lynngooderham@aol.com](mailto:lynngooderham@aol.com)**

# Annual Stebbing Vintage and Classic Tractor Road Run 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026

As I write, we, the organisers being David Hunt, Mac Beanland and myself, are busy getting ready for this year's event starting and finishing at David's farm:-

**Brazenhead Farm, Little Bardfield CM7 4PT.**

We haven't worked out the route yet but will include some off-road sections which everyone seems to enjoy. Being our 13<sup>th</sup> run the three of us are now a few years older than we were when planning our first run and full of young vigour. Both Mac



and I are definitely feeling our age so, we hope to bring some younger people onside to take over the organisation to secure the event's future.

As well as giving all old tractor nuts a chance to have a run in pleasant countryside, we have managed to raise a large amount for charity. If this year proves as successful as in the past, we must surely break the £100,000 barrier for total monies raised.

***Dick Hughes***

***If you would like further details, please email me at  
[dickhughes63@btinternet.com](mailto:dickhughes63@btinternet.com).***

# The 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Doe Show

*Report by Jimmy Waters*

Spread over three days at the Head Office site of Ernest Doe at Ulting, near Maldon, Essex, the Doe Show is billed as the UK's largest free Agricultural, Construction, Viticulture, Vegetable Farming and Ground Care Machinery show.

Having never visited before, Barbara and I checked the weather a few days before and opted for the Wednesday – which turned out to be a very pleasant day compared with those either side of it, which were both filthy days of almost non-stop rain!

The Show has something for everyone, and Barbara soon found a nice set of overalls that looked good on her while I searched for a new pair of wellies – but at £187 a pair, thought I'd wait until the Three Counties Show at Malverns!



An interesting display of Chainsaw Sculpture was demonstrated at the STIHL demo area.

You could watch various examples of construction plant machinery in action in the Construction demo area but as the 'Health & Safety' beeping of reversing machinery was beginning to drive us nuts, we didn't stay there very long!

The main draw for us was to see the vintage and classic tractors in action and on display that show the long-standing heritage Ernest Doe & Sons have with UK farming.

Unfortunately, due to the foul weather beforehand, the ground was unsuitable for working. Nevertheless, there were examples of the Doe Triple 'D' and other classics on display about the site.



As mentioned earlier, the day of our visit was dry and sunny, and it was good to see our friend and ex – Doe employee, (*and former President of the FMPS*) Jeffery Giblin, out and about enjoying the day meeting friends and being chauffeured around the site.

Jeffery in the sunshine meeting with many folk as he was chauffeured about.

**A Brilliant Day Out,**  
an event organised by Candy Sheriden, one of our  
long-standing members.



***Something a little different !***

## **Vacancy for Club Secretary**

Rebecca, our previous Secretary, has moved on due to commitments with her “day job”.

This has opened an opportunity for another Secretary to step in and help the Society to remain successful in what we do.

The position is open to all: - it could be a young person wanting to gain some experience as well as some extra pocket money or, perhaps an older person such as a retired secretary or office worker used to working with a computer. If you fit the bill or know someone who might then please contact us.

### **Job Description**

Taking minutes at Committee meetings. The meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month (except December.) usually at Halstead Town Football Club starting at 7.30pm and generally last about 2 ½ hours and, in addition, assist the Chairman with general secretarial duties. (paid at the hourly rate)

### **Skills Required**

Computer literacy, patience and a sense of humour. We use various email platforms, Microsoft Word and Excel. Your own computer would be a great advantage.

### **Remuneration**

**The post attracts a payment of £15 per hour.**

If you think you can help,

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**Or telephone Terry Angland 07867 334084**

## Spares !

I can almost guarantee we all had a box like this and, the day after we had a clear out, we needed that elusive bolt, nut, washer, or some other item we saved because it “might come in handy”



*The moral of the story is to ignore what the wife says and keep it anyway!!*

# ***For Sale and Wanted***

**For Sale.**

**1968 Triumph Trophy TR6 650cc**

Owned since 1988 when it underwent a full “nut and bolt” restoration bringing it back to “as it left the factory”



specification. Only less than 3000 miles since then. Age has caught up with me and unfortunately it is time to let someone else enjoy the pleasure of riding

this classic from the 60s. I have not ridden it for over a year and therefore feel now is the time to find a new owner who will do justice to this lovely machine.

***Sensible offers  
around £6000***

***John Southall***

**07340 781621 [fmpps@btinternet.com](mailto:fmpps@btinternet.com)**



## ***For Sale and Wanted***

### **For Sale**

“Just had to scrap my 21 year old Fiat Doblo it’s like losing a friend . I had just bought a new battery as last one was 5 years old and didn’t want to get let down sooner or later.”



Got new battery delivered on 13th Jan, cost £73.60p fits many cars /vans it is a:-

### **Exide EA64012v. 64ah 640CCA**

It was never fitted as car developed terminal illness. I couldn't return as I removed the special packaging and transport plugs.

**Asking £45. Collected; it has 5 year warranty**

John Holdway. 07758 061021 [johnandp@btinternet.com](mailto:johnandp@btinternet.com)

**Located in Alpheton Suffolk CO10 9BP**

### **For Sale: £800**

**Ruston Hornsby model  
BPR. 1928. 4hp.**

Unfinished project, not a lot more to be done it’s been hanging around too long, part of a clear out.

John Holdway. 07758 061021  
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**Located in Alpheton Suffolk CO10 9BP**

## ***For Sale and Wanted***

### **For Sale:**

**Witte 2 ½ hp drag saw engine £350**



Trolley mounted,  
ready to rally.

No crank handle but  
a W.D.2 handle fits  
just fine.

Collection only.

### **For Sale: Wolseley WD8 £45**



1949 WD8 1 ½ hp, it was getting  
a bit noisy in the bottom half  
decided to strip it down see if I  
could see what was going on, this  
was in covid time, but I lost  
interest, too cold out there and  
never got back to it. Just £45 to  
clear, it's on my workshop trolley,  
included in price.

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**Located in Alpheton Suffolk CO10 9BP**

**Our Honorary Member John Couch has invited us to visit his event.**



**The minor problem is the 11500 mile journey to get there and not to mention the 24 hour flight.**

***John is in New Zealand  
but remains an active member of the FMPS***

## **Some final words from the editor.**

Not just Editor but Membership Secretary as well and, as Membership Secretary, may I remind you all that time is ticking away to renew your membership for 2026. We have over 200 members already signed up but there are still quite a number who are still to rejoin for 2026.

Your £25 subscription gives £10,000,000 Public Liability insurance for all of your static exhibits (stationary engines and any items they might drive, displays and collections of almost anything and everything) Membership gives you access to monthly meetings and outside visits to places of interest, to see what is happening watch our Facebook page, our website and of course this magazine which is delivered to your door on a quarterly basis.

It is worth reminding you all that Junior members, those under 18, enjoy all the benefits but at zero cost, yes Juniors are free to join.

### **A final word about the May Tractor Run and Crank Up**

The event can only be run with the help of you, the members, to volunteer a little time. We must have help, both on the day and in advance. Nothing too onerous, maybe knocking in some pegs, or placing some signs or just lifting and carrying and on the day making sure everyone is in the right place at the right time.

**Contact Terry 07867 334084** to offer your services. Remember, you meet the nicest people in a Hi Viz Waistcoat!

***Many of you will already have knowledge of finding the site but just in case you need directions: - main entry point, Woodhouse Farm, Woodhouse Lane, Kelvedon. CO5 9DF***

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## ***FMPS Meetings/Visits/Events***

Meetings at Halstead Football Club CO9 1HR  
8pm (unless otherwise stated)

**March 25<sup>th</sup>**

Talk by Mike Laflin (the founder Chairman of the FMPS in 1968)

**April 5<sup>th</sup>**

Langford Museum of Power Transport Festival CM9 6QA

**April 12<sup>th</sup>**

Sudbury Motorcycle Show TTT Motorcycles CO10 7HJ

**April 29**

Visit to Claas at Saxham all day, IP28 6QZ  
(numbers limited contact Terry Angland 07867 334084)

**May 10<sup>th</sup>**

Stepping Tractor Run. See page 21 in this mag for details

**May 21<sup>st</sup>**

Club meeting "Tomato Growers" Rivenhall IWMF CO5 9DF  
**Note change of venue**

**May 24<sup>th</sup>**

FMPS Tractor Run Woodhouse Farm Rivenhall CO5 9DF  
See page 7 in this mag for details

**May 25<sup>th</sup>**

FMPS Crank Up Woodhouse Farm Rivenhall CO5 9DF  
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